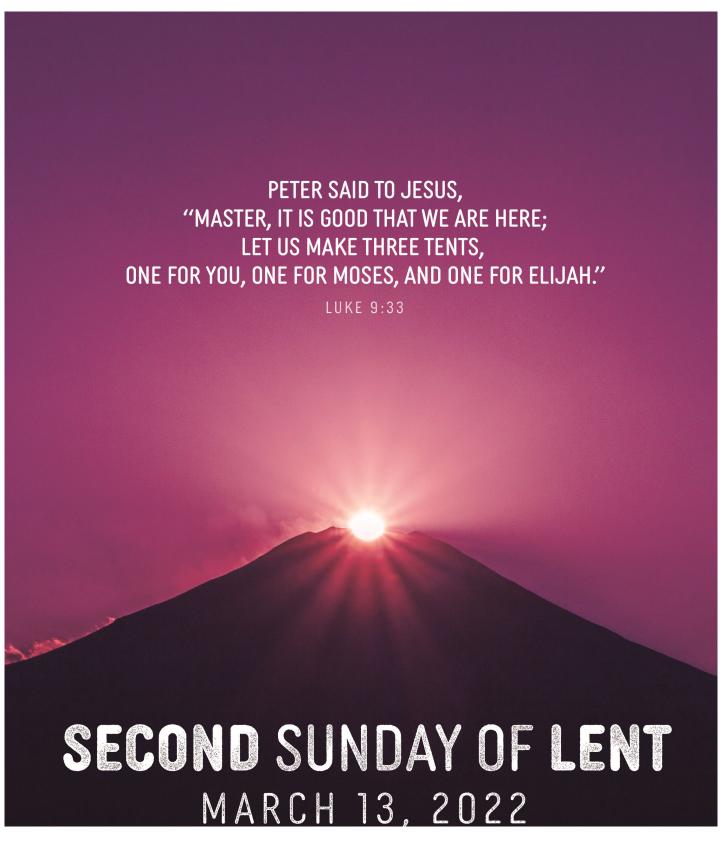
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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

When I was a child no one locked the doors to their homes. If they did lock the doors and leave their homes; then they would hang the key on a hook in plain view for everyone to see. Not that it mattered that much, since it was a common skeleton key and the doors had windows, if broken, big enough to walk through. Neither was that generation's heart ever locked to worry, anxiety, or fear.

Today's gospel tells us about the disciples of Christ hiding in fear behind locked doors, after Christ's death on the cross, until he appeared to them as told in today's gospel passage. And, while Jesus told them not to fear, but live in his peace; Jesus, at first, probably brought more anxiety into their lives as he told them to continue his mission of bringing forgiveness, peace, and salvation to the world.

This is the same mission given to each of us to be instruments of the Lord's peace and forgiveness. At first, this may be a seemingly impossible undertaking. The mission begins by unlocking our hearts to worry, anxiety, and fear and letting the Spirit of the Lord guide us along the path to salvation.

Secondly, it is knowing that Jesus himself is always with us; we are never alone. Through his suffering, cross, and resurrection he has breathed new life upon us. Through the waters of baptism, through confirmation, we have been filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to fulfill our mission. In the Eucharist, Christ continues to give us life as he shares himself with us that we may share ourselves, our peace, our love with others.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala

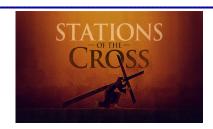


Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



Masks are optional and no longer required to attend Mass.



FRIDAY 4:00PM IN CHURCH **Adoration Committee**

Would like to invite all adorers and parishioners to a Mass of Thanksgiving

For the 21 years, we have honored our Lord
in the Blessed Sacrament
with Adoration

Saturday March 19th-Feast of St Joseph

8:30 am Mass with reception immediately following.



Our Lady at St. Germaine Church Reception immediately following in the Sheridan Room

Please RSVP Fran Barba 708-567-6119

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 14-Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM Mass:

Jacob & Mike Drew, John O'Connell Family, Ron Morgan

Tuesday, March 15-Lenten Weekday 8:30 AM Mass:

Anita Goga, Elena Cueller

Wednesday, March 16- Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM Mass:

Michael & William O'Hare

Thursday, March 17-St. Patrick

8:30 AM Mass:

Thomas O'Connor, Loretta Barry

Friday, March 18-St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30AM Mass:

Mandy & Bob Bushong(Anniv)

Saturday, March 19-St. Joseph

8:30AM- Mary Jo James, Marion Krucek 4:00PM-Vera & Robert Holec, Gene Branecki, Josephine O'Grady McMullen, Lida Sawszak

Sunday, March 20-3rd Sunday of Lent

7:30AM— Marie Coyle, Marion Bitterlin, Ray Lynch(Bday & Healing)

9:30AM- James Smith, Kenneth W. Konrath 11:30AM-Kendall Truax, Joseph Bochniak, Marion Krucek

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Patricia H. Ward

Theodore Lepper Darla Mae Urbaniak

Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:

David Akai, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Gerry Campanio, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Alexandra Connor, Matthew Connor, Ann Contorno, Elizabeth Czajka, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Bill Dieken, Dolores Dorman, Yvonne(Wepner)Enselman, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Peg Hansen, Betty Hedderman, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Liz Kapovich, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Frank Klutcharch, Joe Kress, Judith Lasky, Kim Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, Dean Ojeda, Raul Osornio, Katherine Pape, Matt Pender, Maggie Powers, Colleen Ritter, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom, Sharon Safstrom, Norma Salas, Audrey Schmitz, Monica (Ranalli) Schuberth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Jayme Shipman, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop, Ethan Trusk, Zach Trusk, Pat Walker, Casey Wiedenski, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

2023

Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to share reflections on "Journeving together."

The Goals of the synod:

- To engage as many people as possible in conversation and discernment on what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church of the 21st Century.
- To give prayerful input on the needs of the Church today and the way to speak about the mission of Christ to all people in the world we live in today.

How are we at Our Lady at St Germaine to do that? We are to encounter, listen, and to discern; by meeting, talking, listening and sharing with those around us.

For a synodal Church Having been through the Renew My Church Experience and endured the crisis of the pandemic, we are now called to build upon the mission of Jesus communion | participation | mission for ourselves and our neighbors.

We are looking for parishioners to prayerfully and faithfully consider becoming a facilitator for our large group listening session. Not to worry we will be holding training sessions for facilitators on Monday March 21st and Thursday March 24th, consecutively. These sessions will walk you through the process as well as help you walk others through. If you have any questions you can talk to Fr. Tom or Jeanne.

Saturday April 2nd from 9:00am-11:30am we will have our Parish Wide Listening Session.

We ask that ALL Parishioners please keep the date open, more information will follow! This is an exciting time for our Church as we call on the Holy Spirit to help us move forward in building up the future of the Church in the 3rd Millennium!

Holy Hour For our Priests, Seminarians & Vocations

Please join us every Thursday 6-7pm during Lent for a Holy hour beginning until April 7th

in the Adoration Chapel, enter on Kolin.

This holy hour will be dedicated to pray for our Priests, Seminarians and Vocations
We will have cards with pictures and some information for each of the Seminarians for parishioners to take home and pray for that individual Seminarian for the year.

The Holy Eucharist is totally dependent on the Priesthood- No priesthood, no Eucharistic Sacrifice, no Holy Communion, No Eucharist Adoration

Because the priesthood was instituted at the first Mass, which was offered on Holy Thursday, Thursdays have been designated as "Pray for Priests Day"

Taize Prayer... All are welcome.

A contemplative prayer, in the style of Taize chants, Scripture and silence,



will be offered throughout this Lenten season.

The schedule is as follows: Taize prayer from 6:30pm - 7pm

Tuesday, March 15 Wednesday, March 23 Tuesday, March 29 Wednesday, April 6 (the last one)

Please bring a small cross or crucifix with you to hold in your hand during the entire prayer time.





The Knights of Columbus Council #14553

Once again, the Knights are sponsoring 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent to help the Our Lady at St. Germaine Food Pantry.

In Matthew 25:35, it reads: "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat".

It will lift the Easter spirit of the whole congregation to see these 40 Cans for the 40 Days of Lent. 40 Cans for Lent, will enrich the lives of donors, their families, and recipients alike. Bring the cans by the cases, 7 cans per week, or one can each day of Lent. The cans can be placed in the cart marked 40 cans for 40 days in the church vestibule starting Ash Wednesday.



The food pantry is always in need of canned fruits, canned meats and canned soups.



Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish Quick Cash Raffle

\$\pm\$Grand Prize Winner- \$10,000 (Mike D.)
\$\pm\$2nd Prize - \$2,000 (Zach M.)
\$\pm\$3rd Prize - \$1,000 (Chris M.)

\$\frac{1}{2}Seller of Grand Prize Ticket - \$500- The D Family

BIG thank you to everyone who bought and helped sell tickets. We raised \$16,880! ALL proceeds from this raffle will support our parish's current and future needs. Some

of our more immediate needs are: Repair and repave the Church parking lot and repairs to church and school doors.

THANK YOU!!!!

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Please be generous in your support of our parish ministries and services.

March 6, 2022

Sunday: \$9,106.42

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,852.50

SUNDAY TOTAL: \$11,958.92

*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

Good Friday: \$10.00

Easter: \$70.00

Aid to Education: \$23.00

Annual Appeal: \$175.00

Easter Flowers: \$70.00

Food Baskets: \$70.00

Ash Wednesday: \$1,233.00

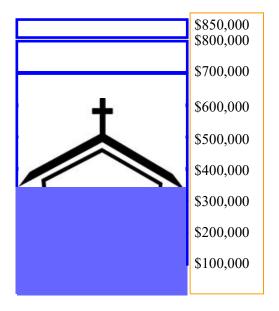
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Thank you to the **234** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$339,685.00!

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail daily and will keep you updated on how successful this campaign is.

Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

Can you help us raise the roof?



Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope #1150 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$1,135.00 will be added to next weeks pot.

Don't forget to put your regular Sunday envelope and your orange envelope in for your chance to win! Good Luck!



Due to the increased costs, we have decided we are not able to hold the Lenten Fish Fry in 2022.

We hope that we can return in 2023!

Thank you for all your support!

Think Spring...

Think Flowers!!

Flower sale will be Friday, April 29th!





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Men's Club Hoops is Back

Season starts on Thursday April 21st and will go each Thursday until June 9th.

If interested, send an email to both:

Brianmswiatek@gmail.com (Brian Swiatek)





While the big queen takes some time off to recover from winter, Our Lady at St. Germaine invites you to play

Queen of Hearts Drawing

52 slots - each slot \$5

You can buy as many slots per game as you like. We just need your name, phone number and of course the money. As soon as the board is sold out, we will use a computer randomizer to "flip" the deck of cards to reveal the Queen of Hearts.

The person who "finds" the Queen of will get \$100. The card before & after the Queen of will get \$20!

The game board will be available at Parish Center during week & all weekend Masses and the drawing for each game will be in the church lobby. As soon as we complete a game, we will start selling slots for the next game.

If you need some help figuring all this out, stop by the Queen of Hearts table after Mass! We will be glad to show you how it works.

To help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Passion Play, we have created commemorative Passion Play gear to mark this milestone in our St. Germaine history. Funds raised from the sale will help to pay for 40th Anniversary show expenses. T-shirts, 1/4 zip sweatshirts, and hoodies are available for purchase through March 17, 2022. Please follow the link below to shop the items available!

Be sure to save the date for this year's Passion Play as the 8th graders bring back songs and costume pieces from each production. Shows will be performed on April 7th, 8th, and 10th.

https://stgpassion.itemorder.com/shop/sale/

Sincerely,

Angie Pacetti '00, Kari (Kinney)Yunker '01, Kevin Murray '03 Passion Play Directors









FOOD PANTRY

BIG thanks to all of you for all your continued support!

Crackers

Cookies

Some needs this week;

•Laundry detergent

•Mac and cheese

•Dish Soap

Canned meats

Rice a Roni **Pudding snack packs**

Monetary Donations and gift cards are also welcomed so we can purchase needed items to continue our Food Pantry... You can put in offertory box, poor box or Checks payable to OLSG Pantry please. Thank You!!





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Holy Hours for Vocations Centennial Tour

Parishes across Chicago and neighboring dioceses will host a Holy Hour with a historic monstrance. The monstrance was a gift to Cardinal Mundelein from Pope Pius XI for the 1926 International Eucharistic Congress in Chicago—the first Congress to be held in the United States. The monstrance was used in a Eucharistic Procession during the closing ceremony of the congress, which was held at Mundelein Seminary and attended by nearly 800,000 people.

Join us in prayerful thanksgiving for the thousands of parish priests who have devoted their lives to the Church as well as in praying that more men will answer the promptings of the Holy Spirit to discern their call.

Tour Dates and Locations

March 14, 2022 at 3-7 p.m. St. Theresa Catholic Church 455 N. Benton St, Palatine, IL 60067

March 19, 2022 at 6 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church 121 E Maple Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048 WATCH LIVESTREAM

March 22, 2022 at 12-1 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church 132 Arthur St, Elmhurst, IL 60126

March 23, 2022 at 5 p.m.
Our Lady of Ransom
8300 N. Greenwood Ave.Niles, IL 60714

March 27, 2022 1 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL 60025

March 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. St. Julie Billiart 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, IL 60477

April 7, 2022 at 7 p.m. Church of Saint Jude 2212 McDonough St., Joliet, IL 60436

April 24, 2022 at 3 p.m. Holy Name Cathedral 730 N. Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

May 2, 2022 at 5 p.m. St. Athanasius Parish 1615 Lincoln St, Evanston, IL 60201

May 13, 2022 at 5 p.m. Holy Name Cathedral 730 N. Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611-2514

St. Peregrine Novena at St. Catherine of Alexandria

St. Peregrine is the patron saint for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer. Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church.

Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St.

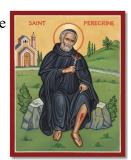
Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the universal Church. St. Catherine of Alexandria will begin offering a novena to St. Peregrine at 7p.m. in the church. The novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All are welcome to participate. The dates are below:

March 14, and March 21, 2022

Please only enter through the doors on Kedvale. Handicap accessible ramp available.

Any questions please contact Karen Brogan 708-691-9529

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WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday—Saturday: 8:30 AM Mass

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 2:30-3:30 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Tuesdays 9-6pm, Wednesdays 9-8pm, Thursdays 9-6pm

Welcome to Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish!

To register in the parish, or for information about any of our organizations, ministries, services, or educational opportunities, please call the Parish Center at 636-5060.

BAPTISMS- Call Parish Center to schedule.

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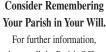


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