

# Our Lady at St. Germaine

Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish Center: 708-636-5060  
9711 S. Kolin Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453  
St. Germaine School: 708-425-6063

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,  
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the  
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

“When’s Easter?” This is a question that I am asked a lot. Easter as according to Church rules falls on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox; and the vernal equinox is fixed as March 21. This means that Easter can never occur before March 22 or later than April 25.

Of course, this isn’t what people want to know. They want to know the actual date. This year Easter is on Sunday, April 9th... It is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and our sharing in his life through the waters of baptism.

But, we also recognize as believers that we share in the life of Jesus whenever we receive Christ in the Eucharist. He raises us up, he heals us, he offers us hope, and peace. He opens our eyes to see as he sees into the eyes of the needy, the hungry. Christ opens our eyes to truly see.

When does Easter begin for us? It begins when we see and understand that we must raise others up, offer them hope, and peace and light. When is Easter? It is whenever we raise others up and offer them new sight and life in Christ. We celebrate this new life, not only on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023; but also, the life in Christ that we share on each Sunday when we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Thomas S. Cabala*



**FRIDAYS  
4:00PM  
IN CHURCH**

### TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

A contemplative prayer for reconciliation and peace will be offered each Wednesday evening of Lent. The service includes sung chants, Scripture and an extended period of silence. It will begin at 6pm and last approximately 35 minutes. The schedule for Taize Prayer Around the Cross is as follows:

**Wednesday, March 22**  
**Wednesday, March 29 (last one)**

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

***All are welcome.***



### 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, March 20-St. Joseph**

8:30AM Mass:  
Dennis Flax

**Tuesday, March 21-Lenten Weekday**

8:30AM Mass:  
Bill Dunne

**Wednesday, March 22-Lenten Weekday**

7:00AM Mass: Gorski & Kita Families,  
Elizabeth Maciasz (B-Day)  
8:30AM Communion Service:

**Thursday, March 23-St. Turibius**

8:30 AM Mass:  
Rita King

**Friday, March 24-Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass:  
Frank Kita

**Saturday, March 25-Annunciation of the Lord**

8:30 AM: Jim Shea, Francis Jana  
4:00 PM: Robert & Vera Holec, Louis D'Amore,  
Nolan Cannon Families, Terese Waite,  
Officer Andres Vasquez Lasso

**Sunday, March 26-Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM- Ken Pratscher, Esther & Ray Risto  
9:30AM-Anna Moscato, Darlene Conners,  
Paul Johnson, Richard Finn, Mary McGuire  
11:30AM- Joseph Marmos, Richard Finn,  
Robert Nelson, Cecelia Ebokam

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD****Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:**

David Akai, Michael Barry, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Catherine Cotter Brady, Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Diane Cernivivo, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Ann Contorno, Elizabeth Czajka, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Tom Hamilton, Peg Hansen, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Liz Kapovich, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Joe Kress, Mario LaPorte, Judith Lasky, Charles Lee, 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, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom, Sharon Safstrom, Norma Salas, Devin Sanchez, Audrey Schmitz, Monica (Ranalli) Schuberth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Jayme Shipman, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Mary Ann Trop, Vickie Vertucci, Pat Walker, Casey Wiedenski, Adrienne Wild, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND PROCLAIMERS....**

We will be starting the next schedule for spring...

Please send us any conflicts/preferences you may have for this schedule to [jenstazak@yahoo.com](mailto:jenstazak@yahoo.com).

Also, if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister or proclaimer, please reach out!

**Ministers' Schedule for March 25 & 26, 2023**

	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
<b>Proclaimer</b>	<i>J. Pender</i>	<i>J. Akai</i>	<i>E. McDermott</i>	<i>S. Chimera</i>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<i>P. Vlasits J. Tiffy</i>	<i>D. Clark J. Antos</i>	<i>D. Mayo</i>	<i>J. Maughan G. Maughan</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<i>P. Stazak E. Pedroza</i>		<i>J. Akroush S. Paluszek</i>	<i>L. McNulty M. Medina</i>



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.

A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families in our area. The idea of a simple, straightforward one-can-per-day donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. We are inviting parishioners to bring their 40 cans to our church to be given to St Germaine/Our Lady of Loretto food pantry right here locally.



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.



### Please save the date for the St. Germaine Passion Play.

Thursday, March 30, 2023 - 7:00 pm  
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Friday, March 31, 2023 - 7:00 pm  
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 12:45 pm  
Doors open after 11:30 am Mass

#### Easter Schedule is as follows;

**April 1 & 2, Palm Sunday:** Regular weekend Masses: 4:00 PM Saturday, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Sunday.

**April 3, Monday of Holy Week:** Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM

**April 6, Holy Thursday:** 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM followed by adoration until 11:00 PM.

**April 7, Good Friday:** 8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM; Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7:00 PM. No Mass is held on Good Friday.

**April 8, Holy Saturday:** Morning Prayer. Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon;  
Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM (No 4:00 PM Mass)

**April 9, Easter Sunday:** Regular Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

# Hope in the Ashes



Our theme for Lent 2023 is “Hope in the Ashes.” In our world today, we all need to find hope! Our world seems at many times to be a place of chaos and division. Our lives have been disrupted by the COVID pandemic, and many of us feel alone. The call of Lent is to find hope in the midst our chaos, division and depression. As God breathed life into Adam and created him from the dust, God can breathe life into us and renew us in faith, hope and joy if we are open to God’s actions.. After all, our Lenten experience is a preparation for the source of our greatest hope: The Resurrection.

Each year millions of Christians gather to be marked by the sign of the cross in ashes. Some who come for this holy marking are fully engaged with the life of the Church; others might be more distant from the formal practice of faith. But, the common bond for all of us is a desire for belonging, forgiveness, and redemption. We rejoice that none of us needs to endure life’s journey alone. The holy marking of ashes unites us all in the same quest.

The traditional pillars of Lenten practice, prayer, fasting and almsgiving invite us to reach out to all those around us—our friends and family, as well as the stranger and those on the margins. Our participation in these Lenten practices makes visible our belief that we share our journey with every other person.

On Ash Wednesday, St. Paul urges us all to be “ambassadors” for Christ--to carry his message of unity and joy to all we meet. Our actions of compassion and care convey to all those around us that we **share** our Lenten journey to Jesus with all those around us. These actions are clear testimony that we are not alone in our struggles. Our hospitality, friendship, and compassion mark us as true ambassadors of Christ—ambassadors who carry Christ’s healing and peace to both those we know and those we do not know. We invite them to be partners with us on the Lenten journey, seeking the forgiveness and feeling of belonging that we find in Jesus Christ. Above all we celebrate our belief in the greatest hope of all—the Resurrection!



*Lord, Open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise!*

## Adoration for Lent

**Lent Is Right Around The Corner - Are You Ready?**  
**Will your faith grow this Lent, or will you settle with "just getting by?"**  
**Do you struggle to keep your Lenten sacrifices year after year?**  
**Are you looking for something to “Give-up” or “Give” for Lent?**  
**How about “Giving-up” one specific hour a week,**  
**and “Give” that hour to Jesus by visiting the**  
**Our Lady at St Germaine Adoration Chapel.**



*“Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week.”*

*(St. Pope John Paul II)*

This Lent answer the call.

You can choose the same day and hour during the Lenten week to visit Jesus and email your day/hour selection to [barba6@att.net](mailto:barba6@att.net) or phone Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or just stop in often to Pray Tuesdays hours 9-7pm or Wednesday-Thursdays 9-8pm

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

**March 12, 2022**

Sunday:	\$7,363.90
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,569.50
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$11,933.40</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Food Baskets:	\$71.00
Easter Flowers:	\$35.00
Sharing Parish:	\$12.00
Latin America:	\$5.00
Aid to Education:	\$2.00
Easter:	\$35.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$5.00

\*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

# SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit [catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi](https://portal.catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi) or scan the code below.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the narthex or parish office.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

**Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.**

Thank you for helping our parish!



**DIRECT LINK TO OUR SURVEY**  
<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gyp14>

## Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope #184 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$1,827.50** 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!

## FOOD PANTRY

Needed this month....

Cereal, pasta, cookies, toilet paper, pasta roni, jello, canned tomatoes, Soup, chef Boyardee/spaghetti O's.



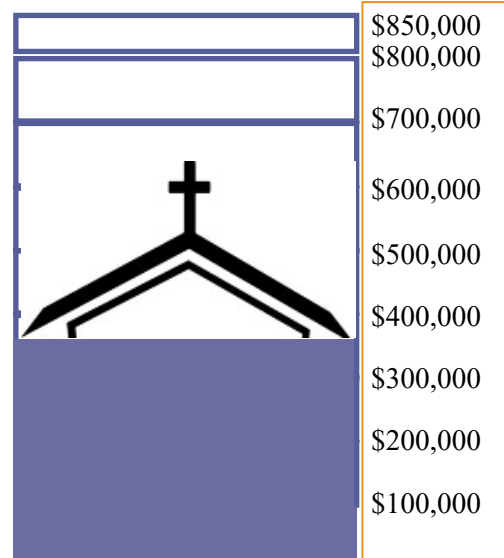
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HELPING US HELP OTHERS**



Thank you to the **280** donors who have started off our **Raise the Roof** campaign pledging **\$388,679.23!**

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail 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?



Our Lady at St. Germaine Athletic Association  
& Men's Club present the

## 16th Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays in Lent, February 24 ~ March 31  
5:00pm ~ 8:00 pm (or until fish runs out) in the church basement



Following 4:00pm Stations of the Cross in the Church,  
ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH beginning at 5:00pm

### MENU\*\*

Fish Basket w/ choice of baked potato or fries & coleslaw	\$15.00
Meatless Pasta Dinner w/ bread	\$8.00
Grilled Cheese w/ French fries	\$6.00
Baked Potato	\$3.00
French fries	\$3.00
Cheese Pizza	\$3.00

Complimentary coffee. Water, soda, & beer available for purchase.

**Carry out orders available.** Any questions, please call 708-636-5060. **\*\*Menu subject to change**



**McAULEY  
HALL**

## McAULEY HALL INDUCTION AND ALUMNAE MASS

*Sunday, March 26, 2023*



President Carey Harrington invites you to join the McAuley community  
in honoring the 2023 McAuley Hall of Honor Inductees

Kate Shannon Boyle '82	Marti Jatis '91
Maya-Camille Broussard '97	M. Bridget Reidy '80
Mary Kean Coffey '63 (posthumously)	Ellen Napleton Roche '68



**Mass & Induction 10:00am**

McAuley Auditorium | 3737 W. 99th Street | Chicago

*Celebrant - Fr. Tom Hurley*

Champagne Brunch in the Mother McAuley Dining Hall immediately following.

*All are cordially invited to attend.*

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To purchase tickets, be a sponsor, purchase an ad, or learn more about current and past honorees, visit [mothermcauley.org/alumnae/events/mcauley-hall-of-honor](https://mothermcauley.org/alumnae/events/mcauley-hall-of-honor) or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Maura Clarke Saas '87 at 773-881-6557 or [msaas@mothermcauley.org](mailto:msaas@mothermcauley.org).

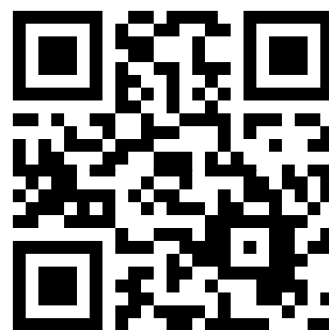
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We want to share an incredible opportunity with you! The Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program lets you donate **DIRECTLY TO ST. GERMAINE SCHOOL** to help offer scholarships for our incredible students! The best part is that donations are being automatically **matched until March 30<sup>th</sup>**! Times are tough financially, and more and more families are seeking scholarships for tuition. This is a great opportunity that benefits the students, donors, and our incredible school!

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Reserve your credit  
Make your donation (ACH, Credit Card, Stocks/Bonds, etc.)



## Gods Special Friends Craft & Vendor fair

Please stop by the  
Sheridan Room  
next weekend after  
all masses.

## Luscious Creations

We will be having our annual Easter Bake Sale the weekend of April 1 & 2 after all the Masses. Please stop by and see all the special Easter treats that "Luscious Creations" has to offer.

You can also find us on Fridays at Fish Fry!



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**QUESTIONS? CONTACT [GERMAINEFSA@STGOL.ORG](mailto:GERMAINEFSA@STGOL.ORG)**

**Kindly RSVP by March 22nd. Checks (payable to St. Germaine FSA) can be  
dropped off at St Germaine School or the Parish Center.**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ # OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Transportation Services:**

Worth Township provides curb-to-curb service to seniors ages 55 and older, and adults with disabilities ages 18+ that live within the boundaries of Worth Township. You must be registered to ride the bus. Passengers who are unable to get to and from the bus will require an escort. All caregivers must also be registered.

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### **Reservations:**

The town you live in determines the day you can use the service:

**Monday** ~ Bridgeview, Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park, Hometown, Oak Lawn, Worth

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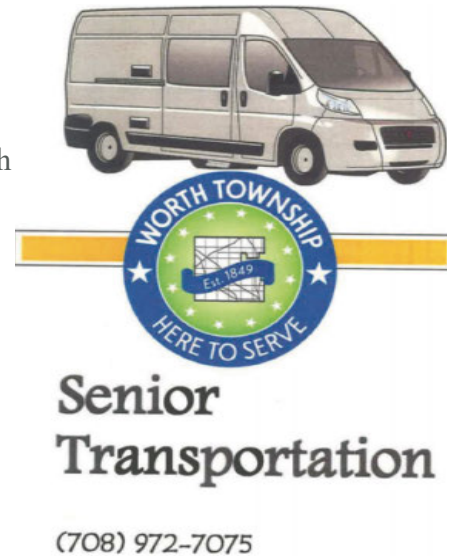
**Wednesday** ~ Bridgeview, Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park, Hometown, Oak Lawn, Worth

**Thursday** ~ Alsip, Blue Island, Crestwood, Merrionette Park, Palos Heights, Robbins

Reserve your ride by calling (708) 972-7075 between 8:00 am and noon on the day before you wish to ride the bus.

When given an appointment time, please understand that the driver may arrive up to 15 minutes earlier or later than your scheduled time. It is nearly impossible to schedule with complete accuracy. The nature of our ridership requires patience and flexibility. In addition, we are always at the mercy of the weather.

We appreciate your cooperation with scheduling and request you be ready 15 minutes in advance of your scheduled time.



**Our mission is to provide affordable transportation and give seniors the ability to remain independent, healthy, and socially active.**

## OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH

### ST. GERMAINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Center Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ 2:30pm

Website: [ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://ourladyatstgermaine.org)

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30AM Mass  
Wednesday: 7:00AM Mass, 8:30AM Communion Service

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 2:45-3:30 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.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

Jack Malone

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