

# 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



You are Invited to a Reception  
Honoring the Retirement of

*Rev. George Velloorattil*

*Fr. George has been with us for seven years.  
He has served as a priest for over 44 years.*

[Jesus] said,  
"Follow Me."  
Luke 9:59

**May 14 & 15, 2022**

Reception following all Masses in Sheridan Room

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

This is Father George, writing this column this weekend, in place of Fr. Tom. I take this opportunity to officially announce that I am retiring from active ministry after 44 years of priesthood. It is time for rest and relaxation. First of all I want to thank each and everyone of you for making my stay here very enjoyable. I enjoyed the loving company and friendship of all of you. I have been here for the last seven years. It looks like a record because no associate has lasted that long. Every day of these 7 years has been very fulfilling and happy.

Lots of things have happened in the last 7 years. Former Pastor Fr. Mike Furlan retired 3 years ago and the new Pastor Fr. Tom Cabala took over the Parish after it merged with Our Lady of Loretto. By the way, I don't like the new name Our Lady at St. Germaine. I feel every parish should have a saint name found in the Roman Martyr-ology. It is a book that contains the names of all saints who were officially canonized by the Church or considered saints by popular acclamation as in the cases of martyrs of the ancient church. We must have a date set aside to celebrate the titular feast of this parish. It is only my personal view.

Now coming to the events that took place in the last 7 years. I moved out of the church rectory, so that it could be sold to finance the roofing of the church. A new capital campaign to raise funds for capital improvements of the parish buildings. A new principal is ready to take over the school, replacing Kevin Reedy who after decades of service as a principal retires and many more changes. But what is important is that in the face of all these changes, the parishioners have stood strong. So I am proud of you and extremely grateful to you all.

Now, as for what you think of me, is something you get to tell me. Every priest is a shepherd. Have I been a good shepherd? Have I been faithful to my duty as a good shepherd? Did I lead you on the right path? Have I helped you to grow closer to our good shepherd, Jesus Christ? You are the judge. I know I have not been perfect. I have failed on several respects. I have not been my best to you a lot of times. I apologize for all my failures and lack of interest and enthusiasm. If one of you has been touched by my words, if at least one of you has found solace in my comforting words, if one of you has a conversion of heart to the Lord Jesus, if one of you has had a good and happy death because of my presence by his or her bedside, if at least one of you has gotten closer to the Lord. . . . I am grateful and happy. My life is fulfilled.

Once again a Big THANK YOU from the very bottom of my heart. May God Bless you all! Keep me in your prayers and I promise to continue my prayers for you.

With much love and gratitude,  
Father George

### Mary's Rosary

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

*Please join the Knights of Columbus in honoring our Blessed Mother, Mary, by praying Her special prayer, the Rosary.*

*Hosted by the  
Knights of Columbus Council 14553*



#### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**2022 Mass book is open and has plenty of availability. Please call the office at 636-5060 x200 to request a mass. Sympathy, healing, birthday, anniversary and special intentions.**

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, May 16-Easter Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass:

Special intentions of our Parish Family

**Tuesday, May 17-Easter Weekday**

Lida Sawszak

**Wednesday, May 18- St. John I**

8:30 AM Mass :

Theresa McGrath, Howard Groves

**Thurs, May 19-Easter Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass:

Otto Sawzak

**Friday, May 20-St. Bernadine**

8:30 AM Mass:

Eileen Grady

**Saturday, May 21-St. Christopher**

8:30 AM Mass: Deacon Don Daum

4:00 PM- Leo Aripoli, Ulga Crepps, Sue Heda

**Sunday, May 22- 6th Sunday of Easter**

7:30AM- Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish

9:30AM- Al Locascio, Madelyn C. LaBella

11:30AM-Carol Blando, James O'Shea,  
Cecelia Ebokam, Anthony B. Pazda**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**Deceased members  
of our Parish Family**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, Emily DiPierro, Dolores Dorman, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, 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

**Ministers' Schedule for Next Weekend May 21-22, 2022**

	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
<b>Proclaimer</b>	B. Brejcha C. Brejcha	B. Kapjon G. Kapjon	E. McDermott	M. Curran G. Kearns
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	C. Brejcha M. Rogers	K. Kettleleson L. Stawczyk	J. O'Shea M. Panarella	G. Maughan J. Maughan

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-**

Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl. Stop in Parish Center or call 636-5060 to request one.



## Fr. Tom's Article....

*What does it mean to love one another as Christ loved us?*

*St. Paul describes it best in his letter to the Corinthians, when he writes:*

*Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. (1 Cor. 13: 3-7)*

*This is the love that Christ lived and enabled him to die on the Cross for the salvation of the world.*

*St. Paul believed that Jesus gave his life in love for the salvation of all humanity. The superior attitude and selfishness of the Corinthians however, prevented them from sharing in salvation unless their thinking and behavior changed and they became reflections of Christ's unconditional love in their own lives. To share in the resurrection of Christ and his promise of eternal life and love means to have the same self-emptying love in imitation of Jesus with all people not just those of equal social positions, wealth, and status.*

*It is the mission of every one of us as members of the body of Christ, his Church to be reflections of Christ's life giving and unselfish love by coming to the Lord's Table, the Eucharist, prepared to welcome the Lord into our hearts, because we have welcomed one another to our everyday tables in a love that is kind, patient, and caring.*

Fr. Tom Cabala

### Women's Club News.....

we will host a "Ladies Night Out" BUNCO party. Watch the bulletin for details. Any questions, call Paulette at (708)227-0342 or Liz at (708)2697032.



**Taize prayer .....** will take place Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 -7pm.

Let us continue to pray for peace for ourselves and the world.

Quack, quack. Splish, splash.  
Vroom, ZOOM!

don't worry-- not THAT kind of zoom!



Looking for a fun distraction and a chance to win some cool prizes

Join the GERMAZING DUCKS group on Facebook! LIVE Weekly MIGHTY DUCK races will take place with the "Winning Duck" taking home gift certificates, summer fun items, and MORE!

Hope to "see" you there!

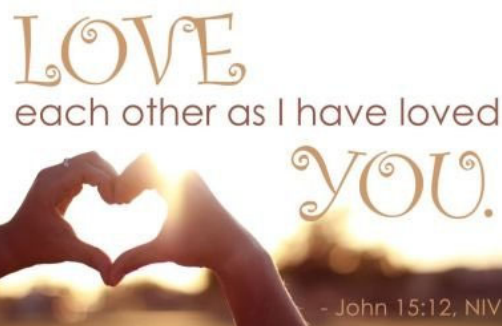
St. Germaine Family School Association

Search for the group on Facebook using this key phrase:



**Germazing Mighty Ducks Races**

...and while you are there don't forget to follow our page @StGermaineFSA



### SAVE THE DATES

May 18—KOC Rosary

June 1— Taize Prayer

June 4 & 5th— Ministry Weekend

June 5th— Breakfast after masses (KOC)

June 6th— Women's Club "Ladies Night Out"

June 13th— Calendar Meeting

**Religious Education and Formation  
Registration is Open!**

If you would like to register for the 2022-2023 REF Program, please email [jstazak@archchicago.org](mailto:jstazak@archchicago.org) or stop by the Parish Center between 9am-2pm Monday through Friday.

Classes are for children entering Preschool through 8th Grade.

If you have any questions, call 636-5060.

**CALENDAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 13th @ 7pm**

If your group is planning events from July 2022 through June 2023, start coming up with tentative dates and descriptions. We will send out a date as soon as we get it!



Adoration Chapel is in need of scheduled adorers for the following days and times

Tuesdays 3-4 and 4-5pm, Wednesdays 4-5pm, Thursdays 2-3pm  
Please contact Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or Parish Center 708-636-5060

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Please take a few minutes to read some of the reasons our adorers choose to Adore Our Lord in the Our Lady of St. Germaine Adoration Chapel

**Why I choose to adore Our Lord in Our Lady of St Germaine Adoration Chapel each** Tuesday, when

I can unwind, Relax and find inner peace!  
That's what we need, especially with what's happening  
around the world, and at home.  
I hope of Thanksgiving for all He has given me,  
That's a small price to pay.

**Why I choose to adore Our Lord in Our Lady of St Germaine Adoration Chapel each** WEDNESDAY

My mother was a devout adorers at St. Linus  
for many years. I can't say I was rushing to be  
an adorers but one Sunday quite a fews after  
my mother had passed I was reading the  
St Germaine Bulletin and Adoration was looking  
for adorers at a time I could do I felt  
that this was my mother's sign that I  
should become involved in the Adoration  
Chapel. It's been 10 years since that Sunday Bulletin  
sent me to ~~some~~ doing something that is so  
meaningful to me. Thank you mom and our blessed  
mother

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022**  
**OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**  
**MAY 8, 2022**



John Akroush	Alexander Iniguez	Patrick Ruzich
Luna Alvarez	Lionel Leon	Michael Sales
Amelia Argueta	Victoria Leon	Emily Sanchez
Wyatt Bekic*	Anthony Marquez	Joseph Schoenecker
Amber Boothe	Michael Martino	Michael Simmons
Elizabeth Chimino	Carlo Mercado	Michael Sobieszczyk
Emiliano Covarrubias	Ruby Moore	Evan Tranowski
Lucien Devivo	Zoey Olmos	Aliyah Traynere
Izael Diaz	James Paluszek	Callie Umecker
Aaron Esparza	Sebastian Rodriguez	Jade Valdez Dayta
Michael Flores	Riley Rogers	Gavin Windberg
Peyton Giffey	Madelyn Rolland	Sofia Zuniga
Hailey Griggs	Jacqueline Rubio	

*First Holy Communion*

\* will receive sacrament on May 15, 2022



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

**MAY 15, 2022**

Sunday:	\$6,897.50
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,784.50
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$9,681.00</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Easter:	\$105.00
Retired Priests:	\$10.00
Peters Pence:	\$10.00
Food Baskets:	\$100.00
Catholic Education :	\$25.00
Mothers Day Collection :	\$5,173.00
Ascension:	\$48.00

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

The COURAGE Program is selling it's Annual Lottery Tickets. Would you kindly consider buying one...or more!

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Center. The drawing is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!!

1st Prize \$2,000  
2nd prize \$1,000  
4 prizes of \$500 ea

\$10 per ticket



## FOOD PANTRY

Some needs this month....  
Laundry Soap  
Toilet Paper  
Cereal



## Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope #760 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$2,600.00** will be added to next weeks pot.

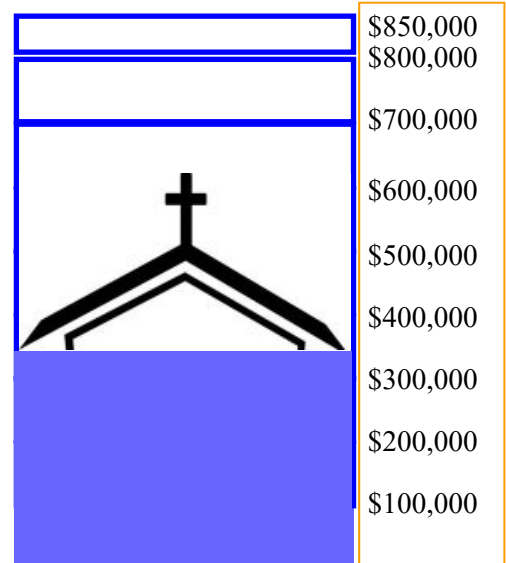
Don't forget to put your regular Sunday envelope and your orange envelope in for your chance to win!

**Good Luck!**

Thank you to the **252** donors who have started off our **Raise the Roof** campaign pledging **\$348,420.00!**

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?



***The Queen is coming back soon!!***

**WILL YOU...**



**FIND HER?**

***Stay tuned for details....***

# Athletic Association News

Do you have a child in School or Religious Education who like to be part of a sports team?



\*Did you know we offer soccer from Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

\*Did you know we offer basketball and volleyball for girls and boys 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

We would love to have your child(ren) be a part of the team!!

Girls basketball sign ups for girls entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year, will be starting this month.



If your child(ren) would like to play a sport, please email [jstazak@archchicago.org](mailto:jstazak@archchicago.org)



to be placed on the email list to find out all the important dates!!

As we look forward to the next school year, we are starting to plan for sports for the next school year. The first sport that will kick off with the new school year will be Girls Basketball. The season usually starts right when school starts, with practices starting over the summer. Due to the timing of the season, we will need to start signups now.



## Signups

We will be holding signups for Girls Basketball online, with in person dates for payment and uniform sizing. Below are the details:

Registration will be handled online.

Registration will be open online from now until June 6th.

Please use this link for signups: <https://bit.ly/2022SGGirlsBBallSignups>

Uniform samples will be available for try on. Sizes will also be listed online.

In person payment dates and uniform sizing will be:

Fri May 20 6-7:30

Sat May 21 9-10:30

Sat May 28 9-10:30

Mon June 13 6-7:30

## Fees

The following fees, established by the Athletic Association, will be required once the season is given clearance. Fees will be due before the first practice date.

4th - 8th Grade

\$150 league registration fee per player

\$400 family participation fee, **which can be recouped** for work in the concession stand, front door, or gym supervisor. This will be a separate check for this fee.

Uniform fee - All new players must order a uniform. Returning players may wear the previous year's uniform. Each player should have a full uniform in good condition; this includes both a team jersey and uniform shorts. A complete basketball uniform costs \$75.

3rd Grade - \$60 fee. This will cover the league fee and a uniform T-Shirt.

There will also be a mandatory parent & player meeting before the season starts at a date and time TBD. The meeting will cover the season details, parent participation, and sportsmanship.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Larry Shipman, Girls Basketball Coordinator.

Larry Shipman

[lship77@yahoo.com](mailto:lship77@yahoo.com) 224-343-9159

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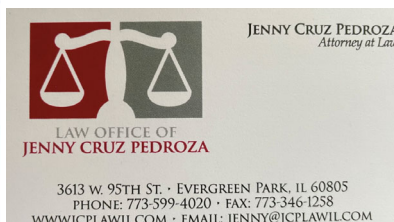
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*Our Lady at St. Germaine  
Men's Club*



**THE COURAGE  
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In addition, thank you to: Automotive Tech, Wolf's Bakery, Doughs Guys, Beverly Bakery, Dunkin Donuts, Great American Bagel, Walgreens, & Huck Finn.

*We would also like to thank our family sponsors!*

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**St. Germaine Classes:**

Moran's Preschool Marvels  
Preschool Bunnies  
KinderKats  
First Grade Rocks  
Super Speedy Second Graders  
Third Grade Thunderbolts

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Fifth Grade Gnomes  
Smith's Loud House  
Studious Seventh Graders  
Kurey's Kids - Class of 2022



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**June 27-July 1, 2022**

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**Participants need not be students at St. Germaine School**

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# Fall House Crawl



AUGUST 27, 2022

5:30PM

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*The Athletic Association is always looking for help; next year, we are looking for help in the following areas:*

**Coaches/Assistant Coaches** – Speak to any of the current coaches or athletic board members about the time commitment and other responsibilities.

**Gym Supervisors** – The gym supervisor is an adult who is willing to be responsible for supervising activities in the Activity Center on a rotating basis. A schedule is established at the beginning of each season. Shifts are approximately 3 hours long. Gym supervisors are not responsible for coaching, but rather for the physical environment of the Activity Center such as set up of equipment and clean up. This is a position that we are lacking volunteers in. So, if you are interested, please speak with someone.

**Fundraising Events** – The Board continues to look for new ideas for fundraisers and for volunteers to carry out these events.

If you feel that you would be able to help with any of these tasks, please contact any members of the Athletic Board or call 708-636-5060.

## OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH

### ST. GERMAINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office: 708-636-5060 Fax: 708-636-8007

Parish Center Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ 2:00pm

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

#### 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.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

Fr. George Velloorattil

Jack Malone

Joe Gonzalez

Frank Mamolella

Amy Condon

Kevin Reedy

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