

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS
OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS THEM.

~ John 10:3

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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

I don't know if sheep really recognize and listen to the voice of their shepherd. However, my dogs, Jerome and Nicholas always recognize and to my voice. They'll listen to my voice and look up, and if they feel like it like it, they will also listen to my command. That is unless they are eating, chewing on a bone or sleeping. Otherwise, they listen to my every command. Who am I kidding, they don't listen to my commands; yes, they recognize my voice and just ignore it

Do we always recognize and listen to the voice of Christ, our "Good Shepherd?" Or do we hear his voice when it is only convenient and lets us continue at our comfortable routine?

Here doe the voice of Christ come from? It comes from the cries of the poor, the hungry, and the weak and today through the victims of the Covid-19 pandemic

To hear the Lord's voice requires that we take time out to listen and hear Him speak to us. Often we allow our own voices to become confused with the voice of the Lord. We replace his words with our own words that tell us that the path to a fulfilling and satisfying life is through power, wealth, and social status.

The voice of the Lord tells us that the path to a fulfilled life is by caring for one another with compassion, respecting each other, and being willing to lay down our lives for one another by using our time, gifts, and talents to bring nourishment, comfort, and life to others in the image of Christ, our Good Shepherd.

We cannot truly express in voice, in words, our gratitude for the all doctors, nurses, health care givers and hospital and nursing homeworkers, and first responders for hearing the voice of the Lord as they care for those stricken by the Covid-19 virus. We do join our voices and hearts in pray for them and for all those stricken by this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Fr. Tom, Pastor

Please visit our website
www.ourladyatstgermaine.org
or our Facebook page
for video masses,
updates, and special
messages.

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.

To request a Prayer Shawl
call 636-5060 x200.



MONTHLY ENVELOPES ~ FYI... If you have not received your envelopes in the mail yet, they have already been mailed a few weeks ago. You can expect them any day. If you need to make your contribution before that you can place in blank envelope and include your name and address along with amount you would like to be contributed to each fund.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 4– Easter Weekday**

Molly Skopec

Tuesday, May 5–Easter Weekday

Ken Skopec, Leonard Lazuk

Wednesday, May 6–Easter Weekday

Helen Kassel

Thursday, May 7–Easter Weekday

Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine

Friday, May 8–Easter Weekday

Rose Perfetti, Kathryn T. Madsen

Saturday, May 9–Easter WeekdayMary Murphy, George & Antoinette Czanko,
Maria DeRosa Corrado, Joann Luetkemeyer**Sunday, May 10–Fifth Sunday of Easter**August Perfetti, James O'Shea Sr.,
Jean Foley, Mary Shirley Boylan, All mothers
living & deceased, Marian Boase,
Patti Washkevich**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Marilyn Lapniewski

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

Virginia Bovilsky, Eileen Boyce, Joe Braje, John Brdecka, Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak, Taylor Collard, Ann Contorno, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Dolores Dorman, Yvonne (Wepner)Enselman, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Gerardo Gonzalez, Jan Gorman, Pearl Goworowski, Lynn Groebe, Peg Hansen, Sherry Hardek-Cohen, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Betty Hedderman, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Chuck Hughes, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Mary Kenny, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Frank Klutcharch, Joe Kress, Donna Larney, Judith Lasky, LaVerne Lewandowski, Kim Lewis, Liz Lopez, Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Martin Mahoney, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Jim Mc Nerney, Edward Mietz, Raimonda Miknius, Daniel Mraz, Gerald Oblazany, 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, Barbara Salazar, Audrey Schmitz, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Hank Skaggs, Ellie Smith, Joe Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop, Pat Walker, Susan Zak

***Please know that all mass intentions are being fulfilled
by Fr. Tom and Fr. George
at private daily masses.***

***We thank you for your patience and continued support.
Please know that all of you are in our daily prayers.***

Sunday masses are available to watch from home
via our website,
www.ourladyatstgermaine.org, YouTube or on Facebook.



Our New Logo explained:

The *cross* is the Cross of Christ we all share in as brothers and sisters in Christ as did Mary, the Blessed Mother, and St. Germaine.

The *yellow mystical rose* is a symbol of both Mary, Our Lady, and St. Germaine. Also in the rose we see Our Lady and St. Germaine embracing even as we embrace as the new parish of Our Lady at St. Germaine.

The *flowing blue ribbon* is a symbol of our hope for the blessings of peace, love, and grace through the intercession of Our Lady and St. Germaine, to flow upon our parish family.

Catholic Charities HELP THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

A hungry child. A homeless mother. An addict. An immigrant. A frail senior. An impoverished veteran. Catholic Charities protects and serves all these people and many more. In the Southwest area **each day 140 families, twice as many as in past years**, from the Southwest suburbs receive their basic food supply from the St. Blasé Food Pantry. 75 otherwise homeless families are housed in the New Hope Apartments and other transitional housing intended to get families to become independent. 141 units of permanent housing are provided for impoverished veterans, men and women who have served our country. The hot meal program which served more than 9,000 meals to the hungry and the homeless in the Southwest area is now a carryout program. Many of those served are our neighbors. In addition to those served above, 222 individuals from Oak Lawn have received direct emergency assistance.

The Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities is on the weekend of May 9-10. Those of you who get Church donation envelopes in the mail will find a special envelope for Catholic Charities. Those who don't can use any envelope and either mail it to the Parish Center (9711 S. Kolin) or drop it off in the Parish Center mailbox and fight hunger and homelessness in the Southwest area by donating to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection. Thank you.

Domestic Violence and Being Quarantined with an Abuser

With almost everything closing down because of the Coronavirus and families being confined to their homes life can be challenging even for those who have strong and safe relationships. But for those trapped inside with an abusive partner, this strange new reality can bring with it the added horror of an uptick in abuse and a partner who may be purposefully misleading them to think help is no longer available. The risk to those stuck behind closed doors is extremely dangerous and violent. Thankfully help continues to be available through our law enforcement agencies and our Domestic Violence Community Partners. If you are a victim of domestic violence and are in danger of imminent harm call 911 immediately. If you need information about your specific situation need support and services contact the Crisis Center of South Suburbia 24 hours/7 Domestic Violence Hotline. Help is only a call away.

**Crisis Center for South Suburbia- 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline
708-429-7233 or www.crisisctr.org**

If you have any questions about the above information or want to know more about Domestic Violence or the Our Lady at St. Germaine /St. Catherine's Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry contact John Chesniak (708-793-9545) or Mary Ellen Lynch (708-423-5747).

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, united with Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need,
and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that,
as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test —
and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

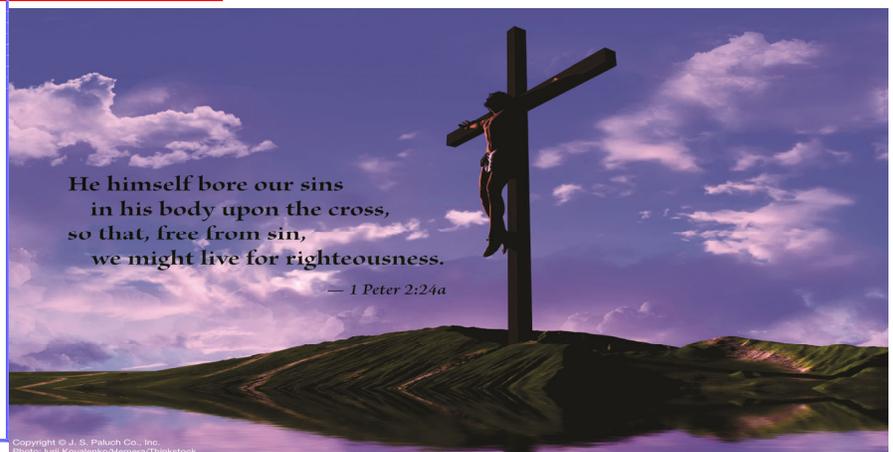
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

*2020 Mass book is open and has
plenty of availability. Please call the of-
fice at 636-5060 x200 to request a mass.*

**Tax letters are available
by request.**

Please call 636-5060 and
we will mail out to you.

Due to current health
concerns, all masses,
events and meetings at
BOTH campuses are
postponed and cancelled
until further notice.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

April 26, 2020

Sunday:	\$4,598.500
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL)	\$1,725.00
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$6,323.50
Aid to Education:	\$89.62
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Food Pantries:	\$174.00
Easter Sunday (thus far):	\$48,779.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope #1007 was pulled and did not participate in the raffle.

The amount of \$1,009.75 will be added to this weeks prize. Thanks for your support and good luck!!

UPDATES

If you would like to update your parish record with any changes or additions, now is the perfect time. Addresses, phone, email, number of people in household would all be helpful.

Please visit

<https://chicago.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/Register.aspx>, call 636-5060 x200. or email jstazak@archchicago.org

Thank you!

We cannot tell you how much your support during this difficult time means to our parish! Thanks to all who signed up for GiveCentral. Thank to everyone who has been continuing to support the Parish by way of Give Central, turning in your weekly envelopes at church, through the office or mailing in. During this time, like you, we too have financial responsibilities and your support is greatly appreciated. If you are able to continue to give, you can bring envelopes to the parish office mail slot (9711 S Kolin), mail them in, or donate on Give Central. If you wish to give on Give Central, but do not know how to get started, visit this link:

<http://www.ourladyatstgermaine.org/giving.html>



10 YEARS STRONG!

Virtual 5K Run/Walk & Kids Dash

REGISTRATION \$30

KIDS DASH (10 & under) \$10



The first 100 people to register for the Virtual 5K will receive a custom bag!

All participants will receive a short sleeve race shirt.

Funds raised will directly support the Our Lady at St. Germaine Food Pantry and to renew our school Chromebook lease for the upcoming school year.

Register today at

www.stgermaineschool.com



Amanda (Zoccoli) Oleksiak

Amanda graduated from St. Germaine in 2000. She is an ER nurse on the night shift at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Amanda is on the front lines of this pandemic every shift, putting herself at risk to help others.

Amanda, thank you for all that you do. We pray that Our Lady and St. Germaine watch over you and yours as you take care of others each and every day.

STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord,
along the road of resurrection!
Explain for us, so slow to believe,
the things that Scripture says of
you.
Break the bread of the Eucharist
with us whenever we share our
lives with our brothers and sisters.
Stay with us each time night
approaches and the daylight
fades in our hearts!

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At this time, both pantries at St Germaine and at Our Lady of Loretto Churches are closed. But will be ready as soon as we reopen to help those in need.

If you would like to donate non perishable food, you may drop outside of Church doors and the donations will be checked daily.

Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of gift cards (even ones you have lying around half used), you may do so by dropping at Parish Center mail box at any time or by logging on to Give Central and selecting food baskets.

If you have any questions, please call 636-5060 x200.
We thank you for your support and keep you all in our prayers.