

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

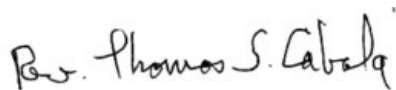
What does it mean to do the works of Christ? It means to love as Christ Loves us. This is the love that Christ lived and enabled him to die on the Cross for the salvation of the world.

We believe that Jesus gave his life in love for the salvation of all humanity. 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.

It is the work 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, prepares 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.

As our Religious Education Program comes to an end for this year, I thank all of our dedicated catechists, aides, and staff for doing the work of the Lord by teaching our children how much they are loved by our God. Your service truly reflects Christ our Teacher and our Good Shepherd.

Sincerely,



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 South and Southwest areas **each month** 3200 individuals from the Southwest suburbs receive their basic food supply from the St. Blasé Food Pantry and an additional 2500 individuals are served through the food pantry at St. Irenaeus. 80 otherwise homeless families are housed in the New Hope Apartments and other transitional housing intended to get families to become independent. Over 200 veteran's families (304 individuals) were assisted through 141 units of permanent housing and other services. Veterans come into the program literally homeless or at risk of losing their homes. These are men and women who have served our country. The hot meal program which served more than 8,500 meals to the hungry and the homeless in the South and Southwest areas is now a carryout program serving about 5,200 individuals. Many of those served are our neighbors. In addition to those served above, 48 families, 84 individuals from Oak Lawn and the surrounding area have received direct emergency assistance throughout the year.

I have a story typical of the situations that seem to surface at Catholic Charities on a regular basis. Around Christmas on one of our coldest days, a 92 year old woman called. She said her water heater had broken. Staff had the water heater checked out. It could not be repaired so Catholic Charities had the water heater replaced. Going through the winter without hot water would have been unbearable. Think of your morning shower!

The Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities is on the weekend of May 13-14. Those of you who get Church donation envelopes in the mail will find a special envelope for Catholic Charities. Those who attend weekend Masses at St. Germaine can take one of the white envelopes that you will find at the three exits. Please help us fight hunger and homelessness in the South and Southwest area by donating to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection.

Catholic Charities is the Catholic Church at its very best.



MASS INTENTIONS**Mon, May 8-Easter Weekday**

8:30AM Mass:
Rose Perfetti, Stas Maciasz

Tues, May 9-Easter Weekday

8:30AM Mass:
Maria Korniejczuk, Mary Murphy

Wed, May 10—St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster

7:00AM Mass: August Perfetti, Jim Shea
8:30AM Communion Service: Marion Kruckert

Thurs, May 11-Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Mass:
Dennis Jachera, Marian Haney

Friday, May 12—Sts. Nereus & Achilleus

8:30 AM Mass:
Bill Dunne

Sat, May 13— Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 AM: John & Peg Gibbons, Stas Maciasz
4:00 PM: Liz & Dolores Pender, Jim Sullivan,
William R. Dunne, Lorraine Haines

Sun., May 14—6th Sun. of Easter/Mother's Day

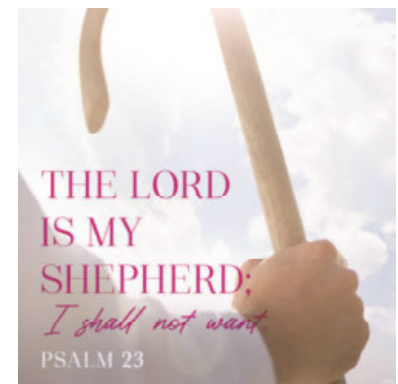
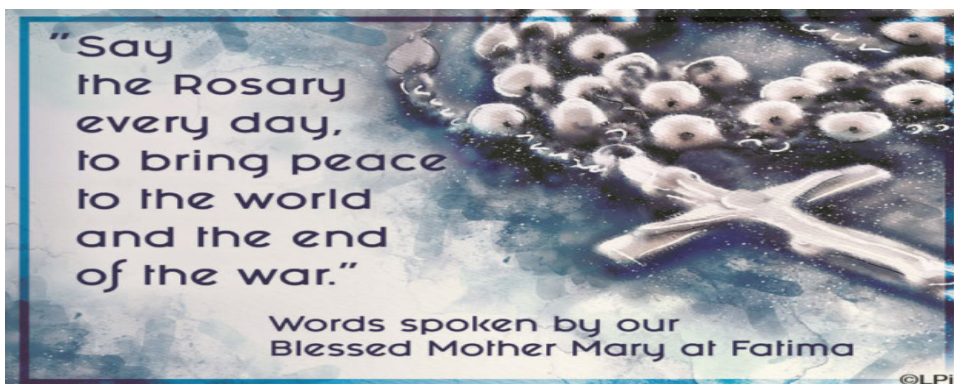
7:30AM— All Mother's in Our Lady at St. Germaine
9:30AM—Kathleen McNulty, Nora & Theresa Shea,
Jean Foley, Bridget Henehan, Ester & Ray
Ristow
11:30AM—Elizabeth Hedderman, Karen Hedderman,
Matt Earley, Nancy Harmening

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Jaydon Ciciora

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

David Akai, Baby Leo Baker, Michael Barry,
Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky,
Catherine Cotter Brady, Diane Cernivivo, Pat Cesak,
Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly,
Ann Contorno, Elizabeth Czajka, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo,
Marie Dillon, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige
Epstein, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki,
Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl
Goworowski, Peg Hansen, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie
Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones,
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Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Stas Maciasz, Rita
Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda
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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, Casey Wiedenski,
Adrienne Wild, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

**Ministers' Schedule for May 13 & 14, 2023**

	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	B. Zakes	K. Kettelson	G. Walker	S. Chimera
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Zakes K. Mikutis	K. Kobiernicki L. Stawczyk	G. Pacetti D. Mayo	J. Maughan G. Maughan
Altar Servers	A. Kondrisack M. Kondrisack		J. Akroush L. McNulty	E. Kearns C. Kearns

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, “**You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...**” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir



Mary's Rosary Tuesday, May 16th 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



The Adoration Chapel is in Need of Adorers

If you can help, please call Fran
at 708-567-6119 or email barba6@att.net



*"Come to me, all of you
who are weary and
loaded down with burdens,
and I will give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28

CAN YOU HELP??

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Please call Volunteer Services at 708-229-5280 for more information about becoming a volunteer.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

The officers of the Women's Club would like to thank everyone who has already renewed their membership. We will be hosting our final meeting of the season with a **"Pot Luck Dinner" on Monday, June 12th** in Goedert Hall at 6:00pm. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

We would like to thank members Elaine, Ellen, Gail, Sue and Carol from Luscious Creations for their dedication to work and baking. Finally, Thank You to all our parishioners who supported our Bake Sales.

2023 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.

Liturgical Life



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."
- Jn 14:2-3

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

April 30, 2023

Sunday:	\$8,251.72
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$3,322.50
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$11,574.22
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$35.00
Food Baskets:	\$200.00
Easter Sunday (thus far):	\$49,799.50
Catholic Charities:	\$70.00
Good Friday (give central):	\$40.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope #381 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$447.50** 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!

MONEY MATTER TIP:

Use a pen that contains indelible black gel ink to write your checks. This type of ink cannot be washed away. Avoid regular blue ink or black ink pens. These contain dye-based ink that can easily be washed away.

**FLOWER SALE PICK UP
THURSDAY, MAY 11th
12:00pm—3:00pm**



Thank you to the **283** donors who have started off our ***Raise the Roof*** campaign pledging **\$394,180.23!**

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?

FOOD PANTRY

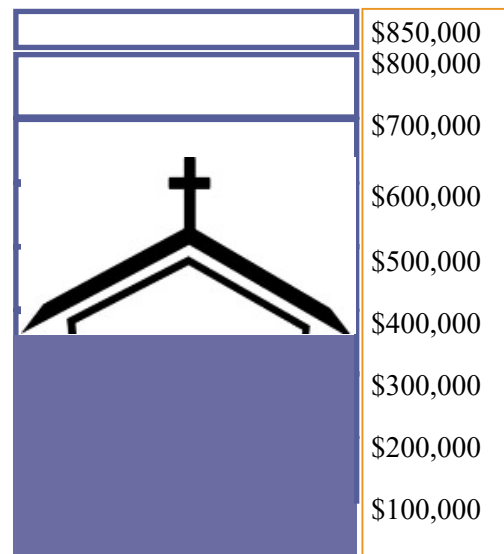
Needed this month....

Pasta-Roni, Rice-a-Roni,
Pasta, Soup, Ramen, Pasta
Sauce, Canned Fruit, Stew,
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Cleaning
Supplies and Gift Cards



We Appreciate You!!

**THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS
HELPING US HELP OTHERS**



CARNIVAL NEEDS YOU!

September 28-October 1, 2023

*We are looking for volunteers for
committees..... Can you help?
Call 636-5060*



Big THANKS

to the Knights of Columbus for cooking
breakfast for the Religious Education
Families at their final class of the year this
past Sunday!

GIRLS BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS COMING NEXT WEEK!

All girls entering 3rd –8th Grade in
School or Religious Education are
invited to sign up.

More details com-
ing soon.



PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color
in all the pictures.



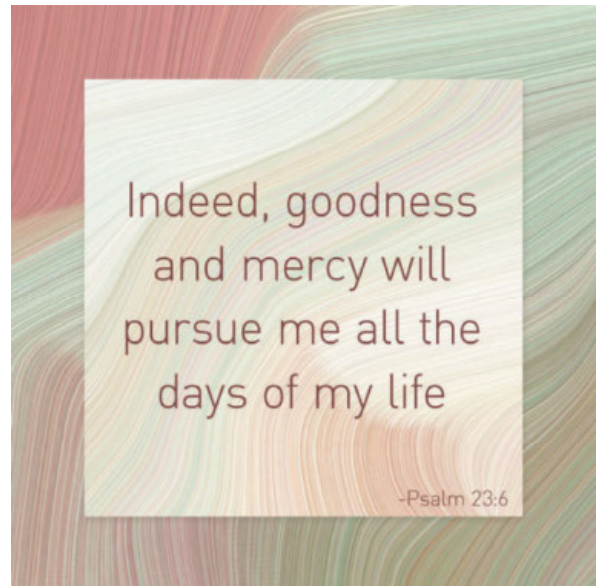
MISSION

I will bury my worry rocks because God has
everything under his control.



DRAW

Draw a worry rock, a pretend rock on which you
put your worries. Some people throw a real worry
rock into a lake. Take your pretend rock and put it
in the offertory basket to show you are giving your
worries to God.



Germazing Race Update

Hi All!

We have been getting a lot of messages asking about the The Germazing Race 5K Race/Walk.

Yes! We will be having a race, but we are still working on a date. The committee is currently working with the Village of Oak Lawn on potential fall dates.

Stay tuned for the most up to date information!



BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs
eternal

DONATE
BLOOD

Thursday
May

11

2:45 AM – 7:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.



Our Lady of St. Germaine Parish & Community Blood Drive

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ACTIVE SENIOR EXPO

All Seniors are invited to attend Active Senior Expo at no charge (Regular Admission \$2.00). The event will be held on

**Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 at
Chicago Gaelic Park,
6119 W. 147th Street**

Active Senior Expo features hundreds of products and services for seniors, free seminars, free health screenings, free musical entertainment and free door prizes. Show hours are 9:30 to 2:00pm and parking is free.

Simply present this bulletin or photocopy at the door and you and all members of your party will be admitted free of charge.



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Pathlights (formerly PLOWS Council on Aging) is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to homebound older adults. Ideally, you will commit to delivering meals one morning a week, (9-11am) from our offices in Palos Heights, to Palos & Orland Townships. You'll need your own car, a valid driver's license, and auto insurance. A small stipend offsets driving expenses. Must pass a criminal background check.

Flexible arrangements, pairs welcome. Email Don at darneberg@pathlights.org. Learn more about us at www.pathlights.org.

Blessed are they
who have not
seen me, but still

BELIEVE



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Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ 2:30pm

Website: 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

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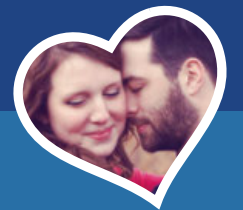
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