

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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



John Akroush	Alexander Iniguez	Patrick Ruzich
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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

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

This is Father George, writing this column in the place of Father Tom, this weekend. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, I have news for you. I am retiring from an active ministry after 44 years of priestly life. The time of rest and relaxation has come. I have served here at St. Germaine for the last seven years. That seems to be a record. No associate has lasted that long. These years have been fruitful, fulfilling and happy. Lots of things have happened in the past seven years. Former pastor Father Mike Furlan retired three years ago, new pastor Father Tom Cabala has come aboard after the merging of Our Lady of Loretto with St. Germaine, I moved out of the rectory which was sold to help finance the fixing of our church roof, COVID-19 partially paralyzed the parish, a new capital campaign for the various structural needs of our parish has started, a new principal is getting ready to take charge of our school on July 1st, replacing Mr. Kevin Reedy after decades of service and there are many more changes to come. What is important to observe is that amidst all these happenings Our Lady at Saint Germaine has stood strong. I am happy and proud of you all.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday as I announce officially my retirement, it is good to have an evaluation. Have I been a good Shepherd to you? You are the judge. A good Shepherd has four qualities- he knows each one of the sheep, he walks in front of them, he leads them to green pastures, he defends and protects his sheep. Have I fulfilled these characteristics? You decide. A good Shepherd knows the way, shows the way and goes the way. Have I been doing this? You are the judge and the jury.

Finally, I want to acknowledge before you that I have tried my very best to be a good Shepherd for you. I've had my own failings and setbacks. I hope you will forgive me. I am immensely grateful to each and everyone of you for your love and appreciation and occasional correction. I take everything well. If one of you has been touched by my words, if one of you has been converted to the Lord, if one of you has been healed by my touch, I am content and happy. God bless you all.

With much love and gratitude,
Father George

Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God, as our mothers give life and nourishment to us their children,
so watch over all our mothers nourishing them with your life and love.
Bless them that they may be strengthened in your joy, peace, and love.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth from their hearts.
Grant that we their children may honor them always with a spirit of
profound respect and love them as they love us.

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr. George Retirement Celebration

In gratitude for his years of service and ministry to our parish we will come together to thank Fr. George Velloorattil, to celebrate his retirement.

Please join Fr. George next weekend May 14-15, 2022 after all masses. Although he won't officially retire until the end of June, this is the best weekend to celebrate him.



Please join us for light refreshments after all masses next weekend, in the Sheridan Room and Narthex.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 9-Easter Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass:
Mary Murphy, Shawn Wendling

Tuesday, May 10–St. Damien de Veuster
August Perfetti**Wednesday, May 11– Easter Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass :
Gene Vincent, Dennis Jachera

Thurs, May 12–Sts Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras

8:30 AM Mass:
Kenny Picard

Friday, May 13-Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 AM Mass:
George & Antoinette Czanko, Timothy Watt

Saturday, May 14– St. Matthias

8:30 AM Mass: Jack & Loretta Hennessy
4:00 PM– Frank T. Rogers, Daniel Bouton,
George Albarran, Sharon Salustro

Sunday, May 15– 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30AM– Ed Heilman & R. Bohrne
9:30AM– Anthony Fredericks, Pat Ward
11:30AM–Kendall Truax, Susan McGrath,
Cecelia Ebokam, Richard Bukowski

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, 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 14-15, 2022

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
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 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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.



Women's Club News-May Crowning & Mary Jane Farrell Scholarship

On May 8th at the 9:30 mass, there will be the Parish May Crowning and the Women's club will be presenting 2 winners each with \$500.00 from the Mary Jane Farrell Scholarship Fund.

Eight graders from School and Religious Education and Formation were given the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was chosen on their essay on school and community service and will be attending Catholic high school.

We thank all the students who submitted essays and commend you all for all that you do.

Congratulations to our winners; **Grace Zolna** (attending Mother McAuley in the Fall) and **Owen Hayes** (attending Brother Rice in the Fall)

We invite you to join us for refreshments and hospitality after the mass in the Sheridan Room. Please come and congratulate these outstanding students.



Catholic Charities HELP THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

On one of our coldest February days this year, a principal from one of our local elementary schools called Catholic Charities regional office about a family: a woman with two little boys who told the principal that she is homeless and living in a car. The boys had no coats or shoes. The 6-year-old was dressed in pajama pants and a sleeveless top. This family had nothing except the clothes on their backs. The woman would not say; however staff believed the woman had escaped from a domestic violence situation. She needed temporary shelter along with clothing and other essentials for her children and her. Catholic Charities staff did an immediate assessment, provided the woman and her children with clothes and put the family up in a hotel for several weeks until a spot opened in the New Hope Apartments. The family is now in one of the New Hope apartments and receiving case management services to help her to become independent in the near future.



Mothers
support us through
every season
of our lives.
Please support
them through every
season of theirs.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
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Every day Catholic Charities receives calls such as this looking for help.

The Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities is this weekend, May 7-8. 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 tan envelopes that you will find at the three exits. Or use your own envelope and identify Catholic Charities on the outside. 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

MAY 1, 2022

Sunday:	\$8,991.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,260.50
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$11,251.50
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$35.00
Easter:	\$1,115.00
Good Friday:	\$5.00
Easter Flowers:	\$5.00
Food Baskets:	\$225.00
Holy Thursday:	\$5.00
Aid to Education:	\$25.00
Mothers Day Collection :	\$175.00
Ascension:	\$81.00

*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 15th. Thank you!!

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

\$10 per ticket



FOOD PANTRY

The Food pantry needs this week:

Jelly
Cereal
Toilet paper
Laundry Detergent

Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope #1225 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$2,077.50** will be added to next weeks pot.

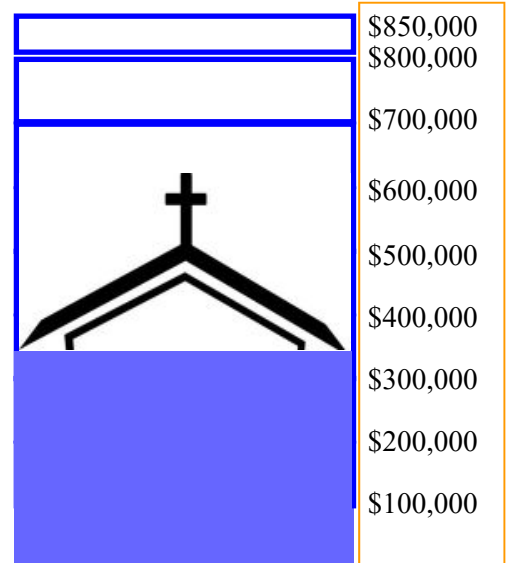
Don't forget to put your regular Sunday envelope and your orange envelope in for your chance to win!

Good Luck!

Thank you to the **246** donors who have started off our **Raise the Roof** campaign pledging **\$347,384.00!**

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....

Religious Education and Formation Registration is Open!

If you would like to register for the 2022-2023 REF Program, please email 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 2-3

Please contact Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or Parish Center 708-636-5060

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 Thursday

It took me awhile to make the commitment and during my discernment period I substituted and visited at random times. It's been years since I became an adorer, and I can't say enough about how my life has changed. That one hour each week is the most special of my week. Most days I say a Rosary and do some spiritual reading. Other days I just sit quietly and spend time with the Lord. There is no special requirement on how to spend your time. I suggest you give it a try. It's bound to change your mind and ultimately your life.

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

Gives me an hour to spend in quiet reflection thinking about God in my life & to pray.
Mary Bernice Lora

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 8th grade?

*Did you know we offer basketball and volleyball for girls and boys 3rd through 8th grade?

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

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



If your child(ren) would like to play a sport, please email 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 224-343-9159



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each week**

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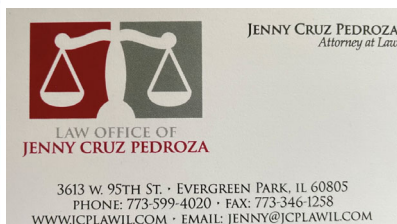
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*Our Lady at St. Germaine
Men's Club*



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