Our Lady at St. Germaine

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October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time









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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

At my wedding rehearsals, I always ask the bride and groom, "who are you trusting with the rings?" The answer almost always comes back, "the best man," is entrusted with the rings. But, on one occasion the bride told me, "The maid of honor, my sister. I don't trust the best man." The next day the wedding was delayed for about thirty or forty minutes, while the bridal party searched for the misplaced rings.

God has invited us to the banquet of eternal life and invites us to a foretaste of that banquet each weekend. He has also given us the gift of free will to accept or reject the invitation. He affords us every opportunity to accept the invitation; He does not let us decline very easily with all sorts of unacceptable, petty excuses. God doesn't easily accept our rejection. That is why he sent his Son among us, to personally invite us to the Eucharistic banquet and to the banquet in the kingdom of heaven.

But God also expects us to be properly clothed for the banquet. Recently, I dined at a very fine restaurant, linen table clothes, waiters in tuxedos, and all the fancy trappings. Sitting across from us, there was a table of eight wearing blue jeans and baseball caps; they weren't even Cubs or Sox caps. And so, my host asked for a change of tables.

The garment the Lord asks us to wear at the banquet that He is hosting is an open heart that trusts in His Son, Jesus, who nourishes with love, clothes us in peace, and quenches our thirsts for happiness.

Sincerely,

Row. Phomos S. Cabala



Mary's Rosary

Tuesday, Oct 17th at 7:00pm

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

There will not be any Taize prayer in November. The next Taize prayer will be December 6 at 6pm



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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Oct 16-Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:30AM Mass:

Richard Chruszczyk, John Flanagan, Helen "Marie" & Eugene Fadden

Tuesday, October 17-St. Ignatius of Antioch 8:30AM Mass:

Rita & Tom Moran, Lorraine Flanagan

Wednesday, October 18-St. Luke Evangelist

7:00AM Mass: Our Parish Family 8:30AM Communion Service:

Thursday, October 19-Sts. John DeBrebeuf & **Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 AM Mass:

Joseph & Joan Okon

Friday, October 20-St. Paul of the Cross

8:30 AM Mass:

Ronald Alitto, Carolyn Cizek, Brian Couglin, Rita & Tom Moran, The Novak, Joniak, Maeder, Zwolinski & Wideikis Families

Saturday, October 21-Weekday

8:30 AM: Stas Maciasz (Health & healing) 4:00 PM: Helen "Marie" & Eugene Fadden, Carol Lynn Rimovsky, Lisa Madden, Howard Medici, Shirley Rowley

Sun, Oct. 22–29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM- Esther & Ray Ristow, Larry Kettelson 9:30AM-Charles J. Moscato, Colette Moscato 11:30AM-Gennaro Corrado, Linda O'Brien,

Deacon Jack Malone

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Raymond D. Lynch Eileen Pierucci Sharon Hogan-Waldeck

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

David Akai, Kathe Anhalt, Michael Anhalt, Patricia Aruldoss, Michael Barry, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Catherine Cotter Brady, Donna Burica, Diane Cernivivo, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Ann Contorno, Tom Coti, Elizabeth Czajka, Sue Daniels, Marie Dillon, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Patty Fadden, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Bill Geegan, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, 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, Charles Lee, Kim Lewis, Norman Lupescu, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Stas Maciasz, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, Dean Oieda, 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, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Georgie Stupay, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Charlene Thomson, Mary Ann Trop, Vickie Vertucci, Casey Wiedenski, Adrienne Wild, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32 Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41 Tuesday:

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/

Mt 22:15-21

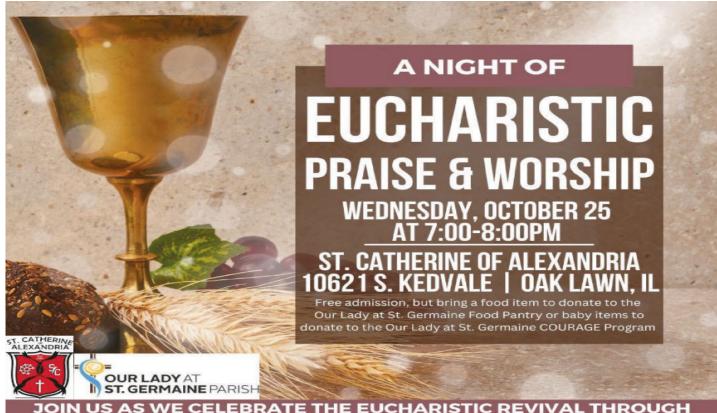
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND PROCLAIMERS....

We will be starting the next schedule ... Please send us any conflicts/preferences you may have for this schedule to jenstazak@yahoo.com. If you are interested in becoming

a Éucharistic minister or

proclaimer, please reach out!

Ministers' Schedule for October 14 & 15, 2023				
	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	J. Pender	B. Jordan	E. McDermott	M. Maslanka
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Mikutis H. Reinheimer	L. Stawczyk K. Kobiernicki	S. Rosenbaum S. Rosenbaum	J. Maughan G. Maughan
Altar Servers				



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Attention Proclaimers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

We will begin the fall/winter schedule soon. Please email jenstazak@yahoo.com with any conflicts or preferences.

Thank you for all you do!

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Office of Assistance Ministry

12TH ANNUAL MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

"If one member suffers, all suffer together." —1 Cor. 12:26

Join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have been victims of clergy sexual abuse.

Saturday, October 21, 2023 10 a.m.

Church of the Holy Family 1080 West Roosevelt Road Chicago, IL 60608

Bishop Kevin Birmingham will be the main celebrant and homilist of this special Mass, an opportunity for victim-survivors to find a safe space where they can feel supported and loved.

Please join us as we pray with victim-survivors and their families to seek hope and healing.

If you or a loved one needs support related to the reporting of clergy sexual abuse, please contact the Assistance Ministry at 312.534.3380 or mflores@archchicago.org

There's hope for healing

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

October 8, 2023

Sunday: \$7,947.70

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,365.00

SUNDAY TOTAL: \$10,312.70

*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

Food Pantry \$145.00

Seminary: \$20.00

Aid to Education: \$158.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Looking for someone with the love of the Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration willing to help Coordinate the Adoration Chapel located here at Our Lady at St Germaine. This Adoration Chapel has been located in our church's "Cry Room" for the last 22 years. Open for adoration on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Some of the responsibilities :

- * Encourage and promote adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish
- * Develop and maintain a schedule for adoration.
- * Ensure that Person(s) are present during the hours of adoration-and arrange adorers when there is a need for substitute.
- * Arrange for set-up of candles, statues, monstrance and linens for adoration on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- * Address other matters, as they arise regarding the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

If you would be interested in helping with this ministry please call Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or Jen at Parish Center 708-636-5060

Split The Pot Drawing

Last week envelope #137 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$1,442.50 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, Mac n cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta-Roni, Rice-a-Roni, Pasta, Soup, Ramen, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Chili, Stew, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Crackers, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Cleaning Supplies, Halloween candy and Gift Cards

We Appreciate You!! THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING US HELP OTHERS

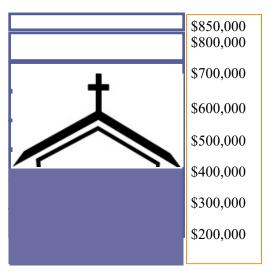


Thank you to the **295** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$410,416.67!

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?



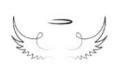
Timmy's Angels

It's starting to get colder and Timmy's Angels is having their annual coat drive. We need new or gently used coats for men and women. We have had families reach out



for coats for their kids this year. We will take very gently used and very good condition coats for children. We prefer new coats for kids if possible. Any colors, all sizes, boys and girls. We will have a box at church to drop off coats. All coats must be put in plastic bags. The coat drive will run from now until November 25th.

You can also drop off at Hometown Co-op office 4704 W. 87th Pl. in Hometown or at my house 8747 S. Cicero, Hometown.



If you are a family in need or know a family in need please reach out to Sue Byrne. Call or text me at 708-209-7419 with any questions. Timmy's Angels thanks you all for your support. We couldn't do what we do without you. Thank you. Stay well and God Bless.

How Witnessing Domestic Violence Affects Children.



Preschoolers who witness domestic violence may revert to the habits of younger children: thumb sucking, bedwetting, increased crying, and whining.

School-aged children can develop anti-social traits, struggle with guilt over the abuse witnessed and take on the blame for the abuse their parent deals with. Domestic violence has the ability to cause post-traumatic stress disorder in children that are raised around it.

The trauma of domestic violence is enough to cause dangerous changes in the developing brains of children, including nightmares, changes in sleep patterns, anger, irritability, difficulty concentrating.

Routinely witnessing domestic violence places children at a high risk of developing depression, sadness, concentration issues into adulthood. In some instances, children that live in abusive households are also likely to fall victim to this treatment themselves.

Source: www.verywellmind.com

If you are a victim of domestic violence and in immediate danger, call 911.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, help is available by contacting the 24/7 emergency hotlines at either one of these community agencies:

Crisis Center of South Suburbia 708-429-7233

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Pillar Community Health 708-429-7233 All services are confidential and free.

For more information about the Our Lady of St. Germaine/St. Catherine Domestic Violence Ministry contact John Chesniak 708-793-9544 or Lourdes Diaz 708-793-9545.





Bring your pictures of your loved ones to place on the ofrenda in the narthex of Church. Pictures will stay up for the month.

MAY WE ALWAYS CHERISH THEIR MEMORIES AND KEEP THEM ALIVE IN OUR HEARTS

Please label picture with name and phone # or write "do not return" on back





SAVE THE DATES

October 22– Men's Club Mass 9:30am October 28/29– Women's Club Bake Sale



Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:

St. Germaine FSA

When:

October 26, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL?



7th grade students helping their 1st grade buddies work on a Halloween art project.



GERMANIACS



They have started off the school year headed in the right direction. Congrats to our September Germainiacs of the Year!

5TH GRADE SCIENCE

The fifth graders observed conservation of mass in matter during our science inquiry today.

Things got slimy!!



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Thank you to
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school for
sending our
faculty and
staff a delicious
breakfast.
We so enjoyed
the picture of
our alumni.
Go Redhawks!



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Have you Joined yet?

There is still time to Join the St. Germaine 500 Club!

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We are looking for people to contribute \$500.00 annually for 5 years. If you cannot commit to \$500.00 annually for 5 years but can contribute a lesser amount and/or a shorter time frame, we still gladly welcome your generosity.

Pledge cards, available below, are also available in the church, school office or Parish Center.



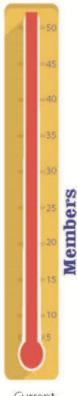
You can donate by check or through our on-line payment portal 'Give Central' which allows you to have automatic payments set up through your credit card or bank account. And if you are donating via credit card, Give Central also has an option to pay the processing fees to maximize your donation!



It is very important that you understand that

100% of the donations to The St. Germaine 500 Club go directly to the educational ministries of St. Germaine. The Archdiocese of Chicago WILL NOT receive any of the proceeds from this campaign.

Your donation is also a federal tax deduction as a 501(c)(3) contribution.



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www.StGermaineSchool.com/500-club

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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 9-7pm, Thursdays 9-7pm

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 Joe Gonzalez Frank Mamolella Amy Condon Philip O'Rourke

Marianne Powers Sr. Regina DeVitto CND

Dan Arens

Casey Wiedenski (636-6647)

Nancy Dunne

Molly O'Grady (636-8001)

Jen Stazak **Bulletin Editor**

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