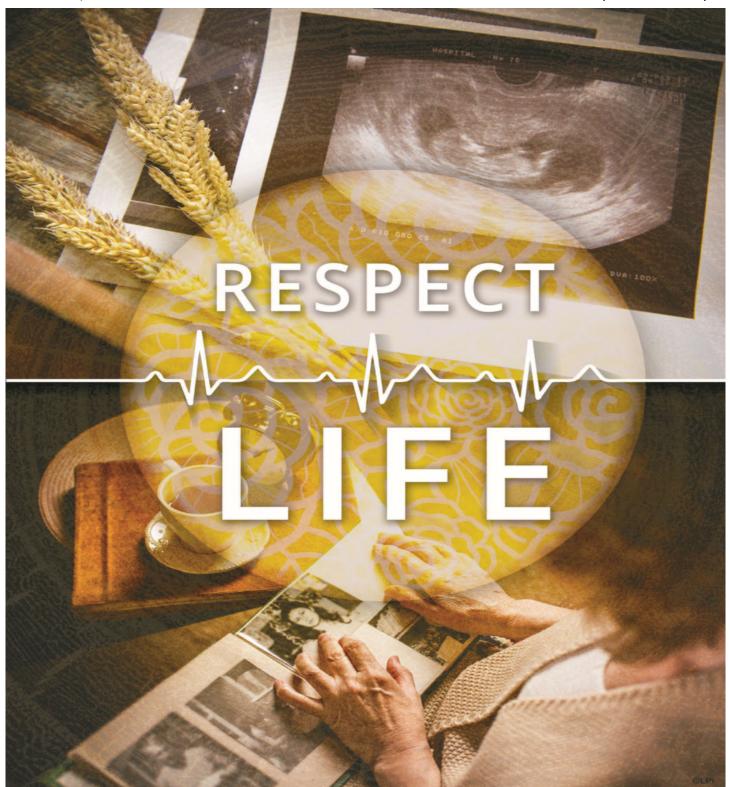
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October 1, 2023 Respect Life Sunday





A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

It's never too late to change your mind or your attitude, as seen in today's Gospel story. Even though the son at first said no to his father's request to work in the field, he later went out to do the work. On the other hand, the son who said yes immediately to work in the field never acted on his promise.

Sometimes changing one's mind, feelings or attitudes requires us humbly admitting we were wrong, selfish, indifferent, or uncaring. Sometimes, even though we know that we are wrong, we stubbornly refuse to change our attitudes or ways of behaving. People may plead with us, beg us, and reason with us; but, we refuse to be open minded or hearted.

Even God, as seen in the Old Testament, relented and listened to the prayers and pleadings of Moses, Abraham, and the prophets. And of course, he listened to the voice and prayers of his Son, our Savior. God acted and freed us from sin and eternal death through Christ's willingness to die for us on the Cross.

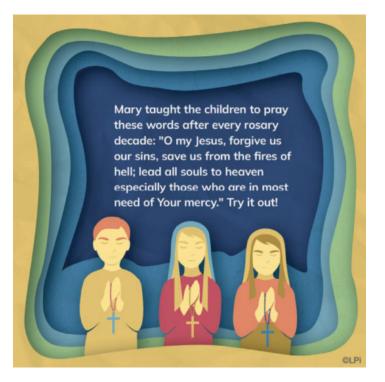
We should never be afraid to change our minds when we realize we may have been wrong, selfish, or indifferent. We should never be afraid to act and respond to the pleadings of those around us.

Sincerely,

Bar. Phomos S. Cabala



Taize Prayer will take place on Wednesday, October 11 at 6pm.
All are welcome.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their donation of Rosaries for all children in the School and Religious Education Programs.

The children will be taught to pray the Rosary this month.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 2-Holy Guardian Angels

8:30AM Mass:

Lynn Kelly, Gemma & Joseph Bowes, Jose Osorio

Tuesday, October 3-Weekday

8:30AM Mass:

Ron & Louise (25th Wedding Aniv.)

Wednesday, October 4-St. Francis of Assisi

7:00AM Mass: Francis Jana, Fadden Family,

Stanley & Regina Pacholski, James Kelly

8:30AM Communion Service:

Thursday, October 5-St. Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

8:30 AM Mass:

Bill Dunne, Eileen Hatherly

Friday, October 6-St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

8:30 AM Mass:

Deacon Jack Malone, Jim & Sally Links

Saturday, October 7–Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 AM: Deacon Jack Malone

4:00 PM: Shea Family, Jean Foley, Helen "Marie" & Eugene Fadden, Jack Waite

Sun, Oct. 8–27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM— Donna, Mary & John Forbes, Deacon Jack Malone, Alice & William Munno, Gerald O'Hare 9:30AM—John & Arlene Brdecka, Deacon Jack Malone, Anna & Josef Winter, David Henehan 11:30AM—Richard J. Finn, Rocco Corrado, Stas Maciasz(helaing)

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Elias "Larry" Kettelson

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, 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, Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Stas Maciasz, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, Dean Ojeda, 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 1, 2023

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-

5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah

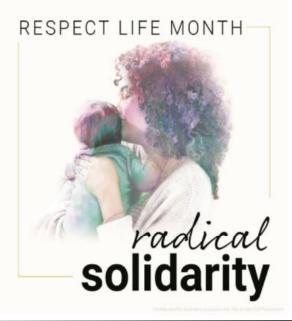
5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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 Eucharistic minister or proclaimer, please reach out!

Ministers' Schedule for October 7 & 8, 2023 **SAT 4:00 PM SUN 7:30 AM SUN 9:30 AM SUN 11:30 AM** Proclaimer K. Kleczkowski **B. Zakes** J. Antos S. Chimera Eucharistic **B. Zakes** K. Kobiernicki S. Rosenbaum G. Maughan Ministers M. Dwyer G. Pacetti J. Maughan Altar Servers



Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

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Many victims of domestic violence ask:

"What did I do wrong?

Why is my marriage not working?

I'm afraid for my children.

Why does God not answer my prayers?

I have no one who understands or who will help me.

If I am more patient and understanding, things might work out.

But I have done all that and nothing changes.

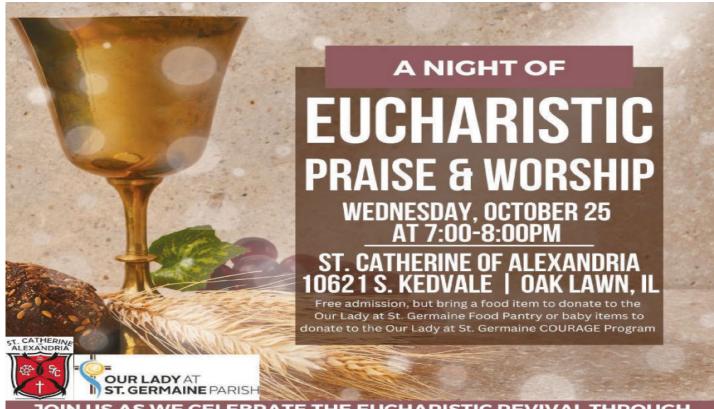
Maybe I just need to try harder."

If you have had these thoughts, you are not alone. Find professional assistance by calling the Crisis Center of South Suburbia 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 708-429-7233. Your call will be answered by a Crisis Intervention Specialist who will connect you with the services you need. Services are free and confidential. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

For information about the Our Lady at St. Germaine/St. Catherine Domestic Violence Ministry, contact John Chesniak 708-793-9545 or Lourdes Diaz 708-738-2884.

Excerpt from the booklet, *You Are Not Alone, God is With You* by Father Charles W. Dahm, O.P. and Patricia Broderick





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"Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for me." The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary and is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady. Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.



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12TH ANNUAL MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

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

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.

September 24, 2023

Sunday: \$7,885.51

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,403.00

SUNDAY TOTAL: \$10,288.51

*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

Food Pantry \$105.00

Seminary: \$129.00

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Adoration Chapel is open during the following days and times:

Tuesdays 9am-6pm Wednesdays 9am-7pm Thursdays 9am-7pm

If you are interested in volunteering to be an adorer, please call

Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or the Parish Center 708-636-5060.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Raffle.

Congrats to the winners....

Henry S. - \$10,000

Maria N. - \$2,000

Ronald D. - \$1,000

C.S.—Seller prize -\$500

Split The Pot Drawing

Last week envelope #1038 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$462.50 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

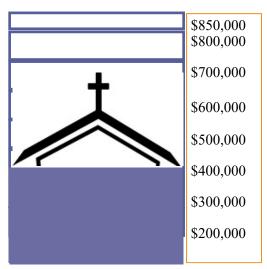


Thank you to the **294** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$410,235.67!

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?



HAVE YOU TRIED THE MANNA PROGRAM?

The Manna Program is one of the school's most successful fundraisers. Families that participate purchase gift cards from local vendors who rebate a portion of the purchase price to the school. For example, if a family purchases a \$100 Jewel card, they receive the full \$100. Jewel rebates about 4% to the school (\$4.00). So that rebate of 4% then gets split between the school and the family. That can be used for tuition for School, Religious



Education or high school tuition. Even if you try using it for groceries and gas, it would help out! The beauty of the program is that is provides "free money" from sources outside of the parish with no extra expenses to anyone. During the 2022-2023 school year, the total rebates from all vendors was \$25,860.00.

Manna certificates are sold weekdays in the school office. The program is open to everyone in the parish and provides a huge support to the school budget. For more information, contact the school office at 708-425-6063.

There is a Manna order form on the website that you can fill out, drop and church with a check and schedule a pick up.

"Education isn't something you can finish."

~Isaac Asímov

Renaissance Chicago NFP at St. Xavier University invites those 55+ to continue learning, sharing, and enjoying life.

There will be 6-week terms in fall, winter and spring, first starting October 10. Classes are held in the afternoon at SXU on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on Zoom on Wednesdays.

Some fall topics include: Women Athletes; Happiness; News & Views; Birds; Artificial Intelligence; Life in the 21st Century; Saul Alinsky; Short Stories; The Novels You Weren't Ready for in High School; and Sam Adams—Revolutionary.

For a fee of \$180 per year, members can take 1-3 courses per term, enjoy luncheons in winter and spring, have access to some SXU spots (including the track on T and Tr), and attend two Speakers' Forums with noted presenters.

Registration will be held online from September 8-15.

For more information:

www.renaissancechgo.org



SAVE THE DATES

October 5- Men's Club Meeting/Bears game
October 8 Flu Shots cancelled!!

October 11- Taize

October 13th–8th Grade Girls basketball Pack the House

October 15– 2nd & 8th Grade Family Mass 11:30am October 22– Men's Club Mass 9:30am October 28/29– Women's Club Bake Sale

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For all Parents or Parishioners who would like to Volunteer within the Church, School or Parish *(including coaches)* in the upcoming year, please contact the Site Administrator, Melissa Barba.

Please provide your name, phone number or email, and what position you are hoping to do as a volunteer within our school or parish.

Any questions or concerns please email mbarba@archchicago.org or call the Parish Center at 708-636-5060

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Thank you to all the parents and students from our younger grades that came out to mingle at Andy's Ice Cream!



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Book Club is officially
IN! We started off our
fall session with a
great conversation
about technology and
the effect social media
has on us, as well as
the impact a little note
can have on us.
We can't wait to dive
into the text & dissect
the world contained
within the pages

GERMAZING ALUMNI

Congratulations to JD Gamboa ('20) for receiving the Brother Rice Alumni Association's 2023 Junior of the Year Award!

We would also like to congratulate Gator LaMantia ('20) who was one of the top five finalist. (right)

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Wednesday, Oct. 18 6:30-7:30 p.m.



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Take a lantern-lit evening stroll through our local cemetery, learning about notable people laid to rest there.

> Saturday, Oct. 28 6-7:30 p.m. 11333 S Central Ave

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Come and enjoy an outdoor storytime and activities with other friendly families!

Monday, Oct. 9 10-11 a.m. 9610 E Shore Drive



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Spooky science stations await kids ages 4 and up! Get into the Halloween spirit with cool experiments.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 6:30-7:30 p.m.



ALL-LIBRARY HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT!

Get your costumes ready! Come play Halloween games, grab a seat for a kid-friendly movie, and bring a bag for candy!

> Sunday, Oct. 22 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



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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.

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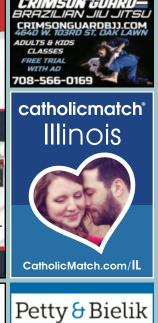
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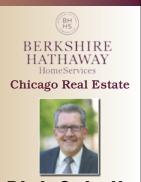
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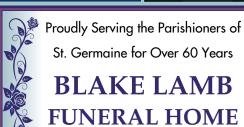
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