

# *Our Lady at St. Germaine*

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February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

*Be faithful to  
the Gospel*



# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

Where are you? I've called and called and called and you don't answer your phone? That's because I have caller id. I keep sending you text messages and even e-mails and you don't respond to either. That's because I have your e-mails sent directly to junk mail. I tweeted you and you don't respond. That's because I don't understand, like, or use those forms of communications. I would rather talk to you face to face; and, I don't mean through facebook. I have a more extensive vocabulary than "like or dislike."

We all look forward to the end of this pandemic and the day we can remove from our vocabulary the word zoom, teams, or hybrid learning.

As we progress during these days of Lent, when God calls to us, as he called to Abraham, can we say that we readily reply, "Here I am!" Or do we put off the voice of God when he calls to us? Do we avoid listening to him when he calls out to us through the weak, the poor, and the needy, those treated unjustly? Do we avoid reading God's message, the Scriptures, because we will discover something about ourselves that makes us uncomfortable? Do we avoid God when he calls to us, because we are being challenged to grow toward holiness, to change our hearts, or to make a great sacrifice?

Each Lent God says to us through Jesus, "Here I am," let me help you hear my voice, a voice of compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and love. May we not only hear God's voice through Jesus; may we also become that voice.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Tom Cabala

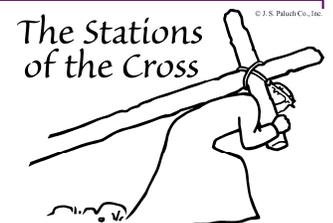
## Lenten Regulations



Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays, in Church at 5:00pm.

Face masks and social distance are required.



*We want to thank the Covid Team for their untiring, selfless dedication to our parish this past year.*

*Your caring efforts in keeping our church safe and open have made you an extended family to us all.*

## 2021 A NEW LENT/BELIEVE, BELONG, BECOME

The definition of insanity ~doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” This year we get to break that cycle. You already know that Ash Wednesday was different. I heard a little boy coming back from receiving ashes with his mom ask, “why does everyone have plus signs on their foreheads?” The honesty of children! This year instead of seeing smudges that don’t always look like plus signs, or even crosses for that matter, there was much more detail because of the Q-tip. How would you answer that question for him?



As I minister with our Confirmation candidates this year via Zoom; we are all looking toward the future of our Church and what it means to them. What do we Believe? How do we Belong? How can we Become? Think of this in terms of our own Lenten Journey.

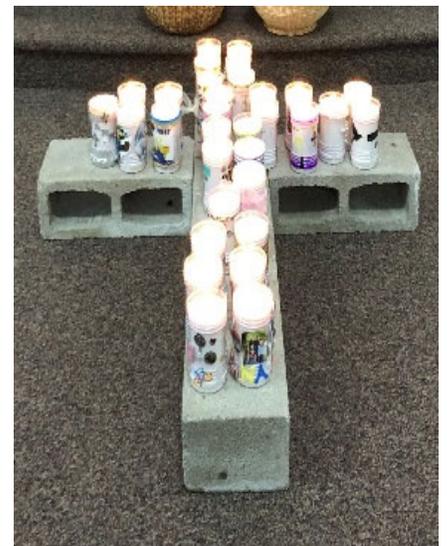
As we celebrate the Transfiguration this weekend, we see how excited and anxious Peter, James and John are about seeing Jesus transfigured before them in “dazzling white.” Having spent a few years with Jesus, they saw him almost every day. Here they saw him in a way they had never seen before. What we know of Jesus’ ministry, he often preached and taught about the Kingdom of God. However, it was at this moment in their time together that Peter, James and John saw Jesus with a new set of eyes. But they didn’t know what he meant when he talked about rising from the dead. What do they **believe** about him? About who he was and what he continually tried to teach them. What do we **believe** about him? About who he is and what he tries to teach us? This Lent we have an opportunity to encounter Christ through the lens of our experiences of isolation, illness, suffering, as well as learning how to manage a new reality. Yes a very different and difficult year for each of us. We can grow from our challenges. Through Christ we can see it all differently.



## *Children’s Faith Formation*

### FIRST RECONCILIATION:

This past week our children experienced the unconditional love of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Prior to coming forward to our priests they were all appropriately nervous. Watching the look of relief and peace as they walked away is a great reminder for all of us about the need for reconciliation in our own lives. What a gift it is to witness God’s grace flowing through our children. After saying their prayers with their families each one came forward to place their decorated candle on the cross in front of the altar. They truly are examples of Christ’s “light of the world” and will continue to be that bright light. Please pray for these children as they continue to prepare for the reception of the Eucharist in May.



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, March 1– Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Robert Tentler

**Tuesday, March 2– Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Big Jim Knight, Donald Caprio, William Noonan

**Wed, March 3– Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
The Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine

**Thurs, March 4–Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
William Noonan, Betty Dunne

**Friday, March 5– Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Rob Kretzchmar, Maureen Johnson

**Saturday, March 6– Lenten Weekday**

8:30AM– The Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine  
4:00PM –James, Nora & Theresa Shea,  
Lillian Smieszek, Jean Foley

**Sunday, March 7-Third Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM– William Noonan, Charles Hughes  
9:30AM– Florence Cesario, Edward Shilney,  
Leo Lopacinski (healing)  
11:30AM–Bernice Dlugopolski, Gene Randich,  
Genevieve K. Ksiazek

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Deceased members of the  
Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine

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

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, 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, Jan Gorman, Gerardo  
Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Eileen Graff, Lynn Groebe,  
Peg Hansen, Sherry Hardek-Cohem, Sue Heda,  
Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Betty Hedderman,  
Kaitlyn Hedderman, 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,  
Edward Mietz, Raimonda Miknius, 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, Audrey Schmitz,  
Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Ellie Smith,  
Joe Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero,  
Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Patty Tapia,  
Kimberly Thielen, Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop,  
Pat Walker, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

Sunday masses and the Rosary will continue to be available to watch from home via our website, [www.ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://www.ourladyatstgermaine.org), YouTube or on Facebook.

**RSVP**

*To make a reservation for weekend mass, please call 708-572-5222 or go to <https://bit.ly/reservemass> Please have name, number of attendees, and mass time ready when you call.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;Ps 138:1-3,7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

*2021 Mass book is open and has plenty of availability. Please call the office at 636-5060 x200 to request a mass.*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### February 21, 2021

Sunday:	\$8,356.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,230.00
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,586.00</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$643.00
Annual Catholic Appeal:	\$805.00
Food Baskets:	\$60.00
Aid to Education:	\$35.00

\*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

## Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope # 1394 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing.. The amount of \$440.00 will be added to next weeks pot.

Good luck!

## 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

### THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn't you listen to God when God speaks to you?

—Anonymous

### Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— Romans 8:31b



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**and bring hope to the world**

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal  
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## Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world,” was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com) or text “ACA2021” to 345345.

## HOW TO TALK TO YOUR TEEN

if she/he is in an Abusive Relationship

**ACCEPT** what they are telling you.

Acknowledge it takes courage to talk about it and that you are there for them going forward.

**ALLOW** them to make up their own mind.

Abuse is about power and control and making decisions for them disempowers them.

**DON'T PREVENT** them from seeing their bf/gf.

Controlling them could lead to them keeping secrets from you and ultimately continuing the cycle of abuse.

**DON'T POST INFO** about them online.

For their own safety, keep their whereabouts or activities off of social media.

**DON'T give up!**

Keep the lines of communication open and stay patient. You might be the only person they've confided in.



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## TDVAM

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month 2021

## February is Teen Domestic Violence

As February and Teen Domestic Violence Month comes to a close it is important to remind teens and their parents that Domestic Violence is found in teen dating relationships as well. As February and Teen Domestic Violence Month comes to a close it is important to remind teens and their parents that Domestic Violence is found in teen dating relationships as well adult dating and marriage. According to Love is Respect "Dating violence is more common than people think especially in teens and young adults: One in three teens in the United States will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults, and nearly half of college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behavior."

The importance of young adults sharing their abuse with trusted adults and peers is vitally important to securing help and safety to these victims. More information about dating violence is readily available on line from sources like Love is Respect. A simple search of teen domestic violence brings up a wealth of helpful information.

We have two great community partners who are available 24/7, 365 days a year to help victims of Teen and Adult Domestic Violence. If you are in a domestic violence relationship or need more information about what to do call the Pillars Community Service Hotline at 708-485-5254 or the Crisis Center of South Suburbia Hotline at 708-429-7233. In an emergency Dial 911 Immediately!

If you have any questions about Domestic Violence, including Teen Domestic Violence, or would like more information about the Our Lady of St. Germaine/St. Catherine Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry contact John Chesniak at 708-793-9545 or Mary Ellen Lynch at 708-423-5747.

Dear Parishioners,

**St. Germaine School** is sponsoring their annual **Spring Fannie May Candy Sale**. Some wonderful additions have been made for you to choose from. You may now select from the entire catalog for a wider variety. Extra full catalogs are available at the school office.

**Sale dates: February 1- March 1, 2021**

**Checks payable to St. Germaine School**

**All items save you 15% off retail store prices, plus**

**NO SALES TAX**

**Gift Cards are available!**

**All items need to be picked up on March 28, 2021 from 9 am- noon at St. Germaine Activity Center (gym)**

**NO home delivery this year**

For questions or more information please contact Carol 708-425-6063

Proceeds of this sale directly benefit our school.

We greatly appreciate your support.

St. Germaine School

*(order form is on next page)*



## OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH

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Parish Center Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ Noon

Website: [ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://ourladyatstgermaine.org)

Parish Office: 708-636-5060

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday—Saturday: 8:30 AM Mass

#### WEEKEND MASSES at ST. GERMAINE:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** St. Germaine Saturday from 2:30-3:30PM

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Closed Temporarily

#### 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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