Our Lady at St. Germaine

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September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time





A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

This past Thursday, September 14, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. And, as Catholics, we believe that our sharing in the Cross of Christ through our pains, sufferings, and illnesses is a part of the salvation history. While we do not fully understand when suffering comes into our lives; we do believe that our sharing in Christ's Cross draws us close to him in holiness and draws us closer to one another, for we all must take up our crosses as Christ tells us in today's Gospel passage; if we are to find ourselves and life with Christ.

Not every Christian religion believes in the life giving and healing power of the Cross as we do; we surely know that much of society does not believe as we believe. Some Christians believe suffering is a curse from God; while lives without suffering, wealthy lives are a sign of God's favor. And, when hardship and suffering enters into their lives their relationship with God also suffers or comes to an end.

And so, as Jesus taught us, we must teach others; otherwise they will not know or understand the meaning and power of the Cross. They will not understand that Christ and his death on the Cross is the source of our redemption and our hope of life in the kingdom. Only through our sacrifices and embracing the Cross, will the world end its thirst for power, its self-centeredness, and it's believe that materialism will bring meaning and satisfaction into our hearts.

We must teach by our words and behavior towards each other the value and importance of doing good works. We must show the value of sacrifice and taking up the Cross of Christ. We must teach others the ways of our Faith. And, the only way to truly teach is not by words "go in peace, keep warm, and eat well." The only way to teach, as St. Paul tells us today, is to be images of as Christ by being instruments of peace, providing the necessities to keep warm, and feeding a hunger world with a real and practical love.

Sincerely,

Rev. Phomos S. Cabala

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

All women of the Parish are invited to our first meeting and "pot luck" dinner on Monday, Sept. 18th at 6:00pm in the Sheridan Room. We will be providing chicken from Barraco's and ask that you please bring a side or dessert to share. Soda and water will be provided. (BYOB). We will also play Bunco after our brief meeting and dinner. Please plan to join us for an evening of fellowship and friendship.



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.

Offertory Collection

Reminder, Our Lady at St. Germaine does not "pass the basket" at the offertory. Instead, please drop your contributions in the collection boxes located near the back of church.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 18-Weekday 8:30AM Mass:

8:30AM Mass: Daniel Murphy

Tuesday, Sept. 19-St. Januarius

8:30AM Mass: Loretta Barry

Wednesday, Sept 20-Sts. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & Companions

7:00AM Mass: Gene Randich, Marion Krucek Brian & Harold Adams

8:30AM Communion Service: Wally O'Dea

Thursday, September 21-St. Matthew

8:30 AM Mass:

Rev. William Goedert

Friday, September 22-Weekday

8:30 AM Mass:

Siegfried Genutis (healing)

Saturday, Sept. 23-St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30 AM: Deceased Members of OLSG

4:00 PM: Robert & Vera Holec, Bill Dunne, Deacon

Jack Malone

Sun, Sept. 24–25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM—Frank Kita, Stella Ciborski 9:30AM—Jeffrey Berner, Geraldine Setzke 11:30AM—Giuseppe & Incoronata Musto, Richard Finn

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Marion D. Kienzle Helen Cheeks

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

David Akai, Kathe Anhalt, Michael Anhalt, Baby Leo Baker, 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, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Marie Dillon, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Patty Fadden, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Bill Geegan, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, 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, 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 September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

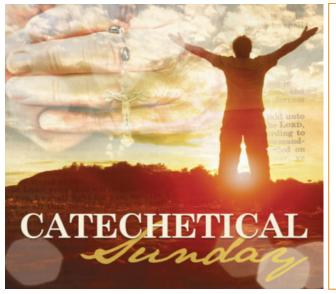
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Ministers' Schedule for September 23 & 24, 2023 **SAT 4:00 PM SUN 7:30 AM SUN 9:30 AM SUN 11:30 AM** Proclaimer J. O'Shea J. Pender J. Akai E. McDermott Eucharistic P. Vlasis J. Akai S. Chimera Ministers K. Kobiernicki J. Tiffy J. O'Shea Altar Servers



Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme for today's celebration is "Come to Me all who labor and are burdened." We thank our parish catechists both in school and religious education, as they assist parents in their task of nurturing the seeds of faith in their children. Catechists share their faith by teaching our children by word and example. Many thanks to them as they encourage parents and as they share their gifts with the community of Our Lady at St. Germaine.



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.

Looking forward to seeing you again next month, and perhaps see some new faces.

Thank you all!

~Eleanor Stone

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SAVE THE DATES

September 23-25—Domestic Violence Presentation October 1– Grandparents Masses October 8– Flu Shots

More details to follow

Thank you to everyone who came to Social Sunday last weekend. Good food, good music, great company!

Thanks to Shannon Ward for the tunes!

See you in a few months!







We're coming to a city near you!

A few weeks ago, we announced the topic of our annual fall Ground Zero tour:

"Changing the Tide: Understanding and Responding to Abortion Tourism in a Post-

Roe Illinois." And the positive response was OVERWHELMING!

Starting next week until the end of October, Mary Kate Zander, Executive Director Illinois Right to Life will be presenting our 2023 Ground Zero Tour topic at 14 locations. See the list below to find a tour stop near you!

Thursday, September 21 at 7PM

St. Damian Catholic Church - Oak Forest, IL

Wednesday, September 27 at 8PM

St. James at Sag Bridge - Lemont, IL

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

September 10, 2023

Sunday: \$8,372.00

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,415.00

SUNDAY TOTAL: \$10,787.00

*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

All Saints Day: \$10.00

Assumption: \$1.00

Seminary: \$25.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

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.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister or proclaimer, please reach out!

Archdiocese of Chicago Requirements for Volunteers— Get Prepared!!

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

Split The Pot Drawing

Last week envelope #482 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$4,077.50 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!

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

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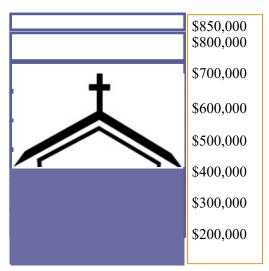


Thank you to the **293** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$409,823.31!

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?



OUR SCHOOL!



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL?



Our gym was all smiles as our 8th Graders were introduced to their kindergarten buddies! Encouraging the older students to help with the younger students is just another example of how we build a strong community environment at St. Germaine School.



S.T.E.M. CLASSES



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5TH GRADE



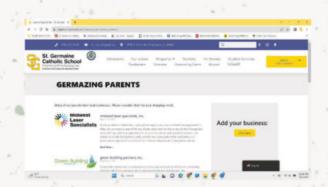
Learning about declarative and interrogative sentences can be fun! 5th graders played an interrogation game in class today to figure out which character their partners have! We practiced writing our two types of sentences, too!

GERMAZING PARENTS

Germazing Parent Businesses!
Why outsource when we have talented professionals among us! Parents, if you would be willing, our principal would like to add space on the website for you all to share your name, company, business, trade, profession, career info, as a tool for not only increasing client interactions,

but also helping to connect and support St. Germaine families and local business.





LEARN MORE BY

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 throughout the summer from 9:00am until 12:00pm in the school office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. The office will be closed the week of July 4th. 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



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Saturday, Sept. 16 11 a.m.-noon



JAM SESSIONS

Join instructor Colin Curtin and learn to play rock classics as a group, no matter your experience level.

Thursdays, Sept. 14 & 28 6:30-7:30 p.m.



CHICAGOLAND **MOVIE TRIVIA**

Meet us at the Cork & Bean to test your knowledge of Chicago's most memorable film moments.

> Tuesday, Sept. 26 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Cork & Bean



PAARRTY!

Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day with pirate-themed crafts and games for kids ages 5-7.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 4:30-5:15 p.m.



TOUCH-A TRUCK

Get up close and personal with all the cool heavy machinery you see around the village!

Saturday, Sept. 23 10 a.m.-noon



LITTLE MISS ANN **FAMILY CONCERT**

Join us for a sing and dance-along with award-winning children's music artist Little Miss Ann!

Saturday, Sept. 30 11-11:45 a.m.



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Saturday, October 7th

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Trivia contest starts at 7:00 ~ Theme: Oktoberfest

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- Split the Pot
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Please contact Karyn Perkins at 773-737-7070 or Kperkins@homelessservices.org for more information

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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.

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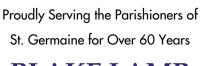
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