## Our Lady at St. Germaine

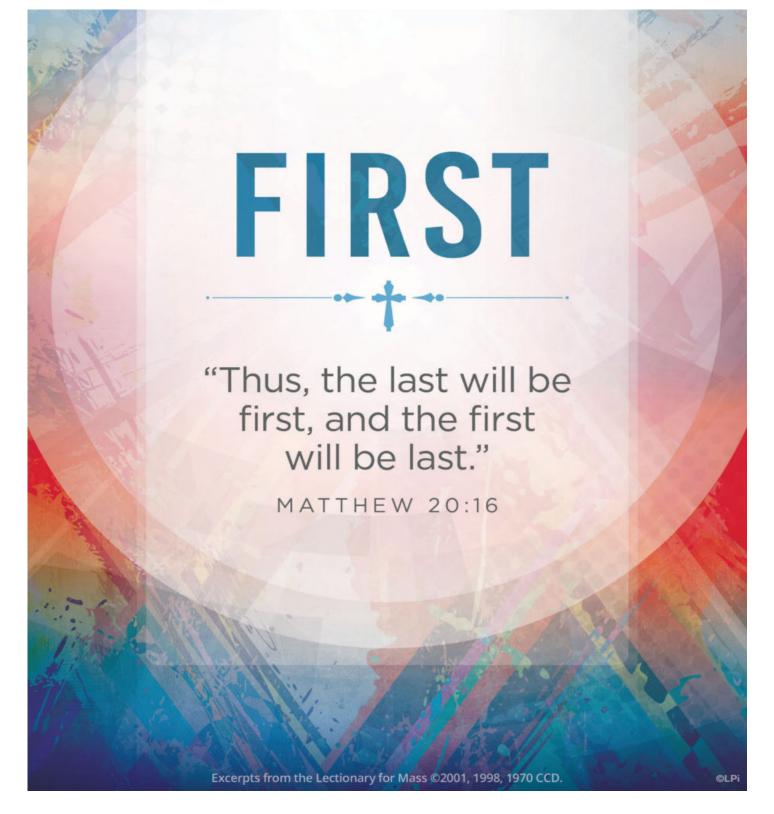
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September 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time





#### A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them—but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6:00am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous - is generosity unfair?

Our God is generous beyond our imagination, but, his ways are also beyond our imagining. We often try to dictate how God should act and behave, according to our feelings, our ways of acting and behaving.

Our God is so much greater than anything we could ask or imagine. We are constantly surprised at how he turns our expectations, our fears and predictions upside down. We constantly look for God in the big and spectacular and he comes to us poor and hungry. God speaks through the most surprising people at the most surprising times.

But, we only need to look to Christ to realize God's ways, not our ways. How many of us can act and behave as Christ? Sacrificing, putting all of humanity before himself, dying on the Cross for us is contrary to the ways of human nature. They are God's ways. They are acts of holiness. The holiness we seek as we come each Sunday to be nourished in Word and Sacrament by Christ, that we may be images of him.

Sincerely,

Bar. Phomos S. Cabala



#### 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.

~Eleanor Stone



# 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 25-Weekday** 8:30AM Mass:

Siegfried Genutis (healing)

#### Tuesday, Sept. 26-Sts. Cosmas & Damian 8:30AM Mass:

Joseph & Mary Chruszczyk, Mort Shine

#### Wednesday, Sept 27-St. Vincent De Paul

7:00AM Mass: John Clark

8:30AM Communion Service: John Clark

#### Thursday, September 28-St. Wenceslaus, and St. Laurence Ruiz & Companions

8:30 AM Mass:

Rev. William Goedert, Bill & Betty Dunne

#### Friday, September 29-Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:30 AM Mass:

Thomas Pacetti, Ester & Ray Ristow

Saturday, Sept. 30-St. Jerome

8:30 AM: Siegfried Genutis (healing), Ed Pacetti 4:00 PM: Jacqueline O'Keefe, John Jack Hogan

#### Sun, Oct. 1–26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM – Stanley Wiedenski

9:30AM-Therese Mierzwa, Dorothy A. DeGasso,

Ken Cunningham

11:30AM–Richard Finn, Frank Ricker, Katherine Hawkshaw, Gerri Campanio

#### REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

David G. Henehan Marion D. Kienzle Helen Cheeks Sharon Schreader

#### 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, 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 September 24, 2023

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

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6 Wednesday: Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

#### Ministers' Schedule for September 30 & October 1, 2023 **SAT 4:00 PM SUN 7:30 AM SUN 9:30 AM SUN 11:30 AM** Proclaimer J. Antos C. Murphy M. Curran T. Vorderer Eucharistic F. Genender J. O'Shea L. Vorderer M. Panaralla Ministers J. Antos E. Akroush T. Vorderer G. DiBenedetto Altar Servers



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Reception in Sheridan Room to immediately follow.

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#### PET BLESSING



#### St. Francis of Assisi

Pet Blessing on Saturday, September 30th at 2:00PM in the Church parking lot.

Bring your pet! (or stuffed animal if you don't have one) We hope to see you there!

#### PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

"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 <a href="mailto:stritashrinechicago.com">stritashrinechicago.com</a> for more information.



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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.

#### **September 17, 2023**

Sunday: \$6,926.60

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,343.00

**SUNDAY TOTAL:** \$9,269.60

\*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

Food Pantry \$1.00

Seminary: \$730.10

\*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

Envelope number 2272 was drawn for last week's "Split the Pot" raffle. The parishioner assigned that number made at least the minimum contribution to both the Sunday and "Split the Pot" collections and is the winner of \$4,475.00

Congratulations!

#### **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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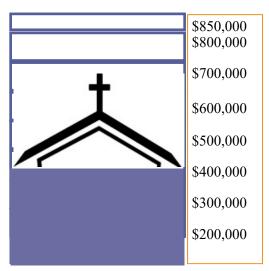


Thank you to the **293** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$410,090.67!

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 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 4– Taize
October 5– Men's Club Meeting/Bears game
October 8– Flu Shots
October 15– 2nd & 8th Grade Family Mass 11:30am
October 28/29– Women's Club Bake Sale

#### The 21st Annual COURAGE Golf Outing



Saturday, October 7, 2023 Old Oak Country Club 143rd & Parker Road, Homer Glen

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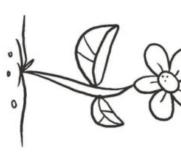
Father Perez Knights of Columbus Council #1444 and the volunteers from organizations that provide quality of life programming for our neighbors with intellectual



disabilities thank each of you who donated during the recent Intellectual Disabilities Drive, commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. 90% of your donation will be distributed to organizations in our area that provide quality of life programming for our neighbors with intellectual disabilities and could not if not for you, our caring and sharing community and parishes.

Sir Knight Ed Fineran Grand Knight









Say a special prayer for each person in your family.









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Saturday, Oct. 7 2-3 p.m. (Registration at 1 p.m.)



#### UFO SIGHTINGS IN ILLINOIS

Join Sam Maranto of the Mutual UFO Network for a fascinating overview of UFO sightings in our state!

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



#### CHAPEL HILL GARDENS SOUTH CEMETERY TOUR

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

## YOUTH



#### STORYWALK AT LAKESHORE PARK

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

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



#### FAMILY CHEMESSTRY: HALLOWEEN EDITION!

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.



#### **OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH**

#### ST. GERMAINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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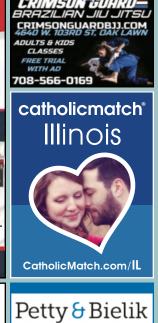
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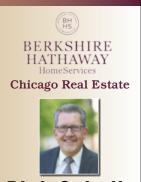
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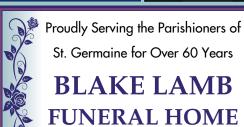
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