

# Our Lady at St. Germaine

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Our Lady of Loretto Church  
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*Jesus said,*

*"Where two or three are gathered  
together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them."*

**Matthew 18:20**



**September 6, 2020**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

God is not finished with creation. Through our labors, and guided by the Spirit, the Lord continues to bring creation to completion. God is not finished with us either. Through Jesus, our Savior, God labors to make us holy, reflections of Christ's goodness and holiness.

This work of the Lord, as the saying goes, "is a labor of love." It is a labor in which we have all been chosen to participate. It is not always easy work to form ourselves and others into images of Christ. But, we believe this work of building up the kingdom, is the foundation and reason for all our other work and labor.

Thank you for all your labors at Our Lady at St. Germaine parish. Only through your sacrifice and hard work are we able to fulfill our mission to bring the good news of Christ to our families and community.

That good news is that Christ makes a difference in our lives, because your willingness to labor for the Lord makes a difference. Only when we first take care of each others' earthly needs, can we bring the love of the Lord into the lives of our families and neighbors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Thomas S. Cabala

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, September 7–Labor Day**

8:30 AM Mass  
Loretta Barry

**Tuesday, Sept 8-Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM Mass  
Edward Stephens, Florence Reuzek

**Wed., September 9– St. Peter Claver**

8:30 AM Mass  
George & Antoinette Czanko, Brian & Harold Adams,  
James & Anna Traaynor

**Thursday, September 10– Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
In Thanksgiving, John Geary

**Friday, September 11– Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Hon. John Flaherty, Cecelia Waszak

**Sat, September 12– Most of Name of Mary**

8:30AM-Virginia & Tim Burns  
4:00PM–Donald Johnson, Mary Nolan Cannon, Tom  
Essig(Healing), Elizabeth Hiskey

**Sunday, Sept. 13–24th Sun in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM-Eileen Grady, Rosemary Ryan  
9:30AM–Stella Ciborski, Ray Ristow, A. Bottari  
11:30AM–Susan Grisko

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Michael J. Krischel  
Christine Krystyniak

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

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, John Brdecka,  
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,  
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Robert “Mitch” Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller,  
Mary Kenny, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Frank Klutcharch ,  
Joe Kress, Donna Larney, Judith Lasky, Kim Lewis,  
LaVerne Lewandowski, Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch,  
Martin Mahoney, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn,  
Michael Mattaliano, Jim McNerney, 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,  
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Audrey Schmitz, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp,  
Hank Skaggs, Ellie Smith, Joe Smyth , Joseph Smyth,  
Kayla Smyth, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor,  
Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Dorothy Trop,  
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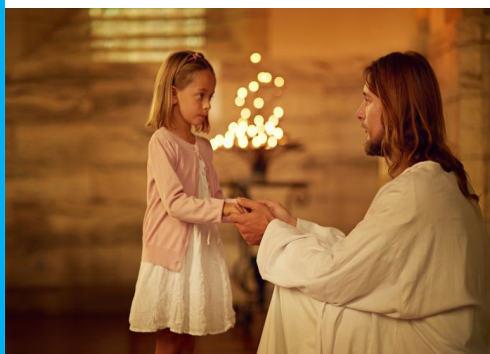
Sunday masses and the Rosary *will continue to be available* to watch  
from home via our website,  
[www.ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://www.ourladyatstgermaine.org), YouTube or on Facebook.

**RSVP**

*To make a reservation for weekend mass,  
please call 708-572-5222 or go to*

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*Please have name, number of attendees, and mass time ready  
when you call.*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

HELP! This has been a very unusual and challenging year for all of us. As we attempt to embark on the new academic year, it is not without more challenges. I am on the hunt for Catechists for our Religious Education and Formation Program. You were called at your Baptism to be priest, prophet and king. These appear to be pretty lofty goals. However Jesus asks us to pray (priest), share our love of Jesus thus protecting our faith in the future (prophet) and stand firm as a leader

who guides God's people with conviction (king). This clearly defines the role of a catechist. What is added to the description this year is a willingness to adapt to technology. Many of our families and our catechists who have dedicated their time and talent with our students in the past are not comfortable returning to the classroom at this time, as a result technology has become a new Call for our program. If you feel called by God (or Fr Tom) in any way to help out whether with physically managing a classroom or virtually helping others manage a classroom, I would love to further explore how you can answer your "Baptismal Call" to help us continue to create disciples here at Our Lady at St Germaine parish. One of the special gifts of being a Catechist is that as we form our young disciple we too grow in our faith, **every time!** Please prayerfully consider this precious ministry.

### ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR 2020-2021 Pre K-8th Grade

Please contact the office at 708-636-5060 or [jlass723@gmail.com](mailto:jlass723@gmail.com)

***Tickets coming to your mailbox  
soon!***

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- ✚ Seller of Grand Prize Ticket - \$500

Donation \$20 or 6 for \$100

Prize Drawing November 29, 2020

Early Bird Drawings;  
Sept 27, Oct 18, Nov 8, 2020

Winners need not be present

### **PRINTING ERROR WITH ENVELOPES**

You may have noticed an extra envelope in your packet this month labeled "Good Friday."

Please realize that it should have read "Holy Land Offering." The collection originally fell back in April, but was rescheduled to September due to the COVID virus.

Please consider donating if you can.

Thank you for your understanding on this envelope printing error.





## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

**August 30, 2020**

Sunday:	\$7,973.86
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$1,835.00
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$9,808.86</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Food Baskets:	\$75.00
Peters Pence:	\$25.00
Assumption:	\$34.00
Seminary :	\$25.00

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

## Split The Pot Drawing



Envelope number **113** was drawn for last week's "Split the Pot" raffle. The parishioner assigned that number did not participate in the raffle. Last week's prize of **\$2,696.00** will be added to this week's amount.

The St. Germaine Alumni Association will have an online apparel sale Monday, Sept 7, through Sunday, September 20, 2020. Please visit

<https://stgermaineschool.com/our-school/alumni> or the St. Germaine Alumni Facebook page to access the online store.



## She's back.....

*Raffle has started back up.*

*The pot as of last week was over \$21,000.00.*

*Drawings will be Sundays at St. Germaine Church.*

*If you would like to order tickets, please fill out order form and return with payment to church, or the Parish Center.*

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Card number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support and good luck!!

For current board, visit us on Facebook

**19 Year Anniversary  
Of September 11th  
Memorial Service  
At Mayor's Park (Hometown)  
(Next to Police Dept)**

**Saturday September 12th, 2020**  
*Rain Date Sunday September 13th*  
**Starts at 1pm**

*Refreshments will be served after the service*  
*Social distancing and masks are required to attend*

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY,  
HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE  
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of  
salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, united with Jesus' pain, keeping your  
faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need,  
and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that,  
as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after  
this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to  
the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.  
He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened  
Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to  
the joy of Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of  
God.  
Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test  
and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed  
Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020  
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At this time, both pantries at  
St Germaine and at Our Lady of  
Loretto Churches are closed.  
But in the meantime, we have been  
and will continue to help as we can.  
If you would like to donate non per-  
ishable food, you may drop outside of  
Church doors and the donations will  
be checked daily.

*Also, if you would like to make a  
monetary donation or a donation  
of gift cards (even ones you have  
lying around half used), you may  
do so by dropping at Parish  
Center mail box at any time or  
by logging on to Give Central  
and selecting food baskets.*

As always, if you or someone  
you know need help, or if you  
have any questions, please call  
636-5060 x200.

We thank you for your support  
and keep you all in our prayers.

**UPDATES~**

If you would like to update  
your parish record with any  
changes or additions, now is the  
perfect time. Addresses, phone,  
email, number of people in  
household would all be helpful.  
Please call 636-5060.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Save your checks!**

Remember you can write one check for your  
weekly donations. Example: If you are writing a  
check for \$25 for weekly contribution, \$5 for the  
Split the Pot and \$10 for Education Fund, you can  
write 1 check for \$40 and include all envelopes  
instead of writing 3 separate checks **or you can  
sign up for GIVECENTRAL.ORG!!!**



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## OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH

### ST. GERMAINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

9711 S. Kolin Avenue Oak Lawn Illinois

Parish Office: 708-636-5060 Fax: 708-636-8007

Parish Center Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ Noon

Website: ourladyatstgermaine.org

### OUR LADY OF LORETTO CATHOLIC CHURCH

8925 S Kostner Avenue Hometown Illinois

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.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

Fr. George Velloorattil

Fr. Joseph Stobba O.S.A.

Joe Gonzalez

Jack Malone

Frank Mamolella

Jeanne Lassandrolo Director of Children's Faith Formation

Marianne Powers

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## Sirach 28:2

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

This Sunday is Grandparents Day. Blessed be God, who is faithful through all generations.

Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health all the days of your life. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon.

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren.

Today is also officially Catechetical Sunday. It is from generation to generation that our live of faith and charity is passed on; that is through our grandparents and also our parents, through one another that our children and grandchildren come to know Christ. May we be the best of teachers by our words and especially by our examples.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Thomas S. Cabala

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, Sept. 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:30 AM Mass  
Mass of Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, Sept 15—Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:30 AM Mass  
Joseph Skopec, Tom & Ellis Signaigo

**Wed., September 16— Saints Cornelius & Cyprian**

8:30 AM Mass  
Marlene Gamboney, Dan Benoit (Healing)

**Thursday, September 17— Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Ken Skopec, Agnes Kirk, Debra Superczynski,  
Raymond Bitterlin, Mary Jane Farrell

**Friday, September 18— Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
John Kenna, Catherine Lavery, Arthur Storrie Family,  
Rita Soto

**Sat, September 19— Weekday**

8:30AM—Loretta Barry, Charles Krik Jr.  
4:00PM—Frances Konczal, Jim Links, Edward Schmit Jr.,  
Brian & Harold Adams, Margaret Essig (healing),  
Raymond Bitterlin

**Sunday, Sept. 20—25th Sun in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM—Gene Randich  
9:30AM—Gleason & Carey Families, Genevieve Lescoe,  
Ed & Margaret Stevens, Marion Kenny, Richard Lucy,  
Bob Stevens, Frank Trejp  
11:30AM—Kevin Moran, Joseph, Anna & Paul Dityrk

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Bridget LaPaglia

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

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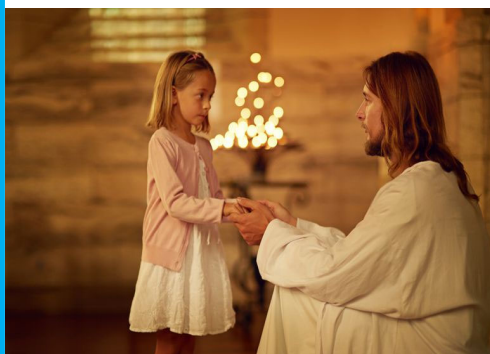
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

HELP! This has been a very unusual and challenging year for all of us. As we attempt to embark on the new academic year, it is not without more challenges. I am on the hunt for Catechists for our Religious Education and Formation Program. You were called at your Baptism to be priest, prophet and king. These appear to be pretty lofty goals. However Jesus asks us to pray (priest), share our love of Jesus thus protecting our faith in the future (prophet) and stand firm as a leader

who guides God's people with conviction (king). This clearly defines the role of a catechist. What is added to the description this year is a willingness to adapt to technology. Many of our families and our catechists who have dedicated their time and talent with our students in the past are not comfortable returning to the classroom at this time, as a result technology has become a new Call for our program. If you feel called by God (or Fr Tom) in any way to help out whether with physically managing a classroom or virtually helping others manage a classroom, I would love to further explore how you can answer your "Baptismal Call" to help us continue to create disciples here at Our Lady at St Germaine parish. One of the special gifts of being a Catechist is that as we form our young disciple we too grow in our faith, *every time*! Please prayerfully consider this precious ministry.

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Prize Drawing November 29, 2020

Early Bird Drawings;  
Sept 27, Oct 18, Nov 8, 2020

*Winners need not be present*

The family of Patti Washkevich would like to extend a message of deep gratitude for all who supported us in any way throughout the day of her funeral. . Patti was a long time employee at Our Lady of Loretto Parish and we know she touched the hearts of many of you who shared your experiences of her gentle spirit and kind soul.

Special thank you to Most Rev Ronald Hicks, Rev. Ronald Mass, Rev William Burke, Rev James Donovan and Rev Tom Cabala

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## Split The Pot Drawing



Envelope number **402** was drawn for last week's "Split the Pot" raffle. The parishioner assigned that number did not participate in the raffle. Last week's prize of **\$3,200.00** will be added to this week's amount.

The St. Germaine Alumni Association will have an online apparel sale Monday, Sept 7, through Sunday, September 20, 2020. Please visit

<https://stgermaineschool.com/our-school/alumni> or the St. Germaine Alumni Facebook page to access the online store.



## She's back.....

*Raffle has started back up.*

*The pot as of last week was over \$22,000.00.*

*Drawings will be Sundays at St. Germaine Church.*

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## PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONA- VIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, united with Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

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At this time, both pantries at St Germaine and at Our Lady of Loretto Churches are closed.

But in the meantime, we have been and will continue to help as we can.

If you would like to donate non perishable food, you may drop outside of Church doors and the donations will be checked daily.

As always, if you or someone you know need help, or if you have any questions, please call 636-5060 x200.

We thank you for your support and keep you all in our prayers.

## Save your checks!

Remember you can write one check for your weekly donations. Example: If you are writing a check for \$25 for weekly contribution, \$5 for the Split the Pot and \$10 for Education Fund, you can write 1 check for \$40 and include all envelopes instead of writing 3 separate checks **or you can sign up for GIVECENTRAL.ORG!!!**

## UPDATES~

If you would like to update your parish record with any changes or additions, now is the perfect time. Addresses, phone, email, number of people in household would all be helpful. Please call 636-5060.



## OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH

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Website: ourladyatstgermaine.org

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#### 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.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

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As high as the heavens  
are above the earth,  
so high are my ways  
above your ways  
and my thoughts  
above your thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:9

TWENTY-  
FIFTH  
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2020

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In the Gather hymnal the order of the Mass is  
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# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

On 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 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 its belief 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 Christ by being instruments of peace, providing the necessities to keep warm, and feeding a hungry world with a real and practical love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Thomas S. Cabala

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

## 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 x200.



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, Sept. 21–St. Matthew**

8:30 AM Mass

Anne Hynes Meade, Rev. William Goedert

**Tuesday, Sept 22–Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass

Dominic & Ann Cristofaro, Todd VanHuisen,  
Angeline Woktecki(104th bday)**Wed., September 23– St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:30 AM Mass

In honor of St. Joseph

**Thursday, September 24– Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass

Frank Kita, Christopher, Anthony, Melissa, Baby  
George, & John Knight**Friday, September 25– Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass

John Clark, Bob Krol(Healing)

**Sat, September 26– Weekday**

8:30AM-Alice Palazzolo

4:00PM-Sr. Jan & John Brynda, Daniel Landgraf,  
Sue Zaher (Healing), Connor & Kristen Flowers  
(Blessings)**Sunday, Sept. 27–26th Sun in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM-Kenneth Sweeney, Eileen Grady

9:30AM-Dorothy Pavlak, Richard Lucy, Eileen Demos,  
Chester J. Przybylo

11:30AM-Sue Gorski, Todd VanHuisen, Margaret Ruane

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Our Lady at St. Germaine**Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:**

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Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak,  
Taylor Collard, Ann Contorno, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo,  
Dolores Dorman, Yvonne (Wepner)Enselman, Karen Finn,  
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# ADULT AND HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

On Sept 10<sup>th</sup> four of our parishioners, Fran Leon, Eimmery, Isaac and Isaiah Recio, completed their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for them as they affirmed their Baptismal call and are now discerning how they will share their giftedness with all of us. Below they had put into their own words how they felt that night

"Greetings Our Lady at Saint Germaine Family! My name is Frances Anne Leon. I've been an active parishioner here for almost 24 years! Time flies when you are having fun and giving back! I happily celebrated 25 years of marriage this month to my husband Darrell. We are blessed with two wonderful boys...Daniel (15, at Brother Rice) and Thomas (almost 12, at St. Germaine). We also have a totally spoiled furbaby, boxer Drake. I am very excited to share with you all that I was finally able to complete the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation on September 10th at Sacred Heart Church. It was such an incredible night! Fully present in the moment, I was so grateful that I was given the gift of the Holy Spirit. I truly feel a renewed sense of purpose, a gentle calm and grace that I didn't feel before. I am excited to continue along the path that God has laid out for me. I appreciate all the support from family and friends.

A special thanks to Jeanne L and my Incarnation Church sponsors Kathy and Ben, and Fr. Jacek W from Sacred Heart. Thank you for helping me on this journey, you gave selflessly of your time with no judgement, just tons of love and support. Peace be with you!"



"On Thursday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> the emotions I was feeling were indescribable. But, I knew one thing for sure that my heart felt light. I witnessed and heard the messages of God repeatedly. That no matter what happens, his Holy Spirit lives within us and He is the only one who truly knows our heart. God is leading me to a path of spiritual and personal growth. Being able to build a relationship with Him completes my soul. He assures us that His plans will flourish where His light continues to shine in the darkness. In everything and anything, He is the answer. This night was extra special because I was able to be confirmed with my brothers. On this ongoing journey, I hope to gain more knowledge in my faith along with my brothers. 'God is with you always and all ways'."



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION BOOK PICK UP

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19th –3:30pm ~ 5:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20th– 9:00am ~ 1:00pm

MONDAY, SEPT. 21st 5:00pm ~ 7:30pm

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## PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who, at the Cross, united with Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test

and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

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### Save your checks!

Remember you can write one check for your weekly donations. Example: If you are writing a check for \$25 for weekly contribution, \$5 for the Split the Pot and \$10 for Education Fund, you can write 1 check for \$40 and include all envelopes instead of writing 3 separate checks **or you can sign up for [GIVECENTRAL.ORG](https://www.givecentral.org)!!!**

### UPDATES~

If you would like to update your parish record with any changes or additions, now is the perfect time. Addresses, phone, email, number of people in household would all be helpful. Please call 636-5060.

## OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH

### ST. GERMAINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office: 708-636-5060 Fax: 708-636-8007  
Parish Center Hours:  
Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ Noon  
Website: ourladyatstgermaine.org

### OUR LADY OF LORETTO CATHOLIC CHURCH

8925 S Kostner Avenue Hometown Illinois  
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.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

Fr. George Velloorattil

Fr. Joseph Stobba O.S.A.

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September 27, 2020

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

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Lucas Gomez

Cassandra Marquez

Castiel Barreto

Dennis Grant

Anne Mayo

Payton Bray-Katzman

Olivia Kmiec

Edgar Mendoza

Ethan Campillo

Mack Kondrisack

Marco Mercado

Destiny Chigozie

Megan Koss

Josue Najera

Mia Chimino

Landon LaPash

Elaine Oceguela

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Asha Lorens

Sophia Paluszek

Emma DiLise

Roman Lorens

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Anthony Falcon

Nathan LoSchiavo

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Gabriella Garcia

Tanner Marchi

Anna Stekala

# First Holy Communion

\* Made on earlier date

In the Gather hymnal the order of the Mass is  
number 134, readings number 1055.



# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

It is easy to say “Yes” and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say “Yes” when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It’s easy to say “Yes” and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. But if our faith doesn’t change the way we live, then maybe we’re really saying “No” to God. 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 yours in Christ,  
Rev. Thomas S. Cabala

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

## PET BLESSINGS

Pet Blessing on Sunday October 4th at 1:30PM in the parking lot of St. Germaine Church.

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





**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, Sept. 28–St. Wenceslaus**

8:30 AM Mass

Gene Vincent (healing), Mario A. Pasamba

**Tues., Sept 29–St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

8:30 AM Mass

Festividades Y Espejo, Eleanore Murphy (25th Anniv)

**Wed., September 30– St. Jerome**

8:30 AM Mass

Florence & James Butterworth, Thomas O'Hare,  
James Cesak, Vocation for priests**Thursday, October 1– St. Therese of Child Jesus**

8:30 AM Mass

Marlene Carlson, Stanley Wiedenski, Daniel McCarthy

**Friday, October 2– The Holy Guardian Angels**

8:30 AM Mass

Linda Lellos, Mac McKirdie, Big Jim Knight,  
Jim, Melissa, Christopher, Anthony, & Jimmy Knight**Saturday, October 3– Weekday**

8:30AM-Phyllis, Katie &amp; Joe Melichar

4:00PM-James, Nora & Theresa Shea, Rocco Corrado,  
Stanley & Bessie Linkowski**Sunday, October 4–27th Sun in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM-Denis J. Cahill, William Essig

9:30AM-Joseph & Stella Ciborski, Therese Mierzwa,  
Mike Sullivan

11:30AM-Frank Jana, George Zaher

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Margaret Flaherty

Joanne Walsh

Julia Finn

Dennis Burke

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

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, John Brdecka,  
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, Chuck Hughes, Gina Jakelski,  
Robert "Mitch" Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller,  
Mary Kenny, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Frank Klutcharch ,  
Joe Kress, Donna Larney, Judith Lasky, Kim Lewis,  
LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch,  
Eileen Carroll Lynch, Martin Mahoney, Rita Martin,  
Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Jim McNerney,  
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, Barb Salazar,  
Audrey Schmitz, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp,  
Hank Skaggs, Ellie Smith, Joe Smyth , Joseph Smyth,  
Kayla Smyth, 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,  
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*Please have name, number of attendees, and mass time ready  
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## OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Greetings from the Our Lady at St. Germaine/St. Catherine Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry. We just wanted to remind you that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

While we have not been actively meeting since March due to the COVID 19 Pandemic we have still been available for consultation to our parish pastoral staff and parishioners. We will not be holding our traditional prayer service this year but will be sharing information about other activities, both in person and virtual, that will be taking place and are available to you. We will also be posting important information in the October bulletins highlighting important facts about Domestic Violence.

Note that we, as a community, have two excellent Domestic Violence Agencies. Pillars and the Crisis Center of South Suburbia specialize in assisting victims and families of domestic violence. They offer round the clock services 24 hours a day, everyday of of they year. Services include a hot line, emergency shelters, housing and counseling. If you, or someone you know, needs domestic violence services they can contact either agency.

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PILLARS - 24/7 HOTLINE-708-485-5254

For more information or consultation about our ministry contact John Chesniak@708-793-9545 or Mary Ellen Lynch @ 708-423-5747.

### Save The Dates

Domestic Violence Information Panel Discussion

10-14-2020 7:00PM to 8:30PM

St. John Fisher Church (For more info or to register go to: [stjohnfisherparish.net](http://stjohnfisherparish.net))

Domestic Violence Mass

10-18-2020 10:00 AM

Holy Name Cathedral (Live Stream at Holy Name Cathedral Website)



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# FLU 2020



## Prevent the flu: Get vaccinated every year

With COVID-19 also affecting our community, the flu vaccine is more important this year than ever. Influenza, commonly called “the flu,” is a viral infection of the respiratory tract that may cause symptoms very similar to those of COVID-19.

**Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season.**

Flu vaccine is provided at many local health departments, private health care providers and pharmacies across Illinois. Contact your health care provider to find out which flu vaccine is right for you or you can

find vaccine locations at [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org).

Most people who get the flu recover completely in one to two weeks, but some people develop **serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications**, such as pneumonia.

Over the past decade, influenza and pneumonia have been linked to an average of **3,500 deaths** a year in Illinois.

Between **10 and 20 percent of Americans** are infected during most flu seasons, which typically run from October through May..

More than **200,000 people** are hospitalized by the flu each year in the U.S.

### Symptoms of flu include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea also can occur but are more common in children than adults.

### Emergency Warning Signs

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is having any of the following warning signs listed below.

**In children**, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Fever with a rash

**In adults**, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

**Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is experiencing any of the signs above.**

### Flu Shots

**Saturday, October 3**

**9am-11am**

**Patterson Park**

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### Flu Shots

**Sunday, October 18**

**8am –12:30pm**

**St. Germaine Campus**

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**More details next week**

**Masks required**



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### September 20, 2020

Sunday:	\$7,414.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,065.00
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$9,479.00</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Good Friday:	\$8.00
Food Baskets:	\$10.00
Seminary :	\$703.00

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## 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 x200.

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**QUEEN OF HEARTS  
RAFFLE**



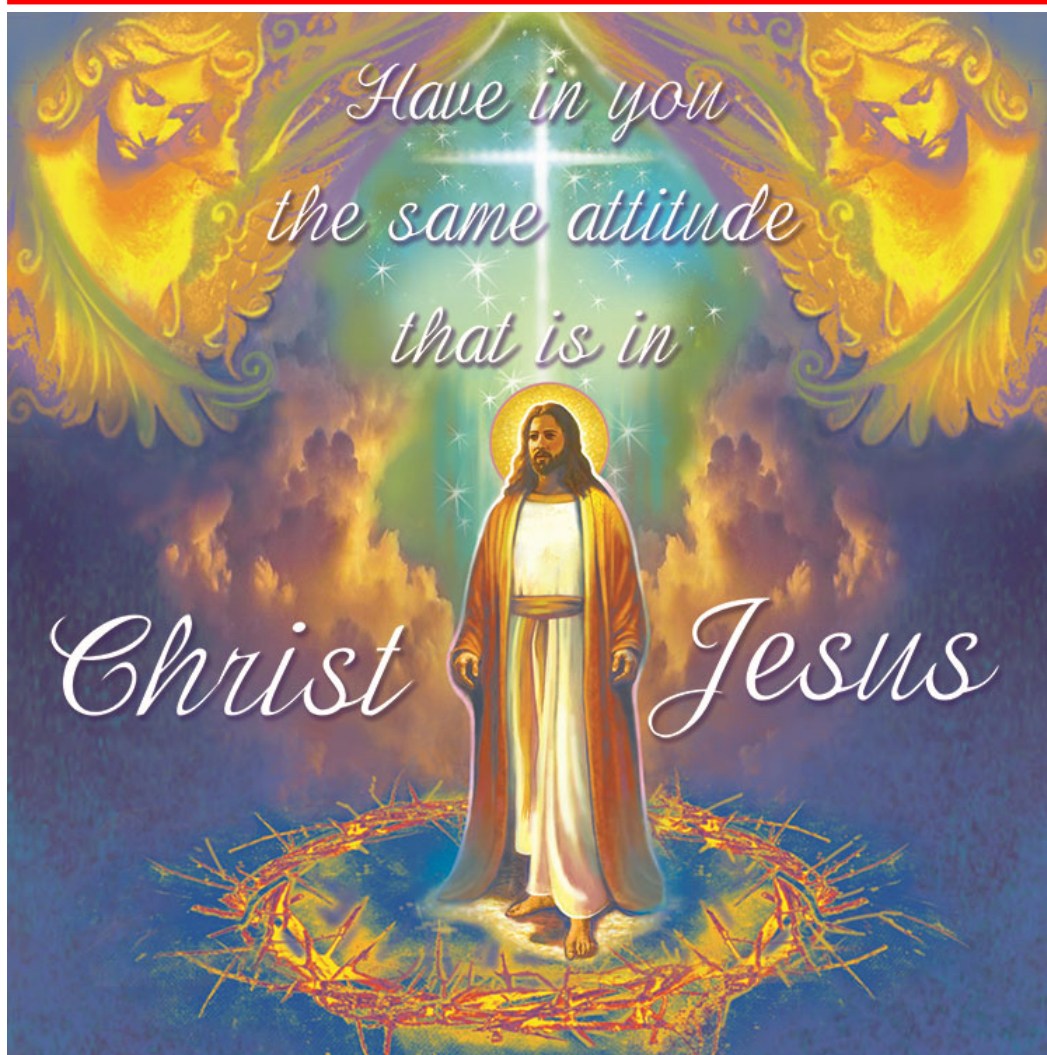
*The pot as of last week was over \$22,000!  
Drawings will be Sundays at St. Germaine Church.*

*If you would like to order tickets, please fill out order form and  
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## PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who, at the Cross, united with Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

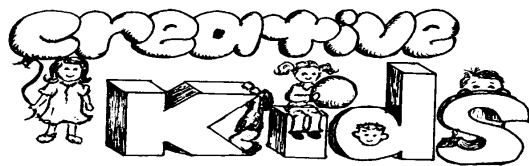
Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test

and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

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**UPDATES~**If you would like to update your parish record with any changes or additions, now is the perfect time. Addresses, phone, email, number of people in household would all be helpful. Please call 636-5060.



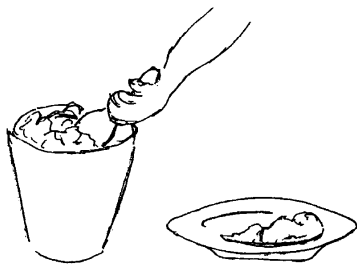
### Berry Fruity Dessert

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups frozen strawberries
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 TBS lemon juice

#### Directions:

1. Partially thaw berries. Mix all the ingredients in a blender for 1 minute on high speed.
2. Scoop ice cream into bowls and cover with fruity topping.
3. Enjoy!



## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A vineyard master leased his land  
and expected to receive his harvest  
when he returned.*

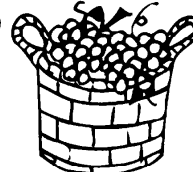
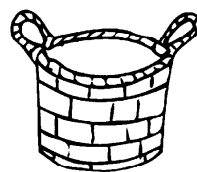
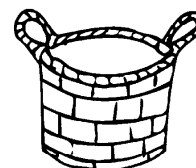
Is 5:1-7

Ps 80:9, 12-16 19-20

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

Directions: Color the baskets of grapes and put an X on the empty baskets.





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### ST. GERMAINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office: 708-636-5060 Fax: 708-636-8007

Parish Center Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ Noon

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

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Parish Office: 708-636-5060

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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

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