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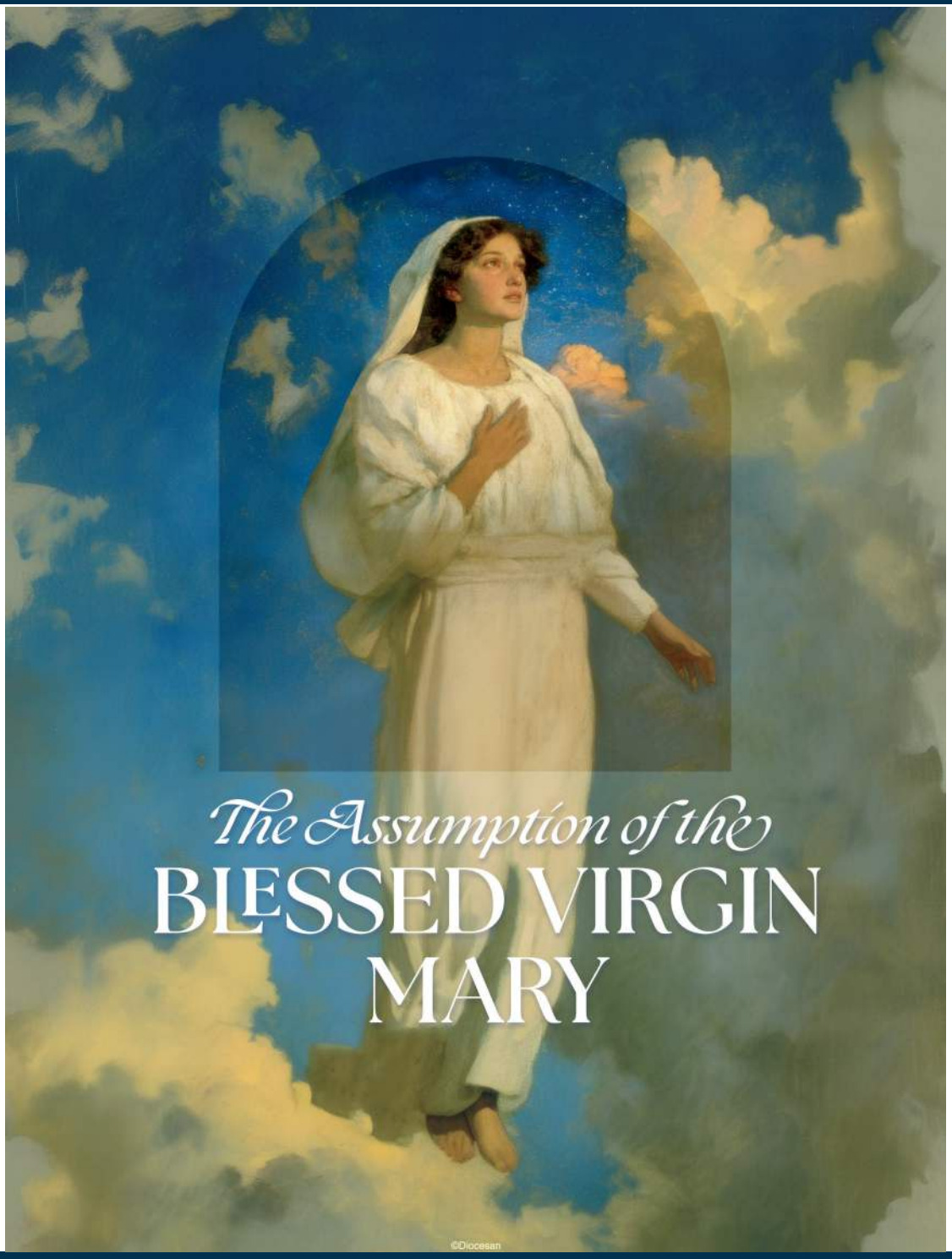


August 9, 2026 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from Fr. Ritchie

Dear Parish Family,

As we continue to grow together in faith and serve the needs of our parish community, I would like to share a small but meaningful enhancement to our Sunday worship beginning **Sunday, August 16**.

After much prayer, thoughtful conversations with parishioners and staff, and with the retirement of Sr. Regina, the **7:30 AM Sunday Mass** will become a quiet, reverent celebration without music. This will provide a peaceful atmosphere for prayer and reflection while maintaining the beauty and dignity of the Holy Eucharist.

Our weekend Mass schedule will continue as follows:

- **Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass with music
- **Sunday:** 7:30 AM – Quiet, reverent Mass without music
- **Sunday:** 9:30 AM – Mass with music
- **Sunday:** 11:30 AM – Family-focused Mass with music

One of the hopes behind this approach is to create a welcoming opportunity for those whose schedules are anything but typical—our first responders, health care professionals, firefighters, police officers, and others who work overnight or early morning shifts. A shorter, music-free Mass allows them to begin their Sunday with the Lord before continuing their service to our community. It also offers those who appreciate a quieter liturgy another opportunity to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

The **9:30 AM**, **11:30 AM**, and **4:00 PM Vigil Mass** will continue to include music, reflecting the joyful spirit of our parish. Together, our weekend liturgies offer opportunities for every parishioner to worship in a way that best nourishes their spiritual life while keeping the Eucharist at the center of all we do.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and openness as we strive to serve the spiritual needs of every member of our parish family. I look forward to worshiping with you each weekend as we continue to grow together in faith.

In Christ,

Fr. Ritchie Ortiz
Administrator

The Feast of the Assumption is NOT a Holy Day of obligation this year.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 10 • St. Lawrence
8:30AM Dorothy Quattrocchi,
James Kulekowskis

Tuesday, August 11• St. Clare
8:30AM Sara Perfetti Whelton

Wed., August 12 •St. Jane DeChantel
8:30AM Eileen Grady

Thursday, Aug. 13 • Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30AM Lucille Finn, Genevieve Riccordino,
Yvonne O'Neill

Friday, August 14• St. Maximillian Kolbe
8:30AM Communion Service:

Sat., Aug 15 • Assumption of the Blessed Mary
8:30AM Tom & Marcella Sullivan
4:00PM Maurice Curtin, Florence Butterworth
Mike & Mary C. Lyons

Sun, Aug 16 • Twentieth Sun. in Ordinary Time
7:30AM Sara Perfetti Whelton,Dan Starmach,
Michael & Loretta Barry
9:30AM Ken Superczynski
11:30AM Marianne Evans

Remember Our Beloved Dead

Henry Partyka

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

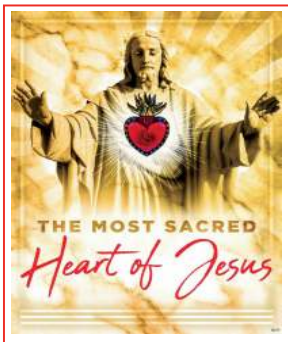
Richard Albert, Patricia Aruldoss, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Donna Burica, Maryann Burke, Diane Cernivivo, Declan Coyle, Mary Connolly, Ann Contorno, Eileen Cooney, Janine Coughlin, Chris Cristofaro, Elizabeth Czajka, Sue Daniels, Paul Dedericks, Emily DiPierro, Ron Ditzler, Mary Duggan, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Patty Fadden, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Gerardo Gonzalez, Greg Grochowski, Lynn Groebe, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Gina Jakelski, Liz Kapovich, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Joe Kress, Charles Lee, Robert Litz, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Stas Maciasz, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Sandra Mietz, Raimonda Miknius, Jonas Navarskas, Barb Nykaza, Dean Ojeda, Francine Opasm, Raul Osornio, Katherine Pape, Kath Rimac, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Martin Ruvalcaba, Julie Ryan, Sharon Safstrom, Devin Sanchez, Jose C. Sanchez, Monica (Ranalli) Schuberth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Kimberly Thielen, Charlene Thomson, Mary Ann Trop, Barbara Vaitiekonis, Geri Walker, James Welsh, Casey Wiedenski, Matthew Wilson, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	**Vigil**: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
	Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Ministers Schedule for August 15-16, 2026

	Saturday 4:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:30 AM
Celebrant	Fr. Ortiz	Fr. Ortiz	Fr. Ortiz	Fr. Noga
Proclaimer	B. Lavelle	Bro. Hayes	M. Maslanka	S. Postregna
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Cody K. Mikutis	L. Stawczyk K. Kobierncki	J. Baker K. Kleczkowski	M. Powers G. DiBenedetto
Altar Servers	A. Godinez R. Fonseca	K. Dang K. Gilmartin L. Friel	C. Nercado C. Mercado	A. Maciasz V. Maciasz S. Maciasz



Please join us for the Rosary all summer!

Starting June 8th, we will gather together Monday through Friday at 7pm by the Blessed Mother Statue on 98th St, just east of Kolin. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair. Everyone is welcome!

On June 11th, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We invite all parishioners to come and spend some time with Our Lord in Adoration!
Tuesdays 9-6pm, Wednesday and Thursday 9 -7pm

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, the community of Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish welcomed the following children into the Catholic faith.

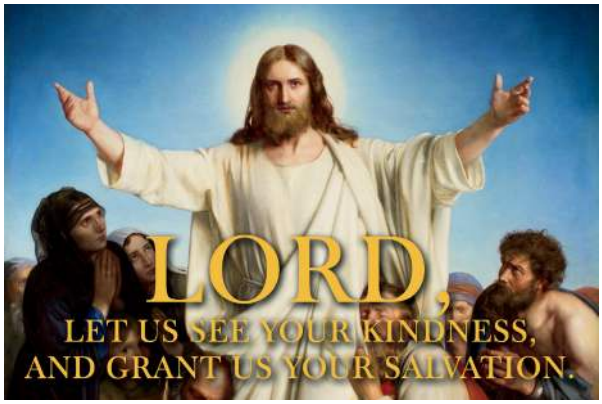
. ANAHY GUADALUPE BALCZAR

2026 Mass book *is open and has plenty of availability. Call or stop by the Parish Center. We also have mass cards for birthdays, anniversaries, healing and special intentions.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Whether there is a serious need, or special celebration, the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl. Stop in the Parish Center or call 708-636-5060 to request a Prayer Shawl.

Donations of yarn, and new members are always welcome!



PARISH OFFICE: (708) 636-5060

Stewardship Reports

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

August 2, 2026

Sunday	$6,400.63
Sunday (Give Central)	$2,950.00
Sunday Total	**$9,350.63**
Food Pantry	$49.00
Aid to Education:	$428.00
Sharing Parish:	$10.00
Assumption:	$20.00

Food Pantry Needs

Please help to restock our pantry, some things needed this month are …

Coffee (no k-cups), rice-a-roni, pasta roni, **cereal**, spaghettios or raviolis, pasta & sauce, pop tarts, oatmeal, breakfast/granola bars, beef stew, chili, soup, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, **jelly, peanut butter**, ramen, instant potatoes, mac & cheese, pudding or jello, cookies, crackers, canned meats, tuna, meals in a box, rice, **canned veggies,** shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent.

Please refrain from donating Soda/Pop.

Gift cards are always appreciated to help buy meats & other perishables.

Thank you for helping us help others!

SPLIT THE POT DRAWING

Last week envelope **#241** was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **$2,082.50 w**ill be added to this weeks pot.

Don't forget to put your regular Sunday envelope and your orange envelope in for your chance to win! Good Luck!

Religious Education and Formation

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you would like to register for your child entering Preschool through 8th grade, call 708-636-5060 or stop in the Parish Center Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm.

Classes are held Sunday 9:45am –11:15am

Fees are;
$25 for Preschool/Kindergarten (if not part of family)
$300 per family, $25 per child book fees

If you are interested in volunteering as a Catechist or teacher's aide, email jenstazak@yahoo.com

(aides get service hour credits for high school)

PACK THE PEWS
in anticipation of
our new school year!

BACKPACK BLESSING
Remember to bring your
backpack to Mass!

All students, all ages, are welcome!

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POPSICLES WITH THE PRIEST & PRINCIPAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th | 11:30 a.m. MASS

Join us at 11:30a.m. Mass on August 9th and stay after for a cool treat with Fr. Ritchie and Mrs. Kemps. There will be a backpack blessing at Mass. Let's Pack the Pews

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Requirements for Volunteers
Get Prepared for Next Year!!!

For all Parents or Parishioners who would like to volunteer within the Church, School or Parish ***(this means anyone who volunteers)*** in the upcoming year, please contact the Site Administrator, Melissa Barba by email mbarba@archchicago.org

Please use subject : **COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**
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
Melissa Barba, Site Administrator

PLANNED GIVING

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43
Reflection: Jesus teaches that the Kingdom is like a field with both wheat and weeds, growing together until God separates them at the harvest. This reminds us that good and evil coexist, but God is patient, giving time for growth and conversion. We are called to trust His timing rather than judge.
Takeaway of the Week: Let us continue to focus on growing the wheat in our lives with virtue, faith, and holiness. A gift of life insurance is a powerful and simple way to tend to the fields and provide future support for our parish.
For More Information Contact: Amy Condon, acondon@archchicago.org or 708-636-5060 x206 with any additional questions.

CAR SHOW

Knights of Columbus Council #14553
is hosting its 5th Annual Car Show on
***Saturday, August 15th**
This is a judged show, trophies will be awarded.

Fee: $25.00
Check in time 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Judging starts at 11:30 AM
Show Time 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Awards given at 2:00 PM
Free spectator admission.
Food and beverages will be available for sale.
Proceeds will go to Knights of Columbus charities including intellectually disabled people, food for homeless & single parent families in need.

Car show chairman Mike Waters
For more information call Darin Widmer at (708) 297- 7626

**Rain Date will be August 22nd .*

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HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.**
The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please email **gwa@archchicago.org** or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit **pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.**

To register, please click **here** or scan the QR code.

We hope to see you there!

If you would like to sign up to receive the Church bulletin via email, please scan the QR Code below.

Happening at OLPL (August 2026)

More programming and details available at: www.olpl.org/calendar

Builders Club
All ages; *Friday, Aug. 7; 2-3 p.m.*
We supply the LEGOs, you supply the creativity!

Teen Terrarium in a Jar
Thursday, Aug. 13; 6-7 p.m.
Join us to create a self-contained little forest in a mason jar.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group
Thursday, Aug. 13; 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Family members, friends and caregivers can share feelings and thoughts with people experiencing similar things. Facilitated by Mary Murphy, RN, BSN, CDP (Certified Dementia Practitioner) of Hibernian Home Care. Drop-ins welcome.

Oak Lawn's September 11 Memorial – Artist Reflections and Reception
Thursday, Aug. 20
Reception and Artist Talk at the Library; *6-7:30 p.m.*
Sculptor Erik Blome will reflect on creating the First Responders Memorial in Oak Lawn.
Artist Tour: Meet at the Memorial; *8-8:30 p.m.*
Erik Blome presents the artist's view of the sculpture on site. Transportation is not provided. Check our online calendar if the weather is inclement.

Online Shopping
Monday, Aug. 31; 11 a.m.-noon
Learn the basics of shopping safely on the internet.

(R) Registration is required, go to: www.olpl.org/calendar
(T) Admission tickets will be distributed at the Youth Services Desk 15 minutes before the start of the program.

OLPL Oak Lawn Public Library | 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453 | 708-422-4990 olpl.org

AA Meetings in Our Lady at St. Germaine Basement

(For Location Follow OLBB Signage)

Sunday - 7:00 pm – Closed Meeting (Alcoholics Only)

Thursday -7:30 pm – Open Meeting (all are welcome)

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Mass Times
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 AM
Fridays.....8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday..... 8:30 AM, 4:00 PM
Sunday ... 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Reconciliation
Saturday..... 2:45 PM-3:30 PM

Adoration Chapel
Tuesday 9:00 AM-6:00 PM, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

Baptisms Sundays- Call Parish Center to schedule.

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 708-636-5060.

Staff
Administrator: Fr. Ritchie Ortiz
Permanent Deacon: Joe Gonzalez
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School Principal: Stacy Kemps
Director of Children's Faith Formation: Eileen Akroush
Music Minister: Dan Arens
Ministers of Care: Casey Wiedenski and Nancy Dunne
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