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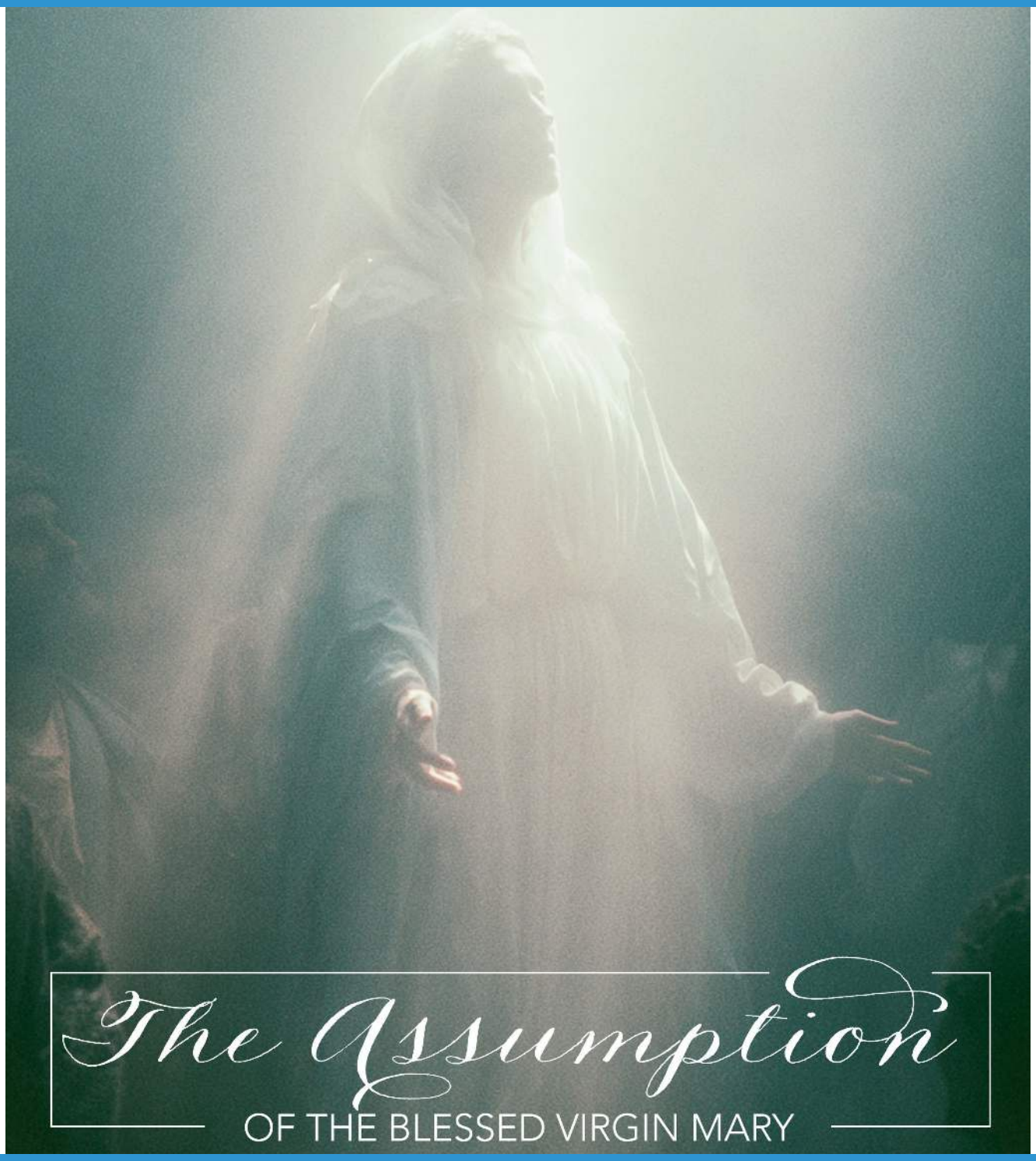


August 16, 2026 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from Fr. Ritchie

What a beautiful way to begin a new school year! Our **Backpack Blessing** was a wonderful celebration of our children, families, and community. I am especially grateful to **Mrs. Kemps** and volunteers for organizing this special event and helping us begin the school year surrounded by prayer and fellowship.

As our children return to school, whether at **Our Lady at St. Germaine School or in our local schools**, we place them in a special way into God's loving care. A new school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, make friends, and discover the gifts God has given each of us.

To our students: remember that God walks with you every day. When you are excited, He is with you. When you are nervous or facing a challenge, He is with you. And when you experience moments of joy and success, He is there rejoicing with you.

Let us also pray for our teachers, administrators, staff, and parents. May God grant them wisdom, patience, and strength as they guide and support our young people.

May the Lord bless our students and families with a safe, joyful, and successful school year. May our children always know that they are loved—not only by their families and their parish community, but by God, who walks with them every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Feel free to join us after 8:30am Mass to say this prayer.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 17 • Weekday
8:30AM Thanksgiving for special favors granted

Tuesday, August 18• Weekday
8:30AM Matthew Heffernan

Wed., August 19 •St. John Eudees
8:30AM Peg Willner

Thursday, Aug. 20 • Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30AM Bill Lock, Mark Farnan(Birthday), Margaret O'Hare(bday) Donna Doyle O'Doherty

Friday, August 21• St. Pius X, Pope
8:30AM Communion Service:

Sat, Aug 22 • Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30AM David Opas,
4:00PM Faye Devereaux, James Link, Steve Rolenc

Sun, Aug 23 • Twenty First Sun in Ord. Time
7:30AM Gioschel Family, Richard Bukowski Eddie Farnan(birthday)
9:30AM Patricia Pacetti,
11:30AM Our Parish Family

Remember Our Beloved Dead

Owen West

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

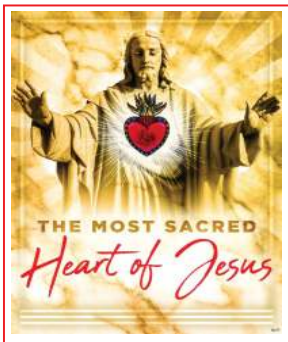
Richard Albert, Patricia Aruldoss, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Donna Burica, Maryann Burke, Diane Cernivivo, Declan Coyle, Mary Connolly, Ann Contorno, Eileen Cooney, Janine Coughlin, Chris Cristofaro, Elizabeth Czajka, Sue Daniels, Paul Dedericks, Emily DiPierro, Ron Ditzler, 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, Baby DelilaSharon 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: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Ministers Schedule for August 22-23, 2026

	Saturday 4:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:30 AM
Celebrant	Fr. Ortiz	Fr. Cabala	Fr. Ortiz	Fr. Ortiz
Proclaimer	C. Brejcha	C. Wiedenski	G. Walker	J. Maughan
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Brejcha B. Zakes	G. Kapjon Bro. Hayes	S. Rosenbaum M. Panerella	G. Maughan G. DiBenedetto
Altar Servers	A. Godinez R. Fonseca	K. Dang K. Gilmartin L. Friel	C. Nercado C. Mercado	C. Vazquez I. Arteaga L. Bekic



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 of St. Germaine Parish welcomed the following children into the Catholic faith.

Meena Miali Sanchez

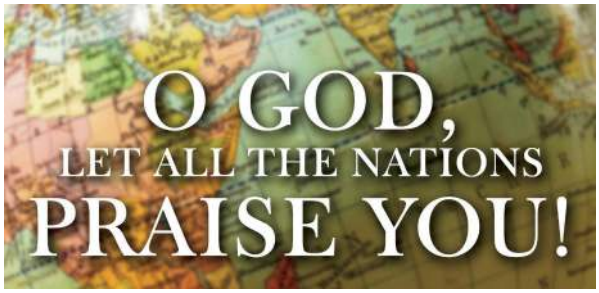
Eli Matthew Smith

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! If you have any questions, interested in helping, or have any yarn needs, please contact Eleanor at 708-422-3643.



PARISH OFFICE: (708) 636-5060

Stewardship Reports

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

August 9, 2026

Sunday	$6,368.00
Sunday (Give Central)	$2,343.00
Sunday Total	**$8,711.00**
Food Pantry	$85.00
Aid to Education:	$137.00
Assumption:	$71.00
Summer Mission	$5.00

***Give Central & ACH are in addition to regular collection.**

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 **#16** was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **$2,495.00 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)

JOIN US FOR A

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

MASS UNDER THE TENT

11:30 AM

PARKING LOT

BYOB

JOEY'S RED HOT
FOOD TRUCK WILL BE
SELLING FOOD

- Live Music
- Games
- Fellowship
- Fun

Bring your enthusiasm, and let's celebrate the new school year ogether!

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_Childrens Choir

Coming soon

Stay tuned for more info!

If you would like to receive the weekly Church bulletin via email, please sacn the QR code below to sign up..

Soccer Sign Ups
Preschool 4 year old ~ 8th Grade
Boys and Girls

Hey everyone,
I hope you had a great summer. We are excited to get this fall soccer season started. prek-4th grade soccer with MHR League will run from after Labor day through the week after Columbus Day weekend. Teams should expect 2-3 games per week depending on weather and make-up games.

Typical game days will be Wednesday / Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and Mondays if needed for prek-2nd. Tuesday / Thursday evenings, Saturday mornings and Mondays if needed for 3rd/4th.

Coed Jr Varsity and Varsity (5th-8th) with SWCSA will start as early as September 10 and ending late October to early November. Minimum of 3 girls must be on the roster and playing at all times.

We will need coaches for all teams as well, you can send me an email or text me if you are interested. If we don't have coaches then we can't have a team so please put some thought into it, Grandparents and adult siblings are welcome to coach also!
Please scan QR code to register.

Thank You,
Michael Bekic
St. Germaine Soccer

Archdiocese of Chicago

Requirements for Volunteers

Are you ready to volunteer this 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

Here is the contact info for anyone who would like to stay in contact.

Sr. Regina DeVitto CND
Sr. Darleen Mayo CND

1 Smith Street

Building A #402

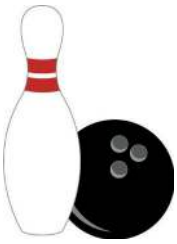
Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

The 24th Annual COURAGE Golf Outing

Saturday, October 3, 2026
Old Oak Country Club
143rd & Parker Road, Homer Glen, IL
Golf, Cart, Beverage Cart, Lunch and Dinner: $150.00
Dinner Only: $50.00
All proceeds to benefit The COURAGE Program

Please contact the COURAGE office for more information at (708) 636-8001
Or thecourageprogram@yahoo.com

SOUTHSIDE LADIES' BOWLING LEAGUE



Southside Ladies' Bowling League is looking for new bowlers. Don't have to be a professional, it's all for fun.

Bring a friend or a whole team. Bowling starts Thursday, September 10, 2026, from 9:30am to 11:45am at Arena Lanes in Oak Lawn. For details, please call Denice Heeney at 773-802-2538 or Arena Lanes at 708-425-0900.

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)

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
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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.

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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
Operations Director: Amy Condon
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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