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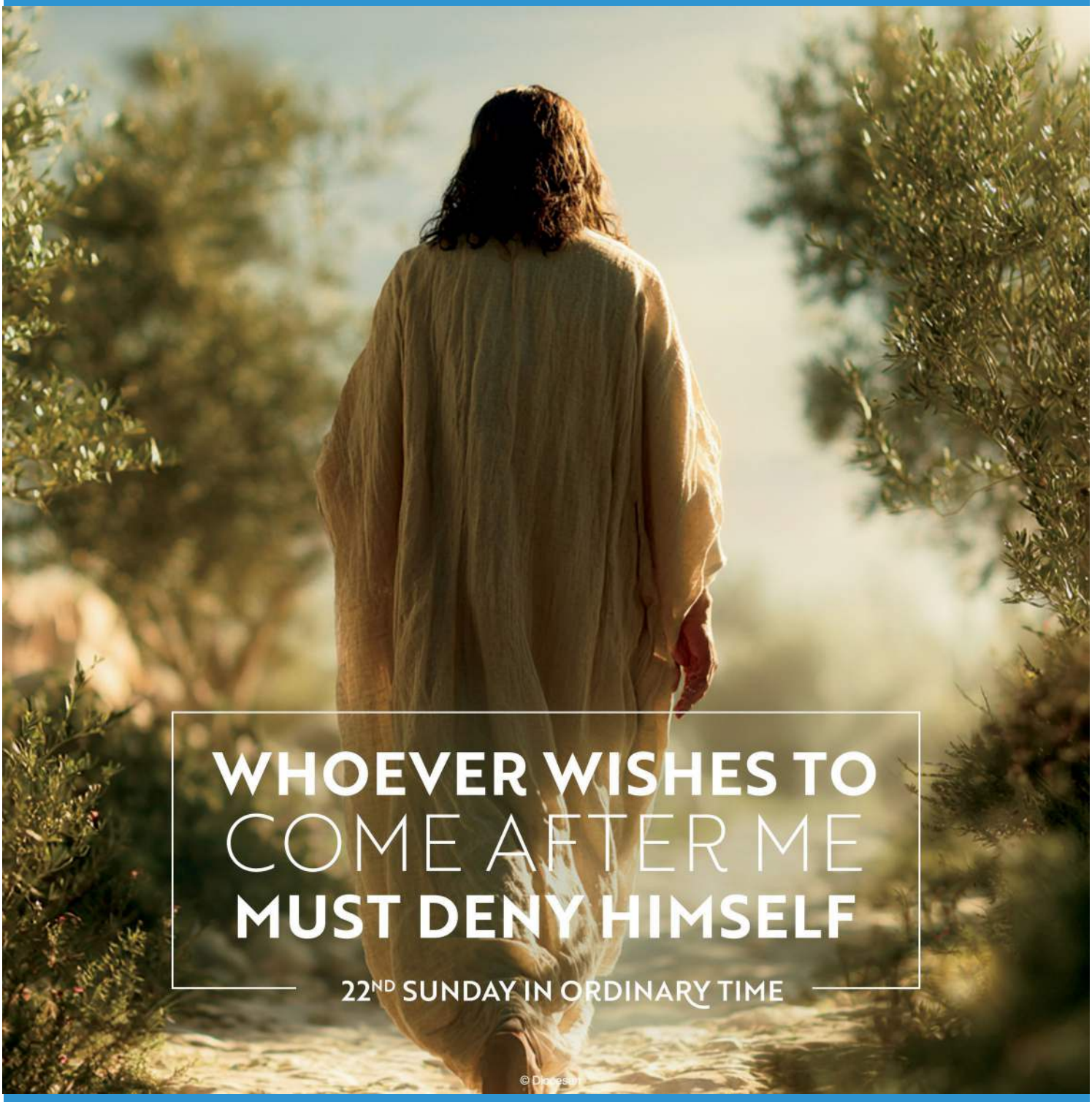


August 30, 2026 • Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from Fr. Ritchie

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 16:21–27, reminds us that following Jesus is not always the easiest path. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him. Our faith is not simply something we learn—it is something we live together as a community.

It was a great joy to celebrate our Wednesday school Mass together. What a blessing it was to see our children actively involved in the Eucharist—serving at the altar, proclaiming the readings, singing, and learning more about Jesus. These moments remind us that our children are not simply the future of our Church; **they are an important part of our Church today.**

I also want to sincerely thank our daily Mass attendees for the warm and welcoming spirit you have shown our students. Your kindness helps our children feel that they truly belong here at Our Lady at St. Germaine. When generations worship together, we truly become a family of faith.

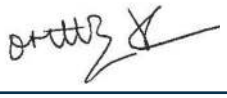
I also want to give an update on our sound system. We are continuing to work with several companies to find the best solution for our church. It will likely be a couple of weeks before we have an improved sound system in place. I am grateful for your patience and understanding, and especially thankful to **Amy Condon and John Lezaj** for their support and help with this project.

Our **7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass** has continued to be a blessing for many in our community. While this Mass had included music, we have now made it a quieter and more reverent celebration without music. **I know that some of you miss the music, and I certainly understand that music can be a beautiful and meaningful part of our worship.** At the same time, we are discovering that this quieter celebration provides a peaceful opportunity to begin Sunday with the Eucharist. It is especially helpful for first responders, school families, and parents whose children have games and activities later in the day.

As we continue this year together, may we keep Jesus at the center of our parish and school. May Our Lady at St. Germaine continue to grow as one community—praying together, learning together, serving one another, and walking together as disciples of Christ.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." — Matthew 16:24

Sincerely,



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 31• Weekday
8:30AM Tom & Marcella Sullivan

Tuesday, September 1• Weekday
8:30AM Jerome Gavin

Wednesday, September 2 • Weekday
8:30AM Robert Stockus, Mary Lyons

Thursday, September 3 • St. Gregory
8:30AM Frank Jana, Roger Johnson, Rita & Tom Moran, Deacon Jack Malone, Jim, Melissa, Chris, Tony & Jimmy Knight

Friday, September 4• Weekday
8:30AM Communion Service:

Sat, September 5 • St. Teresa of Calcutta
8:30AM Michael Foley, Carol Lynn Rimovsky
4:00PM Ralph Vanderwarren, Anthony Adams, Murray & John Russell

Sun, Sept 6 • Twenty-Third Sun. in Ord. Time
7:30AM Sara Perfetti Whelton
9:30AM Ken Superczynski
11:30AM Families of Our Lady at St. Germaine

Remember Our Beloved Dead

James Sovetskis

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

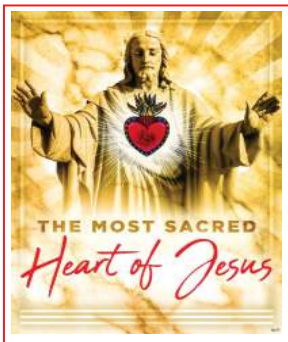
Richard Albert, Patricia Aruldoss, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Donna Burica, Maryann Burke, Mary Byrnes, Diane Cernivivo, Declan Coyle, Mary Connolly, Ann Contorno, Eileen Cooney, Janine Coughlin, Chris Cristofaro, Elizabeth Czajka, Sue Daniels, Paul Dedericks, Emily DiPierro, 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, Liz Lopez, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Stas Maciasz, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Sandra Mietz, Raimonda Miknius, Jonas Navarskas, Barb Nykaza, Dean Ojeda, Francine Opas, 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: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Ministers Schedule for September 5-6, 2026

	Saturday 4:00 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:30 AM
Celebrant	Fr. Cabala	Fr. Ortiz	Fr. Ortiz	Fr. Noga
Proclaimer	B. Zakes	J. Antos	C. Murphy	S. Postregna
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Tiffy P. Vlasis	M. Scott K. Kobiernicki	M. Pannarella K. Mikutis	E. Akroush J. O'Shea
Altar Servers	A. Godinez R. Fonseca	K. Dang K. Gilmartin L. Friel	C. Nercado C. Mercado	L. Funk L. Funk B. Moore



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

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.*

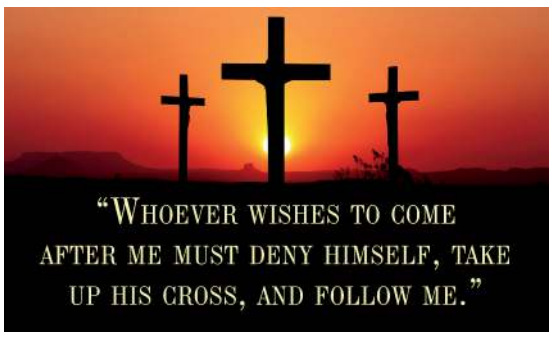
Through the Sacrament of Baptism, the community of Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish welcomed the following children into the Catholic faith.

Lennon Lilly Curtin

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 23, 2026

Sunday	$7,832.00
Sunday (Give Central)	$2,408.00
Sunday Total	**$10,240.00**
Food Pantry	$125.00
Aid to Education:	$25.00
Assumption:	$18.00
Seminary:	$35.00

***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 **#252** was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **$3,312.50 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)

JOIN US FOR A

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

MASS UNDER THE TENT

11:30 AM

PARKING LOT

BYOB

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- Live Music
- Games
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St. Germaine School Spotlights

2026-2027 Staff Photo

Faculty and staff gathered for a first day of school photo. It's going to be a great year on Kolin Avenue! Let's go Trojans!

Second Grade Story Time

Ms. Koss read a story to her second grade students on the first day. Students were busy practicing their listening skills and working hard on digesting critical thinking comprehension questions.

First Grade Jitter Juice

There's no jitters on the first day in first grade! Ms. Maynez prepared some jitter juice and her students sipped those first day jitters away!

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A community garage sale out of the trunk of your car!
Join us for a

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
9AM - 1PM
**SET UP BEGINS AT 7:30

$20 per spot (equivalent to 2 parking spaces). Need more? Buy 2 spots (equivalent to 4 parking spaces). Preregistration required, QR code below.

Sellers are responsible for their own tables, chairs, electric, tents, etc. FSA will not be providing. You will pull in and be directed to your spot.

Vehicle must fit within regular parking space.

Sellers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Event is rain or shine. Concessions will be available. For safety reasons, sellers will not be able to leave until 1pm.

No firearms, guns, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks or animals can be sold. Sellers will be asked to leave immediately, without a refund, if any items are deemed illegal or inappropriate by FSA Exec Member.

Register by Sept. 1st!

Questions? Need to register offline? Contact Stephanie: GermaineFSA@gmail.com

FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
ST. GERMAINE SCHOOL

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.

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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

The Adult Confirmation Process of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a pre-sacramental program for adults (18 and older) who have already received the Catholic sacrament of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Adults who have not received the Catholic sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion should contact their local parish to join the OCIA process.

The Adult Confirmation sessions are offered on Zoom in English and Spanish (**Flyer**).

Preparation Class Dates

Wednesdays: September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18. | 7 – 9 p.m.

English Adult Confirmation Mass

Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 7 p.m.
Queen of All Saints Basilica
6280 North Sauganash Avenue, Chicago IL 60646

Registration Process

1. Registration opens on August 24, 2026
2. **Register here** or by scanning the **QR code**
3. Pay $150 fee (due at the time of registration)
4. Registration closes September 11, 2026 at 6 p.m.
5. You will receive the Zoom meeting link the week classes start.

For more information, please **visit our website.**
For questions, please email
adultconfirmation@archchicago.org, or call **312.534.8351**.

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

Sr. Regina DeVitto CND
Sr. Darleen Mayo CND

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The 24th Annual COURAGE Golf Outing

Saturday, October 3, 2026
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Please contact the COURAGE office for more information at (708) 636-8001
Or thecourageprogram@yahoo.com

St. Germaine's 1st Annual

Milestone Reunion

Classes of: 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2016

Please send your email to pacettiangela@gmail.com to receive information about the 2026 milestone reunion.

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)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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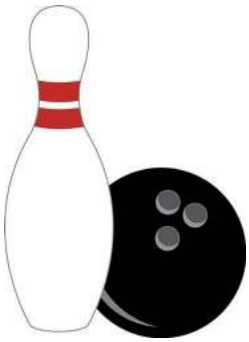
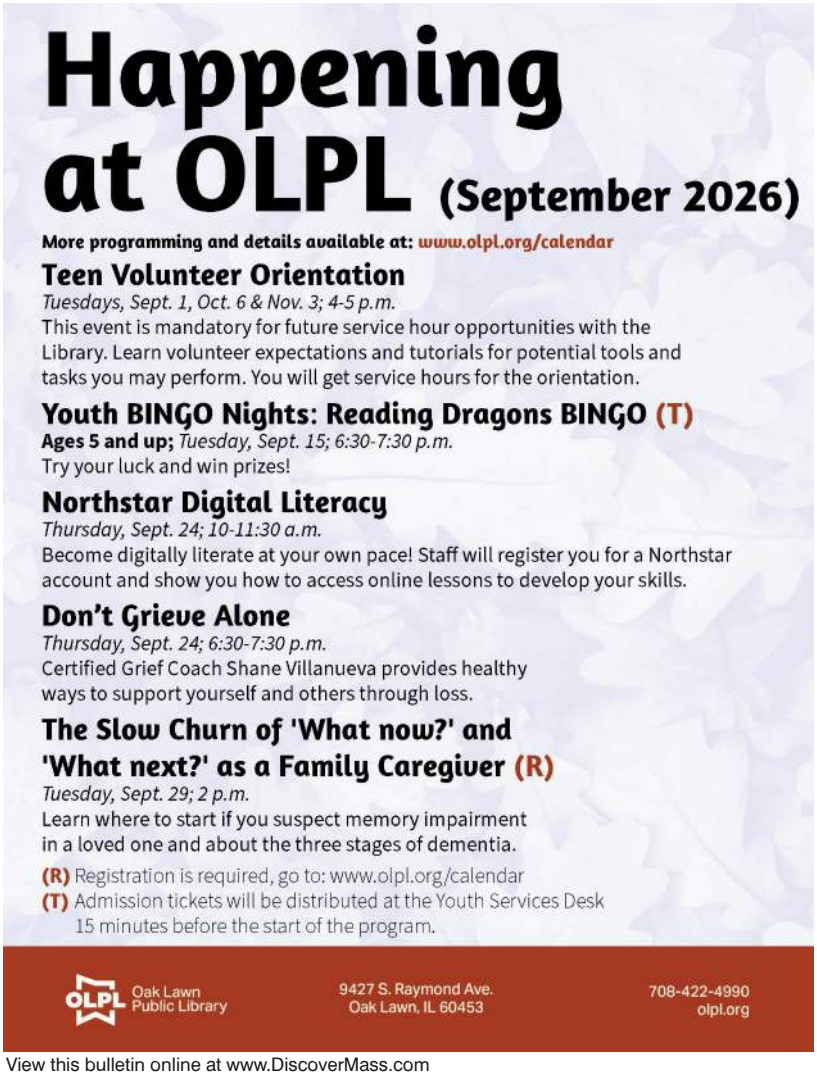


Southside Ladies' Bowling League is looking for new bowlers. Don't have to be a professional, it's all for fun.

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.



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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