# Our Lady at St. Germaine

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March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent



## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24



## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

At the end of every summer, I go to a number of county fairs with a good friend, who grew up on a farm in Fulton. We visit the cattle barns, look at the horses and walk quickly through the hog and pig barns. Each year, he tries to explain the difference between all the different animals, such as hogs, pigs, bulls, heifers, cows, sheep, rams, and lambs.

He is most interested in the judging that takes place and the awarding of the various ribbons to those who raise these animals. I go along with all the food and desserts that are sold at these county fairs, especially the fruit pies.

But I did learn something from him that I do remember. Most all the corn that we see planted in the Midwest is feed corn and for it to be of any value it must be dried out; it isn't of any use fresh off the stalks.

Jesus understood farming, as he stated in today's Gospel: "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit."

As the end of Lent comes near, have we died of our old sinful ways and habits, so that we will produce much fruit? What is the fruit that we hope to produce?

Will we be instruments of peace, because we are more understanding, slower to anger, and quicker to forgive?

Will at least one individual or a whole family be less hungry, because we gave up some of the junk foods we normally consume without a thought?

Will we be more Christ like, because we took time to pray, reflect on the Scriptures, and meditate on his life, making us more compassionate, loving and understanding?

Sincerely,

Rev. Phomos S. Cabala

Easter Schedule is as follows;

March 23 & 24, Palm Sunday: Regular Masses: 4:00 PM Saturday, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Sunday.

March 25, Monday of Holy Week: Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM

March 28, Holy Thursday: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM followed by adoration until 11:00 PM.

March 29, Good Friday: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer,

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM;

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 7:00 PM.

No Mass is held on Good Friday.

March 30, Holy Saturday: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer. Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon;

Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM (No 4:00 PM Mass)

March 31, Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

#### **Taize Prayer Around the Cross**

Taize will be offered each Wednesday of Lent. The focus of this Lenten prayer will be the Passion of Our Lord. One aspect of the Passion will be highlighted during each Wednesday. For those unfamiliar with this style of prayer it includes sung chant, Scripture, and an extended period of silence.

## The schedule for Taize Prayer Around the Cross is 6PM on Wednesdays: March 20 -The Women

Please bring a small cross or crucifix with you to wear or hold in your hand during the entire prayer time. All are welcome.



#### GOD'S SPECIAL FRIENDS IS HOSTING A CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

MARCH 23RD & 24TH, 2024

## AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE SHERIDAN ROOM



#### Women's Club Easter Bake Sale

Saturday, March 23 & Sunday March 24th After all Masses



This Lent, the students in school are focusing on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We include a work of mercy each day in our morning prayers and our religion classes. The students are exploring ways that they can perform the works of mercy in their own lives.

Two of the "corporal works of mercy," are easy for us to demonstrate. We are focusing on "Feed the hungry," and "Clothe the naked." Students and their families are being asked to bring a food item for the Our Lady at St. Germaine Food Pantry. We are also asking them to bring a "new" clothing item that

we will send to Catholic Charities. We'd love to have members of our parish participate in these collections. Below is a list of items that we are collecting. Boxes will be available in the Church lobby throughout Lent for your donations. Monetary donations can be added to the regular Church collection baskets using an envelopes marked "Feed the Hungry".

#### **Feed the Hungry**

Regular, nonperishable Food Pantry items such as cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce

Household items such as paper towels, Toilet tissue, Kleenex, dish soap, laundry soap

Monetary donations to buy eggs, milk, and other perishable items

#### Clothe the Naked

new warm socks for men, women and children

new underwear (T-shirts or briefs) in adult or child sizes

Monetary donations to buy additional Clothing items

We will be collecting items until Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Thank you for living out your faith!

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, March 18-St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30AM Mass:

Stephanie Jo Gleason, Happy 90th Fr. Ed Salmon

#### Tuesday, March 19-St. Joseph

8:30AM Mass:

Catherine "Rina" Fedele, Tom Farrell, Marion Krucek, Tess Mahonev

#### Wednesday, March 20-Lenten Weekday 7:00AM Mass: Linda Barcelona, Marion Krucek

8:30AM Communion Service:

#### Thursday, March 21-Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Mass:

Michael Manley, Earl Stazak

#### Friday, March 22-Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Mass:

Michael Manley, Thomas J. Ogarek

**Saturday, March 23–St. Turibius of Mogrovejo** 8:30AM: Thomas J. Farrell, Michael Manley 4:00PM: Matt Earley, Daniel Hayes, Marie Dillon

#### Sunday, March 24-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30AM: Frank Kita, George Leon

9:30AM: Anna Moscato, Joseph Marmo, Thomas J.

Ogarek, Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

11:30AM: Daniel Hayes, Marie Dillon, John Soss,

Louis D'Amore

#### REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

#### Deceased members of our Parish Family

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

David Akai, Kathe Anhalt, Michael Anhalt, Patricia Aruldoss, Michael Barry, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Catherine Cotter Brady, Donna Burica, Maryann Burke, Jarius Casteneda, Diane Cernivivo, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Ann Contorno, Tom Coti, Janine Coughlin, Elizabeth Czajka, Sue Daniels, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Patty Fadden, Karen Finn, Sara Fox, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Bill Geegan, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Tom Hamilton, Peg Hansen, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Joe Kress, Charles Lee, Kim Lewis, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Stas Maciasz, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, Barb Nykaza, Dean Ojeda, Francine Opas, Raul Osornio, Katherine Pape, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom, Sharon Safstrom, Norma Salas, Devin Sanchez, Audrey Schmitz, Monica (Ranalli) Schuberth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Georgie Stupay, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels, Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Charlene Thomson, Mary Ann Trop, Vickie Vertucci, Casey Wiedenski, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

Ministers' Schedule for March 23 & 24, 2024					
	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM	
Proclaimer	Barry Zakes	George Kapjon	Ellen McDermott	James O'Shea	
Eucharistic Ministers	Bill Brejcha Kathie Mikutis	Becky Kapjon Kathie Kobiernicki	Steve Rosenbaum Sharon Rosenbaum	Jim Maughan Gina Maughan	



**FRIDAYS** 4:00PM IN CHURCH

### Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

#### March 10, 2024

Sunday: \$7,223.69

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,875.00

**SUNDAY TOTAL:** \$10,098.69

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

Food Pantry \$100.00

Easter Flowers: \$129.00

Easter: \$35.00

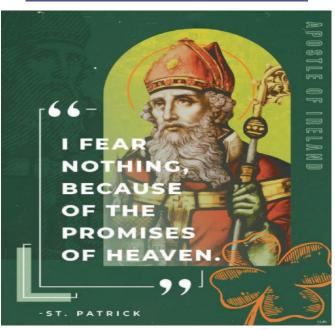
Holy Thursday: \$30.00

Good Friday: \$30.00

Ash Wednesday: \$27.00

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

2023 Tax statements are available by request. Please call 708-636-5060





#### Split The Pot Drawing

Last week envelope #560 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$1,440.00 will be added to next weeks pot.

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

#### HELP NEEDED

## Some things Needed this month are....



Beef stew, canned tomatoes, jelly, boxed or pouches of potatoes, oatmeal, cereal, boxed pudding or jello, pudding cups, cookies, crackers, canned meats, coffee, tea bags, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, body wash or hand soap. Gift cards always needed to buy perishables.

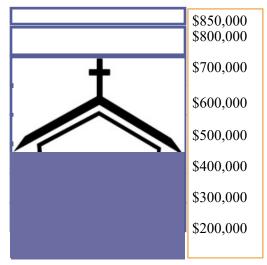
## THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING US, HELP OTHERS!!

Thank you to the **308** donors who have responded to our *Raise the Roof* campaign, pledging \$428,371.97

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail and will keep you updated on how successful this campaign is.

Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

Can you help us raise the roof?





## Our Lady at St. Germaine Athletic Association & Men's Club present the

## 17th Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays in Lent , February 16~ March 22 5:00pm ~ 8:00pm (or until fish runs out) in the church basement

Your Knights of Columbus Council #14553, are once again sponsoring 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent to help the Our Lady at St Germaine Food Pantry.



A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families in our area. The idea of a simple, straightforward one-can-per-day donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. We are inviting parishioners to bring their 40 cans to our church to be given to our St Germaine food pantry right here.

In Matthew 25:35, it reads: "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat".

It will lift the Easter spirit of the whole community to see these 40 Cans for the 40 Days of Lent. 40 Cans for Lent, will enrich the lives of donors, their families, and recipients alike. Bring the cans by the cases, 7 cans per week, or one can each day of Lent. Even if you can't do 40, any donation for those in our community who are hungry is much appreciated. The cans can be placed in the cart marked 40 cans for 40 days in the church vestibule starting Ash Wednesday. The food pantry is always in need of canned fruits, canned meats and canned soups.

## PLEASE SAVE THE DATES FOR THE ST. GERMAINE PASSION PLAY



Thursday, March 21, 2024 7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Friday, March 22, 2024 7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024 12:45 pm

Doors open after 11:30 am Mass

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of the parish unite on taking an hour of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour of each week. We would like to invite you to become an adorer, one who spends an hour before the Blessed Sacrament. The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a special vessel called a monstrance, which comes from the Latin word, monstrance, meaning "to show". (Persons who dedicate at least an hour weekly are called adorers and they form the backbone of Adoration)

If you would like to be a Substitute Adorer or you would be willing to be an adorer on a different day -Monday or Friday we would love to hear from you so that if we got enough response we could open another day in the Adoration Chapel.

Please call Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or Parish Center

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Holy Hour For Priests Seminarians and Vocations, Please join us every Thursday at 10am and 6pm during Lent for a Holy Hour until March 21st Adoration Chapel -Kolin Entrance.

#### Readings for the week of March 10

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,

56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

#### PRAYER SHAWL **MINISTRY**

Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl. Stop in the Parish Center or call 636-5060 to request one.

> Donations of yarn, and new members are always welcome! If you would be interested in helping, please contact Eleanor at 708-422-3643.



## **Spaghetti Dinner**

Benefit for the Reeves Family

### Saturday, April 20th

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT LIZ 773.791.8229 OR GERMAINEFSA@STGOL.ORG

Kindly RSVP by March 20th. Checks (payable to St. Germaine FSA) can be dropped off at St Germaine School or the Parish Center.

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#### **WEEKDAY MASS:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30AM Mass Wednesday: 7:00AM Mass, 8:30AM Communion Service

#### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

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

**RECONCILIATION**: Saturday from 2:45-3:30 PM

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL:**

Tuesdays 9-6pm, Wednesdays 9-7pm, Thursdays 9-7pm

#### Welcome to Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish!

To register in the parish, or for information about any of our organizations, ministries, services, or educational opportunities, please call the Parish Center at 636-5060.

BAPTISMS- Call Parish Center to schedule.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala Joe Gonzalez Frank Mamolella Amy Condon Philip O'Rourke

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