



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 2025



WELCOME TO OUR *Parish Community*

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SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worship of God and Service to the Poor

MASS TIMES

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 PM - English
6:30 PM - Spanish

Sunday
8:30 AM - English
10:30 AM - English
12:30 PM - Spanish
6:30 PM - English

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday
9:00 AM - English

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM
Saturdays - 9:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 9:30 AM—8:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER

ST. GABRIEL CHAPEL
Monday - Friday - 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE
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(773) 280-7700
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Monday - Friday
9:00am - 8:00pm

Saturdays & Sundays
9:00am - 2:00pm

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
(4640 N Ashland Avenue) is closed for
worship as of May 20, 2024.

****Parish Transportation is AVAILABLE**
from Our Lady of Lourdes for parishion-
ers who need assistance getting to
Saint Mary's. Please call the parish by
Friday to arrange for pick-up.

A MESSAGE FROM *Father Vince*

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

I am told that in ancient times the pagan Romans had gods and goddesses who served as patrons for almost every purpose in life. One of the deities who protected the doorways of their homes was a god named Janus. Janus was always portrayed as having two faces – one looking forward and one looking backward, presumably to watch over everyone who entered and departed from someone’s home.

Each calendar year begins with a month named after Janus. Perhaps this is not accidental. A new year provides us with the opportunity to look back and to evaluate the year which just ended and to look forward to the new year with all of its possibilities – at least with as many possibilities as we can imagine.

The great baseball player, manager, and coach Yogi Berra once stated, “It’s hard to predict things, especially about the future.” I believe Yogi was right about the future, but as we begin 2025 I suggest we first stop and look backward before looking forward. Perhaps each of us can take a few moments to review 2024 and to evaluate what happened.

For example, can we name the blessings that came our way during the past year, some which we noticed as well as those we notice only in retrospect – blessings from God, from people, or from unexpected places? What were the challenges, difficulties and hurts which came our way? Looking back at the last twelve months, are there some things we wish we had done differently? As we evaluate our behavior over the past year do we notice any recurrent sins for which we need God’s mercy and his strength going forward into a new year?

Although most New Year’s resolutions have a tendency to melt with the first thaw, I believe we can still attempt to make some changes as we begin 2025. Who knows? Some of them may endure. Let me offer a couple of suggestions for you regarding some of my own resolutions.

The great St. Therese of Lisieux, who lived most of her life in a cloistered convent and died at the age of twenty-four, resolved that she would live her life doing little things with great love. I liked her thought, and in my more lucid moments I try to follow her example, especially now that I am retired. Most of us will do little that will alter the history of the world in a colossal manner, but if we follow St. Therese’s resolution, we can change our slice of the world, at



FR. VINCE COSTELLO
RETIRED RESIDENT PRIEST

least a little. Ever since my retreat last summer I have tried very hard to be conscious of my desire to do little things with great love.

Secondly, one of my other heroes, St. Ignatius Loyola, suggested that at the end of every day we should stop and review it, noticing what transpired during the day, how our emotions ebbed and flowed, and how God was present to us. Then, if we did not like some of the choices we made we should ask God for his mercy and resolve to do better the next day. I must confess that I have not followed this practice as well as I would have liked, but since I just wrote about it in this article, I am resolved to follow it in the new year (I hope I really will!).

Like the pagan god, Janus, we also have the capacity to look backward and forward. The start of a new year provides us with the opportunity to do both with intentionality. I wish us all luck in making and in keeping our New Year’s resolutions, especially the most important ones.

Fr. Vince Costello
Retired Resident Priest

LET US PRAY *Together*

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention in memory of a deceased loved one, for someone who is sick or for general prayers please call the parish office. Note that these requests will be mentioned in the Mass time you request and published in our monthly bulletin. Please contact the office one week in advance to request an intention. The suggested donation is \$15 per intention.

Please note that any mass intentions received after the 15th OF THE MONTH will not be published in the bulletin, however it will still be prayed for at mass.

SICK LIST

If you would like to add a family member or friend to our general Prayer List for the Sick, please contact the parish office and provide the name. These names will be published in our monthly bulletin and weekly newsletters so that our community can pray for them. There is no donation requested for these requests.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Marcela Rodriguez, Hector De León, Rod Reyes, Maria Estela Alvarez, Austreberta Escobar, Adolfo Ruiz Baca, Melissa Velazquez, Molly Morris, Alfredo Pinon, Rose Mueller, Michael Snyder, Angela Bates, Angelica Luviano, Lauren Troy, Jack Denihan, Maria Pardo, Rachel Hohner, Angela Turley, Mary Pilarczyk, William Himmelmann, Marilyn Trant, Vivian Morales, John Okeeffe, Benjamin Blanco, Elvira Blanco, Kenneth Towers, Rosabella Payomo, Antonio Alcantara, Joe Klochan, Sue Leach, Patrick Bentley, Vazha Kareli, Lina Aguilar, Marianne Gaul, Maureen Bruzzini, Lazaro Eduardo Chapa, Maria Blanco, Pedro Talavera, Helen Ann Mejia, Brian Ordaz, Carl and Melinda Stopczynski, Olivia Aguilar and for all our sick parishioners and those who are in nursing homes.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The following are prayer requests we have received from the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes community. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deceased

†Jose Emilio Camargo
†Albert Campoli
†Manuel Aquino
†Martin R. Lucas
†Bernard M. Wever
†Mary Aufmann
†Hal Smith & Family
†Gabriel Burgos
†Sr. Armella Trauscht, OP
†Jaime Humberto Melgar Limon
†Antonia A. Samson
†Juana Tierrablanca
†Manuel Arreguin
†Salud Gomez
†Juan Jose Monroy
†Sr. M. Eileen McGing, OSM
†Walter Scott

Birthdays

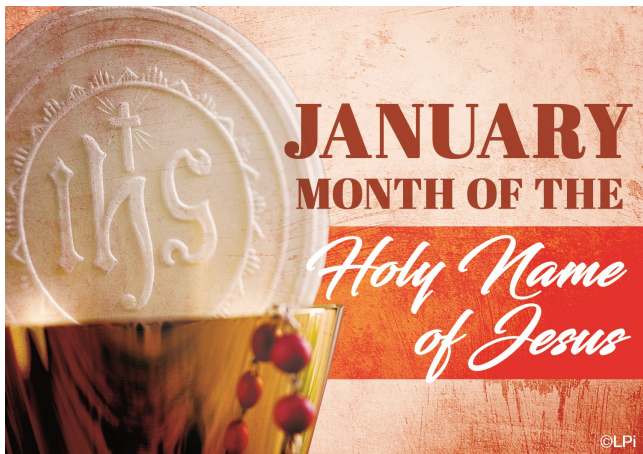
Maria Sanchez

Health

Soledad Camargo
Luis Armenteros
William Miceli

Special Prayers

Will Carleton



For the members of our parish community who have recently passed away.

†Jose Francisco Moreno Silva

†Amparo Perez

A MESSAGE FROM OUR *Archbishop*



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In this holy season of Christmas, words from the Book of Wisdom echo in our hearts: *For while all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty Word leapt down from Heaven from Thy royal throne, as a fierce conqueror into the midst of the land of destruction.* (Wisdom 18:15).

We have many reasons to think of our world as “the land of destruction.” Today, so many people across the globe suffer the ravages of war and violence, the burden of illness, crushing poverty and displacement, and natural disasters that are often weather related.

Our faith affirms that the Eternal Word of the Father took our flesh, shared our human condition in all its troubled dimensions, and then as “a fierce conqueror” lifted us up into new life. This mystery at the center of our faith gives us renewed hope and encouragement as we make our pilgrim way in this wounded world. Indeed, across the coming Holy Year, we celebrate the hope that only the Lord in his goodness can give us. It is hope, Saint Paul tells us, that *will not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.* (Romans 5:5)

As you gather with family and friends in this holy season, I will pray for you and for a renewal of your hope. May the upcoming Holy Year with its theme *Pilgrims of hope* be an opportunity for all of us to learn how to be signs and instruments of hope for our struggling and burdened world.

As I celebrate the Eucharist in this holy season, I will ask the Lord to help you and your loved ones to cling to his word of promise that is the true source of our hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
The Installation of
Reverend Sergio Rivas Tamayo
as the 2nd Pastor of
Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Saturday, January 25, 2025
5:30pm Bilingual Mass

Presided by our Episcopal Vicar, Most Reverend Mark Bartosic

****Note there will not be a 4:30pm or 6:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass on 1/25/25***

Saint Mary of the Lake Church
4220 N. Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60613

Reception to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome to join!



CHARITY and Service

WEDNESDAY SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers are NEEDED to make Sack Meals and to help with service on Wednesday nights. **To make this a success consistently each week, we need 200 individuals/families to commit to donating at least once a month.**

We are looking to have **50 volunteer make 5 Sack Meals each week.**

Each sack meal should contain:

- 2 lunchmeat sandwiches with no condiments, cheese is optional but a nice addition
- 2 cheese sticks
- 1 bag of chips (or similar)
- 1 piece of soft fruit (for example, orange, banana, grapes) • Dessert (cookies or candy bar)
- Beverage (juice box, can of soda, or 8oz water bottle/sports drink)
- Napkin

Please pack each meal in a gallon-sized plastic bag (like Ziploc). Or please use a plastic grocery bag.

DROP OFF

Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-- drop off at the parish reception desk, as they will be handed out beginning at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of sack meals, set up, and serving a hot meal to our unhoused community members every week. Help is needed every Wednesday from 4:30-7:30pm.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 773-280-

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Please, consider joining our parish choir. If you have ever sung in a choir, or you play an instrument, you are invited to share your gifts with your faith community. **If you are interested we invite you to contact our music director, Michael Ruzicki at mruzicki@saintmarys.org**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Sacristan, Greeter or Usher. We are in need of more people to help with our Sunday liturgies. Training and formation is available to prepare you to serve in these roles. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries **please contact Gabriel Mayhugh at gmayhugh@saintmarys.org.**

SERVE WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

You are invited to join in friendship and food distribution with our unhoused and migrant communities in Uptown on Sundays. Meet in parish office at Saint Mary of the Lake on **Sundays at 11:30 AM** to prepare food together. Directly following we go into Uptown, visiting with the unhoused and migrant communities bringing coffee and food but most importantly friendship. **For more info contact Krysten McOsker or the parish office.**

LAUNDRY MINISTRY

Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes Laundry Ministry is a response to the corporal work of mercy "clothing the naked." Each week we provide the loving act of washing the clothing for homeless LGBTQ+ youth serviced by the Center on Halsted, qualified seniors living at Town Hall Apartments and the homeless living on the street. Over the years we have provided additional services to these friends as needed. We meet each **Tuesday at 3:00 PM** at the parish office. **For more information or to support this ministry please contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com**



WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, who were baptized during the **month of December**. Please pray for them and their families.

*Finnegan John Theodore Vernasco
Reyli Arciniega*



JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We are excited for Jubilee Year 2025, a time of grace, renewal, and celebration for Catholics around the world! This special Jubilee, declared by Pope Francis, calls us to reflect on God's boundless mercy and embrace our mission to live out the Gospel in everyday life.

Here in the Archdiocese of Chicago and locally at Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, we will join with the Universal Church in prayer and pilgrimage throughout the year. Cardinal Cupich opened the Jubilee Year locally by celebrating a special Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on December 29, 2024. Throughout the year, from December 29, 2024 through December 28, 2025, all are invited to participate in the Jubilee.

Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has been designated as a Pilgrimage Site. More information to come on how we will celebrate locally and welcome pilgrims!

PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

—Pope Francis

Welcome

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

A warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners of our parish community! The following persons and families registered this past month! Welcome to Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes!

*Teresa Maday
Oisin Galvin
Erin Hawkins
Brianne Bibbs
Natalie Orslene
Elizabeth Fritch
Debbie Duran*

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas



OUR HOUSES MATTER

**We want to help you put
money in your pocket!**

Information about refunds
and exemptions available
at your property.

January 19, 2025

Mass: 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.



**Saint Mary of the Lake and
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**

4220 North Sheridan Rd.
Chicago, IL 60613

Presentation by:
Erika Maldonado



MARIA PAPPAS
COOK COUNTY
TREASURER'S OFFICE

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OF CHICAGO



MINISTRY *Events*

PRAY WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

The Community of Sant'Egidio lives in a spiritual and fraternity gathering for prayer and serving the poor and marginalized in our city. Join us as we gather around the Gospel for a Vespers-type evening prayer.

St. Gabriel Chapel at Saint Mary of the Lake **Thursdays at 6:30pm**. The first Thursday of the month is dedicated to praying for peace.

For more info please contact Krysten McOsker at krystenmcosker@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

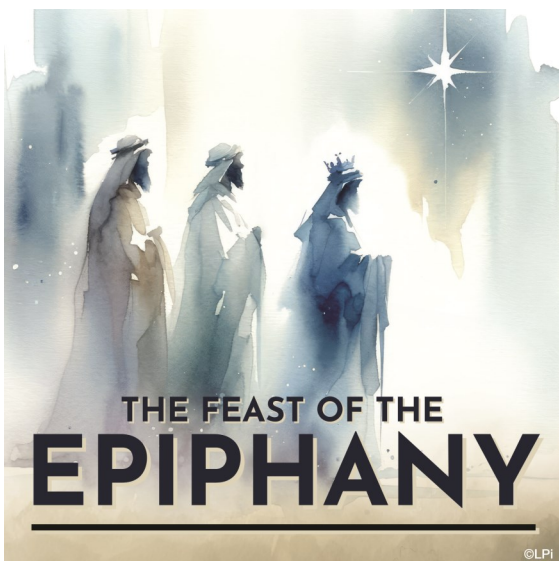
Join the Young Adult community! The Young Adults of Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes are a vibrant, inclusive group of parishioners, for young adults in their 20s and 30s, dedicated to living and growing in our Catholic faith. For more information please contact Marc at mvega@saintmarys.org or visit www.saintmarys.org/youngadults

LGBTQ+ MINISTRY—JANUARY GATHERING

If you are interested in joining us for our January gathering, we simply ask that you fill out the following form to help us determine our meeting date and time. Use this RSVP link: <https://forms.office.com/r/80wHtaDhHA> Questions or contact Michael at mruczicki@saintmarys.org.

BOOK CLUB—READ AND REFLECT TOGETHER

Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes' Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, January 9 at 7:30 PM in the Hagerty Center. Our book for the session is "Watch for the Light-- Readings for Advent and Christmas" (Plough, 2021). You can purchase this book through most vendors. All are welcome, both avid readers and those interested in sharing your faith with one another. Plan on sharing which meditation is most meaningful to you and feel free to bring a beverage or something to share. Also on the table will be a quick discussion for the club's plans for 2025. Contact Ron Schnorbus (rschnorbus@gmail.com) for further information or questions.



GIVING WITH THE HEAD AND THE HEART

Here are a few ways to maximize your charitable donations while minimizing your tax liability and saving yourself time and money in the process.

- **Donor Advised Fund (DAF):** A DAF is a type of charitable giving account: you make a donation to your DAF account, receive a tax deduction for the current tax year, and have the flexibility to direct your DAF balance as gifts to the parish at any time in the future. It's simple, flexible and tax efficient.
- **Stocks and Mutual Funds:** Giving stocks, bonds, mutual funds or ETFs to the parish rather than cash could increase the value of your gifts, cost you less money, and lower your tax bill. Donating publicly traded securities allows you to avoid capital gains taxes (which can be as high as 20% on long-term holdings) and you are still able to claim a charitable deduction for the full fair-market value of the donated securities. That stretches your dollar further than just selling the stock and giving cash.
- **Gifts from Your Individual Retirement Account (IRA):** Are you taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from an IRA? You can avoid income taxes on your RMD by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA and avoid paying taxes on the distribution. That's a huge tax advantage that satisfies part or all of your required minimum distribution. Thank you for considering *St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish* in your charitable giving plans.
- **Remember to leave the parish in your estate plans:** The parish sometimes learns that former or current parishioners, who recently passed away, left the parish in their will or named the parish as a beneficiary of some of their remaining assets. This is a remarkable way to memorialize your own legacy. With such gifts, the parish invests and uses these funds for long-term planning and investment of the parish or as the donor intends.

Thank you for your generous giving and faithful sharing with the parish. The parish administration strives to be the best stewards of your gifts. **If you are in need of any information or have questions, please contact our Operations Director, Geoff Pautsch, in the Parish Office.**

Monthly Financial Reporting: December 2024

December Sunday Offertory and Mass Attendance

	December 1	#	December 8	#	December 15	#	December 22	#
4:30 PM	\$700.00	97	\$966.00	144	\$1,648.00	82	\$802.00	66
6:30 PM	\$688.00	168	\$397.00	100	\$651.00	150	\$536.00	112
8:30 AM	\$835.00	132	\$1,961.00	178	\$1,074.00	181	\$1,298.00	153
10:30 AM	\$982.00	242	\$1,813.00	282	\$1,922.00	260	\$1,312.00	218
12:30 PM	\$1,438.00	412	\$1,687.00	408	\$1,674.00	406	\$1,684.00	396
6:30 PM	\$231.00	62	\$298.00	95	\$286.00	76	\$146.00	68
Online	\$6,643.00		\$5,201.00		\$4,019.00		\$4,328.00	
TOTAL	\$11,517.00	1,113	\$12,323.00	1,207	\$11,274.00	1,155	\$10,106.00	1,013

Weekly Sunday Collection Goal: \$ 12,875.00
 Average Weekly Sunday Collection: \$ 10,789.92

Total Sunday Collection Goal (25 weeks): \$ 321,875.00
 Total Sunday Collections (through December 22, 2024): \$ 269,748.00
 Total Sunday Collection Shortfall: (\$ 52,127.00; an average weekly shortfall: \$2,085.08)

Thank you for your generous support!



A New Years Resolution Leave Your Legacy Through a Bequest

As we begin the New Year, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by including a gift to our parish in your will or trust. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language: "I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of Saint

Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish located in Chicago, Illinois." Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. The parish can share its EIN number for your will or trust as needed. Legacy gifts made to the parish are restricted for long-term planning and investment for the parish's future. It is our gift back to you to use your legacy gift wisely and not squander it on day-to-day operational expenses. Gifts can also be restricted and used solely on the donor's intent. For more information, please contact Geoff Pautsch, Operations Director, at (773) 280-7700 x411 or at gpautsch@saintmarys.org.

Please check our parish website and weekly e-newsletter for an update on the Christmas collection.

Your generosity this Christmas is greatly appreciated!

If you haven't made your Christmas donation, please use this QR code:



Our parish 6-month financial report (July to December) will be published in the February bulletin. The parish relies solely on your generosity.

To find out ways how you can make your parish donations, please visit www.saintmarys.org/give