



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

MARCH 2025



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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

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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,

On occasion I have wondered what it would be like for a Jewish person to wander into a Catholic church on Good Friday during the proclamation of the Passion According to St. John. I say this because the term “the Jews” appears frequently in John’s account of Our Lord’s suffering and death. In fact, the term is often used in other places throughout John’s Gospel and not usually in a complimentary fashion. I wonder what a Jewish person might think or feel when he/she heard “the Jews” used in such a negative way in a church, especially on Good Friday.

Sadly, over the centuries certain parts of the New Testament have been used to fuel the flames of antisemitism. The use of “the Jews” probably played a role in doing so. However, in the Greek text (the New Testament was composed in koine Greek) the term *hoi ioudaioi*, “the Jews,” is plainly there, and there is no way around it. But I think the question naturally arises as to why the evangelist would use this term in an uncomplimentary manner when he clearly knew that Jesus was Jewish, Jesus’s family was Jewish, Our Lord’s first disciples were Jewish, John’s community undoubtedly had many Jewish members, and the author of the Gospel was probably Jewish himself? What are we to make of this? Let me offer a few possible answers to these questions.

One of the things I have learned from my study of the Sacred Scriptures is the importance of being aware of the context in which each of the books of the Bible were written. This is especially true when considering the Gospel According to John. John’s Gospel is a rather complex document. It is the last of the four Gospels to be composed, probably near the end of the first century A.D. By the time of its writing the early Christian communities felt they were under siege and rightly so—because they were. The experience of being under siege usually calls forth a strong reaction, a circling of the wagons if you will. I believe this was a factor in the manner in which John’s Gospel was written, including the author’s choice of certain words rather than others.

As the first century wore on the Roman government considered Christianity to be a seditious organization. Many of its members refused to worship the gods and goddesses of Rome, including the worshipping of some emperors who claimed to be divine or at least semi-divine. This behavior was interpreted as disloyalty to the empire, and it led to violent persecutions of the Church.

More importantly, by the time John’s Gospel was written the differences between Judaism and Christianity had also become quite evident. Jewish Christians were being expelled from the synagogues. Jewish Christians frequently were compelled to choose between family, friends, heritage, and their faith in Jesus. I suspect it was a painful experience for all the parties involved, especially for those who were in effect “excommunicated” from their own communities. John’s approach to this rejection calls to my

mind what Marx (Groucho not Karl) once said. “Who do you think you are? I’ve been thrown out of better places than this!” It is in this context we need to consider the acrimonious use of the term “the Jews” as it appears in John’s Gospel.



FR. VINCE COSTELLO
RESIDENT PRIEST

It is also helpful to keep in mind that the author of this particular Gospel seems to have a black and white approach to Jesus. In John’s Gospel, people are either for Jesus or against him. Some folks understand that he is exactly who he said he was and more, or they don’t. There are people who live in the light, and there are people who are in the dark. Some get it, and others do not. John gives little room for ambiguity when it comes to belief in Jesus, especially in the way the evangelist understood who Jesus is.

As I stated earlier, over the centuries certain passages or terms in the New Testament have been utilized to justify the antisemitism. We hope those days are long gone. I think most Christians realize that individuals who lived within a few miles of Jerusalem on the first Good Friday had no idea what was happening on Golgotha while Jesus being executed. I hope most people likewise would agree that it never made sense to blame an entire people for what a handful of leaders decided to do nearly two thousand years ago. Unfortunately, some days it does not take much for some people to demonize others who are different and to use God’s word to do so.

On a happier note, in October 1965 Vatican Council II issued a revolutionary document entitled *Nostra Aetate*. It spoke about the Catholic Church in relationship with other religions. In terms of our relationship with Judaism it was viewed as a breakthrough. The Council Fathers condemned antisemitism and, for the record, stated that the Jewish people could not be accused of playing a role in the death of Our Lord.

However, with all of this in mind I still wonder how a Jewish person might feel if he/she attended the Church’s liturgy on Good Friday and heard John’s account of Our Lord’s Passion proclaimed.

Fr. Vince Costello
Retired Priest in Residence

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.

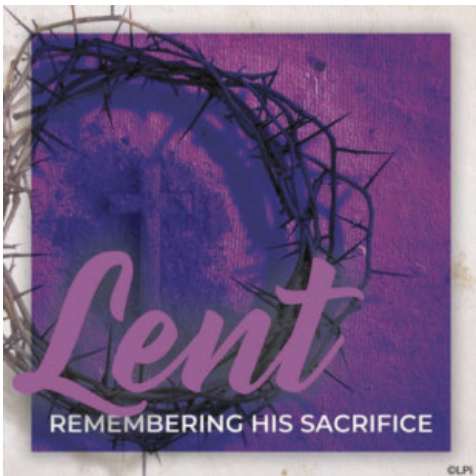
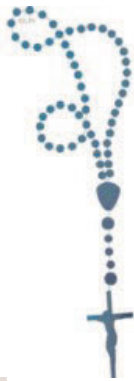
Please note that any mass intentions received after the 15th OF THE MONTH will not be published in the bulletin, however it will still be prayed for at mass.

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 MARCH

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

†Anne T. Costello
†Soledad Ilagan
†Estela Zepeda
†Tulio Klein
†Josefina Griseño
†Matilde La Rosa
†Josefa Perez
†Santa Rocha
†Eulalia Lopez
†Mary Aufmann
†Gabriel Burgos
†Salvador Correa
†Hal Smith & Family
†Manuel Urquiza
†Vianette Urquiza
†Lucy Albaneze
†Hector Sanchez
†Carlos E. Rocha
†Bess Heal Van Derbeck
†Marianna Collins Exter
†All Souls in Purgatory

Birthdays

Nanette Suyosa
Shelia Montilla

Health

Pope Francis

Special Prayers

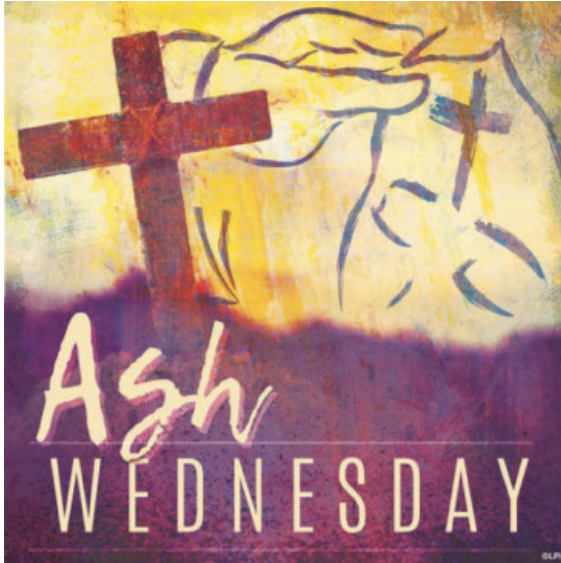
Alaina Celeste Vasquez

In Loving Memory

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

†Enrique Rivas Salazar

LIVING THE SEASON of Lent



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Prayer Services w/ Distribution of Ashes

7:00am
8:00am

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

9:00am | English

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

10:00am-12:00pm

Prayer Services w/ Distribution of Ashes

10:00am
11:00am
12:00pm
1:00pm
2:00pm
3:00pm
4:00pm
5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

4:00pm-6:00pm

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

6:00pm | English

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

7:30pm | Spanish

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Stations of the Cross

Friday Mornings, March 7 through April 11
9:30am—English

Friday Evenings, March 7 through April 4

6:30pm—English
7:30pm—Spanish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH MUSIC

Friday, April 11, 2025

7:00pm—Bilingual

LECTIO DIVINA—SATURDAYS IN LENT

Saturday Mornings and Evenings

Join a small group on Saturdays to reflect on the Sunday readings in a contemplative way, with meditation and prayer.
9:30am—English
5:30pm—Spanish

LENTEN EVENING OF TAIZE PRAYER

Monday, March 10, 2025 | 6:30pm—Bilingual

Join us for an evening of music, prayer and reflection in the style of Taize.

HANDING ON OF THE CREED

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 6:30pm—English

Before celebrating the Rite of Handing on of the Creed with our Elect, the parish community is invited to a night of catechetical breaking open of the meaning of the *Nicene Creed* in our lives.

HANDING ON OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 | 6:30pm—English

Before celebrating the Rite of Handing on of the Lord's Prayer with our Elect, the parish community is invited to a night of catechetical breaking open of the meaning of *The Lord's Prayer* in our lives.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday, April 7, 2025 | 6:30pm—Bilingual

Join as a community for an evening of prayer and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also will welcome members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 | 6:30pm—English

All are invited to an evening of reflection and spiritual preparation to ready ourselves to live Holy Week.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

9:30am—Saturdays
7:00pm—Thursdays

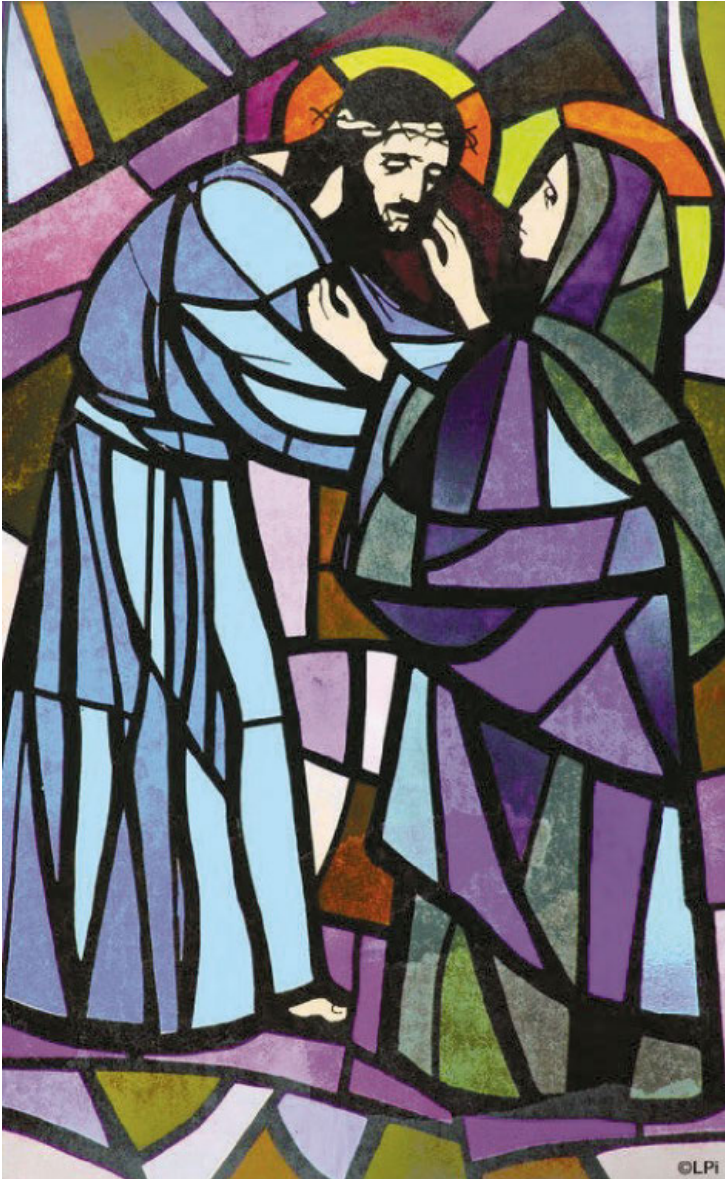
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

9:30am-8:00pm—Thursdays

For all Lenten details and resources visit:

www.saintmarys.org/lent

LIVING THE SEASON of *Lent*



HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:30pm—English

6:30pm—Spanish

Sunday Masses

8:30am—English

10:30am—English

12:30pm—Spanish

6:30pm—English

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17, 2025

9:00am—English | Morning Prayer

7:00pm—Bilingual | Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:30pm—Spanish | Presentation of Jesus' Agony in the Garden

11:15pm—Bilingual | Scripture and Song

11:45pm—Bilingual | Night Prayer

Note that private prayer with the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the parish hall (1026 W Buena Ave)

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18, 2025

9:00am—English | Morning Prayer

11:00am—Bilingual | Living Way of the Cross

3:00pm—English | Liturgy of Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm—Spanish | Liturgy of Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 19, 2025

9:00am—English | Morning Prayer

(Blessing of Easter Food Baskets and Rites of Immediate Preparation for the Elect)

8:30pm—Multilingual | Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:30am—English

10:30am—English

Easter Egg Hunt immediately following 10:30am Mass

12:30pm—Spanish

Easter Egg Hunt immediately following 12:30pm Mass

**Note we will not have a 6:30pm Sunday Mass on Easter*



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 773-280-7700 or email office@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. We meet each **Tuesday at 3:00 PM** at the parish office. **For more information please contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

Together we bring hope

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself and for your loved ones.



To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959

To mail: 835 North Rush Street
Chicago, IL 60611

To give online:
annualcatholicappeal.com



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

The theme for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is Together we bring hope. The theme echoes what Pope Francis has proposed as the theme of the Holy Year, *Pilgrims of Hope*. In a world of struggles mightily with the violence of war, the consequences of climate change, and a generally uncertain future, the message of hope so deeply embedded in the Gospel is essential.

Our parish goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal 2025 is:
\$48,007

When we exceed this goal our parish will receive a rebate from those donated funds.

Thank you as always for your monetary support and generosity of our parish community!

LIFELONG FAITH *Formation*



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 February**. Please pray for them and their families.

Yorleny Giselle Giron Hernandez

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY PREPARING TO BE BAPTIZED

The past year and a half we have had three members of our parish community intentionally and prayerfully preparing to be welcomed into the Catholic Church. These three members will publicly celebrate various rites throughout the Lenten season signifying their journey of discernment, prayer and desire to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Please pray for each of the following community members as well as their sponsors.

God-willing these members will be welcomed through the waters of Baptism and celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19, 2025. Plan to join us for the beautiful celebration!

In a special way throughout Lent, please pray for...

CARLOS AVILA

STORMY LOPEZ

BETTY RIVERA

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY—MARCH 2025

The Young Adult ministry has several events lined up for the month of March!

We'll be kicking off another Study & Share series with a brand new topic — **The Modern Catholic: Living Out Our Faith**. This series will feature a variety of guest speakers as they touch on timely topics like the universal call to holiness, marriage and relationships, Catholic apologetics, and more. This series aims to help young adults navigate the ups and downs of being Catholic in a secular world. While each session is built upon a shared foundation, the meetings are self-contained, so you don't necessarily have to attend each one to follow along.

We're also introducing a social initiative called **Ponder & Play**. Young adults are encouraged to bring a game, a snack, and/or a friend for a night of games and lively discussion. We'll have a brief testimony or lecture followed by a casual game night.

March 12 — The Modern Catholic: Living Out Our Faith — The Universal Call to Holiness

(7pm – Bishop Hayes Room)

March 14 — Ponder & Play — Game Night & Discussion

(7pm – Bishop Hayes Room)

March 22 — Young Adult Service Event

(Location & time TBA)

March 26 — The Modern Catholic: Living Out Our Faith — Topic TBD

(7pm – Bishop Hayes Room)

For more info and event updates visit:
www.saintmarys.org/youngadults

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!

*Brianna Stevens
Ruyan Ruzicki
Cheryl Hwang
Thomas Bell
William Mooney
Osei Eghan
Adriana Murillo*

PILGRIMS of Hope



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.

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! We are in the midst of planning—more details to come in future bulletins and on our website!

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

WHAT MUST ONE DO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL PLENARY INDULGENCE?

In order to gain this special Indulgence, a Catholic is required to make sacramental Confession before or after visiting a designated Jubilee pilgrimage site (it may be fulfilled by celebrating the sacrament at the site during the parish's regularly scheduled times), receive the Eucharist at Mass before or after visiting a designated Jubilee pilgrimage site (it may be fulfilled by participating in Mass during the site's regularly scheduled times). In addition a person is to make a profession of faith and offer prayers for the Holy Father's intentions.

In addition to and in conjunction with fulfilling these conditions, one may then take part in any of the following observances of the Jubilee of Hope.

Make a pilgrimage to Holy Name Cathedral, or any one of the designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites and there participate in Mass, or the Sacrament of Penance, or take part in another liturgy or devotion (e.g., a liturgy of the word, the Liturgy of the Hours [Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer], the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary).

One may also gain the Plenary Indulgence by visiting one of the designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration or meditation before the tabernacle, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith (Nicene or Apostles' Creed), and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.



OUTSIDE PARISH GROUPS — DO YOU WANT TO PLAN A GROUP VISIT TO OUR CHURCH?

Please contact our parish office at 773-280-7700 or email office@saintmarys.org to coordinate a time for your group pilgrimage. We are happy to work with you!

All are welcome to join in prayer and celebration of the sacraments! Please refer to Page 2 of our bulletin for our full schedule of Mass, confession times and hours to visit for prayer and Adoration.

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

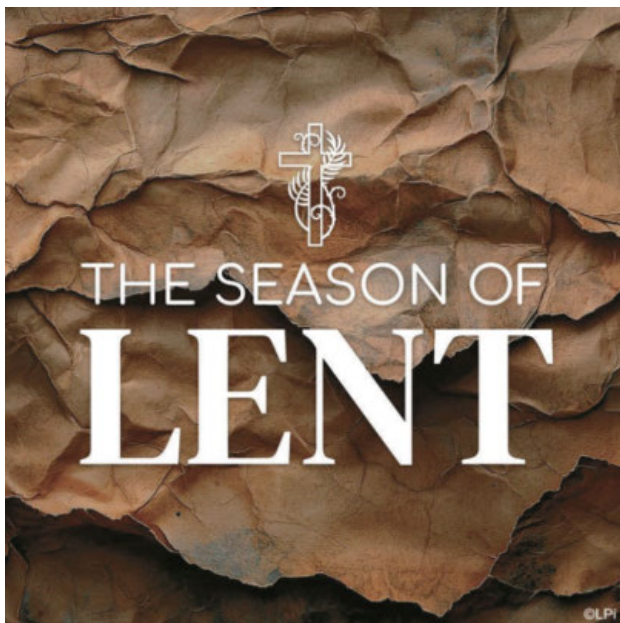
Join the Young Adult community! The Young Adults of Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes are a vibrant, inclusive group of parishioners, for young adults in their 20s and 30s, dedicated to living and growing in our Catholic faith. For more information please contact Marc at mvega@saintmarys.org or visit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

LGBTQ+ MINISTRY GATHERINGS

If you are interested in joining us for our next gathering, we simply ask that you contact Michael Ruzicki at mruzicki@saintmarys.org.

BOOK CLUB—READ AND REFLECT TOGETHER

Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes' Book Club gathers in the parish center. The next gathering is Wednesday, March 13, 2025. The group is reading *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter*. All are welcome, both avid readers and those interested in sharing your faith with one another. Contact Ron Schnorbus (rschnorbus@gmail.com) for further information or questions.



2024 TAX DONATION LETTERS

If you would like to receive a tax donation letter and statement of your 2024 contributions, you are able to download them from your PushPay account. If you have any issues or need assistance do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 773-280-7700 or office@saintmarys.org.

Thank you for your financial support and generosity to our parish!

SANT'EGIDIO

Prayer for Peace

About the Community of Sant'Egidio

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a movement of lay people dedicated to communicating and living out the Gospel through prayer, solidarity with the poor and service to peace.

About the Prayer for Peace

Every first Monday of the month we gather to pray for peace and for all the peoples in the world who are suffering because of war. During the prayer, afflicted countries will be named and a candle will be lit for peace in those nations.

Details

First Monday of the Month
7:00 pm
St. Mary of the Lake
St. Gabriel Chapel
4220 N. Sheridan Rd.
Chicago, 60613

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are sick and in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact our parish office to schedule a visit with one our priests. We are here for you. Thank you!

Parish Office—773-280-7700

Monthly Financial Reporting: February 2025

February Sunday Offertory and Mass Attendance

	February 2	#	February 9	#	February 16	#
4:30 PM	\$973.00	126	\$935.00	110	\$1,309.00	124
6:30 PM	\$600.00	161	\$463.00	120	\$343.00	92
8:30 AM	\$1,712.00	144	\$1,009.00	146	\$951.00	135
10:30 AM	\$1,376.00	297	\$1,744.00	278	\$1,078.00	262
12:30 PM	\$1,684.00	462	\$1,766.00	450	\$2,011.00	490
6:30 PM	\$957.00	89	\$364.00	48	\$337.00	90
Online	\$6,185.00		\$3,356.00		\$5,259.00	
TOTAL	\$13,487.00	1,279	\$9,637.00	1,152	\$11,288.00	1,193

Weekly Sunday Collection Goal:

\$ 12,875.00

Average Weekly Sunday Collection:

\$ 10,825.79

Total Sunday Collection Goal (33 weeks):

\$ 424,875.00

Total Sunday Collections (through February 16, 2025)

\$ 357,251.00

Total Sunday Collection Shortfall:

(\$ 67,624.00; an average weekly shortfall: \$2,049.21)

Thank you for your generous support!

Did winter weather keep you from attending Mass recently? Unfortunately, our heating, snow removal and operating costs remain high even when attendance is low. Please consider making up any missed Sunday offerings with a quick electronic donation or by adding to your next envelope offering. Thank you for your generosity!

2024 Annual Contribution Statements available: If you would like a summary of your 2024 donations to the parish, please contact the parish office at pushpay@saintmarys.org or call (773) 280-7700. A donation letter can be prepared for you and emailed, mailed, or picked up in the office.

Air Conditioning Project update: With the weather being so cold, it's hard to imagine air conditioning. Over the last several months, there has been a significant amount of "behind the scenes" work to make sure this project is designed appropriately for our church building and reviewed by experts from the parish and the archdiocese. Your generosity is making this project a reality. PremiStar, a reputable vendor that has done several projects throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago, has been selected to complete the air conditioning installation. The installation requires several components: 1) the delivery and installation of the mechanical equipment, 2) the installation of ductwork in the basement of the church, 3) the upgrading of our electrical capacity with ComEd. This is the most crucial step as the timeline for completion is dependent upon ComEd's availability and "our place in line." The total cost of the project with a 10% contingency is approximately \$575,000, down from our original budget of \$600,000. If the contingency is not needed, the project cost will be lessened. The parish has received almost \$268,000 in gifts and donations from you, its parishioners with more pledged as the project moves forward. This is a remarkable response. Donations and pledges are still being accepted for this project. The balance of the project will be covered by the endowment fund as approved by the endowment committee last fall. Please watch future bulletins or weekly e-newsletters for up-to-date information on the project.



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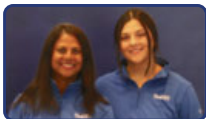
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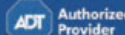


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