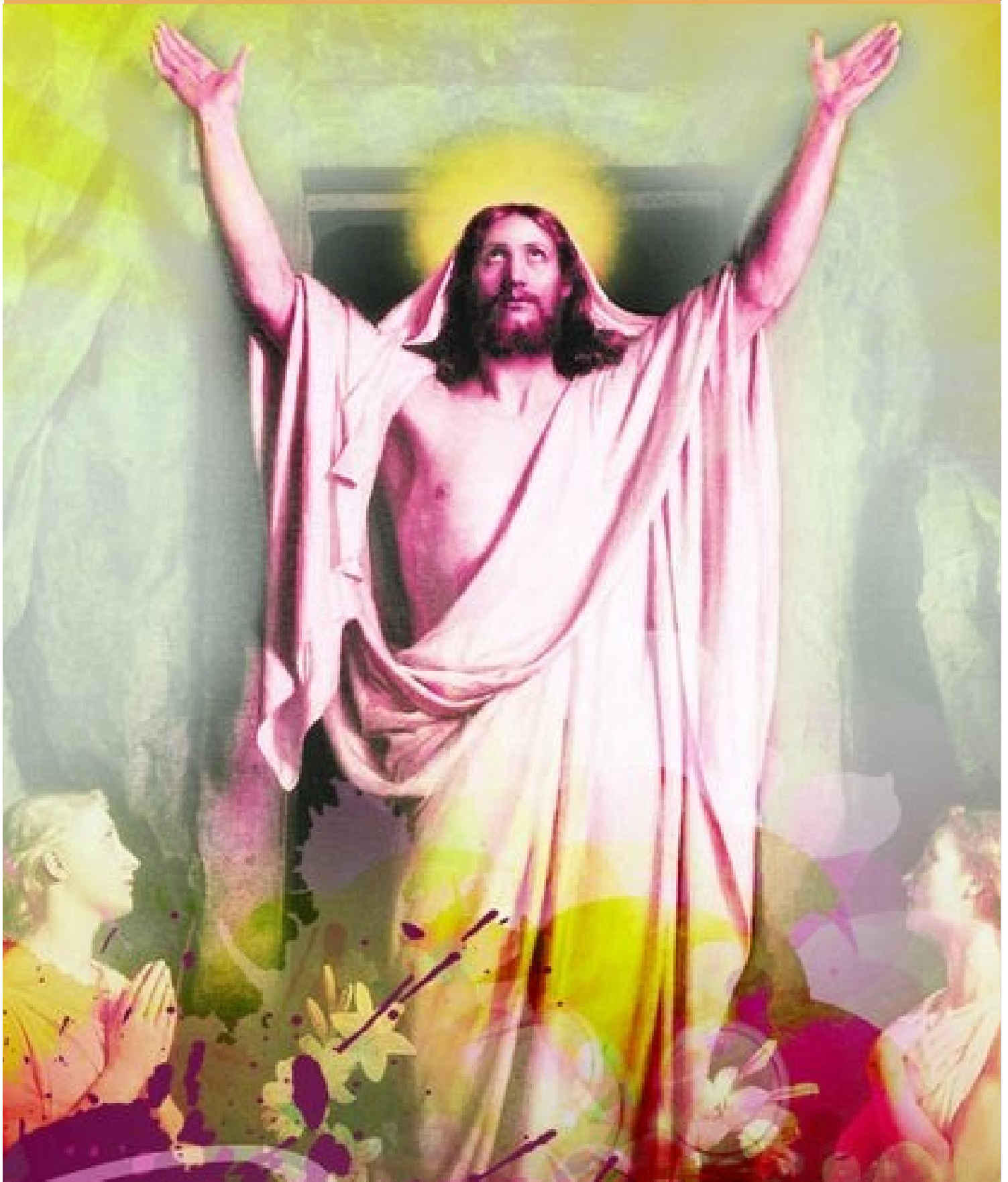




SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 2025



# WELCOME TO OUR *Parish Community*

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DAN WARYCK—Vice Chairperson

### Parish Finance Council

JOHN HENDRICKSON—Chairperson

### Parish Endowment Committee

AMANDA STEWART—Chairperson



## 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*

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Chicago, IL 60613

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office@saintmarys.org

**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 Sergio*

## DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

The first day I met with the Pastoral Council Terese, the Council's chairwoman, gave me a plant as a gift. Of course I was grateful, I thought it was a beautiful gift, but then I thought: is this a test? Those who know me well, know that I am not good at taking care of living things. My insecurities were loud inside my head telling me that whatever happens to that plant will be a reflection of what could happen with the parish under my care. God knows I am a little slow, and subtle signs don't work with me, they go over my head. So, when I entered what was going to be my room at the Rectory, there were five more plants, and in the last three months I have been gifted two more, and I bought myself one orchid.

In the book of Genesis God is presented as a gardener: "and the Lord God planted a Garden eastward, in Eden." (Genesis 2:8) After God created the universe with his Word, he used his hands to plant a garden. I will not take credit for the beautiful garden that is St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes parish, but I do feel responsible to help it grow and thrive.

Meditating on how different the care for each plant is, I found a resemblance on the diversity of our parish. Some love direct sun light, some need lots of water, some are very sensitive to temperature changes. I could turn these words into a reflection about my responsibility on caring for every member of this community, but I would like to direct the attention on our common responsibility of growing in such a diverse garden. After all, aren't we all our "brother's keeper"?

In a sense, all of us are plants in God's garden and keepers of that same garden. There is a message I have been repeating constantly in one way or another since I arrived here, a parish community is not a place where you get the sacraments but a family in which all of us are responsible for each other.

The main responsibility we have is to love one another. This is not what I think but a command from the Lord Jesus (John 13:34). Being realistic we must confess that loving is hard, but loving in a healthy way is even harder. I am convinced that Jesus' insistence on loving carries in itself the secret to our own personal healing and growth.

I have heard the stories of how this community has come together and grow in the last few years even in the midst of the painful process of closing one of our churches. I see people and entire families participating in our activities, serving in the soup kitchen, preparing food for the homeless, meeting weekly in the diverse devotional and pastoral groups. The quality time you spend here is a sign of your Christian love.



**FR. SERGIO RIVAS**  
PASTOR

Another sign of your love I have noticed is that even though our community is so diverse, I see your willingness to share with others that may have little in common with you. Things like economic status, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, nationality, language, which in the world become an obstacle for relationships, here is seen as opportunities to build even more meaningful relationships.

Finally, I see an incredible eagerness of this community to serve in the world, to go out and make a difference. This is essential, a Christian community is never self-referential and closed in itself. It cannot be a private club or an exclusive society. I hear every week from people that want to protect and give witness to the dignity of the human life, want to help the most vulnerable in our society, help to bridge the gap between cultures and languages, etc. Many of these initiatives get done in silence, people that don't want to be in the spotlight but are making a difference connecting with each other and helping in concrete ways.

All of you are teaching me how to be the gardener the Lord is calling me to be. I see the way you love each other and the way you take care of the special needs that each one has. I see your need to be creative and get involved and I feel inspired. Thank you because in my story, the plants are teaching the gardener how to do his job.

**Fr. Sergio Rivas**  
Pastor

# 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, 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, John Leach, Terry Leach, Giovanni Nuñez, Amanda Shafer, John Joseph O'Brien, Margaret O'Leary, Steven Cohn, Mary Kendrigan, Juana Maria Perez, Jose Maria Gutierrez, Randy Navarre, Donna Quarino, Pope Francis and for all our sick parishioners and those who are in nursing homes.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

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

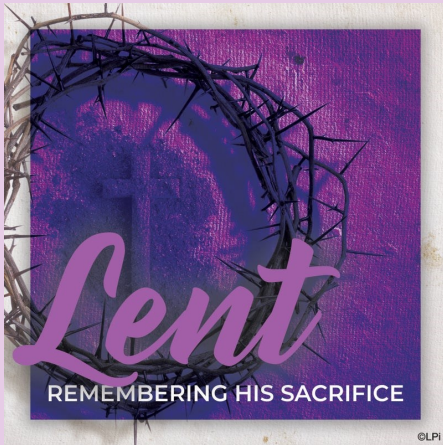
Thaddeus Dorociak  
Paterno Acosta Ferrer  
Tom Towers  
Pedro Aisporna  
Gregorio Aisporna  
Victorino Trujillo  
Estela Zepeda  
Martha Mercado  
Gilberto Mercado  
Angel Mercado  
Pedro Alvarez  
Amador Alvarez  
Elvira Montaña  
Enrique Rivas  
Nala Gray  
Mary McGing Durkin  
Julia Dare Van Derbeck  
Mila Suyosa  
Hal Smith & Family  
Juana Miranda  
Manuel Urquiza  
Vianette Urquiza  
Salvador Correa  
Mia Florida Bamaca Rosales  
Charles Gaddis  
Cornelius D'Souza  
Prince Will Ohiku  
Joseph Palmer  
Demitrio Garfias



# LIVING THE SEASON of Lent

## HOLY WEEK/EASTER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, April 17 — 9am-5pm  
Friday, April 18 — Closed  
Saturday, April 19 — 9am-2pm  
Sunday, April 20 — 9am-2pm  
Monday, April 21 — Closed



## 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 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 a 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](http://www.saintmarys.org/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*

# EASTER MESSAGE *from Cardinal Cupich*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop  
835 North Rush Street  
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archchicago.org



Easter 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For more than a thousand years, the Church has sung five words that capture the message of Easter: *Christ our hope has risen.*

This simple phrase powerfully expresses the conviction that our hope is the very person of the Risen Christ. He not only rose from the dead two-thousand years ago but is present and active in our world today. As the Risen One, he shares with us his victory and triumph over sin and death, drawing us into the fullness of life that God has ever desired for humanity. Yes, indeed Christ our hope has risen.

We recall this core belief in this Jubilee Holy Year when Pope Francis has called us to be *Pilgrims of hope*. This is an invitation to be a people who journey together, confident that we are sustained by this closeness to the Risen Christ as we face the challenges of life. As pilgrims of hope, we walk with the Risen One and lean on his presence for personal support, but we also discover the power to bring hope to our world, our families, communities, workplaces, and nation. This is a great grace and responsibility.

May our Easter faith that Christ our hope has risen grow stronger, so that we will join in his work of bringing hope to our world with new enthusiasm, putting aside all of our fears and anxieties, in the knowledge that by conquering death, the Risen Lord has given us the sure hope and promise that we too have risen with him and will live forever. Yes, Christ our hope has risen and so have we. Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "George T. Sisk".  
Archbishop of Chicago

# 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](mailto: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 McOske 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](mailto:rschnorbus@gmail.com)**

## MARCH 24, 2025 — STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL CUPICH ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten journey marked with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I am writing to let you know that on Ash Wednesday a Senate committee passed a bill, Senate Bill 9, that would legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. This would make it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. In addition to asking you to offer your Lenten sacrifices to protect life, I ask that you take action by writing, calling or emailing your state elected official to vote "NO" on this legislation. There is also legislation pending in the House, House Bill 1328 as you will see at [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) or by calling 217-528-9200.

**The involvement of insurance companies is alarming. In fact, in states with legalized suicide, there are documented cases of people being denied life-saving medical treatment by insurance companies in lieu of the much cheaper option of life-ending drugs.** The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy as they are the most vulnerable to such abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide. There is no way to prevent the vulnerable from being coerced or intimidated to end their lives once this assisted suicide is legal. There are simply too many documented cases of the vulnerable being coerced or intimidated into ending their life.

Proponents argue that this legislation will end suffering at the end of life. We all agree that no one should needlessly suffer or have to watch a loved one experience unnecessary pain and suffering. Fortunately, there are now effective ways to make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care, which utilizes physician-led teams to care for the whole person – physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually – to relieve the symptoms and the stress related to serious illness and side effects of treatment.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has summed up the case against assisted suicide well: "Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks." Assisted suicide is not the compassionate solution for those who are suffering. Through palliative care, expanded access to mental health care, and stronger family and community support, providers and families are finding better ways to accompany these people compassionately that shows love and respect for the dignity each human life.

**Please go to [www.ilcatholic.org/take-action](http://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action) or call 217-528-9200 to find out how to contact your local elected official to tell them to vote NO on SB 9 and HB 1328.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blasé Cardinal Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

# 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 March**. Please pray for them and their families.

*Logan Azpeitia Clementz*

*Anthony Noel Torres*

## 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**

# 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!

*Kellyn Kory  
Lawrence McTaggart  
Moraima Rodriguez De Sanchez  
Maria Sullivan  
Kathryn Cushing  
Vanna Patrick  
Nicholas Worden  
Luis Repillosa  
Maria Gonzalez De Torres  
Ivon Muniz  
Visar Zhiti  
Hayley McCarthy  
Juan Sanchez Hernandez  
Alejandra Garcia  
Rosaura Sanchez*

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY—APRIL 2025

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

The Young Adult ministry wants to invite all young adults in their 20s and 30s out for a series of events this April!

Our Study & Share series, The Modern Catholic: Living Out Our Faith, will continue with two more sessions this month. This series features a variety of guest speakers as they touch on timely topics like the universal call to holiness, marriage and relationships, Catholic apologetics, prayer, and more. The Modern Catholic series aims to help young adults navigate the ups and downs of being Catholic in a secular world.

Sessions of The Modern Catholic are self-contained, so participants don't necessarily need to attend each week to follow along — all young adults are welcome anytime.

We will also have another service event this month on April 12. Join us as we help clean and prepare our beautiful church for Holy Week and Easter!

**April 09 — The Modern Catholic: Living Out Our Faith**  
(7pm – Bishop Hayes Room)

**April 12 — Young Adult Service Event — Church Cleaning**  
(12-2pm — Church)

**April 23 — The Modern Catholic: Living Out Our Faith**  
(7pm – Bishop Hayes Room)

*For more info and event updates visit:*  
**[www.saintmarys.org/youngadults](http://www.saintmarys.org/youngadults)**



# 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!**

**SAVE THE DATE—Monday, April 28, 2025, 6:30 PM**  
**All are invited to an evening of prayer, reflection and opportunity to learn more about the Jubilee Year!**

## 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](mailto: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 **Mondays at 7:00pm**. The first Monday of the month is dedicated to praying for peace. *For more info please contact Krysten McOsker at [krystenmcosker@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mvega@saintmarys.org) or visit [www.saintmarys.org/youngadults](http://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](mailto: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, April 10, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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: March 2025

## March Sunday Offertory and Mass Attendance

	February 23 #		March 2 #		March 9 #		March 16 #		March 23 #	
4:30 PM	\$1,089.00	126	\$784.00	122	\$1,934.00	131	\$817.00	111	\$1,283.00	127
6:30 PM	\$595.00	149	\$738.00	124	\$556.00	200	\$404.00	119	\$456.00	165
8:30 AM	\$949.00	157	\$1,403.00	163	\$1,205.00	113	\$834.00	137	\$1,016.00	157
10:30 AM	\$1,222.00	285	\$1,801.00	286	\$1,066.00	318	\$2,415.00	288	\$1,451.00	324
12:30 PM	\$2,034.00	479	\$2,208.00	538	\$1,634.00	438	\$1,817.00	424	\$2,214.00	440
6:30 PM	\$339.00	90	\$271.00	85	\$361.00	102	\$299.00	123	\$679.00	86
Online	\$4,725.00		\$9,164.00		\$3,273.00		\$6,081.00		\$4,421.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,953.00</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>\$16,369.00</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>\$10,029.00</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>\$12,667.00</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>\$11,520.00</b>	<b>1,299</b>

**Weekly Sunday Collection Goal:** \$ 12,875.00  
**Average Weekly Sunday Collection:** \$ 11,020.76

**Total Sunday Collection Goal (38 weeks):** \$ 489,250.00  
**Total Sunday Collections (through March 23, 2025)** \$ 418,789.00  
**Total Sunday Collection Shortfall:** (\$ 70,461.00); an average weekly shortfall: \$1,854.24

**Thank you for your generous support!**

## 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Together we bring hope

Our parish's generous participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal is a tribute to the faithfulness of this parish community. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The theme to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is "Together we bring hope." Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities have participated in this important campaign, and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available in church. You may place it in the Sunday collection, bring it to the parish office, mail it on your own. If you wish to make a gift online, please visit [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).



### Annual Catholic Appeal Parish Report (as of March 20, 2025)

	<u>2025 Appeal</u>	<u>2024 Appeal (final)</u>
Goal:	\$ 48,007.18	\$ 50,615.35
Total pledged:	\$ 36,289.00	\$ 97,125.00
Total paid:	\$ 32,589.00	\$ 96,010.00
Donor Count:	87	228

Please note: these generous 87 donors mailed or submitted their donations online. The envelopes collected during the in-pew process will be included in next month's report.

**To find out ways how you can make your parish donations, please visit [www.saintmarys.org/give](http://www.saintmarys.org/give)**