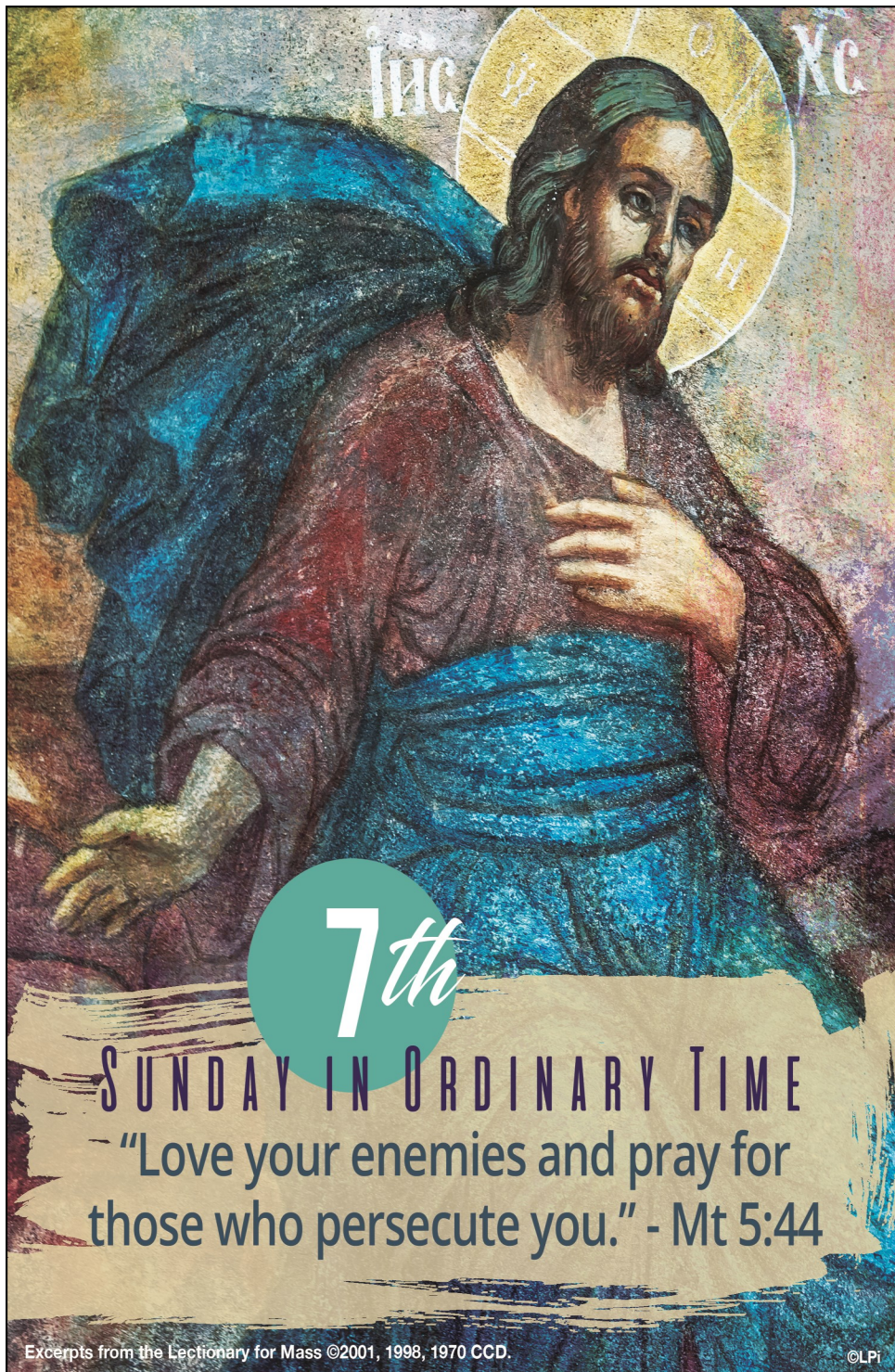


# *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

*Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453*

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 19, 2023*



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## WE WELCOME YOU

Seeking a parish?

A spiritual family?

A place to pray, deepen your  
faith, or serve others?

If so, our hearts and doors  
are open to you!

We thank God for sending you.

Please introduce yourself to

Fr. Dennis or Fr. Fred  
after Mass.

[parish.scaoaklawn.org](http://parish.scaoaklawn.org)



## PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for the following members of our parish and community who are serving in the military.

Travis Albrecht  
Carlos Arroyo  
David Bailey  
Alexander Baron  
Charles Berglund  
Gregory Brazinsky  
Liam Burke  
Captain Daniel Caddigan  
Billie Capertone  
Sam Carollo  
Stephen Carrigee  
Jose Cervantes  
Michael Chesna  
Mark Christian  
Michael Connolly  
Martin Liam Cosgrove  
Glenn Dietrick  
Eric Drey  
Daniel Eul  
Timothy Evans  
Major Jeffrey T. Finley  
Bob Fix  
Captain Joe Fix  
Kimberly White-Fix  
Carrie Garrison  
Christopher Gierhahn  
Fr. Ed Gorman, Chaplain  
Dave Handing  
Will Hanson  
John Hartrich  
Thomas Hartrich  
Matthew Raymond Hasting  
Joseph Heredia  
Joseph L. Korpitz  
Steven Macke

Daniel Maikisch  
Patrick Maikisch  
Jason Malburg  
Peter Manning, Jr.  
Matthew Marcinkowski  
Ryan Markmann  
Jeffrey McGowan  
Thomas McGowan, Jr.  
Steve McHale  
Patricia McNamara  
Robert Michaels  
John Jeffery Miller  
Thomas Murphy  
Sean O'Malley  
John O'Sullivan  
Anthony Parmigiani  
Vincent Parmigiani  
Nicholas Patla  
Joe Pohl III  
Mark Pruzinowski  
Patrick J. Reidy  
Terra Salamone  
Eric Smith  
Michael Sorice  
Bryan Stalzer  
James Stevens  
Dan Sullivan  
Tim Sullivan  
Brandon Vasquez  
Vincent F. Vitek  
Conor Wedel  
Sean Wedel  
Charlotte White  
John White III  
Steve Wilson

## Remember in your prayers the many who are sick in our parish and community.

Megan Abel	Mary Falbo	Kevin Larson	Kennedy Riley
Geraldine Albrecht	Joan Farrell	Rich Lennert	Carrie Rowe
Geraldine Anderson	Patrick Ferguson	Florence Litz	Kimberly Rule
Matt Anderson & Family	Michelle Ferrara	Janice Lowery	Lucy Ryan
Mike Anderson & Family	Fitzgerald Family	Joe Maikisch	Winnie Ryan
Mary Jo Bechtel	Ed Fitzpatrick	Marlene Marciano	Barbara Schaeffer
Brianna Beissmann	Janice Fox & Family	Billy Marszewski	Katie Schwarz
Arlene Benizes	Pope Francis	Thomas McDaniel	Gale Sereiko
Clare Bergnach	Robert and Carol Fuller	Marilyn McEarthren	Tom Shanahan
Rita Bertucci	Fr. Michael Garcia, O.P.	Regina McFarland	Mark Shields
James Bielinski	Joan Gannon	Denise Maguire	Maureen Shields
Florence Bingham	Summer Garbe	Claire Maloney	Amber Sikes
Rich Bogacki	Walter Gierhahn	Joseph Maloney	Ella Siears
Bob Bonner	Grantz Family	Major Vance Marsh	Cathie Simon
Ken Bradshaw	Josh Grimes	Billy Marszewski	Logan Simpson
Marty Brogan	Chuck Martinovich	James Marzano	Hannah Smith
Brother Gerry Brown	Lorraine Gutierrez	Judy Menconi	Anthony Spalla & Family
June Burnisi	Yvette Gutierrez	Gerry Stanke	Kenny Stockus
Jack Busking	Margaret Hach	Rita Striegels	Strainis Family
Debbie Caffee	Mary Rita Hamann	Donna Mierzwa	Rita Striegels
Shirley Caffee	Gracelynn Handing	Jim Mohr	Brian Styka
Rita Carey	Gerald Hansen	Ramiro Munoz	Terry Styka
Scott Chicoine, Jr.	Hedda Hess	Gabrielle Murphy	Annie Sullivan
Monica Chieko	Marilyn Hogan	Marie Notter	Salamah Sullivan
Margaret Christin	Becky and Brett Honn	Brian O'Callaghan	Melanie Summers
Jeanne Cismoski	Charlene Hoyer	Eileen O'Connell	Janice Sutor
Baby Lily Clark	Ruben Jaime	Jim O'Donnell	Elliott Szczepanski
Joseph Connell	Ed Joyce	Mike and Chris O'Mara	Georgianna Tieman
Mary Ellen Cosgrove	Bill Kalata	Baby Owen Paska	Alicia Toscano
Vince Cozen	Ted Kania	Karen Pavlak	Kitty Turkowski
Fr. Richie Creagh	Robert Karczewski	Jim Pebo	Mary Villafan
Jerry Cushing	David Karczewski	Patrick Pemberton	Jeff Virene
Dana Davis	Marge Karminski	Mary Perskes	Luke Vugrin
Maryann Davis	Delaney Kary	Fred Pesek, Sr.	Judy Walker
Ann Gaudry Dean	John Kelleher	Loretta Petreikas	Anna Warchal
Jeffrey DelPonte	John Kennedy	Carol Pienkos	Wiley Family
Beau Dowling	Kay Kenny	Darwin Pisanka	Eric Withers
Kelly Drey	Carolyn Klapacz	Tim Portal	Ann Zarnycki
Edward Dubaka	Deborah Klun	Chris Prouty	Charles Zeman
Christine Duerr	Geri Koenig	Robert Priley	Fleeta Zielinski
Annie Duggan & Family	Betty Kohs	Jim Quick	Fr. Dennis Ziomek
Steven Duggan	Kazimierz Kozlowski	Dan & Diane Rafta	Bob Zutoft
Jacob Dumella	Virginia Kozlowski	Kamora Riley	
Kaliska Elwood	Brittany Laschober		
Mary Ann Entrup			



**Monday, February 20**

**President's Day**

8:30am: The United States of America

**Tuesday, February 21**

**Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30am: †All Fathers (living and deceased)

**Wednesday, February 22**

**Ash Wednesday**

6:30am: St. Catherine Homebound Parishioners

8:30am: †Maria and Camierz Kozlowski

4:15pm: (Prayer Service)

7:00pm: Karen O'Connell

**Thursday, February 23**

**Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30am: Fr. Dennis Ziomek

**Friday, February 24**

8:30am: SCA & Rel. Ed. Students,  
Teachers and Staff Members

**Saturday, February 25**

4:00pm: †Thomas Kowalski

†Jim Glynn

†Marilyn Duhig

**Sunday, February 26**

**First Sunday of Lent**

8:00am: Fr. Dennis Ziomek

9:30am: †Hermina Ulber

Jim Mohr

11:30am: †John Staryk

Ryan and Colleen Udvett & Family

6:00pm: †St. Catherine Parishioners

## The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this coming week for  
All Priests (living & deceased).



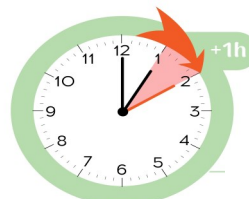
## Communion Service

**In Church**

**6:30am**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Enter through the North lot wood doors.



**SPRING FORWARD**

Daylight Saving Time

March 12, 2023

### YOUR opinion matters at St. Catherine's!

Does our parish help you grow spiritually? How good are we at connecting you to others in the parish? In what ways do you feel invited to share your talents at our parish? Your honest answers to these types of questions are what will make St. Catherine's a better faith community.

This Lent, St. Catherine's will invite all parishioners to share their input **by participating in a 10-15 minute survey**. Our friends at the Catholic Leadership Institute are helping with this online survey from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 – March 31**. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the survey link with you a bit closer to the start of Lent.

Your feedback and input will help shape various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best parish we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy, we will have them available beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Thank you for helping  
**St. Catherine of Alexandria** parish!

## SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at **[catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi](https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/g4p73g)** or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**.  
Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



My Dear People of St. Catherine,



All parishes of the Archdiocese are part of the Renew My Church Journey. The first stage has been a structural renewal of our parishes. Many parishes have been merged, some even closed, and others have remained without any change to structure, as is the case with St. Catherine. In order to be a vital parish, parishes needed the necessary resources and spiritual support of their parishioners.

The second stage of the Renew My Church Journey is a spiritual renewal of our parishes. We are moving into this next phase "Building a New Reality," guided by the mission imperatives to "Make Disciples – Build Community – Inspire Witness."

**Make Disciples:** Jesus Christ is calling each of us to invite others to a lifelong relationship with Him as Disciples of His. We need to identify new, outward-reaching ways to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others in our parish.

**Build Community:** "We are people of God, invited to live the faith not individually or in isolation, but in the community, as a people that is loved and dear to God."—Pope Francis. Our renewal efforts must focus on new ways to create vibrant parish life and build community.

**Inspire Witness:** "We are called to bear witness to Jesus right where we live, in our families, at work, everywhere, even just by giving the light of a smile, a light that is not our own – it comes from Jesus."—Pope Francis.

As we move forward with this next phase, during this Lent, the Archdiocese will make use of two surveys. I am grateful for Fr. Fred being the "point person" for this. The first survey, the "Priest Leadership Inventory," is to be taken by all active priests. This is intended to help priests' personal growth and help the Archdiocese plan for ongoing priest leadership.

The second survey, the "Disciple Maker Index," all active parishioners will be asked to complete. This anonymous 75 question survey takes about fifteen minutes to complete. It is an invitation to let your voice be heard by reflecting on where you are at in your own spiritual growth, as well as helping our parish plan for the future. The following link for SCA will be active for Ash Wednesday through March 30:

**<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/g4p73g>**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this survey.

Another way to become a part of this Building a New Reality Journey is by participating in Alpha. Alpha is a series of videos and group conversations exploring spirituality and faith, beginning March 1. (See page 6 for more information)

As we begin the most holy season of the 40 days of Lent, I invite you to make this time more holy by joining together in prayer and reflection. Attend weekday Mass, either in the morning at 8:30am or on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm, and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30pm. The day before Ash Wednesday is known in various cultures as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras or Pączki Day (jelly or fruit filled pastries). It is the day of feasting before we begin the fasting of Lent.

Yours in Christ,—Fr. Dennis



**St. Catherine's Friday Fish Fry Dates**  
**March 3, March 17, & March 31**  
**Alexandria Center/Gym**  
**4:30PM-7:30PM**

### Fish & Pasta

1-Piece Fish Dinner w/Fries & Coleslaw  
 OR Dal Santo's Roasted Potatoes & Coleslaw  
 (1 full 6oz piece of fish) **\$10**

2-Piece Fish Dinner w/Fries & Coleslaw  
 OR Dal Santo's Roasted Potatoes & Coleslaw  
 (2 full 6oz pieces of fish) **\$13**

3-Piece Fish Dinner w/Fries & Coleslaw  
 OR Dal Santo's Roasted Potatoes & Coleslaw  
 (3 full 6oz pieces of fish) **\$15**

Meatless Pasta Dinner w/Bread **\$7**  
**(All –You-Can Eat: Pasta Dinners Only!)**

### "Kid's" Menu

Cheese Pizza w/Fries **\$5**

Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/Fries **\$5**

Kid's Pasta w/Bread **\$5**

### Extras

Fries **\$3**

Dal Santo's Roasted Potatoes **\$3**

**Drink Tickets Available At The Bar**

**(Fish Frys are sponsored by the SCA Men's Club)**

**Dream Raffle Early Bird Drawings**  
**at the Fish Frys**  
**March 3 & March 31**



## **Take a Journey through Lent Praying the Psalms (and Proverbs)**

Meditating on the psalms is a fitting way to move through Lent, a season when we ponder our humanity, grieve our sinfulness and give thanks for God's gifts. But how many of us have been exposed to the Psalms when we have fallen into a period of spiritual dryness? The Psalms can speak the words of grief, anger, or frustration when we can't find words to express ourselves. They can bring a hurting heart back to a place of comfort and praise for our God. It is our hope for this Lent that praying through the Psalms will strengthen your love for God and neighbor.

Each Sunday during Lent, several baskets containing Psalms will be provided. Our desire is to have all of our "Church goers" choose a Psalm for the week that will touch their hearts in some way. Let its message provide the words of comfort, joy, or peace when your soul is in need this Lent.

Psalm Seekers,  
 Liturgy Committee



### **WELLNESS LECTURE**

## **CARDIOLOGY ONCOLOGY**

**Tuesday, February 21**  
**7:00pm in Kane Hall**



A lecture on cardiology by one of our very own, Nurse Practitioner, Kristy Kevin, APN.

Learn the risks and effects of chemotherapy on your heart, and learn what you can do to help navigate the risk.

Questions? Contact Reenie Panella 708-557-7687

**VICARIATE V**  **ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**  
**MINISTRY COMMISSION** *Presents:*

## **Ministry of Care Training**



**Ministry of Care Training**  
 For New Minister of Care  
 10 Hour Training Program  
**Saturday, March 4 & 11, 2023**  
 Registration begins at 8:30am  
 and the training begins  
 at 9:00am until 2:00pm

Participation in both sessions meets the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago, requirements to be eligible for mandating as a parish Minister of care, ministering to the sick and homebound members of the parish. **St. Catherine of Alexandria participants must be approved and sent by Fr. Dennis Ziomek.**

**Saturday, March 4, 2023:** Our topics that will be discussed will be Spirituality of the Minister, The Experience of Suffering and Pastoral Listening Skills.

**Saturday, March 11, 2023:** Our topics that will be discussed will be the Theology of Suffering and Sickness, Ministerial Procedures, Prayer and sacraments. You will follow up with your Ministry of Care Coordinator at your parish for local instruction.

**Where:** St. Patricia School Hall; 9000 South 86th Avenue in Hickory Hills. St. Patricia rectory phone number is 708-598-5222.

Any questions about location, ask for Missy.

**Lunch:** Please bring your own brown bagged lunch and bottled water will be provided.

**Pre training Reservations:** Please contact your Ministry of Care Coordinator about registering for the training. The link is below after permission to attend from coordinator.

<https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>

**Melissa Keegan is currently the Ministry of Care Coordinator at St. Patricia Parish and a Ministry Commissioner and Facilitator for Vicariate V Ministry Commission.**

Commissioner, Missy Keegan 708-598-5222.

[mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com](mailto:mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com)





What are you doing for your  
Faith during Lent?

Come join us as we learn...

## WHY WE WORSHIP

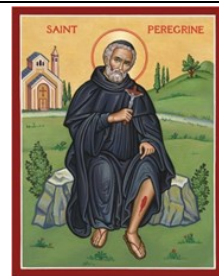
AS EXPLAINED BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Friday evenings beginning February 24 7:15-8:30 pm  
in the Library

Friday mornings beginning March 3 9:15-10:30 am  
in the Father Lion Pastoral Center

Questions? Call or text Terry Landstrom @ 708-638-4322

### St. Peregrine Novena St. Catherine of Alexandria 10621 S. Kedvale



St. Peregrine is the patron saint for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer. Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly around the western Church.

Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St. Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the universal Church.

St. Catherine of Alexandria will begin offering a Novena to St. Peregrine at 7:00p.m. in the church. The Novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All are welcome.

<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>April 3</b>	<b>April 24</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>April 10</b>	<b>May 1: Feast of St. Peregrine</b>

Please only enter through the doors on Kedvale. There is a handicap accessible ramp available if needed.

Any questions, please contact Karen Brogan at 708-691-9529.

This Novena is sponsored by SCA 55+ Club.



### 55+ Club Luncheon The Pit Rib House

9430 S. Roberts Road in Hickory Hills  
Fat Tuesday, February 21 at 11:30am

To register, contact: Arlene Breier 708-425-5712  
(Order off menu)



Monday, February 20  
The rectory office will be closed.

## SUPPORT St. Catherine

GiveCentral Offering  
QR Code



This QR Code will take you directly to our SCA GiveCentral Page. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone and scroll to the desired donation envelope/link. We are very grateful for your support.  
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/302/event/20836>

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



## WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal  
[annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com)



### SCA 55+ Club

Spiritual † Service † Social

For more information, please call  
Larry Bergnach at 708-499-2672.

### COME JOIN ALPHA!

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore life, spirituality, and faith through a Christian lens. We create a non-judgmental and open environment where it is easy for anyone who is strong, uncertain, or simply curious about faith in Jesus to explore questions of life in a friendly atmosphere. If this sounds like something that interests you or something that is calling to you, we would love for you to try Session 1 of Alpha.



**Who?** Any St. Catherine parishioner, or anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

**What?** An opportunity to have an encounter with Christ that challenges you to grow in faith.

**Why?** To nurture your spirit.

**Where?** In person at St. Catherine's Kane Hall. Enter through the kitchen doors. Alpha will be once a week for 12 weeks.

**When?** Starting on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:45pm in Kane Hall.

**How?** If interested, contact Mike Bentley: [mbentley@scaoaklawn.org](mailto:mbentley@scaoaklawn.org) or 708-423-4047

### Alpha Week # 1: March 1st

#### Session Topic: Is there more to life than this?

All Sessions will be held in Kane Hall. All dates are Wednesdays at 6:45pm, with the exception of Holy Spirit Day on Saturday, April 29th.

Please contact Mike Bentley to sign up: [mbentley@scaoaklawn.org](mailto:mbentley@scaoaklawn.org) or 708-423-4047



*III-Marcus Baker, Jr. & Catherine Johnson*



*February 25, 2023*

*Saturday at 1:30pm*

*Marcus Baker, Jr. & Catherine Johnson*

### REFLECT Weekend Retreat

**March 3-5**

**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s)**

**Joseph and Mary Retreat House  
in Mundelein, Illinois**

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging?  
Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat.

Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room.

Visit [www.reflectretreat.com](http://www.reflectretreat.com),  
email [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com),  
or call 630-222-8303 for details.

### SCA Bulletin Deadline Dates

LPI is now the publisher of our bulletin. They have changed our due date. All bulletin ads must be in by noon on Mondays. Holidays will also affect the due dates. I appreciate everyone adjusting to these current changes.

Thank you,  
Theresa Ready  
Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor  
[tready@scaoaklawn.org](mailto:tready@scaoaklawn.org)



### 2023/2024 School Advisory Board Openings



The St. Catherine's School Advisory Board is looking for three new members for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

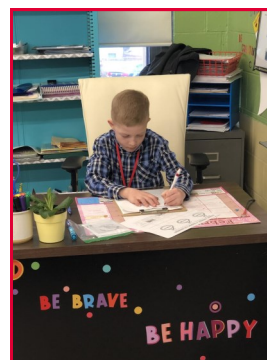
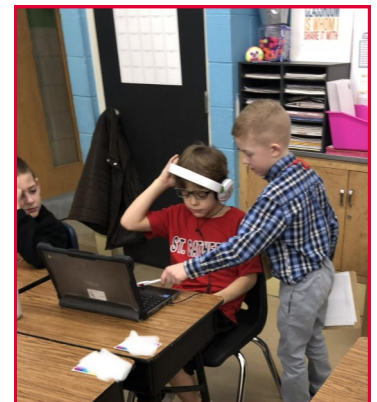
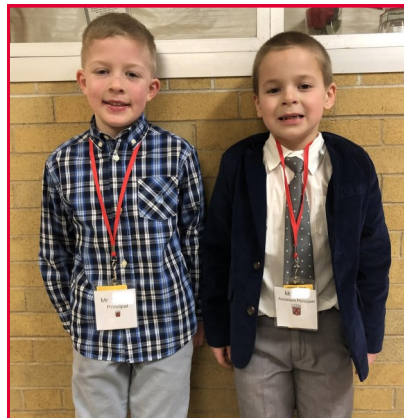
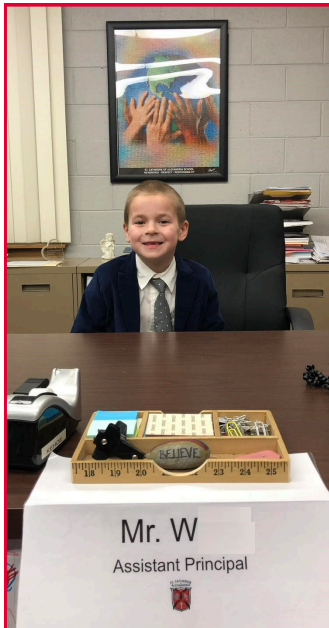
The purpose of the school advisory board is to provide advice and counsel in the following areas: Strategic Planning, New Initiative Formulation, Institutional Advancement/Development/Marketing, Financial Planning and Financial Management, Communication and Mission Enhancement.

Each member serves a three year term. Members are required to attend a monthly meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month as well as volunteer to sell TRIP usually twice per quarter.

If you are interested in joining the school board, please feel free to reach out to us via email at [StCatherineSAB@gmail.com](mailto:StCatherineSAB@gmail.com) and we will send information to you.



# SCA SCHOOL NEWS



We had a new principal and assistant principal for the day at St. Catherine! These two administrators had a busy day as they had a morning meeting, visited classrooms and took notes on what the students were learning, made several school-wide announcements, assisted with lunch and recess, gave out golden tickets and Charge cards, and made classroom deliveries. Their final decision for the day was to grant students, staff and faculty a dress down day.





### Ash Wednesday: February 22

6:30am Mass: Ashes will be distributed after the homily.  
 8:30am Mass: Ashes will be distributed after the homily.  
 4:15pm: Prayer Service  
 7:00pm Mass: Ashes will be distributed after the homily.



### Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Regulations

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and, where possible, on Holy Saturday. On these days, Christians prepare themselves by these disciplines in anticipation of the renewal of their baptismal commitment on Easter.

From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.



### Evening Mass during Lent Tuesdays at 6:30pm



There will not be an evening Mass on Tuesday, February 28, due to Confirmation Practice.



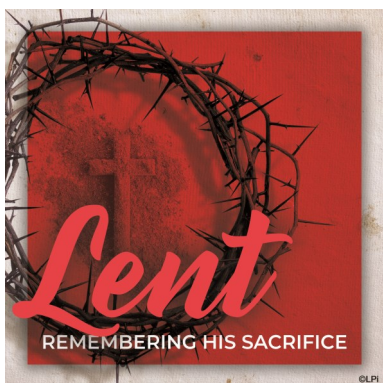
### Palm Burning

Please bring your old palms to the bins located outside the rectory office and the main church entrance. They will be burned on Tuesday, February 21st.





**Parish Reconciliation Service**  
**Tuesday, March 28**  
**7:15pm**



The Figueroa family on their farm near Tegucigalpa, Honduras. From left, Rony Figueroa, his sons Maynor and Emilson Figueroa, his father, Maximiliano Turcios, and Rony's wife, Reina Padilla.

Rony Figueroa is a farmer who grows corn, beans and bananas. He lives in the Dry Corridor of Honduras—an area impacted by high temperatures and lack of rain. His crops often struggle during the dry season. Rony was invited to join a CRS project where he learned new farming techniques, as well as how to care for the land and natural resources. He was able to repair an old reservoir and install an irrigation system so that his crops can grow even if it doesn't rain. Today, Rony can feed his family, pay for his son Emilson to attend a soccer academy and help people in his community.

Photo by Oscar Leiva/Silverlight for Catholic Relief Services

**Lenten Songs & Reflections**  
**Thursday, March 30 at 7:00pm in Church**



*With Phil Caffee and*  
*St. Catherine of Alexandria*  
*Music Ministry*



### LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church or outside the rectory office in the plastic bin beginning on Ash Wednesday. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.





# Gerry Dignan

Back by popular demand

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: St. Catherine of Alexandria (Church)

10621 S. Kedvale Ave

Oak Lawn, IL



Join us for an evening filled with  
Irish music fun and laughter

Gerry Dignan has been called a troubadour for our times. He is an acclaimed singer, song circle leader, composer, and evocator of universal song for all ages and has been moving audiences with his heartfelt, spirit-filled voice for many years. His passion for songs and musical expression from around the world have deeply influenced his musical character, vision, and form. He has been referred to as a mix of Peter Yarrow, Andrea Bocelli and Kenny Loggins.

Visit: <https://www.gerrydignansong.com/> for more information about Gerry Dignan



For planning purposes please go to our website and register

<https://ministrycommissionv5.com/> or email: [vicariatevministrycommission@gmail.com](mailto:vicariatevministrycommission@gmail.com) or contact:

Maria (Cooky) Perez-Eraci 708-370-3674



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from the earthquakes that  
devastated **Turkey and Syria.**



## VOCATIONS EVENTS

Do you think you might have a calling?

Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocations Director, wants to connect with you.

**High school** men are invited:

Quigley Discerners event, Feb. 25

**College** men are invited:

Seminary Sprint in Mundelein, Mar. 10-11

Scan for details and sign up!



## In-Person PreCana Weekend Encounter

2023



On behalf of all of us here at the Archdiocese of Chicago, congratulations on your engagement! We are blessed to accompany you on your journey to the sacrament of marriage. The Office of Lifelong Formation offers a **PreCana Encounter Weekend** for couples to learn about the sacrament of marriage and prepare their hearts leading up to their wedding day. For more information on how to get married in the Catholic Church, please visit [pvm.archchicago.org/lifelong-formation/marriage](https://pvm.archchicago.org/lifelong-formation/marriage) or [precana@archchicago.org](mailto:precana@archchicago.org).

[Events.archchicago.org/englishprecana](https://Events.archchicago.org/englishprecana)

This event is filled with great speakers, activities, prayer and reflection for engaged couples on the sacrament and vocation of marriage. The cost for this event is \$495 per couple to include lodging, food, presentations, books, resources and social gatherings.

**October 21 and 22, 2023**

**Saturday 9 a.m. - Sunday 3 p.m.**

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## Christ the King Parish Lenten Mission/Evening of Renewal



**Sunday, March 5 – 6:00 pm**

Christ the King Church

9235 S Hamilton Ave, Chicago, IL 60643

**Dr. Joe Paprocki**

Lent is a time to renew our faith and to be energized to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. In this presentation, Dr. Joe Paprocki, will draw from his new book, *8 Steps to Energize Your Faith*, to offer practical, every-day strategies for tapping into Divine energy.

**Joe Paprocki, DMin** – a parishioner of Christ the King – is the National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press, a Jesuit ministry in Chicago. He has over 40 years of experience in pastoral ministry, has presented in over 150 dioceses in North America, and is the author of over 20 books on catechesis, pastoral ministry, and spirituality.



Book signing and refreshments (including heavy hors d'oeuvres) to follow at 7 pm in the back of the church, compliments of Loyola Press.

For more information, contact the parish office at Christ the King (773) 238-4877





## February: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

### This Year's Theme: BE ABOUT IT!

Dating violence is more common than people think, especially among teens and young adults: 1 in 3 teens in the US will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults. Nearly half (43%) of college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behaviors. Everyone deserves to be in a healthy relationship that includes:

- Respect
- Equality
- Honesty
- Trust
- Communication
- Boundaries
- Consent

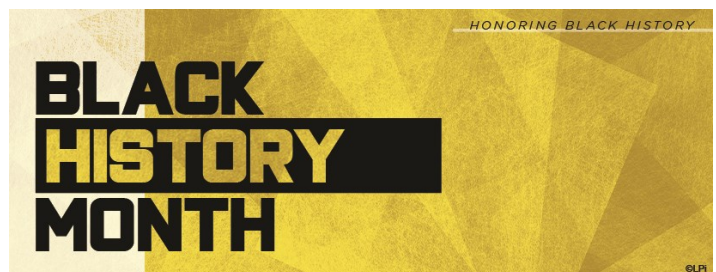
Warning signs of an unhealthy relationship:

- Checking your phone, email, or social media without your permission
- Putting you down frequently, especially in front of others
- Isolating you from friends or family (physically, financially, or emotionally)
- Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- Explosive outbursts, temper, or mood swings
- Any form of physical harm
- Possessiveness or controlling behavior
- Pressuring you or forcing you to be physically intimate

For more information and resources:

[www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)

From the OSM Domestic Violence Ministry





**St. Catherine of Alexandria  
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**Did you know that the Keep the Dream Alive Raffle allows us to raise \$100,000 to support our Parish and School, keeping tuition as low as possible, while ALSO giving YOU the opportunity to win incredible cash prizes?**

**Each \$100 ticket sold has the chance at:**

**3 Early Bird Drawings:**

**March 3—1 ticket drawn for \$1,000**

**March 31—2 tickets drawn for \$1,000**

**May 6—1 ticket drawn for \$1,000**

**\$75,000 GRAND PRIZE drawn on May 21, 2023**

**plus 2-\$5,000, 2-\$2,000 and 2-\$1,000 winners!**

**The seller of the \$75,000 winning ticket receives a \$5,000 prize!**

**Tickets can be purchased on GiveCentral, Thursdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Vestibule, at the Rectory Office and the School Office, or use the QR Code. Tickets will also be sold between 8:30am and 11:30am on Sundays, in the Church Vestibule, when possible.**

**Interested in becoming a Raffle Captain\*?**

**Please message [dreamrafflesca@gmail.com](mailto:dreamrafflesca@gmail.com) for information.**

**\*Raffle Captains commit to selling 25, 50 or 100 tickets across the SCA community, family, friends, colleagues, etc.**



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**St. Catherine of Alexandria  
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Early Bird Drawings**



**March 3 and March 31  
at the Fish Frys from 4:30pm to 7:30pm  
in the Alexandria Center;  
and May 6 at the FSA Derby Party.**

**We are only one month away from the first  
\$1,000 Early Bird Drawing!**

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**SCA Men's Club Sportsnite  
Saturday, February 25  
115 Bourban Street**

**Buses will be available in the SCA south parking lot to take attendees to and from 115 Bourban Street.**

**Buses Depart: 5pm to 7pm  
Buses Return: 10pm to 2am**

**Music Schedule**

**February 25**

4:00pm: Hallelujah Choir

**February 26**

8:00am: No Music

9:30am: Phil Caffee

11:30am: Contemporary Praise Ensemble

6:00pm: Olivia Aleman



**Lector Schedule**

**February 22: Ash Wednesday**

6:30am: Chris Ivers

8:30am: Morning Mass Lector

4:15pm: Prayer Service-Donna Marie Ivers

7:00pm: Peggy Faust

**February 25**

4:00pm: Jerry Carberry

**February 26**

8:00am: Aggie Lachcik

9:30am: Mary Aleman

11:30am: Susan LiFonti

6:00pm: Linda Atkins



**Eucharistic Minister Schedule**

**February 22: Ash Wednesday**

6:30am: Pete Quattrocchi

8:30am: TBD

4:15pm: Prayer Service-TBD

7:00pm: Peggy Faust

**February 25**

4:00pm: Brian Tansey/Kelly Blizzard

**February 26**

8:00am: Peggy Faust/Sue Salmon

9:30am: Liz Davies/TBD

11:30am: Mitch Ciesla/Lynn Hartmann

6:00pm: Joanne Ryan



**Altar Servers**

**February 22: Ash Wednesday**

7:00pm: Nicole K/Shannon F/Nora H

**February 25**

4:00pm: Nora G/Maggie G/Kate K

**February 26**

8:00am: Olivia R/Natalie W/Natalie D

9:30am: Margot Q/Kelly R/Michael G

11:30am: Charlie W/Gavin P/Katelyn B

6:00pm: Elyse T/Kali T/Elyse D



**Weekly Financial Summary**

Week of February 12, 2023

Regular Sunday Collections: \$8,463\*

\*GiveCentral will be included in the monthly summary.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Weekly Activities**

**The Adoration Chapel is open from 3:15pm-6:15pm,  
Monday-Friday in the FLC**

**Monday, February 20**

President's Day: No School

**Tuesday, February 21**

8:00am: Burning of the Palm Branches-Parking Lot

11:30am: 55+ Club Luncheon-The Pit Rib House

2:45-3:30pm: Children's Choir/Chime Choir Session 1-Church

4:15-4:45pm: Children's Choir/Chime Choir Session 2-Church

6:30pm: SVdP Meeting-FLC

7:00pm: Wellness Lecture-Cardiology/Oncology-KH

**Thursday, February 23**

Graduation Pictures-Retake Day

6:30pm-8:00pm:TRIP Cash & Carry Sales-Church Vestibule

7:00pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-Library

**Friday, February 24**

6:30pm: Stations of the Cross-Church

7:15pm-8:45pm: Why We Worship-Library

**Saturday, February 25**

Second Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Men's Club Sportsnite -Bourban Street

**Sunday, February 26**

Second Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

No Religious Education Classes

**Demonstrate Love for Thy Neighbor  
with a QCD Gift**



The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to express concretely the generosity of love that marks the lives of those who walk with Jesus and the very holiness of God in whom we live and move and have our very being.

You can help to support our faith community by making a qualified charitable distribution ("QCD") gift from your individual retirement account to the Annual Catholic Appeal. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution if you are age 73 or older.

If you would like information on how to make a QCD gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact Fr. Dennis Ziomek or contact Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7461 or [kwhitehead@archchicago.org](mailto:kwhitehead@archchicago.org).

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**School Office: 708-425-5547**

**The Rectory Office is located at:**  
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**Rectory Office Phone: 708-425-2850**  
**Fax: 708-425-2313**

**Rectory Office Hours:**  
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Saturday: 10am to 2:00pm

**Office Manager: Joan Strainis**  
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**Alexandria Center: 708-499-4966**

**Religious Education Office: 10600 S. Karlov Ave.**  
**Coordinator of Family Faith Formation: Theresa Ward**  
**708-423-5747 tward@scaoaklawn.org**

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pcaffee@scaoaklawn.org

**Fr. Lion Center: 10600 S. Karlov Ave.**  
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### **Mission Statement**

St. Catherine of Alexandria is a Catholic community, rooted in faith, family and friendship. We are responsive to the needs and concerns of those around us. We live out Jesus' words, "Come, follow me," and invite others to join us.

### **Past Pastors of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**

†Rev. Patrick Henry  
†Rev. William Lion  
†Rev. Joseph O'Brien  
†Rev. George McKenna  
†Rev. John Kane  
May they rest peacefully in the arms of Christ.



### **SCA Parish Instagram Page**

**Search for it on Instagram with the handle**  
**@saintcatherineofalexandria.**

### **New Parishioners: We welcome you!**

**Please call the Rectory Office at 708-425-2850**  
**between the hours of 8:30am to 4:00pm to register.**  
**There is a parish registration form available on our**  
**parish website: parish.scaoaklawn.org**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm

**Weekday Masses:** Monday through Friday at 8:30am.

**6:30am Communion Service:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; enter into the North lot wooden doors.

**Adoration Chapel:** Monday - Friday from 3:15pm to 6:15pm;  
10600 S. Karlov Ave.

**Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm.

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule subject to change. Contact: Coordinator of Family Faith Formation  
Theresa Ward 708-423-5747 tward@scaoaklawn.org

**Weddings:** Please call the rectory office at least six months in advance of the date you plan to marry.

**Office for the Protection of Children & Youth**  
**312-534-5254**

**SCA St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
**Cell Phone 630-750-2348 Email: SVdP@scaoaklawn.org**

## **Live Stream Mass**

The 9:30am Mass on Sunday is live streamed.  
Live streams are always accessible on the following link:  
**<https://www.facebook.com/stcatherinesoaklawn>.**

You do not need a Facebook account to access the Facebook link.

Additionally, they are accessible in the late afternoon at:  
**[http://www.parish.scaoaklawn.org/streamed\\_masses](http://www.parish.scaoaklawn.org/streamed_masses).**

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