

# *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

*Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453*

*First Sunday of Lent  
February 26, 2023*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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### 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://catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi) 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.



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



**SPRING FORWARD**  
Daylight Saving Time  
March 12, 2023



**Monday, February 27**  
**Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot**  
**and Doctor of the Church**

8:30am: †Rozalia Jasinski

**Tuesday, February 28**

8:30am: SCA Confirmandi & Sponsors  
6:30pm: Confirmation Practice in Church/  
No 6:30pm Mass for Lent

**Wednesday, March 1**

8:30am: George Burzinski

**Thursday, March 2**

8:30am: †Ed Gierut

**Friday, March 3**

**Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

**World Day of Prayer**

8:30am: †Maryelizabeth Pender  
†Eileen O'Connell  
SCA & Rel. Ed. Students,  
Teachers and Staff Members

**Saturday, March 4**

**Saint Casimir**

4:00pm: †Nancy Pemberton  
†Daniel Leahy

**Sunday, March 5**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00am: †Gertrude and Walter Lachcik

9:30am: †Margaret Callaghan

11:30am: †Sophie Jordan

†Bob and Bill Porter

†Leonora Mattio

6:00pm: †St. Catherine Parishioners

†John Rutkowski

## The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this coming week for  
Tom Turkowski  
requested by Kitty Turkowski.



## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Linda Foy-Heiden

Please keep the Foy-Heiden family in your prayers.



## Communion Service

**In Church**

**6:30am**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
Enter through the North lot wood doors.

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**Refuse to Ask, "What's in it For Me?" This Lent**



Sometimes I get questions along the lines of "Do I have to go to Mass every Sunday?" or "Do We really still have to abstain from meat on every Friday during Lent?" or even "Are we required to tithe our income to the Church?" You may have been asked those questions by other Catholics. Perhaps, you have even asked similar questions yourself.

By the way, the simple answers to those questions are "Yes;" "Yes;" and "No." However, the tithe (10 Percent) is the biblical guideline for giving. In some places, in past times, it was required and even today many Catholics find following that practice to be a great spiritual blessing. Check out the Diocese of Wichita Kansas. But my major concern when I hear such questions goes beyond the correct answer to the specific inquiry. The more important matter to my mind is, why do people want to do as little as possible in their Christian lives? Certainly, we need the laws of the Church to teach us what are duties are to God, to other Christians in the Body of Christ, and to ourselves. But, as we grow in our understanding of the Faith and **develop a more mature spiritual life**, we should go beyond, "How little can I do and still avoid hell?" or to put it another way, "How little can I do and still get to heaven?"

We must ask ourselves, "Is that where I want to go?" We know from the Our Father, the prayer Jesus himself taught us; one characteristic of heaven. In that prayer, we pray, "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." God's will is always done perfectly in heaven. If we don't want to do God's will, he won't force us to go there – and you'll realize you have chosen the alternative.

My point is, let's do away with minimum Christianity!

Instead of asking, "How little can I do and stay out of hell?" let's begin asking, "How much can I do for God, who created me, who redeemed me, who pours blessings out every day? How much do I love God, who loves me enough to die for me?" The psalmist asked, "How can I repay the LORD for all the good done for me?" (Ps 116:12) Let's make that question our own and make it our goal to live maximum Christianity! Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which came this past Wednesday.

As you plan your Lenten rule of life, why not be as generous toward God as you can be? I'm not suggesting that you shed all your other obligations and spend all day every day in the Church. What I am suggesting is that you respond to God's blessings, with gratitude, as fully as possible rather than as grudgingly as possible. After all, Lent is the season when we especially strive to combat sin in our lives. The American Bishops reminded us in their pastoral letter Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, "Sin causes people to turn in on themselves; to become grasping and exploitative toward possessions and other people; to grow accustomed to conducting relationships not by the standards of generous discipleship but by the calculus of self-interest: 'What's in it for me?' Constantly, Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and transform and grow in grace by becoming good disciples and stewards." Let's use this Lent to ask God to remove our attitude of "What's in it for me?" and to replace it with the grace to become good disciples and stewards.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Today our R.C.I.A candidates with Fr. Dennis will go to Holy Name Cathedral with those who will be welcomed into our faith at Easter. I would ask that we keep the following people in our prayers as they journey with us in faith this Lent.

To celebrate the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil: Deb Caffee and Gerilynn Russell

These candidates are beginning their final preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. They have found strength in God's grace, and support in our community's prayers and example. Now they ask that they be recognized for the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and that they receive the assurance of our blessings and prayers as they go forth for recognition by Bishop Robert Lombardo this Sunday afternoon.

Have a blessed and holy Lent.

Until we meet at the Table, Fr. Fred



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

## SUPPORT St. Catherine

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<https://www.givecentral.org/location/302/event/20836>



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.

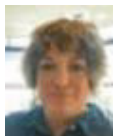
**Pre training Reservations:** Please contact your Ministry of Care Coordinator about registering for the training. The link is below after permission to attend from coordinator.

<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)



**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**






St. Catherine is hiring  
**Extended Care Staff**  
to join our team!



Interested applicants should  
contact Kristine Owens  
at [kowens@scaoaklawn.org](mailto:kowens@scaoaklawn.org)

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
**Join us at 9:30am Mass!**

### 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

### Witness Statements From Alpha Attendees

Attending Alpha was truly an inspirational experience, if you are searching for meaning in your life, Alpha will be a positive opportunity for you. Age doesn't matter but I think younger adults may find Alpha very encouraging. This is a chance to meet other people and hear their opinions and life experiences, along with spiritual awareness.  
—Maureen

I thoroughly enjoyed the Alpha program. The host did a nice job getting us oriented to what was going to happen in each day's program. There were really good group leaders. They were very open to the comments of each of the people in the group. Also, I thought the videos and speeches by the leaders of Alpha were great. I enjoyed the comments by some of the alpha participants in the video. I would definitely recommend Alpha to any person including Christians and non Christians.—Don

When my friend invited me to Alpha I had no idea what to expect, especially since I don't think of myself as a "holy roller". I was relieved to find out that's not what Alpha was about.

Each week I enjoyed the video & discussions. (the treats were an added bonus).

Alpha forced me to review my relationship with Christ. Thank you again for all your hard work.

—Mary Alice





## 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.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
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## Annual Benefit Gala

March 19, 2023 10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday Brunch &  
Father Chuck's 86th Birthday Celebration

Crystal Sky Banquets  
7941 W. 47th Street, McCook Illinois  
Tickets \$70/person at [bit.ly/ACDVOGala2023](http://bit.ly/ACDVOGala2023)



We are celebrating to mark the wonderful growth of our ministry for victims of domestic violence, their children and even perpetrators. The Archdiocese of Chicago has taken the lead among dioceses in the United States in our faith-based response to this epidemic of abuse that afflicts families in every community. Join us to enjoy friendship, great food, informative presentation, cash raffle and birthday singalong. Net proceeds will support awareness raising, education & training and prevention initiatives.

### Mail a request to reserve your seat

with your name & phone/email, parish name, # of tickets, and check to:  
**ACDVO, c/o Fr. Charles Dahm, O.P. 1914 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608**

For more information, contact: Jan Burdulis  
[jmburdulis@gmail.com](mailto:jmburdulis@gmail.com)



### PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

“To let ourselves be nourished by the ‘Bread of Life’ means to be in tune with the Heart of Christ, to assimilate His choices, thoughts, behaviors.”~ Pope Francis

Are you in need of ‘Spiritual Spring Cleaning’?

*Turn to the saints and the Eucharist for guidance!*

Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on  
Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass to be held Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after Mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at [stritashrinechicago.com](http://stritashrinechicago.com) for more information.

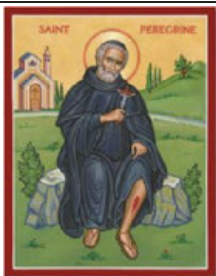


# SCA SCHOOL NEWS



The third grade scientists in Mrs. Bucko's class learned about electricity and circuits. Students worked in teams to successfully complete a simple circuit to power a light bulb. They kept learning from their mistakes and re-engineering until they met with success and the light bulb went on!!!

**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.

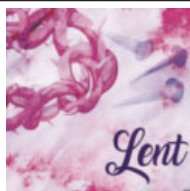
St. Catherine of Alexandria will begin offering a Novena to St. Peregrine at 7:00p.m. in the church. The Novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All are welcome.

<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.



**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.

**JOIN US FOR THE  
STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS**

March 3: 6:30pm	
March 10: 6:30pm	
March 17: 6:30pm	April 7
March 24: 6:30pm	Good Friday
March 31: 6:30pm	3:00pm

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



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

**Homebound Parishioners/Family Members**

Please call the rectory office if you have a homebound family member that would like to receive the Eucharist. A Minister of Care will be scheduled to go to their home.

Rectory Office: 708-425-2850





Brothers Maynor, left, and Emilson, center, eat lunch with their father, Rony Figueroa, and mother, Reina Padilla, bottom right, at their home near Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

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



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



#### A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors, and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world?

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



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



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

## FIRST WEEK OF LENT

“A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me...”  
—Psalm 51

We hear this week from Psalm 51 that God will create a *new* heart for us. New things are sometimes difficult, but also hopeful! By nature, we are creatures of habit. We like the same old things and sometimes get stuck in a rut. However, we are an “Easter People!” We are to never forget that the end result of this 40 day journey is the empty tomb. We are hopeful that God will bring us new life. We are hopeful that God will take what is not of Him that is in us and make us new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17). One of the ways we are made into new creations is by participating in the weekly Eucharistic Celebration. We can only become more like Jesus if we spend time with Him. Will you allow Him to create in you a new heart this Lent?

VICARIATE V ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

# 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

## 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

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## TRIP

TRIP has Cash and Carry Sales on Thursday Evenings  
from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the church vestibule.

If you have a special order or want to make sure we can fill your order for the week, you can still drop off your TRIP orders each Tuesday by 5:00pm to the mailbox of Mary Smith at 10524 S. Kenneth. You can still pick up your filled order on Thursday evenings during the Cash and Carry Sales.

There will no longer be "drive up" on Saturdays.

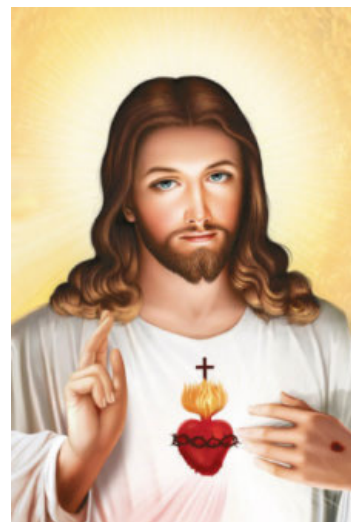
There is no sending orders through the school or the rectory.

TRIP forms are available on the school website.

Questions: Mary Smith 312-206-5824

or Jay Heidemann 708-646-3284

## The Lenten ADORATION Challenge



Looking for something you haven't yet tried as a Lenten promise? Aiming to spend more one on one time with Jesus this Lent? Always up for a challenge?

**The Challenge:** Spend 30 to 60 minutes, once a week, face to face in Eucharistic Adoration with Our Lord.

Where can you adore?

**St. Catherine's Adoration Chapel**

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3:15pm to 6:15pm

Afternoons don't work for you?

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Monday through Friday

Any questions, call Mary McNamara 773-443-3986

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## VOCATIONS EVENTS

Do you think you might have a calling?

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

**College men are invited:**

Seminary Sprint in Mundelein, Mar. 10-11

**High school men are invited:**

Quigley Discerners event, Apr. 29

**Scan for details and sign up!**







## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent  
(Mindful)

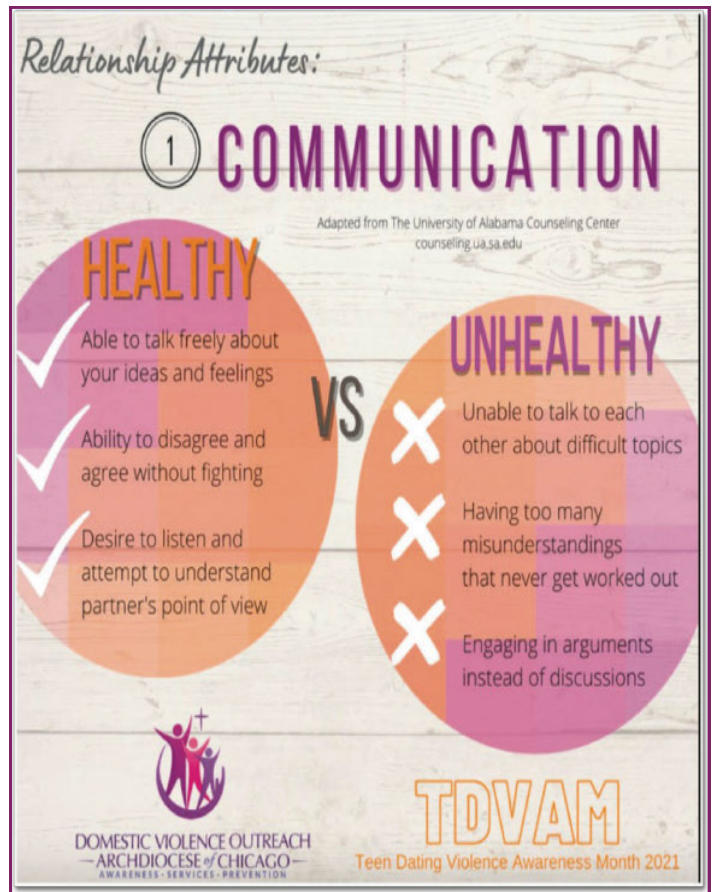
What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find.

However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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## TEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

As February and Teen Domestic Violence Month comes to a close it is important to remind teens and their parents that Domestic Violence is found in teen dating relationships as well as adult dating and marriage. According to Love is Respect "Dating violence is more common than people think especially in teens and young adults: One in three teens in the United States will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults, and nearly half of college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behavior."

The importance of young adults sharing their abuse with trusted adults and peers is vitally important to securing help and safety to these victims. More information about dating violence is readily available on line from sources like Love is Respect. A simple search of teen domestic violence brings up a wealth of helpful information.

We have two great community partners who are available 24/7, 365 days a year to help victims of Teen and Adult Domestic Violence. If you are in a domestic violence relationship or need more information about what to do call the Pillars Community Service Hotline at 708-485-5254 or the Crisis Center of South Suburbia Hotline at 708-429-7233.

**In an emergency Dial 911 Immediately!**

If you have any questions about Domestic Violence, including Teen Domestic Violence, or would like more information about the Our Lady of St. Germaine/St. Catherine Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry contact John Chesniak at 708-793-9545 or Theresa Ready at 708-425-2850.



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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?**

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

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

**May 6—1 ticket drawn for \$1,000**

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**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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**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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### Eucharistic Minister Schedule

#### **March 4**

4:00pm: Audrey McInerney/TBD

#### **March 5**

8:00am: Leighann Cannon/Jamie Guardi

9:30am: Rita McCann/TBD

11:30am: Bob Kelleher/Eileen Kelleher

6:00pm: TBD



### Music Schedule

#### **March 4**

4:00pm: Olivia Aleman

#### **March 5**

8:00am: No Music

9:30am: Contemporary Praise Ensemble

11:30am: Hallelujah Choir

6:00pm: 8th Grade/HS Youth Ensemble



### Lector Schedule

#### **March 4**

4:00pm: Mary Aleman

#### **March 5**

8:00am: Peggy Faust

9:30am: Christina Barin

11:30am: Donna Marie Ivers

6:00pm: Deb Caffee



### Weekly Activities

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

#### **Monday, February 27**

7:00pm: Finance Council-Kane Hall

#### **Tuesday, February 28**

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: Confirmation Practice-Students/Sponsors-Church

8:00pm: Athletic Board Meeting-Kane Hall

#### **Wednesday, March 1**

6:45pm: Alpha-Kane Hall

7:15pm: Adult Choir Practice

#### **Thursday, March 2**

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

7:00pm: Adult Faith Formation-Library

7:00pm: Men's Club Meeting-Kane Hall

#### **Friday, March 3**

9:30am-11:00am: Why We Worship-FLC

4:30pm-7:30pm: Fish Fry-Gym

6:30pm: Stations of the Cross-Church

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

#### **Saturday, March 4**

6:00pm-11:00pm: St. Patrick's Day Party-Gym

7:00pm: Vicariate V Evening with Gerry Dignan-Church

#### **Sunday, March 5**

Religious Education: Mass 9:30am/Classes 10:30am

2:00pm: Confirmation-Church (After Kane Hall)

### **Weekly Financial Summary**

Week of February 19, 2023

Regular Sunday Collections: \$6,373\*

\*GiveCentral will be included in the monthly summary.

Thank you for your continued support!

### **Monthly Financial Summary**

Month of January, 2023

Regular Sunday Collections: \$38,722

GiveCentral: \$13,275

Total: \$51,997

Monthly Goal: (5 Sundays) \$50,000

Thank you, we appreciate your generosity.

### **Christmas Financial Summary**

December 25, 2022 through February 21, 2023

Total Collections: \$39,429

Goal: \$45,000

### **2022 Annual Catholic Appeal through 2/19/23 (Final Report)**

Donor Count: 160

2022 Goal: \$40,637

Amount Pledged: \$34,012

Amount Paid: \$32,657

Balance Due: \$ 1,355



**Updated: January, 2023**

**Parish Goal: \$895,000**

**Total Pledged as of January 31: \$851,760**

**Percent of Goal: 95%**

**Number of Pledges: 242**

**Actual Collections to Date: \$841,146**

**Percent Collected - To Goal: 94%**

**Parish Dollars Paid (60%): \$504,688**

**Paid Out: \$397,812**

**Net Bank Balance (includes interest): \$111,878**

Any questions regarding pledge payments contact:

TTWCI: Daniel Munoz-Gift Fulfillment Coordinator  
at 312-534-8500, dmunoz@archchicago.org.

Payments can be mailed to the Archdiocese at:

TTWCI, 835 N. Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Checks should be made payable to: To Teach Who

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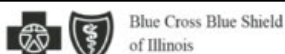
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**Rectory Office Phone: 708-425-2850**  
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### **Mission Statement**

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  
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†Rev. John Kane  
May they rest peacefully in the arms of Christ.



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**Please call the Rectory Office at 708-425-2850**  
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**There is a parish registration form available on our**  
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**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;  
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**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  
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The 9:30am Mass on Sunday is live streamed.  
Live streams are always accessible on the following link:  
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Additionally, they are accessible in the late afternoon at:  
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