

St. Catherine of Alexandria

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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	Daniel Maikisch
Carlos Arroyo	Patrick Maikisch
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Jose Cervantes	John Jeffery Miller
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Michael Connolly	John O'Sullivan
Martin Liam Cosgrove	Anthony Parmigiani
Glenn Dietrick	Vincent Parmigiani
Eric Drey	Nicholas Patla
Daniel Eul	Joe Pohl III
Timothy Evans	Mark Pruzinowski
Major Jeffrey T. Finley	Patrick J. Reidy
Bob Fix	Terra Salamone
Captain Joe Fix	Eric Smith
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Carrie Garrison	Bryan Stalzer
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Dave Handing	Tim Sullivan
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Thomas Hartrich	Conor Wedel
Matthew Raymond Hasting	Sean Wedel
Joseph Heredia	Charlotte White
Joseph L. Korpitz	John White III
Steven Macke	Steve Wilson

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30am: †Michael McCann

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am: †All Mothers

†Renee Curran

†Alice Mucha

Wednesday, January 10

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am: †Raymond McCann

Thursday, January 11

8:30am: †Michael McConville

Friday, January 12

8:30am: †Jim Pavesic

SCA & Rel. Ed. Students,

Teachers and Staff Members

Saturday, January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:00pm: †Josephine Loncke

†Jack McInerney

Margaret Kenny

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: †Joan 'Sue' Marie Haag

9:30am: †Raphel Little

†Susan Wilson

11:30am: †Joann Dwyer

6:00pm: †SCA Parishioners (living and deceased)

Pray for the Sick

Megan Abel	Patrick Ferguson	Virginia Kozlowski	Kem Roach
Geraldine Albrecht	Joan Farrell	Brittany Laschober	Carrie Rowe
Geraldine Anderson	Patrick Ferguson	Kevin Larson	Kimberly Rule
Matt Anderson & Family	Michelle Ferrara	Rich Lennert	Lucy Ryan
Mike Anderson & Family	Mary Ellen Figura	Florence Litz	Winnie Ryan
Encarnacion Bedia	Fitzgerald Family	Janice Lowery	Patricia Sako
Brianna Beissmann	Ed Fitzpatrick	Joe Maikisch	Christine Sanchez
Vivienne Benda	Sara Fitzpatrick	Marlene Marciano	Barbara Schaeffer
Clare Bergnach	Janice Fox & Family	Billy Marszewski	Katie Schwarz
Rita Bertucci	Pope Francis	Thomas McDaniel	Gale Sereiko
James Bielinski	Robert and Carol Fuller	Marilyn McEarthren	Tom Shanahan
Rich Bogacki	Fr. Michael Garcia, O.P.	Regina McFarland	Mark Shields
Parker Bolton	Joan Gannon	Denise Maguire	Maureen Shields
Bob Bonner	Summer Garbe	Claire Maloney	Amber Sikes
Ken Bradshaw	Walter Gierhahn	Major Vance Marsh	Ella Siers
Marty Brogan	Bernie Gierut	Billy Marszewski	Cathie Simon
Brother Gerry Brown	Grantz Family	Chuck Martynovich	Logan Simpson
June Bumiski	Josh Grimes	Arlene & James Marzano	Donna Skibinski
Mary Lou Burns	Roberta Gritton	Jeanne Matug	Hannah Smith
Jack Busking	Lorraine Gutierrez	Kenneth Mead	Anthony Spalla
Debbie Caffee	Yvette Gutierrez	Judy Menconi	& Family
Shirley Caffee	Margaret Hach	David Micelli	Gerry Stanke
Scott Chicoine, Jr.	Mary Rita Hamann	Donna Mierzwa	Kenny Stockus
Monica Chieko	Gracelynn Handing	Jim Mohr	Strainis Family
Margaret Christin	Gerald Hansen	Ramiro Munoz	Rita Striegel
Jeanne Cismoski	Patrick Harkness	Gabrielle Murphy	Brian Styka
Baby Lily Clark	Rita Heidinger	Tim Murphy	Terry Styka
Joseph Connell	Kathy Heseck	Baby Clare Nelson	Annie Sullivan
Baby Greyson Corbett	Hedda Hess	Megan Nelson	Salamah Sullivan
Mary Ellen Cosgrove	Patricia Higgins	Marie Notter	Melanie Summers
Vince Cozen	Marilyn Hogan	Mark Notter	Janice Sutor
Fr. Richie Creagh	Becky and Brett Honn	Brian O'Callaghan	Elliott Szczepanski
Alex Cuellar	Charlene Hoyer	Eileen O'Connell	Ocie Blackman Teamer
Patrick Cunningham	Ruben Jaime	Mike and Chris O'Mara	Georgianna Tieman
Michael Curtin	Bill Kalata	Baby Owen Paska	Alicia Toscano
Jerry Cushing	Ted Kania	Beth Patko	Kitty Turkowski
Dana Davis	Robert Karczewski	Karen Pavlak	Mary Villafan
Maryann Davis	David Karczewski	Jim Pebo	Theresa Villalobos
Patrick & Tom Davis	Marge Karminski	Mary Perskes	Jeff Virene
Ann Gaudry Dean	Delaney Kary	Fred Pesek, Sr.	Luke Vugrin
Jeffrey DelPonte	John Kelleher	Jean Peters	Judy Walker
Beau Dowling	John Kennedy	Loretta Petreikas	Anna Warchal
Maureen Doyle	Kay Kenny	Carol Pienkos	Chris Weiler
Tammy Doyle	Margaret Kenny	Darwin Pisanka	Kim Weiler
Kelly Drey	Carolyn Klapacz	Tim Portal	Wiley Family
Edward Dubaka	Deborah Klun	Chris Prouty	Janine Wilmot
Christine Duerr	Phoebe Knibbs	Robert Priley	Eric Withers
Annie Duggan & Family	Donna Kochan	Jim Quick	Bernice Wszolek
Steven Duggan	Geri Koenig	Dan & Diane Rafta	Dee York
Jacob Dumella	Betty Kohs	Gerry Ready	Ann Zarnycki
Kalisha Elwood	Kazimierz Kozlowski	Kamorah Riley	Charles Zeman
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Mary Falbo	Philip Kuhn		Fr. Dennis Ziomek
Joan Farrell			Bob Zutof

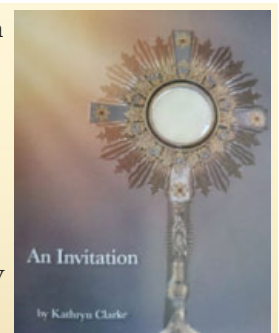
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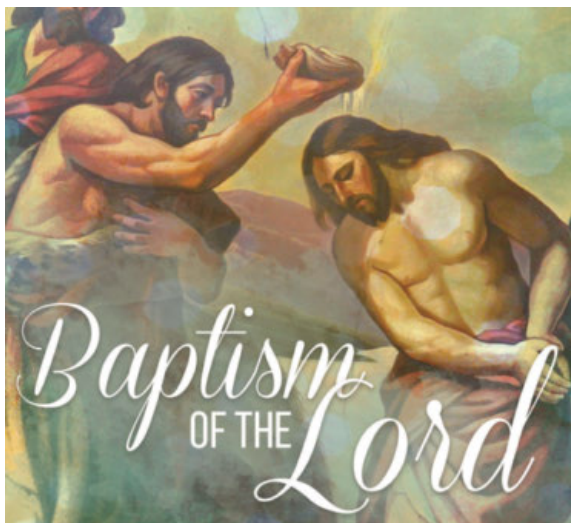
The Sanctuary Lamp burns this coming week for Florence Bingham requested by Beth Patko.

The following is the first paragraph by Kathryn Clarke from her booklet, An Invitation:

"In order to maintain God's Eucharistic presence in the world, we require a group of like-minded people who will provide companionship for Christ. The only qualification is that one is willing to sit in front of a Tabernacle or in an Adoration Chapel for 30-60 minutes once per week. We often build up to this. How is this different from what we do currently in Eucharistic Adoration? There is no difference. If we are already doing this, we are doing our part to preserve the presence of Christ for the next generation."

This booklet, located in the back of our church, is available to you while the supply lasts.





Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

(Monday, January 8th)

This feast is important for three reasons. Jesus is named by the voice of God who calls him “Son.” The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus and thus anoints him for the destiny he is to fulfill. Since it is John who baptizes, Jesus shows his partnership with sinful humanity. This feast brings the Christmas season to an end.

In the Rite of Baptism, the Ceremony when one is baptized, we begin our baptism ceremony by tracing the Sign of the Cross over the person. Why? Why does that have to come first? Does the cross come first in your life? In what ways do you welcome that cross? In what ways do you avoid the cross? These are good questions to ponder as we reflect upon the sacrament of baptism. The Cross unites us with the Lord. I cannot always explain it well but with the grace from the Lord the crosses I have been given have transformed my hurts into new hope as I journey forward in discipleship. I have grown into closer union with the Lord through the crosses and the transformation (change of heart) that follows.

If the Church is to follow Christ, does that mean that the Church will have to “go to the cross” also, as Jesus did? What does that mean? Do you see the Church trying to avoid the cross at times? Do you see the Church embracing the cross at other times? Pope Francis challenges us (the faithful) to endure our own cross and to help carry the crosses of those who do not have the strength, namely the poor and outcasts of this world.

The other part of the baptismal ceremony I would like for us to reflect upon is the second anointing. That is once the person has been baptized (water being poured over the head). The priest or deacon will say: God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

Then the priest or deacon anoints the child on the crown of the head with the sacred chrism. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to love and serve God and others by sharing in Jesus’ ministry as priest, prophet, and king. This means that in our daily living we are called to do the following:

As priest: Plead for the needs of the world, make Jesus present to others; intercede for the needs of the world and act as part of God’s response to those in needs; help others find God through us.

As prophet: Speak on behalf of the oppressed; clearly speak truth of God’s Word; bear witness and evangelize; bring hope to those in despair; speak about injustice.

As king: One who listens to God, serves, and protects the vulnerable; provides for those unable to provide for themselves; love enemies; lay down our lives for others; live with dignity; respect the dignity of others; protect our world and all of God’s creation.

At the end of Mass, when the priest or deacon says, “Go in Peace,” he is sending us forth on a mission to share in Jesus’ ministry as priest, prophet and king.

If we understand this is our charge, then we will better understand what it is we are doing at Mass and how the Mass prepares, challenges, and inspires us to go forth and do just that.

Until We Meet at the Table,
Fr. Fred



Dear St. Catherine Family of Faith,

The Feast of The Epiphany is commonly associated with Twelfth Night, which is the last day of the Christmas season. It's the time when people put away their Christmas decorations and the Christmas tree is left outside to be collected by the municipality. The birth of Jesus Christ has been celebrated, the shepherds have spread the good news of his birth, the angels have frightened and then comforted everyone, and the arrival of the three wise men with gifts has been hinted at.

Like a medieval pantomime, the story of Christmas has been acted out, and now it is time to pack it away for another year. The story of the three wise men tells us about their long journey that ended with an act of worship and generosity. They offered gifts and surrendered themselves and their possessions to the Lord.

We believe that our own journey in life will be crowned in the same way. At the end of our lives, we will surrender ourselves, everything we have and are, into the hands of the living and loving Lord. Our own worship and self-giving to the Lord throughout our life journey prepares us for this final moment of self-surrender. However, the story also includes the ominous presence of Herod, who asked the same question as the magi but with a very different motive. He wanted to eliminate what he saw as a threat to his throne.

On our faith journey, there will often be forces hostile to God's purpose for our lives. Nevertheless, this assures us that, as the fourth gospel says, "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

Including in this celebration of Epiphany we also see "The chalking of the doors". This is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate ourselves and our year to God from its very beginning, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there. Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest improvements in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as a gift to God.



At St. Catherine of Alexandria, we have this wonderful tradition, and we encourage you to take home one of the small packs with chalk to mark and bless your homes.

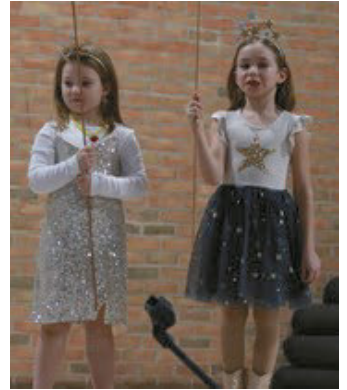


Blessings on this New Year 2024!

Sandra Bustamante,
Coordinator of Family Faith Formation.



Nativity Pageant 2023



Thank you to all the parents and students from St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish & School for a wonderful Christmas play. We also thank Fr. Dennis, our Children's Choir & Bell Chimers, Music Director, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and everyone who made this day special.



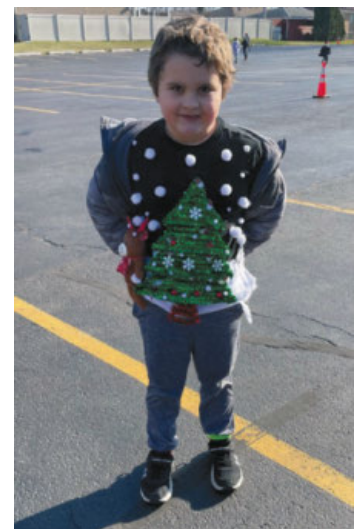
SCA SCHOOL NEWS



Our 6th Graders completed a STEM challenge when building Gingerbread Houses!



Our PreSchool Friends performed a wonderful concert for their families, friends & school staff.



We wore our favorite Christmas sweaters. Some lovely, some not so much...

SCA SCHOOL NEWS



The joy of the season was felt most during our annual K - 4 Christmas Concert!



**We were blessed to welcome
87 new families
to our parish family in 2023!
We are so grateful you are here!**



**Sunday
January**

14

9:00 AM – 2:15 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.

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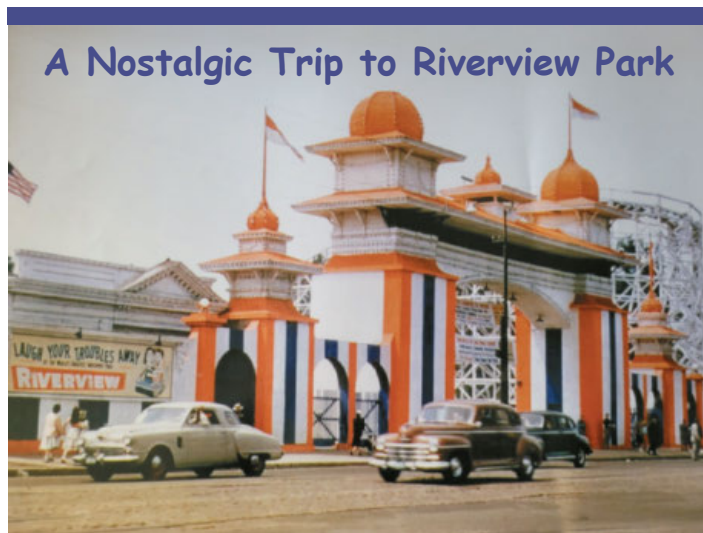
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January 14, 2024
1:00 PM

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Students can receive service hours;
parents contact Sandra Bustamante:
sbustamante@scaoaklawn.org



**Thursday, January 18 at 10:00 AM
Oak Lawn Senior Center
5220 W. 105th Street**

This free program will be taking a “Nostalgic Trip to Riverview Park.” Perhaps no attraction brings more pleasant memories of our childhood than those of this great park. Shoot-the Chutes, Bobs, Aladdin Castle, Pair-a-Chutes, Flying Turns, Silver Streak, two and five cent day and much more will be discussed by the speaker; our very own SCA Parishioner, Larry Bergnach. Larry with his enthusiasm, humor, and audience participation style will share stories of this beloved park. Larry has been on television as a humorist and has been a guest several times on WGN radio with Rick Kogan of the Chicago Tribune discussing Nostalgia Programs. In 2013, Larry came in first place in the Senior Idol contest held at Drury Lane Theater in Oak Brook.

To register call Larry Bergnach at 708-499-2672
(Refreshments will be served)

**Our Lady at St. Germaine/St. Catherine
Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry
Meeting**

Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM
St. Catherine of Alexandria FLC
10600 S. Karlov

Agenda: Teen Domestic Violence Activities

All are welcome!

For more information please contact:
Joanne Ryan 708-945-9935
or John Chesniak 708-793-9545

Lector Schedule

January 13

4:00pm: Jerry Carberry

January 14

8:00am: Peggy Faust

9:30am: Kaileigh Leahy

11:30am: Ruby A

6:00pm: Deb Caffee



Eucharistic Minister Schedule

January 13

4:00pm: Ralph Soch/TBD

January 14

8:00am: Maureen Doyle/Peggy Faust

9:30am: Pat Tobias/Ted Tobias

11:30am: Mitch Ciesla/John Farrell

6:00pm: Fernando Flores





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Weekly Financial Summary

Week of December 24, 2023

Regular Sunday Collections: \$8,516*

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**Contemplative Day of Prayer:
Awakening to the Presence of God**

**Presented by Bill and JoAnne McElroy,
Contemplative Outreach Chicago**

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024

St. Cajetan Church
2445 W. 112th Street
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8:30 Gathering/Light Breakfast
9:00—3:00 Workshop (lunch provided)



Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer which deepens our relationship with God, the Indwelling Presence ... a prayer in which we can experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.

If you are new to Centering Prayer or would like to deepen and reinvigorate your practice, please consider participating in this workshop. Introductory workshop presenters are specifically trained in this course. The days program explores the place of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition, the conceptual background of Centering Prayer, psychological processes and insights into establishing Centering Prayer as a way of life. To register visit our web site at www.cajetan.org or contact Deacon Joe at jroccasalva@cajetan.org or 773-474-7814



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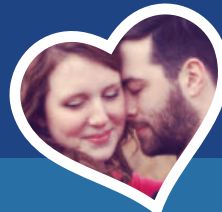
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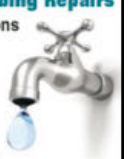
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St. Catherine of Alexandria Church & School
10621 S. Kedvale Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Rectory Office: 708-425-2850
School Office: 708-425-5547

The Rectory Office is located at:
4100 W. 107th Street,
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

Rectory Office Phone: 708-425-2850
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Rectory Office Hours:
Monday through Friday: 8:30am to 8:00pm
Saturday: 10am to 2:00pm

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School Website: scaoaklawn.org

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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.

Pastor

Rev. Dennis Ziomek dziomek@scaoaklawn.org

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Rev. Fred Pesek fpesek@scaoaklawn.org

School Principal

Ms. Kristine Owens kowens@scaoaklawn.org

Director of Music Ministry & Liturgy

Mr. Phil Caffee pcaffee@scaoaklawn.org

Coordinator Family Faith Formation

Mrs. Sandra Bustamante sbustamante@scaoaklawn.org

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, 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.

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

If you are a victim or survivor of domestic abuse
seeking help: National Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233) 1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

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.

Also, go to parish.scaoaklawn.org and select Streamed Masses.

St. Catherine's YouTube Channel:

 **SCA Media**



SCA Parish Instagram Page

Search for it on Instagram with the handle
[@saintcatherineofalexandria](https://www.instagram.com/saintcatherineofalexandria).



St. Catherine of Alexandria has a
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