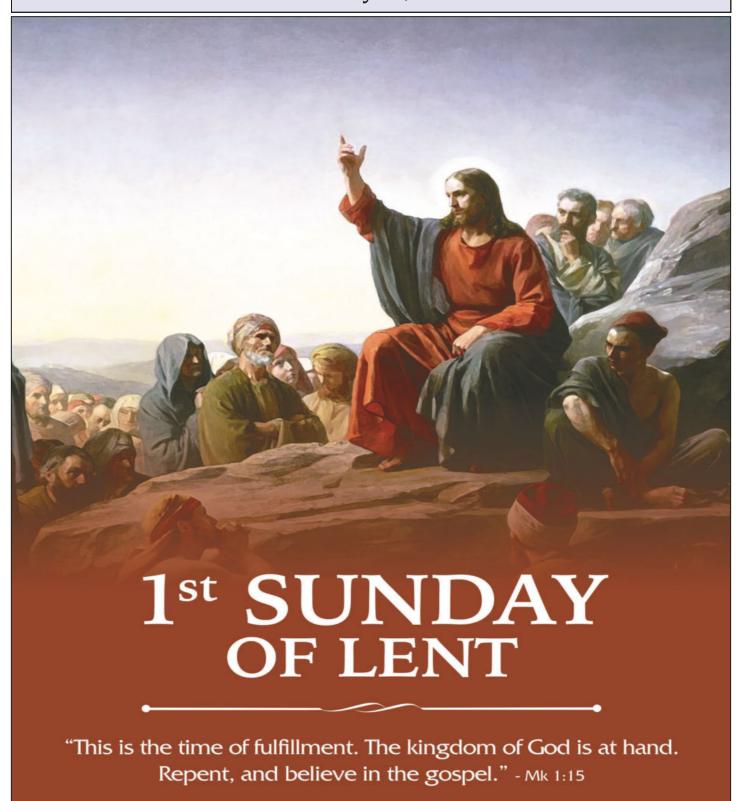
St. Catherine of Alexandria

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024



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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 Drev 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 Has 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 1ark Pruzinowski Patrick J. Reidy erra 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

Megan Abel Geraldine Albrecht Geraldine Anderson Matt Anderson & Family Mike Anderson & Family Encarnacion Bedia Brianna Beissmann Vivienne Benda Clare Bergnach Rita Bertucci James Bielinski Rich Bogacki Parker Bolton Bob Bonner Ken Bradshaw Marty Brogan Brother Gerry Brown June Burniski Mary Lou Burns Jack Busking Steve ByVee Debbie Caffee Denise Chakinis Scott Chicoine, Jr. Monica Chieko Margaret Christin Jeanne Cismoski Baby Lily Clark Joseph Connell Baby Grevson Corbett Mary Ellen Cosgrove Vince Cozen Fr. Richie Creagh Alex Cuellar Patrick Cunningham Michael Curtin Jerry Cushing Dana Davis Marvann Davis Patrick & Tom Davis Ann Gaudry Dean Jeffrey DelPonte Jack DeMatteo Beau Dowling Maureen Doyle Tammy Doyle Kelly Drey Edward Dubaka Christine Duerr Annie Duggan & Family Steven Duggan Jacob Dumella Kalisla Elwood Mary Ann Entrup Mary Falbo Joan Farrell Patrick Ferguson

Michelle Ferrara Mary Ellen Figura Fitzgerald Family Ed Fitzpatrick Sara Fitzpatrick Janice Fox & Family Pope Francis Robert and Carol Fuller Fr. Michael Garcia, O.P Joan Gannon Summer Garbe Walter Gierhahn Bernie Gierut Grantz Family Robert Greenly Josh Grimes Roberta Gritton Lorraine Gutierrez Yvette Gutierrez Margaret Hach Mary Rita Hamann Gracelynn Handing Gerald Hansen Patrick Harkness Rita Heidinger Kathy Hesek Hedda Hess Patricia Higgins Marilyn Hogan Becky and Brett Honn Charlene Hoyer Ruben Jaime Bill Kalata Ted Kania Robert Karczewski David Karczewski Marge Karminski Delaney Kary John Kelleher John Kennedy Kay Kenny Margaret Kenny Carolyn Klapacz Joan Klein Deborah Klun Geri Koenig Betty Kohs Kazimierz Kozlowski Patricia Krasich Philip Kuhn Virginia Kozlowski Brittany Laschober

Florence Litz Maria Lopez Janice Lowery George Lullo Joelee MacMaster Joe Maikisch Marlene Marciano Billy Marszewski Thomas McDaniel Marilyn McEarthren Regina McFarland Teddy McManigal Denise Maguire Claire Maloney Dave Mariotti Major Vance Marsh Billy Marszewski Dennis Martin Chuck Martinovich Arlene & James Marzano Jeanne Matug Kenneth Mead Judy Menconi David Micelli Donna Mierzwa Jim Mohr Ramiro Munoz Gabrielle Murphy Tim Murphy Baby Clare Nelson Megan Nelson Marie Notter Mark Notter Brian O'Callaghan Eileen O'Connell Mike and Chris O'Mara Baby Owen Paska Beth Patko Karen Pavlak Iim Peho Mary Perskes Fred Pesek, Sr. Jean Peters Loretta Petreikas Carol Pienkos Chris Prouty Robert Priley Jim Quick Dan & Diane Rafter Gerry Ready Kamorah Riley Kennedy Riley

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Kimberly Rule

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19 Presidents' Day

8:30am: †All the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

SCA Homebound Parishioners 8:30am:

and Caretakers

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

†Victims of War and Violence 8:30am:

(living and deceased)

Friday, February 23

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:30am: SCA & Rel. Ed. Students,

Teachers and Staff Members

Saturday, February 24

†James O'Donnell 4:00pm:

> †Raymond Herbert †Marilvn Duhig Peg Baldwin

Sunday, February 25 **Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00am: †James Glynn 9:30am: †Susan Wilson

†Thomas Kowalski

†Mary Layden 11:30am:

Camierz and †Maria Kozlowski

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



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this coming week for Mike and Elaine Randolph Family requested by Trudy Pavesic.



REST IN PEACE

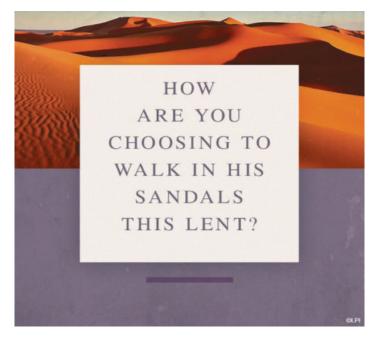
Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Anne Mundt and James O'Grady Please keep the Mundt, Kelly, and O'Grady families in your prayers.

REFLECT Weekend Retreat Joseph and Mary Retreat House: February 23 - 25

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 23-25, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, call 630-222-8303, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com







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

To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959

To mail: 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611

To give online:

annualcatholicappeal.com



First Sunday of Lent

An Opportunity this Lent to be led by the Holy Spirit Genesis 9: 8-15; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15

Baptism is at the heart of our readings on this First Sunday of Lent. The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes it clear that Baptism is perhaps the major factor in our Catholic lives. #213 of the Catechism states: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn." Our Lenten journeys need to reflect our response to our Baptismal call and to help us set how we are going to live out that call in our daily lives.

The first reading from Genesis opens with God making a covenant with His people. The Lord says, "I am now establishing my covenant with you, and with your descendants after you." No matter how we define how we are descended from Noah and the handful of people on the Ark, God's covenant includes us. Then God made a sign of His covenant with a rainbow: "I set my bow in the clouds as a sign of my covenant between me and the earth." If rainbows have always seemed special to you, they should. Every time we see a rainbow, we should be reminded of God's love for us and His promise of salvation to us.

The other key ingredient to this first reading has to do with Baptism. As we will see in the second reading from 1 Peter, the flood is compared to the waters of Baptism. Noah is baptized in a spiritual sense. We must see that Baptism has to do with the spirit. It may be called "cleansing" but it is a cleansing of the SOUL, not of the body. We have been cleansed and our Lenten expedition, like that of the Ark, is to seek and renew that spiritual cleansing.

St. Peter makes a comparison between Baptism and the flood experienced by Noah and his family: "This prefigured Baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body, but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." We are saved, just as Noah and his family were, by the waters of Baptism. You may have heard the phrase "waters of life." Those waters we receive when baptized cleanse the very core of our beings. We receive new life, but it is not life in the meaning we understand it on this earth. It is eternal life. To achieve that, however, requires us to strive for good and righteousness. Right now, during this Lenten season, we have the opportunity to take steps toward that life of righteousness to which we are called.

The Gospel from Mark reports the beginning of Jesus' 40 days in the desert. These 40 days parallel the 40 days of Lent which we began just a few days ago.

Several years ago, on Ash Wednesday, Pope Benedict XVI pointed out that like the Lord, we find ourselves in the desert quite often because of "secularism and the culture of materialism." Discipleship is a lifestyle which helps us combat these challenges. It is also worth mentioning that according to the Gospel "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert." The Greek word which is translated as "drove" might also be translated as "led." To be sure, this is a time, when we need to be led by the Holy Spirit, a time when like Jesus Himself, we need to turn to the Spirit and the Angels for help and support. Lent is an opportunity, and we need to seize it.

Until We Meet at the Table, Fr. Fred

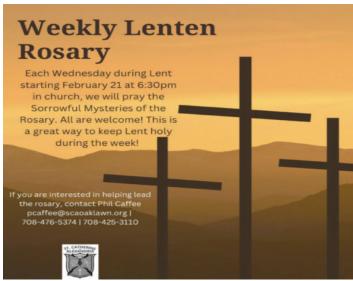
PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE Monday, March 11 at 7:00pm in Church

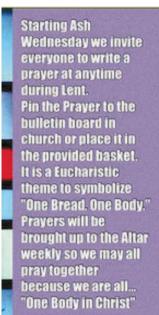
Individual confessions will take place during the service.

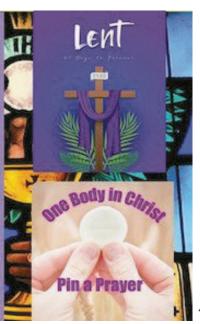
Individual confessions are also on Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm.

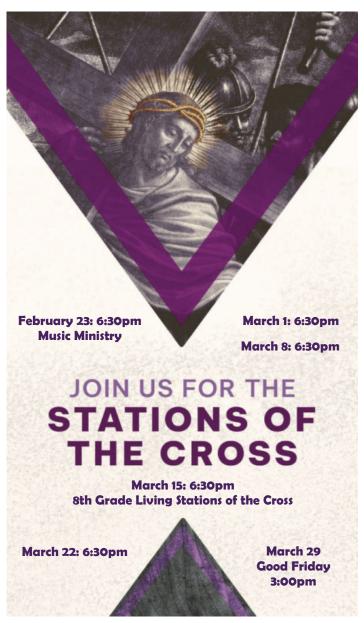
No confessions on Holy Saturday.



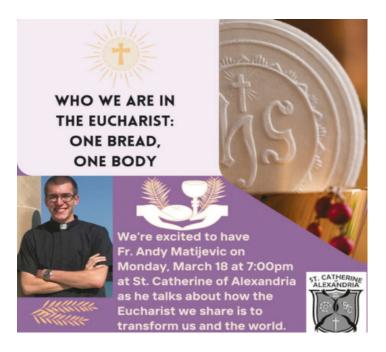












Palm Burning



Burying the Alleluia



My Dear People of St. Catherine,

I would like to share with you two items of importance:

As I recently announced, I will be retiring from being your pastor at the end of June. I am grateful for the many blessings I have received during my 45 years of priesthood and my 11 years of being your pastor at St. Catherine. I will continue to serve as a priest of the Archdiocese. The Priest Placement Board has begun the process of selecting a new pastor. I thank the many of you who completed the New Pastor Survey, which shows the support and love you have for your parish. Your responses will be reviewed by the Placement Board. Three weeks ago, two priests from the Placement Board had a meeting with the Parish and School Staff (9 total), following a second meeting with Parish Leadership (25 total). Fr. Kevin McCray and Fr. Stan Kuca complimented the discussion of both groups. The placement board is now compiling a list of parishes in need of a new pastor and a list of priests desiring to be considered a pastor. The Placement Board will start meeting at the end of the month to begin discerning new pastor placements. Their recommendations will be given to Cardinal Cupich later in March. Then in April, Cardinal Cupich will make public his choices for the appointment of pastors for parishes in need of a new pastor, including the name of the new pastor for St. Catherine of Alexandria. These Assignments are effective July 1.

Now for some more news. In addition to being your pastor, I am also the Dean of eight surrounding parishes. As Dean, I have the responsibility of overseeing these parishes. About three weeks ago, Cardinal Cupich appointed me as the administrator of one of these parishes, our neighbor, St. Christina. Their pastor is no longer at St. Christina, moving now to another aspect of priestly ministry. I wish him well. As administrator, I will be more involved with St. Christina. The parish has two good priests, Fr. Wayne Swida and Fr. Tom Bernas. They will be responsible for the spiritual well-being of the parish, and I will work with them. St. Christina also has a very capable staff, whom I will also work with. An administrator does not make major decisions. As I was already beginning the planning for my retirement, now I also have this added responsibility, which I surely was not planning on. I will continue to live at St. Catherine, but you may not see me around quite as much. I will do my best, with the help of God, to be a good pastor and a good administrator through the end of June, when new pastors will begin serving in both parishes. Please keep St. Christina, St. Catherine, and me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Dennis ZI



COME JOIN ALPHA!

Alpha is a series of videos and 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 and faith 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? Anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

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

Why? To nurture your spirit.

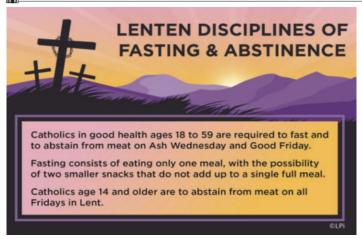
Where? St. Catherine of Alexandria's Kane Hall: 10621 S. Kedvale Oak Lawn, IL 60453

When? Starting on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:45 pm

How? If you are interested and would like to register, contact Mike Bentley

at mbentley@scaoaklawn.org or call 708-423-4047.







OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center will be hosting a 6-week adult grief support group. The sessions will meet on Thursdays from 1:00pm until 3:00pm at the Evergreen Park Library, 9400 South Troy Avenue, Lower Level.

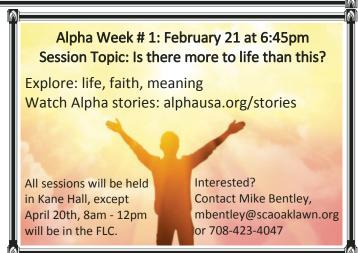
Losing a loved one can be especially difficult. Whether the loss was recent or sometime ago, the feelings of grief can be overwhelming and intense. The grief support sessions will be designed to offer support and encouragement in an environment of respect and compassion. Adults who have lost a loved one and are in need of support are welcome.

Session dates: February 22 & 29, March 7, 14*, 21 & 28

Registration is requested one week prior to the first session. To register, please call Sheila, the Bereavement Coordinator at 708-229-4299.

*Group will meet in the Activity Room on the 1st floor.







QUIGLEY DAY FEB. 24: Shrine of Christ's Passion

High-school-age men are invited to join us on a visit to the **Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, IN**, with transportation and lunch included.

Pick up is at 9 a.m. and drop-off is at 2 p.m. at two locations:

- Mother of the Americas Parish
- Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish

For details and to register, visit forms.office.com/r/BKG57mP7Y5



St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish 10621 S. Kedvale Eucharistic Miracles of the World Blessed Carlo Acutis February 17 & 18

Carlo Acutis had a deep devotion to the Eucharist from the first time he received Jesus in the Eucharist at age 7. He wanted

everyone to know Jesus and he created a website to tell the story of Eucharistic Miracles. Carlo died in 2006 at the age of 15. Pope Francis declared him venerable in 2018 and his beatification was celebrated in 2020. Please come to experience a deeper awareness and love of our

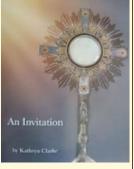


Lord's Real Presence with us in the Holy Eucharist. The exhibit will be in the church vestibule before and after all the weekend Masses. The Mass times are Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, and 6:00pm.

carloacutis-en.org

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



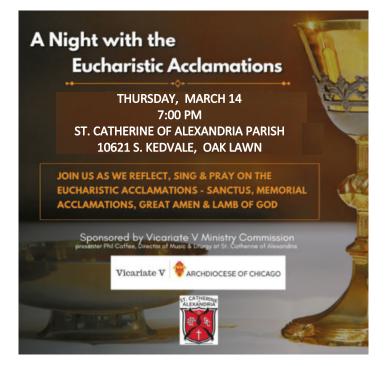
an Adoration Chapel for 30-60 minutes once per week. We often build up to this. How is this different from what we do currently in Eucharistic Adoration? There is no difference. If we are already doing this, we are doing our part to preserve the presence of Christ for the next generation."

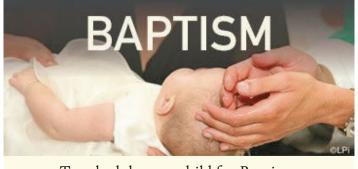
This booklet, located in the back of our church, is available to you while the supply lasts.





St. Catherine's Adoration Chapel 10600 S. Karlov Monday through Friday — 3:15pm to 6:15pm





To schedule your child for Baptism, please contact: Sandra Bustamante sbustamante@scaoaklawn.org 708-423-5747



SCA St. Baldrick's St. Patrick's Day Family Event Saturday, March 9



Party at 5:00 PM in SCA Gym

\$10 Per Person







Please join us on Saturday, March 9 at 5pm for a night of festive music, delicious food, and fun times with family and friends as we celebrate St. Patrick/St. Baldrick day!

Ticket & Event Information

Entry fee will be \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the door day of event. The event will start at 4pm with an Irish Mass following with the party in the SCA gym at 5pm.

To purchase tickets please send cash or check (with form below) to the school or rectory with envelope addressed to "St. Patrick's Day Party." Checks can be made payable to St. Catherine's.

Tickets/payments can also be completed electronically through Google form/Venmo. This link will be made available on the FSA Facebook page and through the Charger Check-In. Google form/Venmo will close 24 hours prior to the event.

Entertainment Includes

DJ & Face Painting

Dennehy School of Irish Dance

Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society CPD

Split the Pot

Corned beef sandwiches served by Clancy's Hot dogs & chips provided by Nicky V's Beer, wine, seltzer, pop, water







First and last name of each attendee:	
Number of people:	Amount enclosed:
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In 2021, Moira was diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome (SPS). The Scully Family were long time wonderful and active St. Catherine's



Parishioners and Moira graduated in 1982. The Scully family would love the Support of St. Catherine's friends and family! Shocked by the diagnosis of a disease that affects 1 in a 1,000,000 people, she committed herself to learning as much as possible about the disease. In order to bring awareness to SPS and aid efforts in finding a cure, she has launched Moira's Mission. This fundraising effort will culminate with our first event this March at Stage 119, the entertainment venue associated with the new restaurant. Modern Plate, in Elmhurst. The event will be held on Sunday, March 3rd from 12 to 5pm. \$50 Ticket plus cash bar More information at: parish.scaoaklawn.org & scaoaklawn.org

McAuley Pre AP Algebra Class

ADVANCE YOUR MATH SKILLS WHILE MAKING NEW FRIENDS!

McAuley will host a PLACEMENT TEST for current 7th grade students who are interested in taking Pre AP Algebra during their 8th grade year.

Saturday, March 2 8:00am

- . The test will be held at Mother McAuley.
- Doors open at 7:45am.
- Students should bring two #2 pencils.
- · Pre-registration is required.
- Test will conclude at 9:00am.



This class will be taught by a McAuley math complete Pre AP Algebra may have the opportunity to enroll in Geometry Honors during their Freshman year at McAuley.

Class will meet Monday - Friday mornings from 7:00-7:45am during the 2024-2025 school year.

Course fee is \$450 and includes textbook rental. Students must bring a T1-84 calculator



REGISTER

Get a jump on your high school experience





Library Corner - Help Needed

Mary Ellen Gilboy is looking for someone to take-over organizing the bookcases in the vestibule. Friendly reminder: If you borrow a book, please return it when you are finished reading it. If interested, contact Mary Ellen at 708-636-2828.

Saint George Parish Invites you to join us for a Lenten Parish Mission

Featuring nationally known speaker

Joe Paprocki

Author of A Church on the Move Living the Mass The Catechist's Toolbox and more!



February 25, 26 and 27

7 PM each evening

Saint George Church 6707 175th Street Tinley Park www.stgeorge60477.org 708.532.2243

All are Welcome!



St. Catherine of Alexandria Keep the Dream Alive Raffle 2024 \$75,000 Grand Prize!!! Only 2,000 Tickets Sold!



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 at Fish Frys): February 16—1 ticket drawn for \$1,000 March 1—2 tickets drawn for \$1,000 March 15—1 ticket drawn for \$1,000



\$75,000 GRAND PRIZE drawn on April 14, 2024 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.

Please message <u>dreamrafflesca@gmail.com</u> for information.

St. Catherine of Alexandria Keep the Dream Alive Raffle Captains



Ron and Therese Badali: 708-738-0736 Dan & Mary Beth Brazinsky: 708-770-2253 Pandora and Germaine Brown: 773-255-9279 Joe and Bridget Doherty: 708-269-8233 Jamie Fons: 773-456-5848 Rocco Fusco: 773-269-9415 Lindsay and Andrew Gorlewski: 773-551-3762 Jamie and Drew Guardi: 773-771-5332 John and Angela Jordan: 773-512-9000 Kate and Kevin Krull: 708-704-3220 Colleen and Joe Lombardo: 708-267-0674 Jennifer Marszewski: 708-238-1763 708-752-6351 Clare and Jay Quaid: Colleen and Dan Reynolds: 773-485-2482 Patty and Mike Ryan: 708-906-8372 Dena and Eddie Siears: 847-418-1237 Michelle and Tom Wood: 708-897-5450

Co-Chairs

Joni & Dan Krapec: 773-398-9528 Katie & Dean Whitney: 708-638-2269

St. Catherine of Alexandria Keep the Dream Alive Early Bird Drawings



February 16, March 1 and March 15 at the Fish Frys from 4:30pm to 7:30pm in the Alexandria Center.

We are less than 2 weeks away from the second \$1,000 Early Bird Drawing! Two tickets will be drawn!

Tickets can be purchased on GiveCentral, Thursdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Vestibule, at the Rectory Office and School Office, or use the QR Code below.

Tickets will also be sold between 8:30am and 11:30am on Sundays, in the Church Vestibule, when possible.





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SCA SCHOOL NEWS

Creative Learning Opportunities

Each day at SCA brings opportunities to learn that allow students to engage their creativity. From making snow in a lab to playing math games to writing your own stories. Our teachers plan lessons that are engaging, rewarding, and fun.







ALEXANDRIA













Kids Heart Challenge

This year SCA will participate in the American Heart Association Jump for Life. This program centers around jumping rope as a way to be active and take care of our heart health. Students will compete for prizes. We recently held our kick off assembly. More to come...



Dear Community of St. Catherine:

Many Christians throughout the world observe Lent. Catholic, Orthodox, and many Protestants benefit from this annual season of sacrifice and simplicity. For non-Christians, the observance of Lent may seem odd, since Christians voluntarily make sacrifices. Christians are simply imitating the practices and teachings of Jesus. Lent is a period of fasting leading up to Easter. The season is rooted in the 40-day fast of Jesus in the wilderness. Catholic Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends right before the evening Masses of Holy Thursday. Lent, as a penitential season, is the time for us to turn rad-i-cal-ly back to God; to experience true conversion and repentance. This conversion, however, is primarily the work of grace, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (§1432). Although penance is a calling of every Catholic throughout his or her life, Lent is a season specially marked out for the Church to be 'united among themselves by common observance' of it (Code of Canon Law, §1249). It is a way of growing in faith together.

Understanding the basic facts about Lent:

Liturgical Color(s): Violet (Purple)
Type of Holiday: Fast, spiritual cleanse

Duration: The traditional Lenten fast is observed for 40 days, starting on Ash Wednesday, going through Holy Week, excluding Sundays.

Celebrates/Symbolizes: Jesus' wilderness fast;

Preparation for Easter

Scriptural References: Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

During Lent, people tend to observe it in different ways. Some choose to go on a diet while others may see Catholic co-workers with ashes on their heads or fast-food restaurants selling fish sandwiches. As we begin the Lenten season, I invite you to participate in observing it. At St. Catherine of Alexandria, we have planned several events to foster community within our parish, including Stations of the Cross every Friday, Fish Frys, the Prayer of the Rosary every Wednesday, and an opportunity to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome to join us as we come together as one body.

In Christ, Sandra Bustamante Family Faith Formation Coordinator

ENGLISH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center!

Volunteer as a one-on-one ESL tutor for just 90 minutes a week at 1751 West 35th Street in Chicago.

No need to speak another language; all tutoring is in English. Join us for one of our next tutor training workshop: March 8th (9am-4pm)

Register in advance and attend a training to begin tutoring. For more information, contact Sabrina Poulin sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512 Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.



St. Catherine's Friday Fish Frys February 16, March 1 & March 15 Alexandria Center/Gym 4:30PM - 7:30PM

Pollock White 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

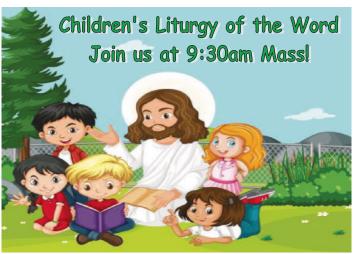
Drink Tickets Available At The Bar

Dream Raffle Early Bird Drawings at the Fish Frys

February 16 (1-\$1000 prize) March 1 (2-\$1000 prizes) March 15 (1-\$1000 prize)







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/302event/20836



The Rectory Office & the Adoration Chapel will be closed on Presidents' Day,
Monday, February 19.

Music Schedule

February 24

4:00pm: Hallelujah Choir

February 25

8:00am: No Music

9:30am: Children's Choir/Bell Choir 11:30am: Contemporary Praise Ensemble 6:00pm: 8th Grade/HS Ensemble



Altar Servers

February 24 4:00pm: TBD February 25 8:00am: Olivia R

9:30am: Tim S/Tiernan M 11:30am: David B/Millie H

6:00pm: TBD



Lector Schedule

February 24

4:00pm: Mary Aleman

February 25

8:00am: Peggy Faust

9:30am: Samantha O'Connor 11:30am: Susan LiFonti 6:00pm: Linda Atkins



Eucharistic Minister Schedule

February 24

4:00pm: Kelly Blizzard/TBD

February 25

8:00am: Peggy Faust/Sue Salmon 9:30am: Liz Davis/Jill Pertchi

11:30am: Mitch Ciesla/Lynn Hartman

6:00pm: Joanne Ryan



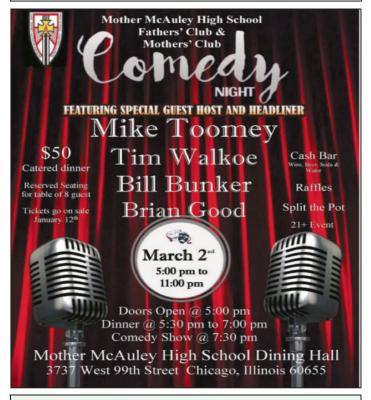
Weekly Financial Summary

Week of February 11, 2024

Regular Sunday Collections: \$6,707*

*GiveCentral will be included in the monthly summary.

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Weekly Activities

The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 3:15pm to 6:15pm. (Closed on February 19)

Monday, February 19

No School/Rectory Closed/Adoration Chapel Closed

Tuesday, February 20 6:30pm: SVdP Meeting-FLC

Wednesday, February 21

2:30pm-3:30pm: Children's Choir & Bell Choir Practice-Church 4:15pm-4:45pm: Children's Choir & Bell Choir Practice-Church

6:30pm: Weekly Lenten Rosary-Church 6:45pm: Alpha Week 1-Kane Hall 7:15pm: Hallelujah Choir Practice-Church

Thursday, February 22

Graduation Picture/Retakes

6:30pm-8:00pm: TRIP Sales-Church Vestibule

7:00pm: The Last Supper & the Lost Tribes of Israel-Library

7:00pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-Rectory

Friday, February 23

9:15am-11:30am: The Last Supper & the Lost Tribes of Israel-FLC 6:30pm: Stations of the Cross (Liturgy/Music Ministry)-Church

Saturday, February 24

Teaching Mass Weekend-4:00pm Mass Men's Club Sports Night-Bourban Street

Sunday, February 25

Teaching Mass Weekend-All Masses

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

9:30am: 8th Grade & Girl's Volleyball Mass/Hospitality After



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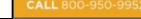




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St. Catherine of Alexandria is a Catholic community, rooted in faith, family and friendship. We are responsive to the needs and concerns of those around us. We live out Jesus' words, "Come, follow me," and invite others to join us.

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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.

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