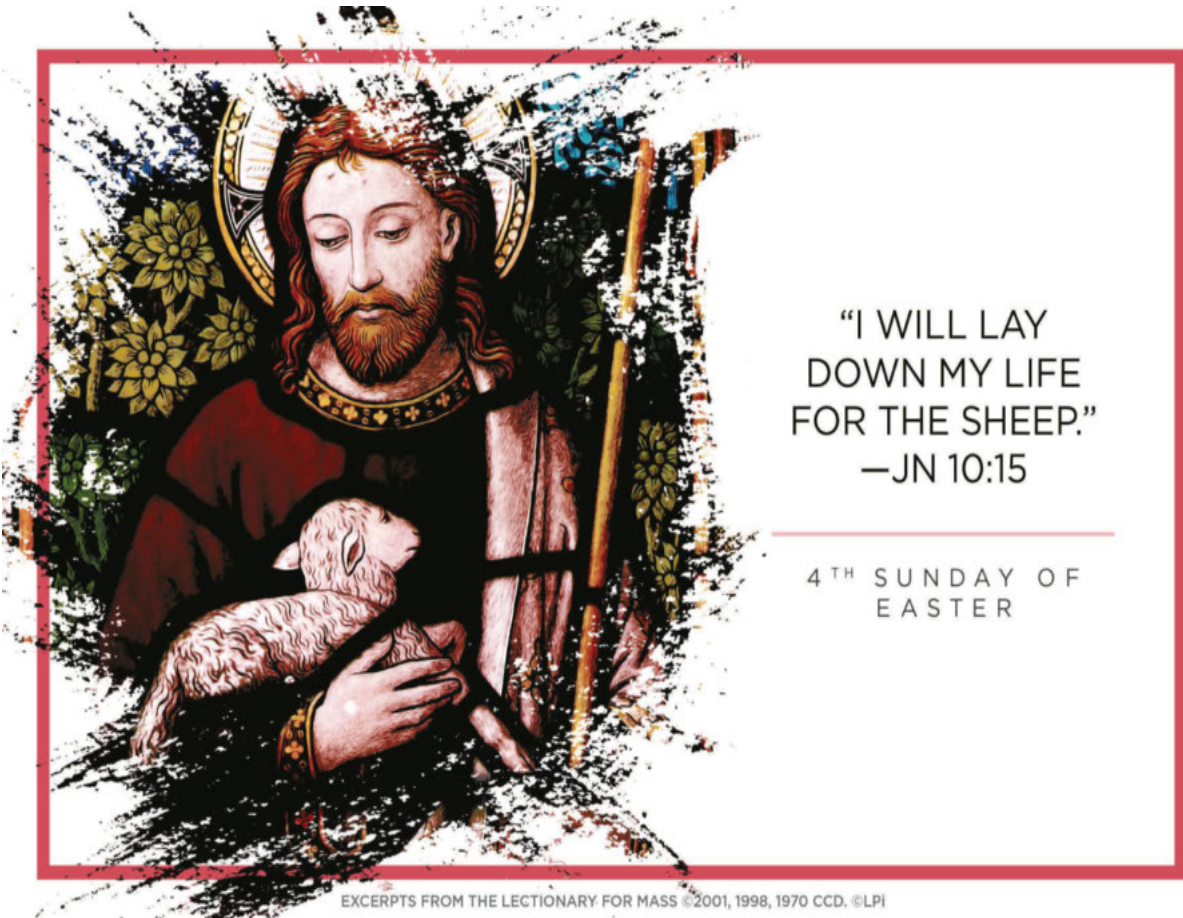


Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Fourth Sunday of Easter: "I am the Good Shepherd...I lay down my life in order to take it up again."

The Gospel of John offers an insight into the identity of Jesus that is enhanced from the other gospels. One enhancement is using "I AM" statements. Some examples are:

I AM the bread of life. I AM the resurrection and the life. I AM the way, the truth and life. I AM the light of the world. I AM the gate. I AM the Good Shepherd.

These 'I AM' statements are used as a way of Jesus identifying himself. This self-awareness is important in understanding the life of Jesus on earth, and his life in eternity.

Jesus, identifying himself as the Good Shepherd, distinguishes him from the flock. He is in the flock but not of the flock; he is in the world but not of the world. Knowing he is the shepherd is critical to his relationship to us. 'I know my sheep and mine know me' indicates that Jesus knows who we are.

To make it more personal, say to yourself, "He knows me." As we look at our life, we often find the need to explain our needs to God, as if He does not understand. Yet, when we surrender our problems and worries to God; He will come to our aid.

The Good Shepherd directs and leads his sheep not in an aggressive way, but in an influential and loving way. A sheep that does not follow the shepherd's lead becomes a lost sheep. The shepherd then does what he can, to find the lost sheep and return it to the fold.

The identity of the shepherd is 'dependent' on the success of the sheep. Any parent or teacher understands this image. Any success of any student I have ever taught is a success to me too! The shepherd rejoices when his sheep are living well and are found. The love of the shepherd is unconditional because it is who Jesus is...I AM who AM. The shepherd rejoices when we rejoice with him...it is then we are found.

~As I mentioned last week, it appears as of now, that I will soon be the only priest available for Mass in our parish. To accommodate this, I will have to alter the Sunday Mass schedule. Saturday 4pm at St. Linus will remain the same. **Sunday morning will be: St. Linus, 7:30am and 10:30am. Our Lady of the Ridge, 9am.** I realize some will see this as a loss, but we will still be offering 4 weekend Masses. On a personal note, this will give me the opportunity to be available at every Mass every weekend in every site, which I like. Our united parish has seen change over the last three years, but we have been successful in strengthening our faith and living as a local Catholic parish. Thank you for that!

~Good Shepherd Sunday is also an occasion to pray for and encourage vocations to priesthood and the religious life.

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter

Mass Schedule for April 20—28, 2024

At STL: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM;

M - F 6:00AM Comm. Service; 7:30AM Mass

At OLOR: Sunday 9:00AM, 11:00AM; Monday 8:30AM Mass;
Wednesday & Friday 8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, April 20, 2024 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Mary Sullivan, Margaret & Frank Kirincich,
Dante Miotti, Louise Greenlees,
Leticia Raygosa, 1st anny.

Sunday, April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Jozef Sroka, Santiago Del Real, Laura Stonikas,
Kenneth Vanek
9:00AM Bill Devane, Kevin P. Kelly, Dee O'Leary,
Lucy Juarez
10:00AM Mary Riordan, Jan Szaflarski, Esparanza Navarro,
Lisa Ann Reynolds
11:00AM Teddy McManigal, James T. Aldworth,
Frank Tomaskovic

Monday, April 22, 2024 Easter Weekday

7:30AM Vecchiarelli Family, Spl. Int. Alan Francis
8:30AM Ed Keane, Jr.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

7:30AM George 'Bud' Lamoureux, Richard Tranowski,
Ellen Blaine, Providence Brencic

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

7:30AM People of the Parish
8:30AM Communion Service

Thursday, April 25, 2024 St. Mark, Evangelist

7:30AM Brian T. Baldwin, Jose Guadalupe Aranda,
George R. Ferrell

Friday, April 26, 2024 Easter Weekday

7:30AM The Port Volunteers, Robert Czarnecki
8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, April 27, 2024 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Edward R. Lee, Mary Luka, Patrick Murphy,
Richard & Bernadette Greenfield

Sunday, April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Jane Lurquin, Jozef Brel, Todd Deal,
Ann Marie Osacky
9:00AM Stella Maciejewski, Kathleen Gaffney,
Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00AM Joseph Slaby, Jean E. Smyth, Patrick Murphy,
Mr. & Mrs. Dominador Rebodos
11:00AM Mike Witt, Sr., Mike Munzing, Kevin Sweeney,
Henryk Konobrodzki

The St. Vincent de Paul Society LOVE IN OUR WORK

Please call the food pantry line directly at 708-289-0406 to enroll. You will need to provide ID and proof of residency in Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus parish boundaries. Pantry is the second Saturday every month. For financial assistance call 708-289-4180.



We will be accepting *gently used* spring/summer clothing items on **April 21**. Donations can be brought to the *Our Lady of the Ridge north parking lot* on **Sunday 9am to 1pm**.



We pray for members of our parish family who are homebound, or in hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers and hospice. We also pray for their caregivers. This list will be frequently revised. We remember especially:

John Anderson, Irv Leavitt



Thank Jesus for all He has done for us by His Passion, Death and Resurrection! Take some quiet time soon. Come visit the Lord.

Jesus, Light of the World Adoration Chapel

Monday - Friday 8AM - 4PM at St. Linus
Friday, 5PM - 7PM at **Our Lady of the Ridge Church**



Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish Blood Drive
Sunday, April 28
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
in the Cardiff Center

To schedule an appointment please call
Denny Wills @ 312-318-4649 or
Bill Mitchell @ 708-674-2572

Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome.
Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, and bring ID.

Did you know one in 83 moms need a blood transfusion after giving birth? Join us in honoring mothers by donating and you'll be entered to win one of 83 gift cards worth \$83 each!

Banns of Marriage



III—Kathleen Biernaciak and
Jason Kurkul
I—Katherine Sullivan and
Henry Cody

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, our weekend Mass schedule for both worship sites will change. At St. Linus, Masses will be **Saturday at 4:00pm; Sunday at 7:30am and 10:30am**. Mass at Our Lady of the Ridge will be **Sunday at 9:00am**. Mass Intentions already scheduled will change to the new Mass times beginning Pentecost Sunday.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds. ©LPi

World Day of Prayer for Vocations ~ 4/21

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations,
may each person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning marriage,
the chaste single life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would guide,
inspire, and strengthen them.
May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your children.
Amen. ©LPi

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Cody Beeber	Brendan Lake
Matthew Duff III	Carlos Sepulveda
Kevin Ellis	Daniel Keefe
Patrick Santino	Derek Damasco
José Antonio González	Alexander Thiel

Please pray for them and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Neighborhood News...

District 1A Lions Helen Keller 5K Run Walk: Sunday, April 28 ~ 9:30 am; Runners \$30/Walkers \$20; Register at www.raceroster.com84813; For more info contact: **Frank Kirar at 708-636-2165.**

Run with the Nuns 5K: Sunday, October 13th, 9:00am; 10% Early Bird Discount; Mt. Assisi Campus www.runwiththenuns.org or **630-257-7844 x223.**

Neat Repeats Resale Stores: Volunteer at Worth and Orland Park locations; 5 hours per week; Sales benefit Crisis Center of South Suburbia; For more info call **Michelle at 708-429-7255 option #5.**

Spring Luncheon & Bingo: Thursday, May 9th, 12-4pm; Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th .; Tickets \$15 at **OL Senior Center, 5220 W. 105th St.** on M-Tu-F from 10-11am; Or call **708-499-0240.**



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION
Sunday, April 14, 2024**

Envelopes/Loose:	\$17,460.00
E-Giving:	\$ 3,534.00
Total:	\$20,994.00

Thank you for your continued financial support.



Through the waters of Baptism,
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Annalise Marie Negrete
Ian Joseph Stewart
David Anthony Solski III
Theodore James Lowery IV



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ST. LINUS SCHOOL NEWS

“IT’S A GREAT DAY TO BE A HAWK!”



Our 1st grade students are doing a great job reading announcements this month. Here are Lucas Folliard and Lily Clarke from Ms. Yerkes’ room doing an amazing job.



The students in Ms. Anderson's 2nd grade class are learning about Plants + Animals in their Science unit. Currently, each student planted 2 green bean seeds and will be treating each plant differently to observe any differences there may be!



Our 4th grade students enjoyed reading “The Lemonade Wars” for their reading lesson. They enjoyed the activities and being able to read in small groups. Here they are when they finished the book.

Dates to Remember

April 26-Arch PD no Classes

May 1-1:30 dismissal

Thank you Parish Family for supporting St. Linus School financially and spiritually! We are blessed.

For more information or to schedule a tour contact:

Margaret Hayes, Principal
@ 708-425-1656

Linda Delisi, Secretary
@ 708-425-1656



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**Most Reverend Andrew Peter Wypych
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Friday, 9am—3pm
Weekend—CLOSED

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: (at St. Linus): Saturday, 4:00 PM;
Sunday, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
(at Our Lady of the Ridge): Sunday, 9:00 AM and
11:00 AM
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:00 AM Communion Service (STL)
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 7:30 AM Mass (STL)
MONDAY: 8:30 AM Mass (OLOR)
WED. & FRI.: 8:30 AM Communion Service (OLOR)
HOLY DAYS: See the bulletin for Mass schedule.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession)
Saturday 12:00 to 1:00 PM in Saint Linus Church or by ap-
pointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM in Jesus, Light of the World
Adoration Chapel at St. Linus (enter from parking lot)
Friday evening from 5-7 PM in Our Lady of the Ridge Church

MARIAN DEVOTIONS: The Rosary
Each weekday after the 7:30 AM Mass at STL.
Each weekday at 7:45 AM before Mass at OLOR.

BAPTISM:

Our Lady of the Ridge at 12:15 PM.; St. Linus at 1:30 PM
One hour Baptismal preparation class required for first
child only.

MARRIAGE:

Please contact Fr. Mark or Fr. Ryan to arrange the date and
time of your marriage celebration at least four months prior to
the date.

SPRED: (SPecial RELigious Development)

Ministry to developmentally disabled children and adults.
Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:00 PM at OLOR.

SEEKING WISDOM PRAYER GROUP:

Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Cardiff Center at STL.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:

Send e-mail to OLORSTLPrayerMinistry296@gmail.com
to request an appointment.

AA MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP:

Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center at OLOR.
Sunday evening at 7:00 PM in the Cardiff Center at STL.

NA GROUP:

Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center at OLOR.

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