

# Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



## Worship Sites

**Our Lady of the Ridge**  
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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time:** "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from'."

Many years ago I visited Ireland. Often, wherever I go, I run into someone who knows me and then asks what I am doing here. (This happened once in a grocery store. Someone recognized me and asked why I was there...I replied 'shopping'...They seemed confused!) Anyway, in Ireland I assumed I would not be recognized, but I was incorrect. I ran into three different people on three different occasions who knew me. (You can't go anywhere!!) Recognition is central to the human psyche. We want to be known.

In the parable, when the master of the house proclaims a lack of knowledge to the one who knocks, the impact would seem devastating. What must one do or not do to not be recognized by the Lord? The heart of the one who knocks seems far from the heart of Jesus.

10 years ago, we went through a process called Parish Transformation. The Mission Narrative that arose from that process was based on the door and the need to be known by God. The Mission Narrative is as follows:

**"We seek to know and understand what God is calling us to be and to learn how we can serve the Lord in our daily lives."**

The Mission Narrative went on to offer examples of how we know and understand God in our lives. Perhaps this weekend and its Gospel offers the opportunity to revisit this narrative from 10 years ago, and ask, 'if I was knocking, would Jesus recognize me? To be first in the kingdom, we seek to know God every day and follow in His way.

~Congratulations to Fr. Ryan Brady as he is installed officially as Pastor of St. Christina. I/We are very proud of him!

~RCIA will begin on Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact me if you are interested.

~The Generation to Generation Capital Campaign continues to unfold. Please be as supportive as possible. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter

### Mass Schedule for August 23—31, 2025

At STL: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 7:30AM, 10:30AM;

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

At OLOR: Sunday 9:00AM; Monday 8:30AM Mass;

Wednesday & Friday 8:30AM Communion Service

#### Saturday, August 23, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Peter Pappas & Peter Pappas III, Patrick Murphy, Gonczy, Duke & Quinn Families, John & Mary Strama

#### Sunday, August 24, 2025 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Barbara Tomaskovic, Jack & Mary Flaherty, Linda Marks, Patrick & Peg Lynch, 90th Birthday  
9:00AM Jim Houston, Devane Family, Michael Witt, Jr., Edith Shishkoff

10:30AM Genevieve & Joseph Jankiewicz, Thomas Moran, Czeslaw Klis, Catherine Campbell, Daniel Dunski

#### Monday, August 25, 2025 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

7:30AM Cezara (Sue) & Michael Cheplis, Robert Chalifoux, Spl. Int. Molly Wickman

8:30AM Angela Delgadillo

#### Tuesday, August 26, 2025 Weekday

7:30AM Jose Guadalupe Aranda, Lynn Schnierle, Sister Pat Murphy, RSM

#### Wednesday, August 27, 2025 St. Monica

7:30AM People of the Parish, Jack Landgraf, Nancy Sikorski, Spl. Int. Nora Wickman

8:30AM Communion Service

#### Thursday, August 28, 2025 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Lucille M. Marszalek, Nancy A. Fitzpatrick, Carole M. Kuberski

#### Friday, August 29, 2025 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30AM Bill McDonald, Norman B. Reno

8:30AM Communion Service

#### Saturday, August 30, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Mary Ann Heenan, Lisa Hackett, John Lyons, Brian Morrissey

#### Sunday, August 31, 2025 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Theresa Dyrek, Irene Cebulski, Linda Marks, Katherine L. Doran

9:00AM Michael & Marion Maher, Elliott Richard O'Donnell

10:30AM Julia Klis, David Burke, Phillip Guastella, Robert Dunne

### 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.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago would like to thank everyone who donated toys and gift cards for our **"Christmas in July"** program. Your generosity will put smiles on the faces of so many children in the Archdiocese of Chicago this Christmas.

Dana Pyzik, President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocese of Chicago



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:

Patricia Piaskowy, Baby Stella, Terry Grant, Wayne Lape



Silence...what a rarity today. We are constantly bombarded by noise in one form or another. But where is the silence? The Holy Silence we are searching for is in Adoration.

Come and experience it for yourself.

**Jesus, Light of the World Adoration Chapel**

**Monday - Friday 8AM - 4PM at St. Linus**

**Friday, 5PM - 7PM at Our Lady of the Ridge Church**



### Marriage Banns

**III—Kathleen McGuire and Gerald Davey**



Join us on **Labor Day, Monday, September 1st** at **9:00AM Mass** at the **St. Linus** worship site. **NO MASS** at Our Lady of the Ridge. The **rectory office** will be **CLOSED** for the holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00AM.

### Did you get married in 1975?

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for **Sunday, September 14** at Holy Name Cathedral. 735 N. State Street, Chicago. **RSVP by Sept. 8th** at [pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding](http://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding), or email [gwa@archchicago.org](mailto:gwa@archchicago.org).



Through the waters of Baptism,  
we welcome to the Body of Christ:

Casey Jeffrey Mlinarcik

### BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

**Maria Refugio Hernandez  
Henry Brown Miller  
Tom Quinn**



## Religious Education News

Registration for the '25-26 RE session opened in July. Classes begin in September.

\*Important **Confirmation meeting** on **August 27** in **St. Linus Church at 6PM** for **candidate/parent**

See the parish website for information and Registration forms

<https://www.stlinusoaklawn.org/ReligiousEducation/>  
OR stop by the rectory for paper forms

email [religioused@stlinusschool.org](mailto:religioused@stlinusschool.org) or call 708-422-2400 x139 with any questions

\*\*Any students participating in the OLOR-STL Rockets sports teams will need to be registered and fully paid by August 4th.

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[NHUNT@STLINUSSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:NHUNT@STLINUSSCHOOL.ORG) OR CALL 708-422-2400 x139 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION



## TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION Sunday, August 17, 2025

Envelopes/Loose:	\$15,235.00
E-Giving:	\$ 3,018.00
Total:	\$18,253.00

*Thank you for your continued financial support.*



**RCIA** is a process for adults wishing to be baptized Catholic or become Catholic if already baptized in another Christian faith. **We will begin this program Tuesday, September 2nd.** If you are interested, you must register with Fr. Mark. Please leave a message for me at the rectory, 708-422-2400 or email me: [mwalter@archchicago.org](mailto:mwalter@archchicago.org).



## Congratulations Fr. Ryan!

Fr. Ryan Brady, former associate pastor of our parish, will be installed as the pastor of St. Christina parish, 11005 S. Homan Avenue in Chicago, on **Sunday, August 24th at the 10:30AM Mass.** Reception with light refreshments in the Parish Center after Mass. Our prayers are with you Fr. Ryan!

**THE PASSION OF**  
*Saint John the Baptist*

## Neighborhood News...

**Oak Lawn Baseball/Softball:** Ages 4-10; Register at [www.oaklawnbaseball.com](http://www.oaklawnbaseball.com); Questions contact Alisa Travato at [president@oaklawnbaseball.com](mailto:president@oaklawnbaseball.com).

**Women's Morning of Reflection:** Wednesday, September 3rd; Mount Assisi Center, Lemont; RSVP by August 29th, 630-257-7844 x 223.

**Class of 1975 Reunion:** Elizabeth Seton HS (South Holland, IL) Saturday, September 13, Oak Brook, IL; Email Betsy at [Seton50reunion2025@gmail.com](mailto:Seton50reunion2025@gmail.com).

**Blood Drive:** Monday, September 15th, 1-6PM; Christ Medical Center, Conference Center, #0629; Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Advocate.

## Calling All St. Linus 5th-8th Graders!!

The SVdP Youth Vincentian Group Program will begin on **Monday, September 8th.** A Calendar of On/Off Site Activities will be available to you. St. Linus Grades 5th-8th are welcome to join or rejoin. **If interested, please see Mrs. Romo** to get all necessary forms for parents' signature.

We value your commitment towards helping those less fortunate in our community. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Josephine at [josephinefragale@yahoo.com](mailto:josephinefragale@yahoo.com).

Thank you and God Bless you.  
Group Coordinators & Liaison



The ladies from our knit/crochet group proudly display some of the lap robes, baby blankets and hats/scarves they have made. The items are donated to local nursing homes, St. Germaine's Courage Program, and Worth Township. Earlier this year 10 baby blankets were delivered to Courage; 6 fleece blankets to Linus Project; and 8 lap robes to Grace Point Place. New members are always welcome. Please consider joining us. Any donations of yarn would be greatly appreciated. Please **contact Jane** at 708-636-6213 or drop off at the rectory.



### JOHN BLACK LEAVING OLOR

It is with a heavy heart to announce that John Black, our Music Director at Our Lady of the Ridge will be leaving. He has decided to spend more time with family and other interests. John is a graduate of St. Linus School and lived for many years in Oak Lawn. John started with OLOR in 1993 and became Music Director in 2004. He also opened up the church each weekend, maintained the church sound system, and monitored the church HVAC units for proper temperature. For many years, he was also responsible for carrying the weekend collection to the OLOR rectory vault. **John's last Mass will at 9:00AM on Sunday, August 31.** A small reception will follow Mass in the gathering space. John, please know your talents as both a pianist and a vocalist will be missed!

### Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,  
Guide me through the narrow gate. Remove from me anything that distracts me from You, Your love, Your invitation, Your mission. Keep me close to You, familiar at every step.  
Amen. ©LPi



### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:

Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His people and witness His glory in the age to come. What are you hoping for in the future?

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:

The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?

#### Gospel Question:

Jesus speaks to the crowds of the dire consequences of rejecting his call to salvation. What could be some effective ways to bring others to faith in Jesus?

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### PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is different. Then color in all the pictures.



### MISSION

I will choose to do the right thing, even if no one else does.



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10859 S. Ridgeland Ave. Chicago Ridge, IL 60415  
[www.stlinusoaklawn.org/ReligiousEducation](http://www.stlinusoaklawn.org/ReligiousEducation)

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Thursday: 9:00AM—4:00PM  
Friday: 9:00AM—3:00PM  
Weekend: CLOSED  
**Beginning August 11, 2025**

### PARISH STAFF:

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Mark Walter
<b>CHAPLAIN:</b>	Rev. Wissam Mansour
	Our Lady of the Holy Land Community
<b>SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:</b>	Margaret Hayes
<b>SCHOOL SECRETARY:</b>	Linda Delisi
<b>RE ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	Nora Hunt
<b>PERMANENT DEACON:</b>	Edwin Hill
<b>PERMANENT DEACON:</b>	John Orzechowski
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR:</b>	Peg Mooney
<b>MUSIC MINISTER:</b>	John Black
<b>DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:</b>	Joseph Dillon
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>	Peggy Masino
<b>MAINTENANCE OFFICE:</b>	Bob Powers
<b>MAINTENANCE OFFICE:</b>	Kevin Mulrenin
<b>MAINTENANCE OFFICE:</b>	Frank McGuire

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE: (at St. Linus):** Saturday, 4:00 PM;  
Sunday, 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM  
**(at Our Lady of the Ridge):** Sunday, 9:00 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 appointment.

**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 M-W-F at 7:45 AM before services at OLOR.

**BAPTISM: Sunday**  
Our Lady of the Ridge after 9:00 AM Mass;  
St. Linus at 1:30 PM;  
One-hour Baptismal preparation class required for first child only.

**MARRIAGE:**  
Please contact Fr. Mark 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 in the FFC.

**SEEKING WISDOM PRAYER GROUP:**  
Will not meet during the summer.

**AA MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP:**  
Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in the FFC at OLOR  
Sunday evening at 7:00 PM in the Cardiff Center at STL.  
**NA GROUP:**  
Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the FFC at OLOR.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:**  
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