

Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2025



Worship Sites

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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Fourth Sunday of Advent: *"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."*

We don't speak of St. Joseph often, mostly because little is said of him. Yet, this weekend gives a tremendous insight into his willingness to listen to the voice of God. He is of firm resolve that he will leave Mary, but after the visit from the angel, Joseph changes his mind. He remains with Mary and ultimately remains with God. Below is a writing by Fr. Ryan Brady from our bulletin a few years ago. I liked it, so I thought I would share it with you. I hope you have a happy and blessed Christmas.

Fr. Mark Walter

"There was a time when Joseph felt blessed to tell his family and friends that the most beautiful, lovely, sensible, and virtuous young woman in Nazareth was going to become his wife! Joseph, full of love, would walk with his betrothed through the streets, his neighbors staring at them in awe; Mary and Joseph, radiant and brimming with joy. And now, Poor Joseph! We hear, in today's Gospel, news that must have brought agony to his heart. He loved so much! And his beloved, Mary, that wonderful woman who accepted his hand in marriage had such distressing news!

Imagine the pain in Joseph's heart at the news that Mary was expecting — and it was not his son! So much of this journey was a mystery for Joseph. Initially, God hadn't told him that the son of Mary was to be His son! God consoled Joseph through the visit of an angel. Joseph was virtuous and accepted the message of God's angel- and he lived devoutly for this child born of the virgin. Joseph was created for Mary- and for Jesus.

In time this child in the womb of his betrothed, would call him 'dad' and hold his hand. Jesus would cry on Joseph's shoulder, kiss his face, and hug his neck. Jesus would live with Joseph, sing with him, work with him, laugh with him, play with him, pray with him!

Joseph was distressed, yet he loved and trusted in God. In time, Joseph would receive the reward of that trust in God. The Son of God would call him 'dad'. Joseph was loved by God. Joseph should be loved by us too.

As we prepare for Christmas, may we welcome Jesus into our hearts and home with the same trust as Joseph. Inspired by Joseph, may we too hold the hand of Jesus. May we let Jesus cry on our shoulder, kiss our face, hug our neck! And may we cry on His shoulder, kiss His face, and throw our arms around His neck! May we — like Joseph — live with Jesus, sing with Him, work with Him, laugh with Him, play with Him, and pray with Him!

At Christmas, the world longs to peer into the lives of the Holy Family of Nazareth — Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As beautiful as that glimpse may seem, the greater gift at Christmas is that the Holy Family longs to peer into our family and become one with us. This Christmas, and throughout our lives, may we open our homes and hearts to Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Mass Schedule for December 20—28, 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, December 20, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Anne Marie and Donna Perreault, Sal Horamo,
Ray & Gloria Adamonis, James 'Ralph' McNally

Sunday, December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM James T. McGreal

9:00AM Julius Ivancsits, Teddy McManigal, Mike Green,
Michael & Marion Maher

10:30AM Tom McGovern, Therese Veldman, Robert Dunne,
Elizabeth Mooney

Monday, December 22, 2025 Late Advent Weekday

7:30AM Walter Janus, Dr. James McNicholas,
Michael Hickey, Miguel J. Casillas

8:30AM Angela Delgadillo, Maurilla Saldivar,
Amalia Olmos

Tuesday, December 23, 2025 St. John of Kanty, Priest

7:30AM Bill McDonald, Tony Errico, Adelaide Powers,
Sister Claire Marie Czerwicz & Family

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve

3:00PM People of the Parish (STL)

5:00PM People of the Parish (STL)

5:00PM People of the Parish (Our Lady of the Holy Land)

Thursday, December 25, 2025 The Nativity of the Lord

9:00AM People of the Parish (OLOR)

10:30AM People of the Parish (STL)

12 Noon People of the Parish (STL)

12 Noon People of the Parish (Our Lady of the Holy Land)

Friday, December 26, 2025 St. Stephen, the First Martyr

7:30AM NO MASS (STL)

8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 27, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Eugene Shipanik, John Ready, Jean Petrasek,
Anne Marie Walsh

Sunday, December 28, 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30AM Norman B. Reno, Marguerite Higgins

9:00AM Mike Witt, Sr., Brad Grove, Ed Drake,
Bobby Synal

10:30AM John Kelly, Thomas Moran, Henry Brown Miller,
Maria Refugio Hernandez



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Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today and throughout the new year, may we take care of our suffering brothers and sisters, bringing hope, not fear.



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:

Linda Rumppe, Dan Phelan, Marita Peffley,
Catherine Hoffman, Sheila Creghin, Catherine Ralson



Our Lord extends His love to you in the peace and joy of the new year. He always waits for you at Adoration.

Jesus, Light of the World Adoration Chapel

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

The chapel will be **CLOSED** on December 24th thru
December 26th. It will also be **CLOSED** on
December 31st thru January 2nd.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO 7:30AM Mass** at
STL on **December 26th**. Also, **NO Confessions** on
Saturday, December 27th and **January 3rd**.

DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope. ©Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

Save the Date St. Linus School



Friday, January 23, 2026

RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
CLOSED ~ Wednesday, December 24th thru
Friday, December 26th
OPEN ~ Monday, December 29th and
Tuesday, December 30th at 9:00AM
CLOSED ~ Wednesday, December 31st thru
Friday, January 2nd
OPEN ~ Monday, January 5th at 9:00AM

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Ken Stack
Ellen Power
Thomas Rush

Christmas Season Mass Schedule 2025

No confessions Sat. Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

St. Linus Church

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Masses ~ 3pm & 5pm

Christmas Day Thursday, December 25, 2025

Masses ~ 10:30am & 12 noon

New Year's Eve Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Mass ~ 4pm

New Year's Day Thursday, January 1, 2026

Mass ~ 9am

Our Lady of the Ridge Church

Christmas Day Thursday, December 25, 2025

Mass ~ 9am

Our Lady of the Holy Land @ OLOR

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Mass ~ 5pm

Christmas Day Thursday, December 25, 2025

Mass ~ 12 noon

New Year's Eve Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Mass of Thanksgiving ~ 4pm

New Year's Day Thursday, January 1, 2026

Mass ~ 5pm Mother of God



Neighborhood News...

Solemn Vespers: Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3111 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago; **Wednesday, December 31st, 5:15 p.m.**; chicagomonk.org.

St. Rita of Cascia Novena: Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago; **Thursday, January 1st; Mass at 7PM**, Confessions at 6PM; Ample parking. **Open Positions:** Business manager, & RN (BSN); Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland; Call **Kelly Conmey at 773-794-1313**.

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TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Envelopes/Loose: \$16,112.00

E-Giving: \$ 2,142.00

Total: \$18,254.00

Thank you for your continued financial support.

THANK YOU!

My sincere thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference and all parishioners who donated items to send to our soldiers overseas. One of the soldiers said, "Care boxes bring so much joy to everyone here." I thank you very much for all your kindness, prayers, and making a difference in the lives of our soldiers. Gratefully yours,
Mrs. Jacky Connelly ~ Mrs.JSoldiers@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Boys and girls, ages 9-14, are invited to have fun and demonstrate their free throw shooting skills. Championship on **Sunday, January 4th** in **Brother Rice High School's Main Gym**. Registration begins at **10:00AM**. No entry fee. This local competition is sponsored by Father Perez Knights of Columbus Council #1444 from Mount Greenwood. Contact John Mikrut at john.mikrut@icloud.com for more information.



JESUS

is the Reason
for the Season



Prayer for Christmas

Dear Lord,

You came to us in humility and silence,
setting aside your majesty so that we might
approach with wonder.

Allow us to grow ever closer to you
this Christmas, and always.

Amen. ©LPi

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Christmas • Luke 2:1-14

We Have Passed Our Goal!!

Thank you to the over 220 families have pledged so far out of the 2,000 families in our parish. It is only through the generosity of all of us that we can truly be successful. If you have not made your pledge, there is still time, and we welcome you to join us!

Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers helping to make the campaign a success! With out every family joining is this historic and crucial effort we could have never accomplished passing our \$1,500,000 goal!

Families are pledging an average monthly gift of \$100; can you join them in supporting the parish?

By making a pledge over five years, you're making a vital commitment to the future of our parish. With a pledge paid monthly at your desired giving level for 5 years, your gift:

- Becomes manageable and meaningful
- Allows us to plan responsibly and begin important work now
- Signals that you believe in the mission and future of Our Lady of the Ridge-St. Linus Parish

Reaching this milestone allows us to move forward with confidence and clarity. With the updated goal split, our parish will now receive 80% of all funds raised, while 20% will support the wider ministries across the archdiocese. This renewed structure strengthens both our local mission and the mission we share with our broader Church family.

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TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL

Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Robert M. Fedek
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9:00AM—4:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM—3:00PM
Weekend: CLOSED

PARISH STAFF:

PASTOR:	Rev. Mark Walter
CHAPLAIN:	Rev. Wissam Mansour
	Our Lady of the Holy Land Community
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:	Margaret Hayes
SCHOOL SECRETARY:	Linda Delisi
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PERMANENT DEACON:	John Orzechowski
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MAINTENANCE OFFICE:	Kevin Mulrenin
MAINTENANCE OFFICE:	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:
Reading a book and discussing it via ZOOM.

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.

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