

Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025



8th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."
- Lk 6:43, 45

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Worship Sites

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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."*

The time of conversion, Lent is upon us. Honestly, it can be a challenging season for the person who takes it seriously. Wanting to be a 'good tree' bearing 'good fruit' requires that we take good care of our spiritual identity. St Paul offers the following words: *"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* The good fruit from the good tree is not formed by the world, but the kingdom of God. Lent provides an opportunity for us to focus our attention on our identity as spiritual beings in the likeness of Christ. "Turn away from sin, be faithful to the Gospel."

-Fast from judging others, Feast on Christ within them

-Fast from differences, Feast on relationships

-Fast from resentment, Feast on gratitude

-Fast from pessimism, Feast on hope

-Fast from anger, Feast on patience

-Fast from self-absorption, Feast on compassion

-Fast from loss, Feast on trust in God

-Fast from doubt, Feast on faith

"When God asked Adam 'Where are you?' Adam answered, 'I was hiding'. He confessed his true condition. This confession opened him to God." (Henri Nouwen)

Accept the challenge, take Lent seriously, and be the person that bears good fruit.

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter

Mass Schedule for March 1—9, 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, March 1, 2025 Vigil Mass

3:00PM Irish Concert

4:00PM Marylou Maher, Catherine Rossette, Rita Doherty,
Elizabeth Burns, Leonard T. McGrath

Sunday, March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:30AM Isabel Ulanowski, Christine Pyzik, Bob Bickham,
Mary & Ted Murphy

9:00AM John Evans, Michael J. Maher

10:30AM John Gapinski, John Oczkowski, Mary Wowczuk,
Michael Hickey

Monday, March 3, 2025 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

7:30AM Gerry Coyne

8:30AM Robert Tranowski

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 St. Casimir

7:30AM Ken Hunnicutt

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00AM Prayer Service

7:30AM People of the Parish (STL) (Mass)

8:30AM Prayer Service (OLOR)

9:30AM School Prayer Service (STL)

4:30PM Prayer Service (STL)

6:30PM Prayer Service (STL)

Ashes will be distributed at Mass and all Prayer Services

Thursday, March 6, 2025 Weekday

7:30AM Dennis R. Warfield

Friday, March 7, 2025 Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

7:30AM Karen Sipple, Robert Priest

8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, March 8, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Maria Potoczak, Wladyslaw Szyzka,
Spl. Int. Amiee Lonigro

Sunday, March 9, 2025 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Bernadette Tomasek, Nancy Sikorski,
Deceased Ushers of OLOR-St. Linus

9:00AM Aspen Maloney, Michael Witt, Jr., Mary Waitches

10:30AM Mary McGinnis, Kevin Browne, Monica Venkus,
Lynn Schnierle

The St. Vincent de Paul Society LOVE IN OUR WORK

Nonperishable Food Collection March 1/2

Items we can use each month are:

Peanut butter and jelly; **Canned Foods:** vegetables, fruits, meats, soups, pasta sauce, canned pasta, tuna and chicken; **Boxed Items:** macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice, mashed potatoes; **Cereals:** hot and cold; **Household Items:** toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins, baggies, foil; **Personal Hygiene Products:** soap, deodorant; **Cleaning Supplies:** laundry detergent, sponges, Windex, Pledge; **Aldi Gift Cards:** to purchase eggs, cheese, butter, bread, milk and meat ~ Gift cards can be placed in the SVdP Poor Box or brought to the rectory. Please bring donations **this weekend of March 1/2.** Thank you!



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:

Matt O'Connell, Ruth Howard, Bill Hummer,
Bob O'Dell, Pope Francis



If during Lent you need a quiet space for reflection, come to Adoration for the peace only Christ can give.
He waits for YOU.

Jesus, Light of the World Adoration Chapel at STL
Monday – Friday 8AM - 4PM
Our Lady of the Ridge Church ~ Friday 5PM - 7PM

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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If you wish to discard last year's palms, please bring them to the rectory before Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Roger M. O'Neill
Salvadore Lopez



Faith FORMATION

RE Family Mass on Sunday, March 9th, 10:30AM at St. Linus Church. The newly Confirmed students will receive their certificates at this Mass.

Lenten Services:

During Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will be at **6:30PM on Fridays at St. Linus. School Stations of the Cross** will be at **2:00PM on Fridays** (when school is in session). Stations begin March 7th.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be at **5:00PM to 7:00PM on Tuesdays beginning March 18th at St. Linus** as a special Lenten devotion.

Little Black Books for Lent will be available this weekend, **March 1st and 2nd**. Please take a copy to enhance your Lenten journey.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be available next weekend **March 8th and 9th**. Please take one as we celebrate **CRS Rice Bowls 50th anniversary**. The program is a tradition for millions of Catholics in the United States who continue to answer the Gospel call supporting families experiencing hunger around the world. ©crs.org

Parish Mission

Our Parish Mission, presented by the Evangelization and Discipleship team and Fr. Mark, will be held on **April 9th and 10th at Our Lady of the Ridge at 7:00PM**. Mark your calendar!



PRAY FAST GIVE

Neighborhood News...

\$2500 Assisi Scholarships: To young women who currently attend or who will attend a Catholic High School, and whose mothers/grandmothers attended Mount Assisi Academy. Contact Carrie Peters at carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net for Application Packet. **Deadline is March 14, 2025.**

Adult Grief Support: OSF Little Company of Mary on Wednesday, 6-week group will meet at the **Evergreen Park Library, 9400 S. Troy; March 5-April 9 at 3 p.m.**; To register call **Jessica at 708-229-6913.**

Lenten Mission Series: St. Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St., **McDonough Chapel; Tuesday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m.; March 11-April 1;** Cost is Free; Presenter is Timothy Johnston, M.A., MACD



Parish Support

TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION
Sunday, February 23, 2025

Envelopes/Loose:	\$14,457.00
E-Giving:	\$ 1,750.00
Total:	\$16,207.00

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!

Get your Girl Scout Cookies!!

Girl Scout Cookies will be sold **after Sunday Masses on March 2nd** at both worship sites. Stock up on your favorite kinds!

Heartstrings

The perinatal bereavement group will meet in the **Cardiff Center, 10331 Linus Lane, at 7:00 p.m. on MONDAY, MARCH 10th**. Meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month.

First Friday Experience

March 7 ~ 7:30-9:00 pm
Our Lady of the Ridge Courtyard
See stlinusoaklawn.org for more info

Girls' Night Out ~ Bunco is Back!!

All ladies are invited ~ Bring a friend!

Join us on **Friday, March 14, in the Cardiff Center**
Doors open @ 5:30pm; Games begin at 6pm
We'll play **Bunco** followed by **LRC (left-right-center)**
\$5.00 for Bunco and \$3.00 for LRC

Bring a sweet or savory snack to share;
Bring whatever you want to drink;
Water and coffee will be provided



Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Spirit of the Living God,
You have breathed life into me today, from ashes and dust. You invite me to live, walk, and love in your will. Draw me closer to you today, this Lent, and always. Amen. ©LPi

ST. LINUS ATHLETIC CLUB NCAA PARTY & ANNUAL RAFFLE



MARCH 22 5-10 PM

**COPPER TOP
5207 W 95TH ST**



*\$60 Ticket includes open bar, appetizers, pizza
Pay in person or at www.stlinusathletics.org/finalfour*

SLAC RAFFLE

**EACH TICKET IS \$100, AND ONLY 500 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
WINNING TICKETS WILL BE PULLED LIVE
AT THE ST. LINUS NCAA PARTY**

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



GRAND PRIZE WINNER = \$15,000

SECOND PRIZE WINNER = \$5,000

THIRD PRIZE WINNER = \$2,500

BONUS PRIZE = \$2,500

**ANYONE WHO BUYS AND/OR SELL 3 OR MORE TICKETS
ARE ENTERED TO WIN THE \$2,500 BONUS PRIZE!**

Scan QR Code To Get Your Ticket - \$25,000 in Prizes!

**Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago**

**Reverend William Corcoran
Interim Vicar**

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Faith Formation Center: (FFC)
10859 S. Ridgeland Ave. Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
www.stlinusoaklawn.org/ReligiousEducation

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9am—4pm
Friday, 9am—3pm
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
RE ADMINISTRATOR: Nora Hunt
RE ADMINISTRATOR: Barbara Zickterman
PERMANENT DEACON: Edwin Hill
PERMANENT DEACON: John Orzechowski
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Peg Mooney
MUSIC MINISTER: John Black
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Joseph Dillon
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Peggy Masino
MAINTENANCE OFFICE: Bob Clark
MAINTENANCE OFFICE: Bob Powers
MAINTENANCE OFFICE: Kevin Mulrenin

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:
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 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:
New parishioners are welcome to register at the rectory as soon as possible.