

Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



Worship Sites

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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Third Sunday of Lent: *"For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?"*

A few weeks ago, we reflected on the sermon on the plain from the Gospel of Luke. In this sermon, we are given the 'blessed' statements but are also given the 'woe' statements. The 'woe' statements are directed toward those who have the opportunity to produce a great result from what they have been given, but do not.

~Woe to you who are rich

~Woe to you who are filled now

~Woe to you who laugh now

~Woe to you when all speak well of you

Those who have the ability to produce fruit and do not 'exhaust the soil'.

All of us have the ability to share and give from what God has given us. We all have different gifts and abilities, but all have the opportunity to be fruitful. As we continue our journey through Lent, don't consider what you cannot offer, but reflect upon what you can offer. Living your life in such a manner will be rewarded with the words, *"Blessed are you"*.

~As I mentioned last week, people have mentioned to me their prayerful experiences in the Adoration Chapel. I love hearing that prayer and reflection are an important part of the lives of our parish family. Yet, many have still to visit the chapel at all. This Lent, consider a visit. The hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Even a short time in God's presence can change your life.

~Please consider attending our Parish Mission, *Come to the Water*, on Wednesday April 9th and Thursday April 10th at 7pm at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10836 Oxford Avenue, Chicago Ridge. I believe you will find it to be a prayerful experience.

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter

Mass Schedule for March 22—30, 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 22, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Walter Witowski, Frank Solus, Lila & Alex Putz,
Mozeris & Drogosz Families, Stan Novak

Sunday, March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Irene Jordan, Patti Seidelmann, Tom Kaczmarek,
Spl. Int. Mary & Ted Murphy

9:00AM Marie Ellison, Teddy McManigal,
Michael & Marion Maher

10:30AM Therese Veldman, Larry Bala, Betty Carli,
Alice Gorski, Norma Salas

Monday, March 24, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Joseph Streit, Spl. Int. Cait O'Leary

8:30AM Dorothy, Virginia & Joan Kelly

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30AM Sam DiCola, Spl. Int. Mary & Ted Murphy

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM People of the Parish, Mary Donohue

8:30AM Communion Service

Thursday, March 27, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM John & Janice Conta and Matthew Meier,
Spl. Int. Mari Czarnecki

Friday, March 28, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Dorothy M. Gallagher, 35th anny., Dennis J. Prah

8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, March 29, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Stephen Krupa, Mary Beth Dickinson,
Stanley Krupa, Kevin Krueger

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Lottie Wodka, William Miller Wright

9:00AM Michael Witt, Jr.

10:30AM Dolores O'Reilly, Joseph Pipdo, James Morrison,
Lynn Schnierle, Rosie Arellano

Parish Mission

Our Parish Mission, *Come to the Water*, presented by the Evangelization and Discipleship team and Fr. Mark, will be held on **April 9th and 10th at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10836 Oxford Avenue, Chicago Ridge, at 7:00PM.** Mark your calendar!

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.**



Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your offering is multiplied by the offerings of others put in the SVdP Poor Box. ©svdusa.org



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:

Marita Peffley, Bob Pastore, Dora Chaparro,
Pope Francis



Make this Lent a time of prayer. Eucharistic Adoration is a good place to thank God for His many blessings. Come spend what time you have in quiet with the Lord.

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

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule/gathering space at each worship site. Please take one as we celebrate **CRS Rice Bowls 50th anniversary.** @crs.org

We still have copies of **The Little Black Books** for Lent. Come to the rectory to request a copy for your Lenten journey.



Banns of Marriage

*II—Daniel Mokrzycki and
Jessica Penland*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us? ©LPi



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

Damian Stanley Filipiak

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Janet Kennedy
Thomas Dunne
Lois O'Sullivan

Faith FORMATION

Saturday, April 12th First Communion retreat 9-11:30 a. m. in St. Linus Church. Mandatory for all making First Communion on May 3rd.

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).

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



PRAY FAST GIVE

With a grateful heart, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to all the benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul OLOR-St. Linus. Thanks to all our parishioners who have consistently donated to our SVdP Pantry. I am also grateful to all who regularly contribute to our Poor Boxes. The number of families we feed each month has increased to 107.

We plan to make over a hundred Easter baskets for the children of the Port Ministry. Besides sending monthly cards to our homebound parishioners, we make cards for veterans and nursing home residents. If you know someone who is lonely and would benefit from a card, send me an email with the information to Meslar5@att.net.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference has been a true blessing for many of us. Our conference is just people who want to make a difference in the simple tasks of helping others. As we prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, may we be a light for so many people who are lost, lonely and/or forgotten.
Patti Meslar, President & Pantry Coordinator, SVdP

Neighborhood News...

FREE Skin Cancer Screenings: Advocate Health Care, **Saturday, March 29 at 10AM;** at **Evergreen Park Fire Department, 9000 S. Kedzie;** free cholesterol, HDL, LDL, glucose and BP screenings.

Finding Christ in All Things: **Sunday, March 30, 6PM;** **Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 S. Lawndale, Evergreen Park;** Fr. Patrick Fairbanks S.J. is the presenter.

Joyful Again: For **widows/widowers;** Workshop/Spiritual Retreat, **April 5th and 6th;** **St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, IL** (commute or stay overnight); Call **708-354-7211** or www.joyfulagain.org.

Parish Support

TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION
Sunday, March 16, 2025

Envelopes/Loose:	\$14,557.00
E-Giving:	\$ 2,175.00
Total:	\$16,732.00

Thank you for your continued financial support.

On March 15th, the First Communion class of Our Lady of the Holy Land had a dinner in remembrance of the Last Supper. They ate roasted lamb, bitter greens, and unleavened bread. Father Wissam was with them as they celebrated this special time.



Easter Basket Collection



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be putting together Easter Baskets for children in need.

Please bring items to the rectory by the weekend of April 5/6 or clearly mark as "For Easter Baskets" and leave with our monthly Food Drive. We are in need of: new baskets, cellophane wrap, basket grass, candy, game books, small toys, coloring books, crayons, markers and ribbon. Thank you for your help.

Prayer of Lent

Dear God,
As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.
As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.
As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.
Amen. ©LPi

ST. LINUS SCHOOL NEWS

“IT’S A GREAT DAY TO BE A HAWK!”



3rd graders Elaine Drnovsek, Ronan Cunningham, and Janiece Mugisha created bean plants in science class! Their goal is to have their plants sprout so they can study their roots!



Kindergarten having fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day with their 6th grade Sacramental Buddies.



On Ash Wednesday our 8th graders distributed the ashes during the prayer service! It was a beautiful way for them to begin their journey in the Catholic Church after Confirmation.

Dates to Remember

Stations 2PM Friday, March 28

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 Robert M. Fedek
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago**

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708-422-2400 ext. 139

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
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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.



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