

# Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



## Worship Sites

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## From Fr. Mark's Desk:

### First Sunday of Lent: *"One does not live on bread alone"*.

In my grandparents' home, there was a covered candy dish filled with spice drops in the living room. Every visit to their home would raise the question, "Can I have a spice drop?" So, yes, I had to ask, I could never just take, and yes, I could only have one or maybe two. There were strict rules for the covered candy dish. I never thought the rules for the candy were strict or oppressive. In fact, the opposite, I thought the rules gave a respect to the ritual of asking and receiving, and a respect to my grandparents who provided the opportunity.

Jesus enters the desert for forty days. The devil tempts Jesus with the words, 'turn this stone to bread'. The devil doesn't respect Jesus. If Jesus would do as the devil suggests, then what? Respect for the law of God and the desire for food that is eternal is the foundation of Christian life.

What began as learning respect in my grandparents' home grew into a respect for living in the presence of God. So, the question becomes; how do we grow in our respect for the living God, Jesus our Savior?

Last weekend, I offered, based on the parable of the good tree and bad tree, three questions. Hopefully these questions can offer a reflection on how to observe a respectful Lent.

~What is the good fruit we bear in our lives? It is important to realize the gifts we have and are. It is important to nourish and feed those gifts, that fruit, so that we can serve God better.

~What is the fruit we bear in our lives that needs improvement. Gifts, people, opportunities that we have but don't accentuate can be a missed opportunity. How can we improve?

~What is the fruit we bear in our lives that should be dismissed? The bad fruit. What are things that do not serve us, others or God in a positive way? What needs to leave and not return?

I hope this Lent is a time of respectful discernment, in which you realize the Love that surrounds you.

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter



### Mass Schedule for March 8—16, 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 8, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Maria Potoczak, Wladyslaw Szyska,  
Spl. Int. Aimee Lonigro

#### Sunday, March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

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

#### Monday, March 10, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Helen O'Connell  
8:30AM Bernadine Sadauskas, George Rodighiero

#### Tuesday, March 11, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Joseph Coyne

#### Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM People of the Parish, William Byrnes  
8:30AM Communion Service

#### Thursday, March 13, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Roger Niznik, Robert Whelan

#### Friday, March 14, 2025 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Charles McGonigal, Joan Baldwin,  
Adelaide M. Powers

8:30AM Communion Service

#### Saturday, March 15, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Joseph & Marion Price, John E. Nejman,  
Raymond Tuman, Bill Zarod

#### Sunday, March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Mike Hickey, Pamela Tolve, William Zarod,  
Eugeniuzza Sroka

9:00AM Mike Witt, Sr.

10:30AM Joshua P. Gunther, Mary McGinnis, Mitch Dydo,  
Mary Jayne Doherty

### Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago Spirituality Year

Casey Clark  
Karlo Leonor

Liam McCarthy  
Lucien Neba

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

### 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.



As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Your gift in the SVdP Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. ©svdpusa.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:

Jack Sartori, Bill Heveran, Robert Craven, Sr.,  
Bill Medera, 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.

### MARCH

**For families in crisis:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. ©Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions 2025



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

Rose Frances Feller  
Leilah Avery Shanahan  
Leonardo Adrian Shanahan  
Brooklyn Grace Gardner

### School Stations of the Cross / Rectory Closed

Since school will not be in session on **Friday, March 14**, there will be **NO Stations of the Cross at 2:00PM**. **ALSO**, school will not be in session on **Monday, March 17th**, therefore the **rectory will be CLOSED** and reopen on Tuesday at 9:00AM.

### BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Thomas J. Crowe  
Jeffrey S. Herbas  
William Panek  
Richard Bernier

Cecelia Nieto  
Antoinette Riordan  
Jacquelyne Anne Marsh



# 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**. **NO School Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 14**

**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** are available **March 1st and 2nd**. Please take a copy to enhance your Lenten journey.

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls** will be available **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...

**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

**Irish Night of Hymns:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, 10621 Kedvale; **Wednesday, March 12, 7PM**.

**Celebration 2025:** Mother McAuley Fundraiser; University Club of Chicago, **Thursday, March 27, 6PM - 10PM**; Contact **Peggy Evans Rourke, 773-881-6547** or [prouke@mothermcauley.org](mailto:prouke@mothermcauley.org).



## Parish Support

**TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes/Loose: | \$18,708.00        |
| E-Giving:        | \$ 1,805.00        |
| <b>Total:</b>    | <b>\$20,513.00</b> |

*Thank you for your continued financial support.*

### 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.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength. ©LPi



**Change your clocks**  
**Sunday,**  
**March 9th**  
**2:00AM**

### 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 Lent

Dear Jesus,  
This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.  
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**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  
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## 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](mailto: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:**  
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