

# Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



## Worship Sites

**Our Lady of the Ridge**  
10836 S. Oxford Avenue  
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

**Saint Linus**  
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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

First Sunday of Advent: *"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."*

From the Book of Genesis, we receive accounts of the beginnings of the world and the beginning of humanity. When God saw everything that He had made; He saw it was good. To humanity, God gave dominion over the earth. This gift of freedom and responsibility became self-absorption on the part of humanity, which led to humanity becoming disobedient to God's will.

A 'battle' begins between the heart of God and the heart of humanity. The heart of God is grieved while the heart of humanity is serving its own purpose. God will many times attempt to correct this chasm between the heart of God and the heart of humanity. The 'Battle' takes root in the account of Noah and the Flood. In this account, God attempts through water to make all things new. Noah has been found worthy to participate in this new creation.

Maybe not to God's surprise, humanity returns to its self-serving ways, and the heart of God is again grieved. But after the flood, God chooses to exercise a heart of covenant. The rainbow becomes a symbol of that covenant.

The 'battle' will continue. The heart of God will be hurt while heart of humanity wanders from God. In time the heart of God will offer the heart of the Son, Jesus Christ. The heart of Christ, the Sacred Heart, will beat and live for the heart of humanity. If humanity can accept this gift, this heart of God, then God and His people will be reunited, the relationship restored.

Advent is not a penitential season. Advent is a time to focus on all the many ways God makes life new for us. The birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas is the pinnacle of the new life. The real meaning of Christmas is the joy of God's heart when we love and accept the Life, he intends for us.

*"The challenge is to let God be who he wants to be...Often we hide from him those places in ourselves where we feel guilty, ashamed, confused, and lost. Thus, we do not give him a chance to be with us where we feel most alone. Christmas is the renewed invitation not to be afraid and to let him --who's love is greater than our own hearts and minds---be our companion."* **Henri Nouwen**

Have a great week! Fr. Mark Walter

## Mass Schedule for Nov. 29, — Dec. 7, 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, November 29, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Juanita Rawling, Frank P. Saviano, Madeline Boyle,  
Roger & Anne O'Neill

### Sunday, November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Tony Tyrrell, William O'Dea, Tom McEnery,  
Jim Anderson

9:00AM John Melody, Robert Tranowski, Ann Belter,  
Bishop Kevin Birmingham

10:30AM James Bracken, Linda Pocius, Sebastian Diaz,  
William O'Brien

### Monday, December 1, 2025 Advent Weekday

7:30AM Leni A. Diaz, Frank & Annie Nejman Family,  
Bernadette Gardner, Allen and Ken Sye

8:30AM Poor Souls

### Tuesday, December 2, 2025 Advent Weekday

7:30AM Adelaide Powers

### Wednesday, December 3, 2025 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30AM People of the Parish, Joan M. Schmeltzer,  
Efren Chavez

8:30AM Communion Service

### Thursday, December 4, 2025 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Efren Chavez

### Friday, December 5, 2025 Advent Weekday

7:30AM Norman B. Reno

8:30AM Communion Service

### Saturday, December 6, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Father Michael Kelly, Eugene Shipanik, Les Luka,  
Antonia Mezginis

### Sunday, December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

7:30AM John & Annie Murphy, Jan Sroka, Linda Marks

9:00AM Irene Kloc, Jerry Tuminello, Tim Gold,  
Brad Grove, Bishop Kevin Birmingham

10:30AM Diane Fricka, Ambrocio & Candida Jonson,  
Donald Merkle, Jr., Mitch Dydo

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake! ©LPi

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Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be using gift cards (Kohl's, Target, Walmart, gas) for requests for Christmas help. If you are helping with a gift card, please place it in the SVdP Poor Box or bring it to the St. Linus rectory by **December 14th**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



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:

Kelly Bojan, Josephine Cordell, Dan Phelan,  
Matt O'Connell, Patricia Lipke, Patricia Piaskowy



In this season of hustle and bustle come and take a 'breather' and sit with the Lord 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

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Monday, December 8th**

**7:30AM (STL)**  
**8:30AM (OLOR)**  
**9:45AM School Mass (STL)**  
**7:00PM (STL)**

### PLEASE NOTE: EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

**Bulletin for December 14th** ~ Articles due:  
Thursday, December 4th at NOON.

**Bulletin for December 21st** ~ Articles due:  
Wednesday December 10th at NOON.

**Bulletin for December 28th** ~ Articles due:  
Thursday, December 18th at NOON.

**Bulletin for January 4th** ~ Articles due:  
Monday, December 22nd at NOON.

### Please join us for an **Advent Service**

**Sunday, November 30th**  
**Our Lady of the Ridge Church**  
**6:30 p.m.**


Snacks to follow in our gather space.  
**Bring a friend.**

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

**John T. Quinn**  
**Lou Ann Jarolimek**




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# Harvest of Hope

## Archdiocese-wide Food Drive



Please help us ensure **food pantries** run by local parishes and Catholic Charities are **fully stocked** as we approach the holiday season.

**Vicariate V – What you can do:**

Between **November 29** and **December 14**, donate the following non-perishable foods at your parish:

- Pancake mix
- Peanut butter
- Oatmeal
- Instant grits
- Cereal

**Stay tuned for more detailed information.**

**Peg Mooney and the Music Ministry of  
Our Lady of the Ridge-Saint Linus Parish**  
*Present*  
**Love's Pure Light**

Featuring the St. Linus Children's Choir, Adult choir, Dan Riley, soloist, and our fabulous musicians. The program includes contemporary, foreign language and traditional selections. Join us for a delightful evening of joyful Christmas music! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. to the public.



**St. Linus Church**  
**Thursday, December 11th**  
**7:00 p.m.**



If you would like to **donate a gift card or monetary gift**, please contact **Barb Dydo at 708-425-8827**. Thank you to all who participated. Reminder, **gift drop-off** will be **December 6th** at Incarnation Parish in Crestwood from 9:30AM-1:00PM.

**Neighborhood News...**

**Christmas at the Crib:** *Friday, December 5th,* 6:00-7:30PM; **Shrine of St. Therese**, 8501 Bailey Rd., Darien, IL; for more info **800-621-2806**.

**LOSS Support Group:** **Marist High School, 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM**, 4200 W. 115th St., Chicago; Enter at Main Entrance by the flagpole.

**Part-Time Nurse's Aide:** Rosary Hill Home, 9000 W. 81st Street, Justice, IL; **PM shift**; Contact Sister Natalie at **708-458-3040/info@rosaryhillhome.com**.

## Parish Support

### TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION Sunday, November 16, 2025

Envelopes/Loose:	\$13,815.00
E-Giving:	\$ <u>2,233.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,048.00</b>

***Thank you for your continued financial support.***



## ADVENT

HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



As we prepare for Christmas, we think of you. Your generosity, continued support and kindnesses have made a difference in our St. Vincent de Paul ministry here at OLOR - St. Linus. We have and will continue to help so many people – young, old, homebound, veterans, nursing home residents, all those that need continued support. This would not be possible without your prayers, support, and food and monetary donations. Please be assured that we keep you and all our benefactors in our prayers. Our humble prayer is one of thanksgiving. 100 percent of every donation is used for our St. Vincent de Paul "Friends in Need." As St. Mother Teresa says, "we can only do small things with great love." Thank you for your great love and confidence in our SVdP Ministry to help those in need.

Sincerely,  
St. Vincent de Paul at OLOR-St. Linus Conference  
Patti Meslar [Meslar5@att.net](mailto:Meslar5@att.net)

*"Put your trust in Him and following His example, always act humbly, graciously, and in good faith." St. Vincent de Paul*

**SPRED ~ the religious education program for special needs people, continues for the entire lifetime of a special needs person.**

This program is much more than the Religious Education system familiar to all of us. For the special needs person and the SPRED team, it is a religious awakening using all of our senses. Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago host different age groups. Our Lady of the Ridge -St. Linus has a SPRED group for children ages 6-10 years old. Neighboring parishes host an 11-16 age group; 17-21 age group; and a 22+ group. Each SPRED group is small—limited to 6 participants and their volunteer friends. SPRED is ever-growing in the Archdiocese of Chicago and neighboring parishes currently have availability. Please call the rectory, **708-422-2400**, if you know someone that would benefit from SPRED.



# BREAKFAST

*With Santa*

Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. Join us for Breakfast with Santa Claus, where children can share their holiday wishes, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season!

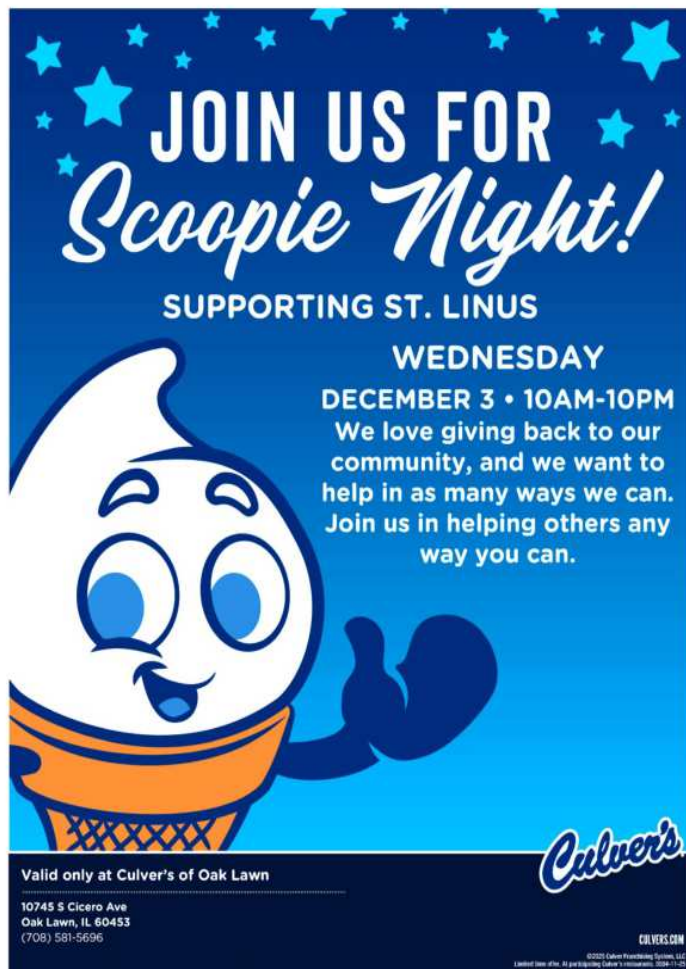


**Sunday  
December 7th**

SCAN TO REGISTER!  
Registration Recommended

**St. Linus School  
(Gym Entrance)**

FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS  
(11:30AM - 1PM)



# JOIN US FOR Scoopie Night!

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## NEXT WEEK IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Next weekend, at each Mass, will be our Commitment Weekend for the Generation to Generation campaign.

We will ask each family to make a final decision to participate. Please be prepared to complete a commitment card during Mass and to:

1. **Make your best pledge.**
2. **Celebrate having already made your best pledge.**
3. **Indicate your financial decision.**
4. **Pray for the success of the campaign.**

### OUR PRIORITIES

- **Renovating entrances at both churches**, to make them more handicap and elder accessible.
- **Preparing for upcoming maintenance needs**; adding AC to the school gym, boiler maintenance, roof repairs, resurfacing the parking lots, and other needs as they arise.

.....GENERATION  
TO GENERATION:  
**ANSWER THE CALL** .....

**Cardinal Blase Cupich**  
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**Most Reverend Robert M. Fedek**  
**Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago**

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**Office of Faith Formation:**  
10300 S. Lawler, Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
708-422-2400 ext. 139

**Faith Formation Center: (FFC)**  
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

### 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
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<b>PERMANENT DEACON:</b>	John Orzechowski
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR:</b>	Peg Mooney
<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:**  
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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