

Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



Worship Sites

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

Saint Linus
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Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Second Sunday of Advent: *"A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

The season of Advent is indeed the opportunity for great anticipation and joy. As we await the celebration of Christmas, there is renewed hope about all God has in store for his people. But Advent can also be a counterintuitive experience. We are made aware of Isaiah the Prophet and John the Baptist proclaiming from a desert of the one to come. The reference to a desert is intended to draw our attention away from the world and toward the Messiah.

In the Garden of Eden, a moment occurs which leads to the original sin. The original sin is not about an apple but about humanity's belief they can live apart from God. That belief leads them away from the garden and toward a life that will ultimately require a Messiah.

As many of you know, I also occasionally teach high school. I always desire students to receive good grades. Most teachers share this ideal. Sometimes, there are students who are not concerned about grades or are indifferent to instruction. It is important to emphasize to the students that they must care about their grades more than I care. I can prepare and help, but in the end, they must do the work! The same is true with God.

God offers us life, opportunity, love, forgiveness, and a future full of eternal blessings. If we are not concerned or indifferent to God, no matter how hard God tries, we cannot receive His fullness.

So, the prophets cry out, **prepare**, to motivate and encourage our entry in the plan of God for our lives. It isn't what we want for Christmas, but what God wants for us at Christmas that is important.

I hope this Advent and Christmas you find what God so lovingly wants for your life, an eternal life with Him.

Have a great week!
Fr. Mark Walter

Mass Schedule for December 6—14, 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 6, 2025 Vigil Mass

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

Sunday, December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

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

Monday, December 8, 2025 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:30AM Norman B. Reno (STL)

8:30AM People of the Parish (OLOR)

9:45AM School Mass (STL)

7:00PM People of the Parish (STL)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

7:30AM Jack Donohue, Lorenzo Lopez

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 Our Lady of Loreto

7:30AM People of the Parish,

Deceased Members of the Walsh Family

8:30AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 11, 2025 St. Damasus I, Pope

7:30AM Patrick Catania, Paulino & Esperanza Navarro

Friday, December 12, 2025 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30AM Jose Guadalupe Aranda

8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 13, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Mary Miotti, Tony Errico, John Rafacz, Bill Rogers

Sunday, December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Edward Simousek

9:00AM Mary Waitches, Michael Witt, Jr., Brad Grove, Ken & Mary Stortz

10:30AM Doug Combs, Marion McGreal, William Martin, Paulino & Esperanza Navarro

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Our senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests need your help. Your gift can help cover their rising health care costs, medication and daily living expenses. Please be generous on **December 13/14**.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society LOVE IN OUR WORK

Food Pantry - 708-289-0406

Financial Assistance - 708-289-4180



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:

Sheila Creghin, Catherine Ralson, Kelly Bojan, Josephine Cordell, Dan Phelan, Matt O'Connell



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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO 8:30AM Mass** on **Monday, December 15th** at OLOR. Also, there will be **NO Confessions** on **Saturday, December 20th**.

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 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.

Giving Tree Donations



Our Youth Vincentians will be collecting blankets, socks, hand lotion, etc. to bring to a nursing home. Take a tag from the tree, or see the parish website stlinusoaklawn.org. There will also be tags for St. Margaret of Scotland school and our food pantry. Bring St. Margaret gifts to the rectory by **December 14th**; St. Vincent de Paul gifts by **December 21st**.

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Norene Tierney
Christopher McGarry

Tom Rush
Barbara A. Lokey

Parish St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Since our own St. Vincent de Paul ministry is currently conducting a food drive for the parish food pantry, the parish will not be participating in the Catholic Charities "Harvest of Hope" food drive. If you would like to donate, select from the following items and bring to either church vestibule. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you!

Monthly Food collection December 6/7

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 all donations **the weekend of December 6/7**. Please check the dates on the food you donate. (We cannot accept out-of-date or opened items). Please Donate with Dignity.

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.



TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION Sunday, November 23, 2025

Envelopes/Loose:	\$15,889.00
E-Giving:	\$ 1,768.00
Total:	\$17,657.00

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Heartstrings

The perinatal bereavement group will meet on **Monday, December 8th** at 7:00PM in the Cardiff Center, 10331 Linus Lane.

Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago Configuration I & II

Derek Damasco	Salvador Castañeda
Hector Daniel Garcia	Br. Marko Culjak, SJC
Joshua Polark	Anthony Davies
Alexander Thiel	Michael Frankiewicz
James Bryant	Luke Lato

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



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

Arianna Rose Allicino
Ava Grace Allicino

Oplatki (Christmas wafers for family sharing)

The wafers are wonderfully designed to display Christmas images, such as the Nativity. Oplatki will be available for purchase at the **parish rectory** after **December 14th**. They will also be available **after all Masses on December 20/21. \$4.00 per packet.**

Neighborhood News...

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**.

Volunteer Drivers Needed: Pathlights home delivered meals to homebound seniors; Flexible arrangements; Pairs welcome; **darneberg@pathlights.org**.

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 parish rectory, **708-422-2400**, if you know someone that would benefit from SPRED.

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday of Advent • Matthew 3:1-12

IN-PEW WEEKEND

This weekend, all parish families are invited to participate in the Generation to Generation campaign In-Pew Event. Our parish community is preparing for the next generation of Catholics at Our Lady of the Ridge – St. Linus Parish and across Cook and Lake Counties. Please consider joining our effort by completing a pledge card during Mass. Recognizing all we have and all we are is a manifestation of God's love, we are called to return gifts in thanksgiving for God's generosity and goodness to us.

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.

He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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

Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Robert M. Fedek
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

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St. Linus School: 10400 S. Lawler, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-425-1656
www.stlinusschool.org

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

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
RE ADMINISTRATOR:	Nora Hunt
PERMANENT DEACON:	Edwin Hill
PERMANENT DEACON:	John Orzechowski
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Peg Mooney
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:	Joseph Dillon
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Peggy Masino
MAINTENANCE OFFICE:	Bob Powers
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.

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