

Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026



Worship Sites

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

Saint Linus
10300 S. Lawler Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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St. Linus Athletic Raffle - \$25,000 in Prizes!

Drawing on **3.21.26** at the NCAA Party. Scan QR Code To Get Your Ticket:



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🏀 **NCAA Party** 🏀: Saturday 3.21.26 @ The Copper Top Restaurant and Bar.
\$60 per person (includes food & open bar) starting at 5pm. Pay in person or at
www.stlinusathletics.org/finalfour.

(winner need not be present to win)

Mass Schedule for February 21—29, 2026

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, February 21, 2026 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Dennis T. Hughes, Michael Elsen, Maribeth Nagy,
Deceased Members of McGrath Family

Sunday, February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bozinovich, Edward J. Joyce,
Spl. Int. Mary T. Murphy

9:00AM Dorothy Doyle, Michael & Marion Maher,
Ray & Lou Ann Jarolimek, Dorothy Kerestes

10:30AM Monica Venkus, Mary Ann Novak, Billy Nelis,
Daniel Distel

Monday, February 23, 2026 St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

7:30AM Robert & Helen Walter, Jeffrey Herbas

8:30AM Margaret Duffy, Martha Corboy

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Frances & Joseph DiCola, Carl Leshik,
Bernadette Gardner

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Joan R. Knowski, Eleanor Rapken

8:30AM Communion Service

Thursday, February 26, 2026 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Barbara Catania Spanos

Friday, February 27, 2026 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Josephine Picciotto O'Hara,
Dr. Thomas V. Powell, Sr.

8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, February 28, 2026 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Mary Lou Maher, Catherine Roccestee,
William Nelis, Eugene Shipanik, Erna Friedle,
Leonard McGrath, Andy Washack

Sunday, March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Beverly Wrobel, Tom Evans,
Patrick & Agnes Foley, Eleanor Rapken

9:00AM Robert G. O'Dell, Stephanie Hill, Dan Pratl,
Sheila Bilek

10:30AM Albin Stack, Bruce Ann Churilla, Maribeth Nagy,
Ronald Schau



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We will once again be making Easter baskets for The Port ministry and other children in need. We are asking for the following supplies: **wrapped candy, Easter baskets, and basket bags**. Please bring your donations to the gathering space at Our Lady of the Ridge Church or to the St. Linus rectory during regular business hours by **March 1st**. God bless you for your thoughtfulness 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:

Catherine Hoffman, Leroy Almanza, Bill Lisowski,
John Wickman, Mariceleste Ryan, Marita Peffley



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

Jesus, Light of the World Adoration Chapel
Monday - Friday 8AM - 4PM at St. Linus
Friday, 5PM - 7PM at Our Lady of the Ridge Church



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Via Crucis

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

Disciple Maker Index link to Survey:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/p4ac98>

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan." ©LPi

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



Margaret Josephine Lamb

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

John Sartori
Victor Romero
Joan O'Connell
(mother of Teresa LeCompte)

Dear Fr. Mark and Parishioners,
 On behalf of the women and children whom we serve, I would like to thank you for collecting donations for The COURAGE Program. All of the items will be of great use to our members. Your generosity and support is deeply appreciated. It is because of the support of so many parishes, organizations and individuals that COURAGE is able to continue this one-of-a-kind ministry.

Please know that your kindness really does make a difference and that you will be remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,
 Molly O'Grady
 Director, The COURAGE Program



Parish Support

TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION Sunday, February 15, 2026

Envelopes/Loose:	\$13,363.42
E-Giving:	\$ 1,495.00
Total:	\$14,858.42

E-Giving 02/08/26 \$2,055.00

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowls will be available in the vestibule at St. Linus Church and the gathering space at Our Lady of the Ridge Church. Please take one to enhance your Lenten journey.

PLEASE JOIN US!

OLOR/ST.LINUS SPRING Craft Show

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
 10:00AM-4:00PM**

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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.



Girl Scout Cookies will be sold after 9:00AM Mass at OLOR and after 10:30AM Mass at St. Linus from February 15-March 22. Don't forget to pick up your favorites!

it's **Cookie Time**

Sister Carol Mucha, RSM will be having a book sale on **March 1st and 15th at St. Linus** after the 7:30AM and 10:30AM Masses. The book sale will also be held at **OLOR on March 8th** after the 9:00AM Mass.

Lenten Mission Series: "Conversations with God: The Many Pathways to Prayer"; **St. Xavier University, McDonough Chapel; Tuesday evenings, 7 to 8pm, Cost: FREE; February 25-March 25; 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago; 773-492-4948.**

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent.

Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew.

Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen. ©LPi

Neighborhood News...

\$2500 Assisi Scholarships: To young women who currently attend or who will attend a Catholic High School and whose mothers and/or grandmothers attended Mount Assisi Academy. To request the **Application Packet**, please contact:

carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net

Marian Village Open House: Saturday, March 21, 10AM-2PM; RSVP for lunch by March 16; Call Raychel at 708-401-8622; 15624 Marian Drive, Homer Glen, IL; www.marianvillage.org.

Mid-life Singles (mid 30s to 50s): REFLECT weekend retreat at Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL; April 17-19; Call 630-222-8303, or email reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com.

From Fr. Mark's Desk:

First Sunday of Lent: "He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry."

When we begin the season of Lent, our thoughts center around a sacrifice or offering we make to improve our relationship with God. Recently, reflecting upon the Sermon on the Mount, I mentioned three points.

~we are all blessings in God's eyes

~we are all called to be a blessing to others

~we are offered a reward for living a blessed life

Remaining in the blessing of God is central to our relationship with God. Moving away from blessed awareness leads to darkness and sin.

Jesus in the desert, begins with the fundamental self-awareness he has of himself. That awareness places him with the Spirit in union with the Father. The strength of that relationship will be stronger than any 'temptation' the tempter can present.

Ultimately, temptation is any time in life when we believe something other than God can do what only God can do. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are a means to correcting our spirit so that we remain in the blessing of God.

Lent is up to us. It can be a time of renewal, or a time of missed opportunity. Consider what you would like this Lent to accomplish in your life. Perhaps consider Lent as more than just a challenge, but an opportunity to rest spiritually in the desert, with Jesus, in the presence of His blessings for us.

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter

~This weekend Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be available.

~This weekend, please consider, if you haven't already, your offering to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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Archbishop of Chicago**

**Most Reverend Robert M. Fedek
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Faith Formation Center: (FFC)
10859 S. Ridgeland Ave. Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
www.stlinusoaklawn.org/ReligiousEducation

Parish Offices: at St. Linus Rectory
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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9:00AM—4:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM—3:00PM
Weekend: CLOSED

PARISH STAFF:

PASTOR: Rev. Mark Walter
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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
(Our Lady of the Holy Land at OLOR): Sunday, 12:00PM
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 ap-
pointment.

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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