

Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 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

708-422-2400
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Join us
Friday, July 24th
@ 7:00 p.m.

for dinner, a short movie and
discussion

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Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Men's Club

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All golfers need to check in by 12:30 pm
If you don't have a foursome, we can group you with one.

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MEMBERS
WELCOME!

Men 21
or older.

Shotgun
Start
1:00 pm

Refreshments on the course! Drinks & Dinner after Golf
Dinner served between 6:30 & 7:00

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Golf & Dinner \$100
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Questions:
Contact, Mike Coffey
708-227-1955



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**Sunday
August
23**

8:30AM – 1:30PM

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Questions?
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312-318-4649

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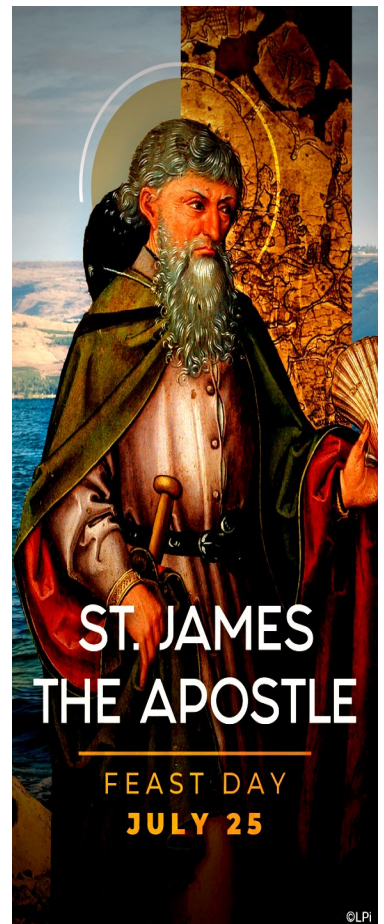
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Mass Schedule for July 18—26, 2026

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, July 18 2026 Vigil Mass

2:00PM Byrne-Caintic Wedding

4:00PM Pappas Family, Lucille & Edward Price,
Ann Marie Walsh, Eugene F. Shipanik

Sunday, July 19, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Phyllis Gruchot, Mirella Carone, Daniel J. Trahey,
Dec. Members of Ugochukwu Family & Relatives

9:00AM Devane Family, Maher & McNeela Family,
Louis Schnier

10:30AM Julie Smalzer, Pauline & Constantine Gruchot,
Roy & Helen Bozych, Joshua Peter Gunther

Monday, July 20, 2026 St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

7:30AM Lawrence Schmit, Wayne Krupa, John Lynch,
Daniel Cahill

8:30AM Marcia O'Neill

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Julie Gilmartin, Sebastian Diaz, Leonard Gray,
Ann and Ruth Perreault, Cahill Family

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 St. Mary Magdalene

7:30AM Timothy Reidy, Lynch Family, John Lynch

8:30AM Communion Service

Thursday, July 23, 2026 St. Bridget, Religious

7:30AM Dr. Michael J. Ryan, John Lynch

Friday, July 24, 2026 St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

7:30AM Bob Black, Helene Kopp, John Lynch

8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, July 25, 2026 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Cecilia Gutkowski, Sheila Creghin, Maribeth Nagy,
Joe Rabbitte

Sunday, July 26, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Daniel Bodinet, Alice Oskvarek, Kelly Ann Bojan,
Gregory Ahern

9:00AM Allan Holman, Celia Drozd

10:30AM Mark Bednarz, 1st anny., Kathryn Soraghan,
Charlie Gallagher, Kathleen O'Donnell

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**.



Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom. Please say a prayer for the poor and forgotten in our parish.
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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, Shirley Rosales, Elvie Diaz,
Richard Krob, Kathy Galera, Linda McHale



The Church and the world have a real need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse to meet Him in Adoration.—St. John Paul II

Jesus, Light of the World Adoration Chapel
Monday - Friday 8AM - 4PM at St. Linus

Friday, 5PM - 7PM at Our Lady of the Ridge Church

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice. ©LPi

Blessing for Summer

O God,

Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You.

Amen. ©LPi

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



Willa Margaret Wesselhoff
Peter Joseph Juodka
Paul Anthony Ruppert III
Ruben Luevano

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Jean A. Kerfin

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Saturday Classes begin August 29th
8:30am - 10:30am

Our Lady of the Ridge campus
109th & Ridgeland Avenue

Registration now open for '26-27 session
for students entering first grade and older

**Monthly family/class
masses and weekday
events beginning in
September**

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Generosity is a hallmark of Christian discipleship. Christ placed our needs above his own, so we likewise place the needs of others above our own. Our concern for our brothers and sisters must be evident not just in what we do but in how we do it — with cheerfulness and love. ©LPi



Neighborhood News...

Pray the Rosary: Monday thru Friday, 7pm., Our Lady at St. Germaine, 98th & Kolin; Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; ALL ARE WELCOME (Bring a lawn chair).

Catholic Charities Volunteers Needed: Summit Community Center, 7437 W. Archer Avenue; Food Pantry, Basic Needs Room and Community Meals programs; Contact **Ed Leiser** at **312-618-6458** or **eleiser@catholiccharities.net**.

Volunteer Drivers Needed: Home delivered meals from **Pathlights**; one morning a week; Flexible arrangements, pairs welcome; Email Don at **darneberg@pathlights.org**.



TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION Sunday, July 12, 2026

Envelopes/Loose:	\$14,561.50
E-Giving:	\$not available
Total:	\$14,561.50

Thank you for your continued financial support.

CALLING ALL ST. LINUS CLASS OF 1976 GRADUATES

We are looking for all our classmates.
Please send your information to

Mhayes@stlinusschool.org

We need phone number, email and street address so we can get you an invite, and yes it will probably be in red, white and blue as well as the decorations!

Missionary Cooperation Plan

We will soon be hosting a missionary visitor! The Summer Missionary Cooperation Plan is an opportunity for our parish to learn about, support and be inspired by the work of missionaries ministering in another part of the world. We are pleased to receive a visit from **Fr. Camillus Njoku**, a representative of the **Diocese of Port Harcourt, Nigeria**, on the **week-end of July 25/26**.

Please pray for missionaries worldwide. If you are able, place a donation in the collection basket. Make checks out to the parish with Mission Appeal in the memo line. Or make a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/give. ©archchicago.org

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

1st Reading Question

Wisdom speaks of God's power in terms of kindness, leniency, and mercy. What words would you use to describe God?

2nd Reading Question

Paul explains that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf, especially when we struggle in our prayer life. How can the Spirit help you in your prayer life?

Gospel Question

In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus warns the disciples of the presence of the devil active in the world. How do we stay on guard against the evil one? ©LPi

From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown, it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."*

One of the activities I greatly enjoy as a priest is celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. There is excitement about families arriving to celebrate their child and dedicate that child to the Lord. In celebrating baptism, the opportunity to hear the stories of why the church and faith have been important in the lives of parents, godparents, family and friends is active.

In Baptism is the beginning of the spiritual life of the child. The child will grow and hopefully become increasingly aware of the presence of God in their life. In First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and eventually perhaps Marriage or Holy Orders, the life of the child will become like a large bush from the smallest of seeds.

The beginning of the Church is Jesus Christ. Jesus gave this beginning to Peter. From Peter, the smallest of seeds, the Church would become a large bush where many would come and 'dwell in its branches'. The function of the Church would be the final commission given to the eleven disciples at the end of the Gospel of Matthew, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

The church is currently seeking dialogue and co-responsibility of the Church among all its members. In the near future, we will be asked to discern and respond to our own faith and our response to that faith in the life of the Church.

Every prayer we offer, every act of charity we perform, every act of mercy and kindness we offer in the name of Jesus, is infusing life into the Church and the kingdom of God. Let us continue to make our life, which started as the size of a mustard seed, grow into a dwelling for all God's people.

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter

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

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www.stlinusoaklawn.org/ReligiousEducation

Parish Offices: at St. Linus Rectory
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Summer Office Hours: Monday — Thursday: 9AM—4PM
Friday: 9AM—12 Noon
Weekend: CLOSED

PARISH STAFF:

PASTOR:	Rev. Mark Walter
CHAPLAIN:	Rev. Wissam Mansour
	Our Lady of the Holy Land Community
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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
(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 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 during the school year.

AA MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP:
Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in the FFC at OLOR
NA GROUP:
Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the FFC at OLOR.

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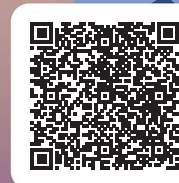
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