

Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026



Worship Sites

Our Lady of the Ridge
10836 S. Oxford Avenue
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Saint Linus
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Our Lady of the Ridge-St. Linus Parish is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Our Lady of the Ridge-St. Linus Parish. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their own journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10-15 minute survey can be accessed through an online link from **February 18th through March 29th** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Please use this link to access the survey from February 18th to March 29th:

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

Paper copies of the survey will be available in the vestibule/gathering space at each worship site, and in the St. Linus rectory. Paper surveys need to be returned to the St. Linus rectory by March 31st.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.





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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***** Each ticket is \$100, ONLY 500 Tickets will be sold *****

● **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)

Our Lady of the Ridge-St. Linus
Lenten Parish Mission

FR. MARK WALTER – speaker

Please join us
Monday, March 23rd and
Tuesday, March 24th
at 7:00 p.m.
in Our Lady of the Ridge Church

“IT WOULD have BEEN ENOUGH”
hosted by our Evangelization Team

And as always, please join us in our gather space
for hospitality and friendship.

Mass Schedule for March 14—22, 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, March 14, 2026 Vigil Mass

4:00PM James R. McNally, Joseph & Marian Price,
Raymond Tuman, Maribeth Nagy

Sunday, March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Eugeniusz Sroka, Stan Novak, Dominador Rebodos,
Spl. Int. Merlinda Rebodos

9:00AM Lori Witt, Vito Senese, Jack Sartori

10:30AM Deceased Members of Walsh Family, Mike Hickey,
John E. Nejman, Bruce Ann Borrelli

Monday, March 16, 2026 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Norman B. Reno

8:30AM Carol Weiss, Nick DeAlba, Herb Willis

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 St. Patrick, Bishop

7:30AM James Houston, Malone & McDonald Families,
Jennie Cascone, Billy Nelis

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Bob Pastore, Kenneth Pokusa

8:30AM Communion Service

Thursday, March 19, 2026 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM Nemencia I. Jonson, Jim & Florence Carollo,
Spl. Int. Maureen Hanley, Spl. Int. Joe O'Leary

Friday, March 20, 2026 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM William C. Sahr, Eflen Chavez

8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, March 21, 2026 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Al & Lila Putz, Josephine Simousek, Mitch Dydo,
Eugene F. Shipanik, Jack Browne, 30th anny.

Sunday, March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Irene Jordan, Jan Solus, Terry Tucker,
Refaat Fanous, 60th Birthday

9:00AM Michael & Marion Maher, Jack Maines,
Manuel & Elvira Franco, Manuel Franco, Jr.

10:30AM Norbert Rydel, Jr. anny., Joshua Peter Gunther,
Charmaine Errico, Kathleen O'Donnell



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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, Matt O'Connell, Ed Sullivan,
Tom D. Christina, Debbie Hindelewick, Katie Karns



Make this Lent a time of prayer.
Come and spend what time you have
in quiet with the Lord.

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)

Early Bulletin Transmission Schedule

For **March 29 (Palm Sunday)** articles due by **Monday, March 23 at Noon**. For **April 5 (Easter Sunday)** articles due by **Friday, March 27 at Noon**. Please send articles in JPEG or Word document format. No screenshots or PNG.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

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Women's Evening of Recollection

There will be an evening of recollection for women on **Thursday, March 19th** from **7:00 to 9:30 p.m.** in **St. Linus Church**. The evening will be given by a priest from Opus Dei. There will be short talks, Adoration, Benediction and Sacrament of Reconciliation. All women are welcome.

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

David Lenard
Dorothy Smith

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Parish Support

TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION
Sunday, March 8, 2026

Envelopes/Loose:	\$15,448.42
E-Giving:	\$ 2,080.00
Total:	\$17,528.42

Thank you for your continued financial support.

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER



Join us at the Raising Cane's at
11006 S. Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL
on **Thursday March 19th**
from **4:00PM - 9:00 PM**
and mention the fundraiser at the register, and
Cane's will **donate 15% of the Net Sales*** to:
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Religious Education News

Last Saturday, we celebrated our Religious Ed Year II Confirmation class and their families with a breakfast gathering. We were fortunate to have Richards HS sophomores (Steve Schaefer and Ashlynn Goldizen) and Mother McAuley sophomore (Adeline Kerfin-not pictured) speak about how they've kept the faith present in their lives since entering high school. (Addie is also a catechist aide for our 3rd grade class). They spoke frankly about the challenges and blessings and finding time for prayer.

On behalf of myself, our catechists (previous and present), as well as former Coordinator Mrs. Barb Zickterman, we are so thankful to have been a part of this Confirmation class' journey of faith. May God bless them with all they need in the future. I look forward to having them come back to act as classroom aides, catechists, and even share their own testimonies to future groups. *Nora Hunt, Faith Formation Coordinator*



From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Fourth Sunday of Lent: "As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath."

There is physical sight and spiritual sight. Physical sight is through the eye of the body; spiritual sight is through the eye of the soul. The man born blind suffers from both physical and spiritual sight. The Pharisees will focus on his physical sight while the intention of Jesus is to heal both physical and spiritual sight. It is the things we see through the eye of our body that can taint what we see through the eye of our soul.

~ "Go wash in the pool of Siloam, which means sent."

It is no coincidence that Jesus sends the blind man to water. As we saw with the woman at the well, the desire to want to know and be with God is at the center of spiritual sight. Desire requires faith and determination. It also requires acceptance after spiritual sight is received.

~ "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Jesus has entered the world, but not to remain in it. It is his intention to return to the Father. If we follow the light of Jesus in our heart, it is the intention of Jesus to take us with him to the Father.

~ "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

Belief in Jesus, as the Son of Man, only occurs through the eye of our spirit or soul. Has sin blurred that sight, and do we believe that Jesus can free us from our blindness? All who believe in Jesus will have the light of life.

~ "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see and those who do see might become blind."

Those that are only willing to view life through the eye of the body will succumb to things that blur or block the eye of the soul. Awareness of life as God sees it, gives us the ability to live visually in the spirit.

~ "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying we see, so your sin remains."

There is no sin if we choose 'blindness to sin' but instead sight in the Lord. Lord, help us see!

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter

**Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago**

**Most Reverend Robert M. Fedek
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago**

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Faith Formation Center: (FFC)
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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
CHAPLAIN: Rev. Wissam Mansour
Our Lady of the Holy Land Community
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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 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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New parishioners are welcome to register at the St. Linus rectory as soon as possible.

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