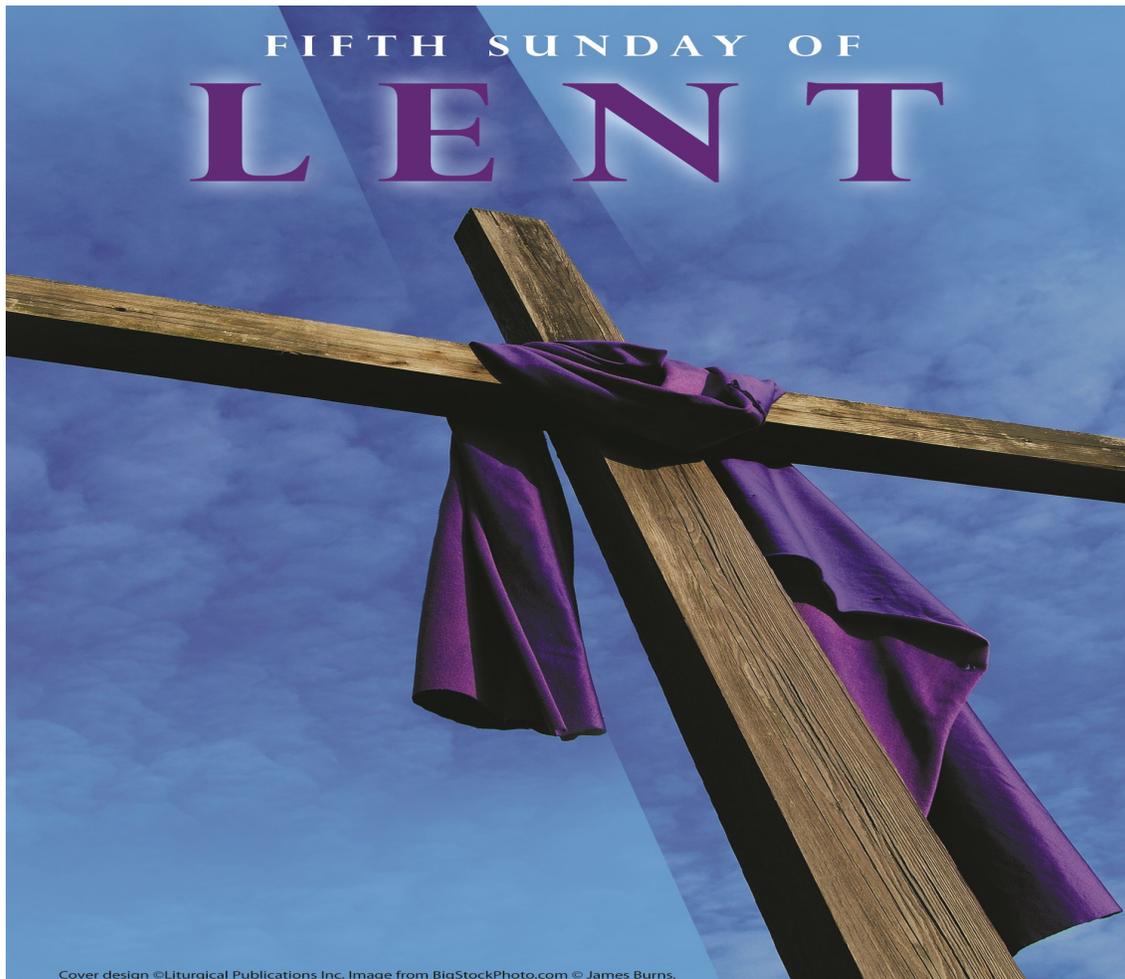


Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026



Worship Sites

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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 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/gather 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.



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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.

Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.
Where the ground feels dry,
break through with life anew. Amen. ©LPi

CONFESSION

Confessions will be heard on Saturday, **March 28th from 12 noon-1pm at St. Linus Church.** **NO** confessions will be heard during Holy Week beginning Palm Sunday or on Saturday, April 11th.

Mass Schedule for March 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, 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

Monday, March 23, 2026 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:30AM Robert Priest, Roger Niznik

8:30AM Marie Ellison

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

7:30AM Glen Olson

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30AM Sam DiCola, Stanley Krupa

8:30AM Communion Service

Thursday, March 26, 2026 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Mary Donahue

Friday, March 27, 2026 Lenten Weekday

7:30AM George Rodighiero, Bernadine Sadauskas

8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, March 28, 2026 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Dorothy M. Gallagher, Marsha O'Rourke, Walter Witowski, Stephen Krupa

Sunday, March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30AM Stephanie Hill, Spl. Int. Dan O'Leary, Spl. Int. Pat & Peg Lynch

9:00AM William Roche, Julius Ivancsits, Vito Senese, Ray & Lou Ann Jarolimek

10:30AM Mary Jane Jurek, Roger Walczak, Kazimierz Bednarz, Michael & Eileen O'Leary



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This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist individuals and families by providing food, and helping with utility and rent bills, etc. ©svdpusa.org



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:

Jeff Fraher, Catherine Ralson, Mike Jurgovsky, Marita Peffley, Matt O'Connell, Tom D. Christina



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 PDF, JPEG or Word document format. No screenshots or PNG.



Marriage Banns

*I—Amy Busch and
Michael Carter*

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



Myla Frances Girdwain

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Edward Sullivan
Dolores Mae Mayher
Dan Davis
Ethan Walter



HOSANA!

Let the children come!
We'll wave palms, hear the story,
and begin Holy Week together.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO
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FAMILY MASS**

Sunday, March 29 | 10:30 AM
St Linus Church

*All children and
families welcome!
School aged children will
be invited to participate
in the procession of
palms!*

Neighborhood News...

Rosary Hill Home Employment Opportunities:

Nurse (P/T, PM Shift), Nurse's Aides (P/T or F/T, PM Shift); 9000 W. 81st Street, Justice, IL 60458; Call **Sister Natalie** at **708-458-3040**.

FREE Skin Cancer Screening: Advocate Health Care, **Saturday, March 28th at 10am;** Evergreen Park Fire Department, **9000 S. Kedzie;** No registration needed. First come, first served.

Crafting Garage Sale: Saturday, April 11th, 10am -1pm; **Our Lady at St. Germaine,** 9711 S. Kolin, Oak Lawn; Rent a table? Call **708-256-6613** or **glasskids@att.net.** Great deals on craft supplies!

Joyful Again!: 2-day workshop/spiritual retreat for widows/widowers; **April 11/12,** St. Mary Retreat House, Lemont, IL; Call **708-354-7211.**

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 visit **www.ReflectRetreat.com** for more information.

Parish Support

TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION Sunday, March 15, 2026

Envelopes/Loose:	\$15,319.53
E-Giving:	\$ 1,885.00
Total:	\$17,204.53

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Good Friday, April 03, 2026

WAY OF THE CROSS DOWNTOWN CHICAGO

Communion and Liberation with the support of the Lay Ecclesial Movements of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites everyone to the Way of the Cross in Downtown Chicago. Accompanied by the Most Reverend Mark Bartosic, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Reflections by John Kartje, Rector of the Seminary.

It will begin at **8:45 am at St. Peter in the Loop** (entrance at 8:30 am) and continue with a procession to Holy Name Cathedral with Choral music, Gospel Readings and meditations. It will end in the Cathedral courtyard around 11:50 am.

For more information: visit
www.wayofthecrosschicago.org

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb. These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out! ©LPi



ST. LINUS MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE WANTS MORE GOLFERS THURSDAYS 8AM AT STONY CREEK

The league is mostly retired guys, so we play on Thursday mornings at Stony Creek. We are a friendly group and we play friendly golf. The league is nine holes each week, but some of us play on for eighteen. If you are interested you can email or call Chuck Shanle cshanle@sbcglobal.net - (708)624-6242 or Bob Kellam robertkellamjr@gmail.com - (312)405-7380

From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Fifth Sunday of Lent: "Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So, Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go'".

"One step at a time" is a phrase often used in life. In a hospital, patients will be encouraged to walk as soon as possible after a procedure. In a hospital hallway, there will be placards displaying the message 'you just walked ten feet'. Sometimes in completing a difficult project, one step at a time is the way to manage stress and time. The necessity of movement is necessary for the human spirit. In the raising of Lazarus, to 'untie him and let him go' gives him the freedom to take his next step. There are many things in life that bind us. Ultimately, sin binds our souls. Freedom from sin, saves us from spiritual death. The untying of Lazarus isn't just a story about one man. It is an account of how Jesus can free us from the sin that binds us.

Approaching the death of Jesus, the disciples will be led by Jesus to prayer and then the crucifixion. But, while in prayer, the disciples will sleep. This sleep indicates their spiritual nature unprepared for what is necessary. They will need to offer witness to the events that are about to happen and the significance of those events. We too, through prayer and reflection, must be ready to offer significance to the events of God we observe in the movement of our lives. Every step is important, and the things that bind us must be removed.

Finally, as Jesus is taken from the cross, he is placed in a tomb. A stone will be placed in front of the tomb. The removal of the stone after three days will indicate that death has not bound Jesus. Just as it did not bind Lazarus. The resurrection of Jesus reflects God's desire to set us free, unbound by the things that prevent our spirit from being its truest self.

As you complete Lent and enter Holy Week, take one step at a time. Maintain the movement necessary to reach your eternal goal.

Have a great week!

Fr. Mark Walter

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Friday: 9:00AM—3:00PM
Weekend: CLOSED

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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)
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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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