

Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

November 23, 2025



Worship Sites

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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: *"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

At the scene of the crucifixion, we are still learning the identity of Jesus. He is not passively dying but offering his life for a greater purpose. Next to him are two men. Both are going to lose their lives. One does not see the value of Jesus' life from an eternal view. That one criminal observes the life of Jesus as an opportunity to regain an earthly status he is about to lose. In other words, this thief, if given a new chance, would return to his old ways. The other thief, the 'good thief' as he is sometimes referred, recognizes his old ways must die, and then realizes that a new life is with Jesus. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". The statement of faith from the 'good thief' is the source of salvation for him. Faith has the ability to save and deliver. Jesus is declared "King of the Universe", but the universe is the eternal life, which is present in this life and comes to fruition in the next life. We are on a journey through life, to death, to life everlasting and Jesus reveals the way.

"Luke shows Jesus in utter control. He forgives his executioners. He promises paradise to the repentant criminal. And having done these things, he entrusts his spirit to his Father in prayer and dies. His death is shown to be utterly consistent with his life, his life an enactment of this teaching. He is Philosopher, Prophet, Lord of God's kingdom." Luke Timothy Johnson, The Gospel of Luke

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord and His Church. In a time of secular saturation, the message of Christ and those who understand and believe it are a source of inspiration. May God bless you, those close to you, and all who need God's message of love, peace and mercy. Happy Thanksgiving!

"Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you."

Fr. Mark Walter

PS If you haven't yet considered the capital campaign, please do. The campaign ends at the conclusion of 2025. Thank you!

Mass Schedule for November 22—30, 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, November 22, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Boys of Kilmichael, Co. Cork, Ireland, 105th anny.,
Nick & Mary Jacobs, Raymond & Cecelia Sobczak,
Stephen Krupa

Sunday, November 23, 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bozinovich, Daniel O'Shea,
Norman B. Reno
9:00AM Julius Ivancsits, Pat Kruegar, Mike Witt, Sr.,
Michael & Marion Maher
10:30AM Joshua P. Gunther, Mary Rauhut, Michael Barry,
Bryan Kowalec

Monday, November 24, 2025 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM Bryan Kumzi, James E. Corbett, Sr.,
Charles Marschke
8:30AM Angela Delgadillo

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:30AM Ann Marie Perreault, Catherine Corrigan,
Joanne Kosman, 8th anny., James Houston

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 Weekday

7:30AM James Houston, Madeline Boyle, Marion McGreal
8:30AM Communion Service

Thursday, November 27, 2025 Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM People of the Parish (OLOR)

Friday, November 28, 2025 Weekday

7:30AM Rev. Maurice O'Connell, Nancy Sikorski,
Leonardo De la Vega
8:30AM Communion Service

Saturday, November 29, 2025 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Juanita Rawling, Frank P. Saviano, Madeline Boyle,
Roger & Anne O'Neill

Sunday, November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Tony Tyrrell, William O'Dea, Tom McEnery,
Jim Anderson
9:00AM John Melody, Robert Tranowski, Ann Belter,
Bishop Kevin Birmingham
10:30AM James Bracken, Linda Pocius, Sebastian Diaz,
William O'Brien



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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:

Dan Phelan, Matt O'Connell, Patricia Lipke,
Patricia Piaskowy, John Shishkoff, Brody Lynch



O Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament: pray for us and awaken, in all the faithful, devotion to the Holy Eucharist in order that we may render ourselves worthy to receive it daily.

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



Join us on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th at the 9:00AM Mass at Our Lady of the Ridge**. Let us give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepting food and/or monetary donations at that Mass for their Thanksgiving food drive.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday,
November 24-25th ~ 9AM-4PM
Wed., Thurs. Fri., November 26-28th ~ CLOSED
Will reopen on **Monday, December 1st at 9AM.**

PLEASE NOTE: EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin for December 7th ~ Articles due:

Tuesday, November 25th at NOON.

Bulletin for December 14th ~ Articles due:

Thursday, December 4th at NOON.

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



Conner Michael Damon
Remington John Alexander
Ada Eileen Sleboda

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Evelyn M. Bigus
William Nelis

OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE - ST. LINUS PARISH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 01, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR
ORDINARY INCOME			
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$939,055.64	\$990,000.00	\$989,673.69
Christmas Collection	\$74,713.50	\$85,000.00	\$83,284.00
Easter Collection	\$64,389.25	\$82,000.00	\$80,109.00
Other Collections	\$6,325.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,081.00
Tuition and Fees/School & RE	\$2,036,693.47	\$2,075,698.00	\$1,878,958.72
Lease Income/Verizon	\$43,837.65	\$43,833.00	\$42,560.83
Fundraising Net Income	\$116,429.07	\$218,680.00	\$132,321.25
Parish Auxiliary Net Transactions	(\$17,841.68)	(\$17,841.68)	(\$6,466.14)
Interest and Investment Income	\$81,791.15	\$75,000.00	\$85,248.77
Miscellaneous Income	\$153,194.73	\$115,000.00	\$116,482.65
TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME	\$3,498,587.78	\$3,675,369.32	\$3,409,253.77
ORDINARY EXPENSES			
Salaries	\$2,078,412.07	\$2,102,655.00	\$1,941,305.96
Health Insurance & Other Fringe Benefits	\$440,832.64	\$509,562.00	\$378,260.21
Employer FICA	\$146,888.46	\$153,519.00	\$135,792.72
Books, Technology, & Other Supplies	\$219,127.09	\$143,000.00	\$189,277.56
Administrative Expenses	\$55,200.68	\$62,000.00	\$52,224.25
Food Service & Meals	\$9,681.30	\$16,500.00	\$25,787.32
Utilities	\$174,766.80	\$201,025.00	\$177,119.56
Maintenance & Building Services/Repairs	\$218,191.64	\$190,000.00	\$221,596.30
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$25,185.96	\$32,000.00	\$30,399.43
Furnishings & Equipment	\$17,487.49	\$1,550.00	\$1,783.60
Archdiocesan Church & School Assessments	\$194,108.64	\$193,917.00	\$194,766.00
Property/Priests Auto/Casualty Insurance	\$153,826.16	\$155,586.00	\$142,594.72
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$25,099.77	\$60,500.00	\$41,175.92
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	\$3,758,808.70	\$3,821,814.00	\$3,532,083.55
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME			
Insurance Receipts	\$6,475.00	\$0.00	\$47,100.00
Sharing Collections	\$17,606.00	\$18,000.00	\$16,771.00
Archdiocesan Second Collections	\$32,567.60	\$38,000.00	\$41,215.74
Estates, Bequests & Memorials	\$137,043.35	\$5,000.00	\$3,090.23
Property Repair Collection	\$26,267.00	\$25,000.00	\$27,218.00
TTWCI Pledge Payments	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$855.00
Miscellaneous Extraordinary Income	\$103,013.94	\$100,000.00	\$136,943.76
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	\$323,472.89	\$186,000.00	\$273,193.73
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES			
Insurance Covered Expenses	\$399.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sharing Collections Paid	\$17,606.00	\$18,000.00	\$16,771.00
Archdiocesan Collections Paid	\$32,567.60	\$38,000.00	\$41,215.74
Capital Improvements	\$145,085.00	\$75,000.00	\$7,910.00
Miscellaneous Extraordinary Expenses	\$4,668.54	\$0.00	\$6,414.80
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	\$200,326.14	\$131,000.00	\$72,311.54
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$137,074.17)	(\$91,444.68)	\$78,052.41

**OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE - ST. LINUS PARISH
BALANCE SHEET
06/30/2025**

	06/30/2025	06/30/2024
ASSETS		
Cash Bank Accounts	\$763,667.90	\$903,134.80
Parish Organizations' Accounts	\$126,079.43	\$151,791.11
Archdiocesan Savings Accounts	\$1,702,106.20	\$1,735,415.23
School Endowment Fund	\$367,838.96	\$343,316.05
Other/Manna Inventory	\$10,030.00	NA
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,969,722.49	\$3,133,657.19
LIABILITIES		
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	\$34,606.97	\$21,345.00
Other Current Liabilities	\$81,246.73	\$121,369.23
TORTAL LIABILITIES	\$115,853.70	\$142,714.23
EQUITY		
Opening Equity Balance	\$2,923,344.11	\$2,923,344.11
Retained Earnings	\$67,598.85	(\$10,453.56)
Parish Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$137,074.17)	\$78,052.41
TOTAL EQUITY	\$2,853,868.79	\$2,990,942.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,969,722.49	\$3,133,657.19

FR. MARK WALTER
PASTOR

MS. MARGARET HAYES
PRINCIPAL

JOSEPH DILLON
BUSINESS MANAGER

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Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. Join us for Breakfast with Santa Claus, where children can share their holiday wishes, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season!



SCAN TO REGISTER!
Registration Recommended

**Sunday
December 7th**

**St. Linus School
(Gym Entrance)**

FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS
(11:30AM - 1PM)




Please join us for an

Advent Service

Sunday, November 30th
highlighting our traditions,
music, and prayer.

Our Lady of the Ridge Church

6:30 p.m.

Snacks to follow in our gather space.

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Faith Formation Center: (FFC)
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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
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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
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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