

FEBRUARY 2024
February 1-29

**SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

WELCOME TO OUR *Parish Community*

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Our Two Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH
SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
4220 N. Sheridan Road,
Chicago, IL 60613



CHAPEL
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
4640 N. Ashland Ave,
Chicago, IL 60640

MASS TIMES

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 PM - English
Sunday
8:30 AM - English
10:30 AM - English
12:30 PM - Spanish

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday
9:00 AM - English

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM
Saturdays - 9:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER ST. GABRIEL CHAPEL

Monday - Friday
9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday
9:00 AM - English
11:00 AM - Spanish

ADORATION & PRIVATE PRAYER

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

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(773) 280-7700
office@saintmarys.org

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 8:00pm
Saturdays & Sundays | 9:00am - 2:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM *Father Manny*

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES,

After several parish information sessions for all parishioners regarding the future of Our Lady of Lourdes Church on December 3, 2023, the Parish Discernment Team met on December 9, 2023 to determine the best path forward. After much prayer, serious discernment and thoughtful dialogue, the Parish Discernment Team made the recommendation to the Multisite Review Team to end regular Sunday worship at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church on May 19, 2024. We have received word that this recommendation has been accepted by the Archdiocesan Multisite Review Senior Leadership team and will be reviewed by the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council in March 2024.

This is a very difficult moment in the life of our parish. We understand that this decision will cause hurt, sadness, anger and confusion. I ask that we hold in prayer all the current and former parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church who will be affected by the closure.

As your Pastor, it is my responsibility to look after the spiritual well-being of all parishioners who worship at both sites. This responsibility does not end when a site closes. I have asked the Parish Discernment Team to come up with ways we can help those who currently worship at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church to remain connected to the Church beyond May 19. Some ideas



FR. MANUEL DORANTES
Pastor

beginning to emerge include adding a few more masses at the Saint Mary of the Lake Site and getting a church van to pick up seniors on Sunday at their homes to bring them to Mass. How these suggestions will be acted upon has yet to be determined.

While I would hope to have all current parishioners who worship at Our Lady of Lourdes join parishioners at the Saint Mary of the Lake site, I know that this is not realistic for some. Our staff will work with every family to identify the best way to stay connected to the life of the Church even if it is not at Saint Mary's. We will also be open to meeting and praying with people individually who will be affected by this loss. While this moment of pain and disappointment is challenging, I invite you to join me in living this pain and disappointment together. I want to listen to you, walk with you, and discern together how the Mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Church can continue.

The life of a disciple and the mission that Jesus entrusted to His Church cannot end when a church building closes. While the days ahead will be difficult; we must do all we can to make sure we remain connected so that the Gospel of Jesus can continue to be preached and lived out in Ravenswood, Buena Park and Uptown. His mission of love, service and forgiveness must go on.

Let us stay close in faith and prayer as we walk this journey together.

Fr. Manny



LET US PRAY *Together*

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention in memory of a deceased loved one, for someone who is sick or for general prayers please call the parish office. Note that these requests will be mentioned in the Mass time you request and published in our monthly bulletin. Please contact the office one week in advance to request an intention. The suggested donation is \$15 per intention.

Please note that any mass intentions received after the 15th OF THE MONTH will not be published in the bulletin, however it will still be prayed for at mass.

SICK LIST

If you would like to add a family member or friend to our general Prayer List for the Sick, please contact the parish office and provide the name. These names will be published in our monthly bulletin and weekly newsletters so that our community can pray for them. There is no donation requested for these requests.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Marcela Rodriguez, Hector De León, Griffin Marks, Rod Reyes, Maria Estela Alvarez, Austreberta Escobar, Adolfo Ruiz Baca, Melissa Velazquez, Molly Morris, Alfredo Pinon, Rose Mueller, Michael Snyder, Angela Bates, Angelica Luviano, Lauren Troy, Jack Denihan, Maria Pardo, Rachel Hohner, Angela Turley, Mary Pilarczyk, William Himmelmann, Marilyn Trant, Vivian Morales, John Okeeffe, Benjamin Blanco, Elvira Blanco, Kenneth Towers, Rosabella Payomo, Antonio Alcantara, Joe Klochan, Sue Leach, Jeff McBride, Judy LeDuc, Patrick Bentley and for all our sick parishioners and those who are in nursing homes.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The following are prayer requests we have received from the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes community. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deceased

† Leleta Montero Martins
† Alicia Sanchez
† Cristina Flores
† Ronald John Spesia
† Billy Selep
† Uy Tiong Tuan
† Freddy Subia
† Gustavo Tomala
† Antonio Tomala
† Olga Guevara
† Zoila Patricia Lucero
† Pedro Sosa Solares
† Jose Perez Vega
† Consuelo Luna Segura
† Clodulfo Fransisco
† For the faithfully departed of the Muñoz-Gutierrez Family
† For the faithfully departed of the Rosendo-Ramirez Family
† All Souls in Purgatory

Birthdays

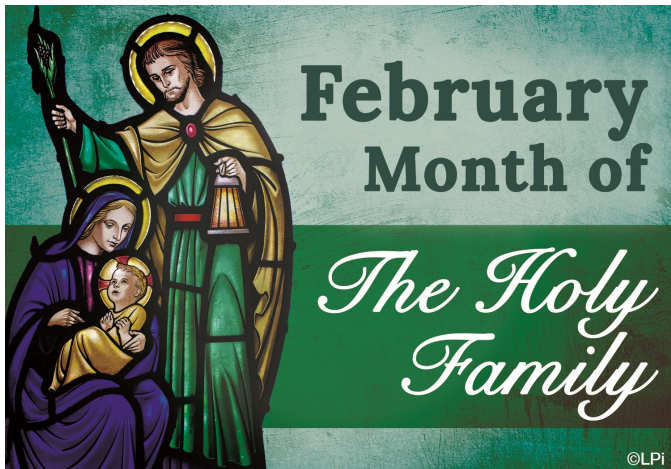
Mila Suyosa
Karolina Lewandowska

Special Prayers

The Serafin Family
The Zumba Family
Barbara Lewandowska

Anniversary

Jose & Zoila Carcamo
(50th Anniversary)



For the members of our parish community who have recently passed away.

† Maria Juana Coss Morales
† Estella Reynaldo
† Gorgonio Castillo
† Clodulfo Francisco
† Gabriel Burgos

A PASTORAL Reflection

THE SEASON OF LENT

Sr. Claudia Sanchez, FCJ, Faith Formation and Hispanic Ministry

WHO IS SISTER CLAUDIA?

I am Sister Claudia Sánchez, a religious sister of the Familia Corde Jesu religious congregation. I arrived at Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, two and a half years ago, and I am at the service of the community in the coordination of the Faith Formation Program (programs in Spanish), from children's catechesis, to adult catechesis and the RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and I lend a hand with the choirs in Spanish.

I would like to share with you that the time I have served among you has been a blessing for me. I can say that what I like most about my apostolate is seeing how God touches the heart of each person, and it is a reason for great joy. See how people are giving a concrete and simple response to the Lord. Seeing them participate with enthusiasm in Sunday masses, forming a community, hearing with deep joy that they came to confess after many years, seeing them receive our Lord in the Eucharist, knowing that approaching the Lord is opening their hearts so that He may transform from within, on a path of conversion.



This February 14 we are celebrating Ash Wednesday, with which the season of Lent opens, a time that strongly invites us to conversion, to change our lives because we feel loved and called to resemble Jesus, to imitate him.

This season of Lent invites us to contemplate more closely the infinite love of God for us, who has loved us so much to the point of giving us his own Son, Jesus Christ, who suffered, died and rose again for our salvation. The question may arise: what should I do to be able to follow Jesus? How can I accept his salvation in my life? Above all, it is accepting him in our lives, wanting to follow him and learning to listen to his voice. The Church at this time offers us practices that are fundamental in life: Prayer, fasting and charity. This is a good time to stop and pray, to meditate on the Word of God, especially the Gospels, prayer is what keeps us vitally united to the Lord, it is to dialogue with Him and let him speak into our lives. Let us not forget that the liturgical prayer par excellence is the Holy Mass, let us participate in it in an active, attentive and loving way.

Fasting, which is a very healthy practice, many times we have the false idea that fasting is only intended to mortify the senses, and that is not the case, fasting invites us to be in a vigilant attitude, it helps us not to think only of ourselves, but to see the need of those who are more in need than us, and drives us to offer our sacrifice for those who could benefit from it, the true meaning of fasting is closely linked to charity, I am mortified not to eat as I usually do, but not only that, that food, those goods that I usually invest in, should not remain saved, they have to be shared, I deprive myself of something that I like and that does me good, to share it with that one. person who has greater need, so our fasting has a much greater value, because it is not only a practice of spiritual mortification, between God and me,

between God and my family, but for the love of God, my heart is capable of being open to the needs of my brothers and sisters, and I give them not of what I have left, but of what I have for my own sustenance. I hope that this time of Lent that the Church proposes to us, will be for us a time of grace, a time of conversion towards the Lord who, loving us to the extreme, worked hard for our Salvation, so that by surrendering to the Lord we can open our hearts, our homes, our efforts to our brothers and sisters.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

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CELEBRATING OUR *Culture*

Rosary and Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes

**February 2-10, 2024
9:30am**

(Immediately following the 9am Daily Mass)

**On Sunday, February 4th
the Novena will be held after the 8:30am Mass*

**Saint Mary of the Lake
4220 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60613**



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

celebrated on

Sunday, February 11, 2024

All regular Sunday liturgies

Healing Mass - 7:00pm

Spanish Mass celebrated with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Our Lady of Lourdes

4640 N Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60640



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All are welcome to join us!

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CHARITY and Service

SOUP KITCHEN & SACK MEAL PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to **MAKE SACK MEALS** and to help with service on Wednesday nights. To make this a success consistently each week, we need **80 individuals/families** to commit to donating at least once a month.

Each sack meal should contain:

- 2 lunch meat sandwiches with no condiments, cheese is optional but a nice addition
- 2 cheese sticks
- 1 bag of chips (or similar)
- 1 piece of soft fruit (for example, orange, banana, grapes)
- Dessert (cookies or candy bar)
- Beverage (juice box, can of soda, or 8 oz water bottle/sports drink)
- Napkin

Please pack each meal in a gallon-sized plastic bag (like Ziploc). Or please use a plastic grocery bag.

DROP OFF

Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00pm, drop off at the parish reception desk, as they will be handed out beginning at 6:00pm.

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of sack meals, set up and serving a hot meal to our unhoused community members every week. Help is needed every Wednesday from 4:30-7:30pm.

To sign-up to make sack meals or to help on Wednesday nights please visit the parish website or contact Darlene at dkelly@saintmarys.org



LAUNDRY MINISTRY

The Laundry Ministry is a service to LGBTQ homeless youth in the community. Volunteers serve on a weekly basis to pick up bags of laundry at the Center on Halsted, and then take it to a nearby laundromat to wash and fold. This ministry is currently serving on Wednesday evenings between 3-6pm.

For more information please contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com



FOOD FOR ALL: COME TO THE TABLE!

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION HAS MOVED TO THE **FIRST SATURDAY** OF THE MONTH EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024.

Mark your calendar: **Our next food distribution will be Saturday, March 2, 2024** on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with pre-ordering on Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, February 29.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to register and place an order for pick up on Saint Mary's Plaza!

The process is very simple:

1. Register your account by using the link on our website at www.saintmarys.org/foodforall.html (no documentation required)
2. Place your order online through the link on our website on Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, February 29 from 12:01am-11:59pm.
3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, March 2, 2024 between 11am and 12pm on Saint Mary's Plaza.

If you have registered, all you need to do is order online. If you have not registered, please make sure to register online through the link on our website.

For more information or if you need help, you can call the parish office or go to the parish website.



**IF YOU NEED HELP,
PLEASE REACH OUT
TO OUR PARISH
COUNSELOR TODAY**

JENNI DRESSLER
Parish Counselor

Phone/Text: 872-228-1490
Email: JDressler.Claret@gmail.com

FAITH *and* Community



WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, who were baptized during the **month of January**. Please pray for them and their families.

Lorenzo Andres Giovanetti

Jack Eden Sweis



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

We congratulate the following people who were married during the **month of January**. May they and their marriage be blessed abundantly in the years to come!

David Williams & Rita Gondocs

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

A warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners of our parish community! The following persons and families registered this past month! Welcome to Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes!

*Damellys Alborno Pirona
Adamalis Castillo Gonzalez
Ewa Maria Serafin
Tea Swift*

*Joanie Vernasco
Lawrence Riordan
Marlene Odia
Elisabeth Skiles
Sarah Nelson
Conor O'Keefe
Mark Kosin
Angelica Vanessa Ortega
John Tiggerman
Barbara Sweeney
Elena DiTrollo
Tom Pettit
Petra Sanchez
Miriam Smith*



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEOPHYTES

Please keep in your prayers the following adults, their sponsors and families, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

In Cho, Christopher Barrientos, Jacob Koertgen, Kristen Moser, Kimberly Sandoval, and Gerardo Vasquez

PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

Additionally, please continue to pray for our **catechumens** who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil this year.

Nat Wong, D'Angelo Coraizaca, Amy Coyago, Jaylah Arizbeth Narvaez Chanalata, Hilary Yajaira Rosas-Velazquez, and Anny Aguirre Palacios

LITURGY *and Prayer*



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Saint Mary of the Lake Church

7:00am Liturgy of the Word (English)

9:00am Mass (English)

12:00pm Liturgy of the Word (English)

4:00pm Liturgy of the Word (English)

6:30pm Mass (English)

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

9:00am Liturgy of the Word (English)

6:30pm Mass (Spanish)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent

Beginning Friday, February 16, 2024

9:30am English (after the Daily Mass)

6:30pm Bilingual

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table

annualcatholicappeal.com

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2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal has begun, and we want to share with you the impact your gift—no matter the size—has on this important effort. The work supported by the Appeal is more important than ever. Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal directly support the necessary work of parishes, Catholic schools, and vital ministries throughout the archdiocese. You can make your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal online at www.annualcatholicappeal.com, or you can choose to send in the response envelope which is available in our parish office.

Our 2024 Parish Goal, given to us by the Archdiocese of Chicago is: **\$50,016**. We look forward to your support again this year!

Commitment Weekend—February 10-11, 2024

MINISTRY *Events*

NAVIGATING DIVORCE MINISTRY

The Navigating Divorce ministry is offered each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 AM in-person in the Parish Office. This ministry consists of confidential small group discussion and sharing for any woman or man experiencing the various stages of grief which accompany the overall divorce process as it moves toward Roman Catholic healing objectives. Questions can be directed to Dr. Milt Kobus, at drmkobus@gmail.com.

THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a movement of lay people dedicated to communicating and living out the Gospel through prayer, solidarity with the poor and service to peace. It was born among high school students in Rome in 1968, in the period following the Second Vatican Council and today is present in Rome, the rest of Italy, and in seventy other countries throughout the world. This ministry meets regularly on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the St. Gabriel Chapel in the parish office. **For more info please contact Krysten McOsker at krystenmcosker@gmail.com**



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join the Young Adults Community! The Young Adults of St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes are a vibrant, inclusive group of parishioners, ages 21-39, dedicated to living and growing in our Catholic faith.

For more info or questions contact YoungAdults@saintmarys.org

Scan the QR code to be added to the email list and learn more about the upcoming events.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Sacristan, Greeter or Usher. We are in need of more people to help with our Sunday liturgies. Training and formation is available to prepare you to serve in these roles. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries please contact Gabriel Mayhugh at gmayhugh@saintmarys.org.


SANT'EGIDIO

Prayer for Peace

About the Community of Sant'Egidio

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a movement of lay people dedicated to communicating and living out the Gospel through prayer, solidarity with the poor and service to peace.

About the Prayer for Peace

Every first Monday of the month we gather to pray for peace and for all the peoples in the world who are suffering because of war. During the prayer, afflicted countries will be named and a candle will be lit for peace in those nations.

Details

6:30 pm
St. Mary of the Lake
St. Gabriel Chapel
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SUNDAY COLLECTION JANUARY 2024	JANUARY 6-7	JANUARY 13-14	JANUARY 20-21	JANUARY 27-28
Total (In-Pew)	\$8,017.82	\$5,936.04	\$8,131.62	XX
Total (Online)	\$5,463.00	\$2,588.00	\$1,763.00	XX
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$13,480.82	\$8,524.04	\$9,894.62	XX
TOTAL WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE	1,362	974	1,270	XX

***DUE TO AN EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINE we are unable to share the financial and attendance reports for the last weekend. A grand total for donations in January will be published in the March 2024 bulletin.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
OUR MISSION AND PARISH!**

JANUARY 2024
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING
\$31,899.48*

(DECEMBER 2023 - \$55,380.00)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE
IN JANUARY 2024
902* people

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT EXPLANATION

Thank you for your generosity to Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. You will notice that we have consolidated our Sunday collection report to reflect the parish. With so many of our parishioners and guests giving through online platforms, it is impossible to determine which Mass time or which church was attended. Therefore, this report will now only reflect our entire parish community rather than dividing your donations by separate church locations.

During this winter season, we are grateful for your faithful and consistent giving. Many of our parish expenses: heating our buildings, additional maintenance staff hours, and sidewalk cleaning and snow plowing services put a strain on our parish finances. With lower attendance due to the recent bad weather, our collections have suffered. It is only through your generosity that the parish thrives. For this, we thank you!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY...**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION (FINAL)
\$33,138.00**

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024
2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2024
AID FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL
AND EASTERN EUROPE**

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