

SEPTEMBER 2023

September 1-30

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



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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:30 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

PARISH OFFICE

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

A MESSAGE FROM Father Manny

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Since August of 2022 more than 13,000 migrants, refugees and asylum seekers have been bussed from Texas to our city. Due to a lack in shelter, city officials made the decision to send new arrivals to the 23 police stations that serve Chicago. When a shelter space opens people are moved from police stations to one of the 16 shelters in our area. New arrivals remain at the shelter until an apartment opens and that can take months. While many people look at this humanitarian crisis from a political or social lens, as disciples of Jesus this moment demands our compassionate action that witnesses to the sanctity of life in each one of those migrants and refugees.

In our Judeo-Christian tradition welcoming migrants is living up to our identity. In the book of Hebrews, we read "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to show hospitality to strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 8) In the Gospel of Matthew, the Lord Jesus personally identifies with migrants: "For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me...Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." (Matthew 25) While the issue of migration is very complex, we cannot turn a blind eye to the suffering of the men, women and children who have walked 3,000 miles and crossed seven countries to reach the United States and now our city.

While we cannot do everything, we can do something and while we cannot serve the 13,000 that have arrived, we can serve those who have come to our neighborhood. Our parish will respond in three ways.

First, we will provide housing for seven migrant families and help them integrate into the life of our community. We will pay for the first six months of rent and utilities, help the seven families find furnishing for their new homes and provide all the spiritual and social support they need in order to integrate and feel embraced by our community. I will be looking for "sponsors", people from our pews who are willing to establish a relationship with a family and help them answer questions they might have as they live in our midst.

Second, in an ecumenical effort we will join with Lakeview Lutheran Church, the Salvation Army, Police Council, Alderwoman Clay, Alderman Martin, Alderman Lawson, Mutual Aid Organizations and Individual neighbors to respond to the urgent needs of people who are placed in the



lobby of the 19th District Police Station (Halsted and Addison). Saint Mary's will provide showers and hospitality to the 90 adults and 47 children on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3pm to 5pm. We will need our parishioners and neighbors to assist with donations, time and kindness to welcome these sisters and brothers of ours who are vulnerable.

Third, we will support the 800 people currently sheltered at the former site of Immaculata High School (American Islamic College) by offering English as Second Language classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to noon in our parish hall. On Fridays at 4:30pm, Sister Guadalupe and Parishioner Maricela Fajardo will offer a Spirituality Support Group for Women staying in that shelter. This group session will allow them to get to know each other better and illuminate their journey with lessons from Sacred Scripture.

If you wish to contribute to any of these efforts, please contact Gabe Mayhugh in our parish office.

With a grateful heart,

Fr. Manny

LET US PRAY Tagether



Our Music Ministry is Growing! ...and we want you to be a part of it!

Liturgical music fosters a communal celebration of the Eucharist thus nourishing us for a life of discipleship. Those experienced with singing in a choir are invited to exercise your baptismal responsibilities by serving as a musician at the 9:00am (OLL) or 10:30am (SML) Sunday Masses. If you don't have experience or don't read music but can hold a tune and sing along at Mass, we can work with you. Instrumentalists are welcome, too!

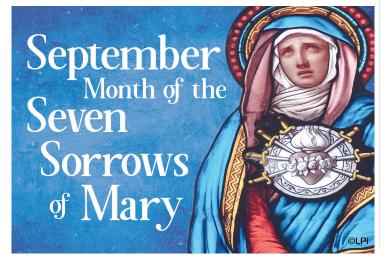
Being a part of a choir has non-musicial benefits, too. Participating in a church choir becomes a small faith community that supports you in your own spiritual journey.

For more information, contact Michael, our Director of Sacred Music and Liturgy, at mruzicki@saintmarys.org.

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, and for all our sick parishioners and those who are in nursing homes.







MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

† Mercedes Donato † Armando Suyosa † William S. Bower † Bobbie Bates

† Emmanuel Alfonso Escandon

† Mauricio Garrido

† Juana Miranda

† Grace Mistades

tAmros Emier Arriola

† Freddy Subia

† Olga Guevara

† Gustavo Tomala

† Aurelio Sanjuan

† Maria Carmen Merlos

† Lucila Navarrete Ramirez

† Manuel Miranda

† Maria de Jesus Alvarez

† Cristina Gonzalez

† Juan Correa

† Gerardo Correa

† Omar Correa

† Terry Biebel

† Broneslawa Durocial

† Joseph & Alice Palmer

† Rita and James

Pietschmann

† All Souls in Purgatory

† All Lives Lost on 9-11

Anniversary

Shane and Cassie McGoey Felipe and Noemi Camargo-Arreguin



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

† Celia Perez † Alvaro Rodriguez † Evaristo Hernandez

PARISH NEWS & Events

UPDATE ON OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH SITE

Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

We were informed by the Office of Real Estate of the Archdiocese of Chicago that the Our Lady of Lourdes School building and adjacent parking lot have been sold as anticipated in the Cardinal's Decree of Unification of July 1, 2021. The new owner has agreed to allow our parishioners to park there on Sundays while the Church building remains open and until construction begins in the parking lot site. This means we will no longer have access to the parking lot Monday through Saturday.

The Archdiocesan "Renew My Church" team is preparing a visit in the upcoming months to listen to parishioner concerns and to evaluate the Our Lady of Lourdes Church building as required by the Cardinal's decree.

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

REFLECTION BY SISTER CLAUDIA SANCHEZ, FCJ

Jesus sends us on mission with the mandate to "Go make" disciples" (Mt 28, 19). This evangelizing task of the Church is essential. Jesus sends us to lead people to Him, discipleship is a deep relationship of faith, love and friendship with the Teacher lived in community.

We are about to start our catechetical year again, with the formation of our children, adolescents, youth and adults, the mission of every Christian and in particular that of the catechist, is to be the one who accompanies the growth of faith and discipleship, He is the one who encourages the following of Jesus within a specific community, and above all, he is the one who testifies that his life really has meaning because he has felt loved, forgiven and saved by God our Lord. We wholeheartedly thank each of the catechists in our community, who generously donate their lives and time to this beautiful mission.

I would also like to invite each one of you, dear brothers in faith, to contribute to this evangelizing task, each one from their own reality, who as a father or mother, who as a professional, as a boss, as an employee, who as a teacher or student etc The Community must be the place, with excellence, where the faith is transmitted, many times we can think that we are anonymous Christians because we do not serve in the direct task of evangelization, but let us remember what Saint Francis of Assisi said "Be careful with your life, perhaps it is the only Gospel that many will read", this maxim invites us to give joyful testimony of our encounter with the Lord and to transmit it to others concretely in our lives: in our family, work, friendly, social relationships, always ready to welcome the other with a smile, generously donating our time, our personal gifts, being honest, ready to listen, to forgive, to show peace, always in continuous listening to our Teacher, confronting our life with His, willing to conversion May the Lord grant us the grace to be a truly discipling and evangelizing community!



PARISH NEWS & Events

THE SAINT MARY'S AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY INVITES ...

ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-39, MARRIED OR SINGLE, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

GROW IN FAITH - GATHER AS COMMUNITY - SERVE OTHERS

STUDY AND SHARE

GROW IN FAITH

AN EVENING TO GATHER AS COMMUNITY AND REFLECT ON SCRIPTURE.
BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE)!

SOCIAL NIGHTS

GATHER AS COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER AS COMMUNITY AND GET TO KNOW OTHER YOUNG ADULTS IN THE PARISH

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS

SERVE OTHERS

JOIN OTHER YOUNG ADULTS IN THE SERVICE TO THOSE MOST IN NEED IN OUR PARISH AND LARGER COMMUNITY.

WHY JOIN THE 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.

We offer a variety of activities to help us deepen our relationships with Christ, build community with one another and serve those around us. We invite all young adults to join us as we seek to be the light of Christ in the world.

For more info or questions contact YoungAdults@saintmarys.org

Scan the QR code to be added to the email list.





CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024

Registration Children's Faith Formation for the 2023-2024 catechetical year has begun. If you are interested in preparing your child for First Communion, Confirmation or continuing formation please visit the parish office to register. Sessions will begin in September. For more information please contact the parish office or speak with Sr. Claudia.

We look forward to walking with you and your family on this journey of faith!

MONTHLY MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

We continue in celebrating a special Mass on the 11th of each month in honor of the blessed Virgin of Lourdes. The Mass will also offer the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This monthly Mass will be held every 11th of the month and at Saint Mary of the Lake (4220 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60613) until the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes in February.

The Mass will alternate languages each month from Spanish to English, but all parishioners and friends are welcome to join as often as you desire.

The next Mass will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00pm in Spanish.

Our Lady of Lourdes...pray for us!



OUTREACH AND Social Justice

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!

Mark your calendar: Our next food distribution will be <u>Saturday</u>, September 23rd on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with preordering on Wednesday, September 20th and Thursday, September 21st.

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, September 20th and Thursday, September 21st from 12:01am-11:59pm.
- 3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, September 23rd 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





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 August**. Please pray for them and their families.

> Vanessa Olayo **Elian Abdiel Rangel Martinez** Roman David Moncada Pineda James Graham Schroeder Owen Alexander Cortez Jay'ziah Andres Chavez Nala A'vyana Chavez Ximena Camila Soto Alana Sierra Perdomo Mila Giselle Correa Julia Canizalez-Uribe Maria Guadalupe Eulogio Isabella Reyes Lilv Grace Austria Mateo Nicolas Barrios-Fuentes Vincent Luciano Percucci **Colette Louise Woods** Sarah Gualoto



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

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

Jesus Bautista & Maria De La Luz Sanchez

MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL CUPICH

Please read below a letter from Cardinal Blase Cupich on Fr. Manny's appointment as Dean of the newly restructured Deanery II-E, which includes the following parishes: Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Benedict, Saint Andrew, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Alphonsus.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611-2030 312.534.8230 archchicago.org

August 28, 2023

Reverend Manuel Dorantes St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 4220 North Sheridan Road Chicago, IL 60613-1621

Dear Father Dorantes,

In accord with canon 553 of the Code of Canon Law, I am pleased to appoint you as dean of Deanery II-E. This responsibility will be fulfilled concurrently as Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Your term of office, which is renewable, is effective September 1, 2023, and will conclude on June 30, 2026.

Know that I am grateful for your willingness to serve the Archdiocese and, in particular, the People of God in this deanery through the Office of Dean. As dean, you will be assisting me, the vicar general and your episcopal vicar to better provide for the pastoral governance of this Archdiocese, particularly through your fraternal support of your brother priests in your deanery. As we continue with the spiritual renewal of *Renew My Church*, we know the importance of building positive community among priests, grounded in prayer and accompaniment.

The Office of Dean is described in canons 554 and 555. In general, it is the dean's responsibility to promote and coordinate common pastoral activity within the deanery, to see to it that the priests and deacons in the deanery diligently perform their proper roles and duties, that the parishes in the deanery are being administered properly in accord with liturgical norms and canon law, as well as Archdiocesan policies and procedures, and that parish sacramental records are correctly inscribed and kept in good condition. In addition to these provisions, your role as dean will be more fully explained and discussed in future meetings with the episcopal vicars and other deans.

Father Dorantes, you have my personal support and prayers for you in this ministry. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards, I remain.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

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A great success! Thank you for your support!





















SEPTEMBER 2023 SPECIAL LITURGIES

Monday, September 11: 7:00pm Spanish Mass (Saint Mary's) Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, September 28: 7:00pm *English Mass* (Saint Mary of the Lake) *Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila; followed by celebration in the hall*

FRIDAY BIKING & FELLOWSHIP

Join your fellow parishioners for biking and fellowship on the first Friday of each month, May through October. The group meets at 6PM on the church steps. We will take a leisurely ride to a variety of points around the city, followed by fellowship at someone's home or a local establishment. All riding abilities will be accomodated and we will try to utilize bike paths or dedicated bike lanes. You are responsible for your own bike, a helmet, following signage and using hand signals. Contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com with questions or to be added to our email list.

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 call our office or contact Krysten McOsker at krystenmcosker@gmail.com

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION

For adults (18 years or older) who are baptized Catholic and seeking to receive the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation please contact Marc Vega at mvega@saintmarys.org or 773-280-7700 x402.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you are someone who is interested in becoming Catholic and learning more about this process, please reach out to Marc Vega at mvega@saintmarys.org or 773-280-7700 x402. We look forward to walking with you on your journey of faith!

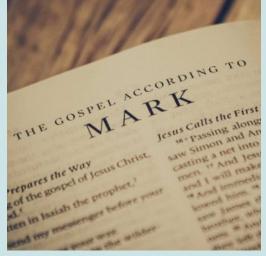
BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

The young adults of our parish have their own Bible Study, and that is a good thing. Did you know that once again we are offering a Bible Study for adults who are not that young?

Beginning on the evening of September 18th at 7:00 p.m., and for most Monday evenings for the next several months, we will be holding a Bible Study class focusing on the Gospel According to Mark. The class will be using a text from the Little Rock Scripture Study which will walk us through what many Bible scholars consider to be the earliest of the four canonical Gospels.

Why select Mark? Because beginning on the First Sunday of Advent many of the weekend Gospel passages for the next liturgical year will be taken from Mark's Gospel.

This Bible Study will be facilitated by Father Vince Costello and Dr. Milton Kobus. **To sign up for this please contact the parish office.**



PARISH Stewardship



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AUGUST 2023	AUGUST 5-6	AUGUST 12-13	AUGUST 19-20	AUGUST 26-27	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
4:30 p.m.	\$1,036.00	\$919.00	\$972.00	\$1,405.00	92
8:30 a.m.	\$1,312.00	\$1,117.00	\$1,528.00	\$725.00	131
10:30 a.m.	\$1,484.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,246.00	\$1,147.00	274
12:30 p.m.	\$774.00	\$983.00	\$1,382.00	\$1,287.00	314
Online Giving	\$4,400.00	\$2,320.00	\$1,290.00	\$2,640.00	TOTAL
Saint Mary of the Lake	\$9,006.00	\$6,499.00	\$6,418.00	\$7,204.00	810
9:00 a.m.	\$717.50	\$1,554.00	\$799.00	\$826.00	143
11:00 a.m.	\$1,616.00	\$1,667.00	\$1,490.00	\$1,757.00	349
Online Giving	\$354.00	\$359.00	\$304.00	\$559.00	TOTAL
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$2,687.50	\$3,580.00	\$2,593.00	\$3,142.00	491
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$11,693.50	\$10,079.00	\$9,011.00	\$10,346.00	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARD THE MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN & MISSION IN PERU - \$4,535.00

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

AUGUST 2023 TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING \$41,129.50

(JULY 2023 - \$52,598.05)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE IN AUGUST 2023

1,302 people

SECOND COLLECTION - SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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This archdiocesan collection supports the formation and education fund for future seminarians. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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