

Sunday Messenger



Look at the birds in the sky;
they do not sow or reap,
they gather nothing into barns,
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Matthew 6:26



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February 26, 2017 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Santa Lucia - Santa Maria Incononata
Catholic Parish

3022 S. Wells St. • Chicago, IL 60616

Parish Administrator
Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM

Mass schedule

Saturday (Sunday Vigil)

4 p.m.

Sunday

10 a.m.

Weekdays (Tuesday & Friday)

8:15 a.m.

Sick calls – at any time

Baptisms – by appointment

Confessions – before Masses

Weddings – arrange 6 months in
advance

Parish Office hours

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Evenings - by appointment only

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*Santa Lucia,
pray for us!*

Saturday, February 25

4 p.m.

- + Gina Nicastro family
- + Geraldine Maratea Hillock family
- + Frank Bruno (birthday remembrance) family
- + Joseph Weindorfer Rosemary Bauer
- + Carol Stotler Joe & Debbie Tito & family
- + John Mondelli family
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza family
- ++ of Bertucci family Carm & Josie
- For Isabel R. Esparza (happy birthday) Jackowiak family

Sunday, February 26
8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 a.m.

- + Geraldine Maratea Theresa Martino
- + Alice Dorchek husband Len
- + Anna Marie Calabretta cousin Rose Marie
- + Josephine Vitale Cathy Amato
- + Frank Bruno (birthday remembrance) daughter
- + August Pintaro Ropke family
- + Blanche Arnold Ropke family
- + Martin Fitzpatrick aunt Hardie
- + Lilian Cozzi Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ Fred & Elsie Cemenio Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ of Volpentesta family Joe
- Special intention for Kelly Valentino
- Carmine & Marie Ursetta

Tuesday, February 28

8:15 a.m.

- ++ Steve & Claire Schmidt Len Dorchek

Wednesday, March 1
Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m.

- + Nina Mastro Nancy Grabowski & daughters
- + Raymond Mangano (birthday remembrance) brother
- ++ Michael, Madeline & Michael Jr. Cappetto family
- For health of Fr. Nick Laura & Tommy DiPiazza

7 p.m.

- + Nino Capellupo (11th anniversary remembrance)
- wife & children

Friday, March 3
St. Katherine Drexel

8:15 a.m.

- + Gina Nicastro DeGrazia family
- + Geraldine Maratea Carm & Josie Bertucci
- + Anthony DiVittorio (birthday remembrance)
- Marie Panozzo & family

- + Joseph Vitale Ricobene's

7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4

4 p.m.

- + Gina Nicastro family
- + Geraldine Maratea Mary Kay Ungarelli
- + Catherine Bingham
- Diane Lopez & Anna Marie Arcieri & family
- + Victor Sperando Hillock family
- + Nina Mastro Hillock family
- + Midori DeFalco Arnie Ramirez & family
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza family
- ++ of Moran, Sheehan & Rinaldi families Pat Moran

Sunday, March 5
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

10 a.m.

- + Frankie Marasso Marasso family
- + James Stefes (50th anniversary remembrance) family
- + Josephine Vitale Carmen & Josie Bertucci
- + Geraldine Maratea Tony & Carol Sabbia
- + Natalie Ramirez Nancy Grabowski
- + Josie Pascente Angelo & Chris Catizone
- + Gina Nicastro Martorana family
- + Elsie Cemenio Gina Gio & Giuliana
- + Alice Dorchek husband Len
- ++ of Volpentesta family Joe

ALTAR SERVERS

Please, consult your schedule.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 4 p.m. – Pat Moran
- 10 a.m. – Terry Moy

LECTORS

- 4 p.m. – Darlene Ramirez
- 10 a.m. – Jim Stack



LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL AS WELL AS FOR THEIR CARETAKERS

- Kati Kaup, Joe DiChicco, Tony Giglio, Mary Mannella, Lottie Christiano, Humberto Perez, Connie Dastice, Annie Maggio, Jeanine Briatta, Nicholas Tobar, Dolores Levielle, Carol Ordzowialy, Gail Wodarski, Jerry Pizzotti, Ida Ruffolo, Maria Senerchia, Irene Burich, Kate Drost, Gianina Alberto, Paride Infelise, Barb Stack, Katie Santello, Pat Hoffman, Lizzy Kaup, Breck Neiswender, Jose Lara, Ofelia Lara, Fr. Nick Marro, Pat Petrizzo, Efren Leanos Sr., Carmen Llamas, Marie Floros, Janice Gio, Anne Kavalasuskas, Anne Rodig

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**DON'T BE ANXIOUS**

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

SANTA LUCIA SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION

Santa Lucia School is currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Families who register their child will be put into a raffle to win a MONTH of FREE TUITION! Students will receive a free spirit wear Santa Lucia winter hat and scarf for registering in the month of March. Contact our principal, Miss Eileen Sheedy, in the school office for more details. Call (312) 326-1839.

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our 2017 goal is 6% of the previous year's offertory income. Our offertory income for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 was \$101,972. Therefore, our goal is \$6,118. When parishioners contributions exceed the parish goal, we will receive a rebate of 100% of the funds donated over the goal.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The holy time of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Holy Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Ashes (sign of penance and conversion) will be distributed during both Masses.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love he showed for us in his most sorrowful Passion. We can pray the Stations of the Cross (also known as the Way of the Cross) alone at any time, but to pray it together during Lent is a very special experience. Join us for this devotion on Fridays during Lent at 7 p.m.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Lent is coming. We are looking forward to the feast of Easter and the great 50 day celebration of Easter. However, to truly enjoy something, like a feast, we need to feel hungry. If we are full, then we cannot enjoy that meal to which we are looking forward. This in a nutshell is our Catholic understanding of fast and abstinence. We associate ourselves with the suffering Christ in his 40 day fast in the desert. During the season of Lent, we spiritually give up something that we like.

Fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks. Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from meat all other Fridays in Lent. Youth 13 and older are to abstain from meat on these days.

Abstinence from meat on Fridays: Catholics refrain from eating meat on all Fridays, as an act of penitence. In the US, Catholics are permitted to substitute another penance outside of the season of Lent. During Lent, however, all Catholics are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Penance during Lent: The season of Lent is a penitential time and should also be marked by some additional form of self-denial.

RENEW MY CHURCH - STUDY & DISCUSS

Renew My Church is a multi-year process with the purpose of strengthening parish vitality and better aligning its resources and mission. The whole Archdiocese of Chicago started with this process almost two years ago. Where are we now with it? How will that process affect us? What are we going to look like in two or three years from now? What about in 2030? We would like to look into the future of the Catholic Church in Chicago. Join us in studying and discussing the vision behind the whole process. Meetings will be on Fridays from 6 to 6:50 p.m. in the Scalabrini Room, starting with Friday, March 10.

SANTA LUCIA'S 2ND ANNUAL PAINTING PARTY

Santa Lucia's Painting Party will be on Friday, March 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Wet Paint Chicago (1200 W 35th St.). There is a \$35 fee. To register go to wetpaintchicago.com and in calendar find Santa Lucia School event on March 10. Spots are limited. Reserve your spot today. Proceeds will go to purchasing new technology in the classrooms.

SANTA LUCIA PARISH

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROUD PRINCIPAL

In spirit of Catholic Schools Week, we at Santa Lucia School took a deep dive in defining what it means to be Catholic. We understand that, as people of faith, we integrate Christ in all we do and say, but we also bring Christ into our daily studies.

The students of Santa Lucia School have focused on one important part of being Catholic, and that is being people of mercy. The student had an assembly and discussion based on what it means to be people of mercy. The students concluded that to be merciful, we must give to those in need.

In an effort to be people of mercy, the students of Santa Lucia School are raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, who gets 100% of all money raised. The students are emptying piggy banks, asking relatives for donations, and emptying pockets for loose change to raise enough money to help an ill child.

As their principal, I am so proud of my students! They're thoughtful, generous, kind hearts make coming to school every day a joy! They are a true blessing, and they make Santa Lucia School a wonderful place to be!

Eileen Sheedy, Principal

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

We will celebrate St. Joseph's Table with bishop Alberto Rojas on Sunday, March 19. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. followed by blessing of St. Joseph's table and altar in the School Hall. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. If you wish to help, please, contact Mrs. Longo at 312-515-8540. Free will donations are appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Wednesday, March 1**
Ash Wednesday
 - **Friday, March 10**
 - Renew My Church - study & discuss group
 - Stations of the Cross
 - Santa Lucia's 2nd Annual Painting Party
 - **Sunday, March 19**
St. Joseph's Table
 - **Thursday, March 30**
First Reconciliation (Confession)
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- **Sunday, April 16**
Easter Sunday
-
- **Saturday, May 13**
First Holy Communion

SUNDAY MESSENGER

RENEW MY CHURCH

*Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous,
God will not do the miraculous.
When you have God,
you don't have to know everything about it;
you just do it.*

— MOTHER ANGELICA



ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Have you ever arrived at Mass on Sunday only to realize you forgot your envelope for the weekly offering? We understand you have a busy life, and sometimes, there's just too much to remember.

You can support Santa Lucia online. We have established a flexible and secure system that allows you to give from a checking account, credit card, or debit card. Your contributions will safely be delivered to the parish and can be confirmed via e-mail or phone. You can give a single donation as frequently as you like. There is also the option to schedule automatic monthly or weekly offerings for convenience. We hope that online giving provides you with an easy solution when you would like to give to Santa Lucia. Envelopes will continue to be available. Your support is helping fulfilling the mission of our parish. Thank you for being generous.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

February 19

Envelopes (80)	\$1,755.50
Online giving (1)	\$ 25.00
<u>Loose Donations</u>	<u>\$ 170.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,940.50

(average gift \$21.98)
