



Mass Intentions:
 Sunday, March 2, 2025
 10:30a.m. Paul Chie Juwle +

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Only the debt of Love is necessary because the Joy of the Lord is my
 Strength, cf. Rom. 13:8; Neh. 8:10

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Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time ***Sunday March 2, 2025***

All liturgical celebrations of our parish are held at
St. Margaret of Scotland Church.
Our community has a long and rich history that began in 1874.

Weekend Masses
Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Masses
Tuesdays thru Fridays, 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.

Those in need of prayer or Anointing of the Sick outside of
Mass, please contact Fr. Donatus Chris Mgbeajuo, our Pastor,
to make an appointment.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Benediction, 9:40 a.m., All are encouraged to attend.

Baptisms
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated monthly
immediately following Mass. Baptisms are also
celebrated as part of Sunday Mass when requested.
Celebrating Baptism at Mass is encouraged.

Weddings
Please contact the office before setting a date.
Marriage preparation sessions are required.

Funeral Arrangements
Our prayers go out to all who have lost loved ones.
Please contact the Parish Office at (773)779-5151 to make an
appointment with our Bereavement Ministry.

Mass Intentions
If you would like a Mass said for a loved one or for a special
occasion, please contact the Parish Office at (773)779-5151.
A Mass date will be scheduled for your intentions,

Those considering membership in Sts. Martha, Mary, and
Lazarus Parish are asked to fill out and return the yellow
registration form located in the center racks in our church.
It will be a privilege to welcome you
into our faith family.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Parish

Lenten Retreat 2025 Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

FAN INTO
FLAME
THE GIFT
OF GOD
- 2 Timothy 1:6



Speaker:

Fr. Emmanuel Azike O.P

March 15, 2025 @ 4:30PM
March 16, 2025 @ 8:30 AM
& 10:30 AM
March 17th – March 20th
@ 5:30 PM

"Rite of Election" Please join us on Sunday, March 9, in prayer for Mr. Daniel Curtis Wilkerson our current "Elect". Daniel is preparing for The Rite of Christian Initiation. The service will be at Holy Name Cathedral at 7:00 pm. He will complete his sacramental initiation during the Easter Vigil.

PRAYER BOX: All are invited to place individual prayer intentions in the box located near the parking lot entrance. Mass will be offered, and prayer requests will be burned on the last Sunday of each month. The Prayer box is a symbol of faith, hope, and trust; it reminds us of the power of prayer in our lives.

It saddens my heart to announce our brother, Marcelious McFadden, passed away on Sunday, February 17, (peacefully). Marcelious' viewing will be held on Thursday, March 6, at Leak & Sons; 7838 S. Cottage Grove from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. The services will be on Friday, March 7, here at S.M.M & L Parish; (wake) 10:30a.m. funeral service will be at 11:00a.m. Cards may be sent to the McFadden Family; 8316 S. Ada; Chicago, IL. 60620. Please

St. Margaret of Scotland's 8th grade ribbon pinning will be held on Thursday, May 27th, in the church, as will the graduation ceremony, on Saturday May 29th.

Fish Fry: Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Ct 154 will host their annual 2 pc catfish or perch dinner with sides on Friday, March 21, \$15.00. Pick up time will be from noon-3:00p.m. in room 1. You may get an order form from any member, or on the middle pews in church.



Cebell Huey, Antoinette Pryor-Thomas, Ruby Cushinberry, Ron Lewis, Janice Brewster, Esther Hamilton, Ronald Marble, Joan Brewster, John Green, Kevin Davis, Judy Ector-Chapman, Madeleine Harris, Thomas Hibler, Larry Campbell, Robert Szyman, Roberta Holland, Marian Gaithers, Arliss Jones, Susie Jones and Larry Jacobs Jr., Marie Copeland

Please notify the Parish Office if a name should be removed from our Prayer List.

Parish Marsh Events

Sat. Mar. 1: AA Meeting 10:00a.m.
Vigil Mass 4:30p.m.

Sun. Mar. 2: Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary 8:00a.m.
Divine Mercy 9:30a.m.
Religious Ed. Class 9:45a.m.
SVdP 9:45a.m.
Rosary 10:00a.m.
Mass 10:30a.m.
Divine Mercy 11:45a.m.
Women Who Rise 12:00p.m.

Wed. Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday 6:30a.m. Ashes only,
Mass 8:30a.m. and 6:00p.m.

Fri. Mar. 7: Stations of the Cross **every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 8 at 6:00p.m.**

Sat. Mar. 8: AA Meeting 10:00a.m.
First Communion Retreat 9-12:00p.m.
Vigil Mass 4:30p.m.
Daylight Savings Time/ Clock Forward

Sun. Mar. 9: First Sunday of Lent
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Rosary 8:00a.m.
Mass 8:30a.m.
Holy Name Men 9:00a.m.
Divine Mercy 9:30a.m.
Rosary 10:00a.m.
Mass 10:30a.m. Youth Mass
Divine Mercy 11:45a.m.
Youth Ministry Celebration 12:00p.m.

"Rite of Election" Service at Holy Name Cathedral 7:00 pm.

Thur. Mar. 13 Senior Cut-up Meeting 1:00p.m. Rm 1
Liturgy Meeting 5:30p.m.

Fri. Mar. 14: Stations of the Cross 6:00p.m.

Sat. Mar 15: Confirmation Retreat
AA Meeting 10:00a.m.
Vigil Mass 4:30p.m.

"Fan into FLAME the Gift of GOD" Parish Retreat

Sun. Mar. 16: Second Sunday of Lent
Rosary 8:00a.m.
Mass 8:30a.m. /Parish Retreat
Divine Mercy 9:30a.m.
Religious Ed. Class 9:45a.m.
SVdP 9:45a.m.
Rosary 10:00a.m.
Mass 10:30a.m./Parish Retreat
Divine Mercy 11:45a.m.

**Mon. Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day
Parish Retreat-5:30p.m.**

Tue. Mar. 18: Parish Retreat -5:30p.m.

Wed. Mar. 19: Parish Retreat- 5:30p.m.

**Thur. Mar. 20: First Day of Spring
Parish Retreat-5:30p.m.**

Fri. Mar. 21: KOC's Fish Fry noon-3:00p.m. rm.1
Stations of the Cross 6:00p.m.

Sat. Mar. 22: AA Meeting 10:00a.m.
Vigil Mass 4:30p.m.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday:

Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "**For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles**" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir

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Perfect summer job this March!
Youth employment opportunities are supported in part by [Amazon](#), and the annual Teen Opportunity Fairs will welcome Chicagoans ages 13 to 19 to explore opportunities in the parks. Offerings include jobs for

Chicagoans 16 and up, and job readiness programs for teens ages 13 to 15. The first Teen Opportunity Fair takes place at Washington Park on Saturday March 1, 2025, located at 5531 S. King Dr. In addition, Warren Park will host a fair on Saturday, March 8, 2025, located at 6601 N. Western Ave. Also, a fair will also take place at Malcom X College at 1900 W. Jackson Blvd. on Saturday, March 15, 2025. For the first time ever, the Brighton Park Community Campus at 4830 S. Western Ave. will host a Teen Opportunity Fair specifically for deaf and hard of hearing individuals on Saturday March, 22, 2025. For a list of things to expect, and the opportunity to register, [Flyer located on middle pews](#)

Youth Ministry will be having a gathering after the 10:30am Youth Mass on March 9 in Rm 1. There will be food and festivities as we introduce the Ministry's Assistant Youth Leaders, Secretary and Treasurer. Please contact Eric Phillips with any questions.



Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Prayer

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that the example of your Saints may spur us on to a better life, so that we, who celebrate the memory of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus may also imitate without ceasing their deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever,

Amen.

Pray for Us!



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks,
for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

Gospel:

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart
produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil
produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth
speaks." (Lk 6:45)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Remove the beam from your own eye, Jesus reminds us, before removing the splinter from your brother's. This doesn't mean we should not help each other to be holy. But holiness must come from within. If we don't have it, we can't share it. Are we looking hard enough at our own souls?

Observances for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Casimir
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Friday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Saturday: St. John of God, Religious
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins



Devotions, Explained!

Though an icon depicts an image, it's much more than a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. It expresses the same truths written in the Gospel, but through an artistic medium, mirroring how Christ's incarnation made the Word visible to man in the flesh.

Prayer for Interior Life

Dear Jesus,
Fill my heart so full of
goodness that it produces your
goodness.
Let my thoughts, words, and
actions reflect you.

Amen.

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Please pray for the men and women in our
Armed Forces. Lord, hold our troops in your
loving hands and return them safely to their
families.

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The National Suicide Hotline
If a person is experiencing a mental health crises,
you can call or text 9-8-8.