The Catholic community of St. Marcelline is dedicated to continuing the mission of Christ in the world by inviting all to an awareness of God's abiding presence, by sharing a common commitment to stewardship, and by celebrating God's love in prayer and sacrament.
PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 24
• Bible Study 7:30 pm 1,3
• Eclectic Choral Artists 7:30 pm CR

Tuesday, February 25
• Morning Bible Study 10:00 am 12

Wednesday, February 26 | Ash Wednesday
• Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 am C
• Liturgy of the Word 12:00 pm C
• Liturgy of the Word 6:00 pm C
• Ash Wednesday Mass 7:30 pm C

Friday, February 28
• AA Meeting 7:30 pm 1,3

Saturday, February 29
• KOC St. Pat’s Dinner Tickets LN
• Confessions 4:00 pm RR

Sunday, March 1
• KOC St. Pat’s Dinner Tickets LN
• ASP Group Meeting 8:15 am FR
• ASP 10:00 am FR
• ASP 12:00 pm C

MEETING ROOM & LOWER NARTHEX USE POLICY

In the interest of public safety, we must be aware of who is in the building at all times. All rooms designated for meetings must be scheduled in advance. Failure to do so can result in loss of privileges.

If you wish to use the Lower Narthex after Mass for your ministry, you must schedule that in advance as well, by contacting Barbara LaMantia at the Administration Center.

KEEP ST. MARCELLINE UPDATED

It is important that we have your correct information. Please let us know when you change your home address, phone number or email address, when you add to your family, or have a death in your family.

Contact the Parish Administration Center at (847) 524-4429, or email our Office Manager, Barbara, at blamantia@stmarcelline.com with your changes.

SEEKING A NEW PARISH COMMUNITY?

Are you visiting us for the first time? Are you seeking a parish that offers challenging and engaging homilies, a fantastic and reputable music program, and a welcoming spirit? If so, consider becoming an active and participating member of this vibrant community of faith. You can register on our website, or at the Administration Center.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All submissions for the bulletin are due by 9:00am on the Monday BEFORE you wish it to appear, in either PDF or an image format (.jpg, tiff, gif). Please send to Marc at mbrunelle@stmarcelline.com.
STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

“Give to God what is God’s, and give to Caesar what is Caesar’s”

Weekend of February 16, 2020

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THANK YOU for your continued generosity towards the financial needs of your parish church.

“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.” – St. Augustine

“We must remember we are stewards of what God has provided for us, not owners.” – Joyce Meyers

GIVE CENTRAL
ONLINE GIVING

We have partnered with GIVE CENTRAL to offer our parishioners the convenience of automated online giving to St. Marcelline. No need to remember to write a check! This service, which is completely free to use, is SAFE, SECURE and worry-free!! Visit www.givecentral.org to sign up.

SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Join members of your parish in supporting our fundraising efforts by purchasing SCRIP cards for gifts, gas, food, restaurants, home improvements, clothing and so much more! Your parish receives a percentage on each card your purchase. There is NO cost to you, and the card value NEVER decreases or is subject to service fees. You can buy your cards after any Mass, during the week at the Administration Center, and even online, and pay for your cards using Give Central.

If you have never tried SCRIP cards before, give them a try, and know you are also helping your parish community. Isn't that worth at least a try??

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD PANTRY

Toilet Paper   Bar Soap
Shampoo        Cereal
Diapers        Tuna
Gas Cards (Shell, BP, Mobil) Laundry Soap
Walmart Gift Cards Paper Towels

Thank you for providing the resources that allow us to continue to assist area residents in need during these difficult times, and maintain a well-stocked food pantry.

Food assistance:
(847) 524-9676
Parishioner assistance:
(224) 545-3734

Food only brought in on pantry days. Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri between 1pm-3pm.

Please no clothing, household goods, toys or furniture.

I just wanted to inform you that on March 3rd @ 8:30 morning mass, I will not be able to celebrate our monthly Anointing of the Sick. I have a meeting on the Southside early in the morning that would make it impossible to celebrate morning mass. So I will have the Anointing of the Sick that Friday, March 6th @ 8:30 morning mass.
**WORSHIP**

**PRESIDER SCHEDULE**

The First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020

5:00 Fr. Paul Sims, CR
8:30 Fr. Hal Stanger
10:30 Fr. Hal Stanger

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Joanna Allen  Peg Lanctot
Gregory Cambora Katherine Laspesa
Rita Caprini   James Lewis
Donald Carroll Bonnie Mariano
Lorrie Carroll Elieen Mazur
Mary Pat Egner Sheila McMahon
John Fieder   Eileen Mikulecky
John Graff    Edward Nowak
Mike Herman   Sylvia Pereira
Terry Jacobazzi Cathy Arnold Porzel
Thomas Jakubosky Maureen Raftery
Rosalind Jimenez Rosemary Ranallo
Mary Julian   Frank & Joan Recchia
Mary Kalacinski Egan Smith
Dave & Dorothy Keefer William Stolfa
Paula Kosiek   Maureen Conley Stroksch
Helen Kropsch Laura Suprenant
Gloria LaBrasca Dan Treacy

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Patricia Kennedy

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:
Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday:
Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday:
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:
Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday:
Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:
Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday:
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11
Today’s readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to “speak to the whole Israelite community” and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God’s people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God’s holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

Today’s first reading concludes in classic Levitical style: “I am the LORD.” Over and over again, the book of Leviticus punctuates its paragraphs with that simple statement: “I am the LORD.” Relentlessly repeating that phrase, the word of God reminds us that God is the LORD—and we are not. We did not construct the world; we did not create ourselves. Remembering our status as mere creatures comes as a shock to us at times, especially when we flex and pose as masters of our own tiny universes. On the other hand, knowing we are “merely” God’s beloved children can free us. When we accept that God is the source and summit of all wisdom, we approach life with a growing stillness, an openness to God’s powerful action in the world.

Wednesday, February 26

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM & 7:30 PM
Mass with Imposition of Ashes

12:00 PM & 6:00 PM
Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes
Penny Test

Many things Jesus taught may seem hard to understand. However, we must have faith that we are following in the right path.

This test seems unbelievable, but after you do it several times, you will come to understand it.

1. Get a penny, a cup of water, a water dropper, a piece of paper, and a pen/pencil.
2. Write down how many drops of water will stay on the penny before spilling over.
3. Now put 1 drop on the penny and write down your second guess.
4. Continue putting the water droplets onto the penny until it spills. Were you close in estimating?

*Try it again and see if you get the same results.
*Try it with quarters, dimes, and nickels.
*Try using clean and dirty coins.
*Are the outcomes the same?

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The Lord wanted Moses to give a message to the whole Israelite community.
Fill in each blank below with the letter “o” to see what God said.

"Be h_l_y
f_r I,
the L_rd,
y Ur G_d,
am h_l_y.
"Leviticus 19:2"
I wonder how many people read today’s Gospel and said, "You expect me to do that?" Aren’t we supposed to resist evil? Yes, we are; but Jesus makes an important distinction between evil acts and the person who commits them. Why? Because God does just that. As Jesus says, God sends sunshine and rain on both good and bad people. So how do we resist evil? We do as Jesus did—we conquer it with love.

When Jesus died on the cross, this was the victory over sin and death because he gave his life for us out of love. This love was for everyone, especially those sinners who need it. You might say he loves sinners most of all. Why? Because they need his love the most. All he asks of us is to show love to everyone, even our enemies.

Now when we read the examples in the Gospel (Matthew 5:39-42), we may be tempted to say that they just encourage people to be bad, that the way to stop evil is to make people suffer for doing evil. But Jesus didn’t say to let people run over you. Instead of a weak passivism, we actively offer the other cheek, hand over the cloak, or go the extra mile. And that’s just for the ones who occasionally annoy us. Later in the same Gospel, Jesus tells us to love and pray for our enemies—those who hate us and continually try to harm us.

But notice what he doesn’t say. He never promises that we will change these people, that our actions will eventually cause them to repent or become our friends. No, he only asks his disciples to change, to become "perfect" as the Father is perfect. Of course, we can never be infinitely good, all-knowing, and all-powerful like God. But Jesus calls us not to perfectionism but to holiness. That kind of holiness comes only from God, just as changing evil-doers or enemies is up to God. God can work through us to change the hearts of others, but God always respects their freedom. Perhaps the love we show to our enemies will at least open their hearts to the possibility of receiving the love of God, who can help them to become holy, too.

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February 26, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At the Angelus prayer on the Solemnity of Mary just a few short weeks ago, the Holy Father reminded “those who are victims of injustice and exploitation and see no way out” that, “Jesus opens the door of fraternity, where they can find welcoming faces, hearts and hands, where they can share bitterness and despair, and recover some dignity.” The Catholic Relief Services’ Rice Bowl initiative is the perfect way to put our faith in action and be those welcoming faces, hearts and hands, inspiring witness to all of those who surround us this Lenten season.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl provides support to both our local and international brothers and sisters who are in need. Families, parishes, and school communities here in the Archdiocese of Chicago can bring Lenten spirituality to life. Through resources such as stories, videos, meatless recipes, and lesson plans we can include our brothers and sisters most in need around the world in our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

During the 2019 Lenten season, the generous donations of parishioners across the Archdiocese of Chicago provided $97,800 in local CRS Rice Bowl grants to parishes and organizations working on non-violence and peacemaking efforts, hunger relief, and environmental justice critical support. In 2019 your generosity also provided $281,000 in international support. Proudly, the archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal also disbursed $540,000 to Catholic Relief Services, resulting in an incredible impact.

Once again, this year 25% of the CRS Rice Bowl proceeds will support local programs. Your continued kindness will endure to make a global impact, with 75% of funds raised supporting CRS programs in Honduras, Vietnam, and Kenya in 2020. To learn more about the CRS Rice Bowl program, the work of Catholic Relief Services, and the CRS Rice Bowl grant program, I encourage you to visit archchicago.org/cris.

It is my prayer that participation in the CRS Rice Bowl will continue to grow this Lenten season, as it is truly a way to enrich our Lenten journey with both prayer and action. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago
To Be Joyful Again is a support group for widows, widowers, or anyone else who has lost a significant other. We meet at Holy Family on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 P.M. Come get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Renata Riccobon at (847) 252-9036 for more information.
M ASS  SCHEDULE

SATURDAY  VIGIL                  5:00pm   Mass
SUNDAY                      8:30am  Mass
                               10:30am  Mass
                                The  Sanctuary  Choir

DAILY  MASS          8:30am Friday
COMMUNION  SERVICE  8:30am Monday, Tuesday,  Wednesday, Thursday
HOLY  DAYS

Check  the  Bulletin for Mass Times

P RAY ER  OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY  after 8:30am Weekday Mass
RESPECT  LIFE  ROSARY -  First Saturday of the Month - 8:00am

S ACRAMENTAL  CELEBRATIONS

SACRAMENT  OF  BAPTISM
Parents  need  to  attend  a  Baptism  Preparation  class.  Baptisms  are  celebrated  the  2nd  and  3rd  Sundays  of  the  month.  More  information  is  contained  on  our  website.

SACRAMENT  OF  RECONCILIATION
Saturdays  4:00  to  4:30  pm  in  the  Reconciliation  Room  in  Church,  or  by appointment.

SACRAMENT  OF  THE  ANOINTING  OF  THE  SICK
The  parish  celebrates  the  Sacrament  of  the  Anointing  of  the  Sick  on  the  first  Tuesday  of  the  month  at  the  8:30am  daily  Mass.  For  other  requests  for  Anointing  of  the  Sick,  please  call  the  Administration  Center.

SACRAMENT  OF  MARRIAGE
Please  call  the  Administration  Center  to  register  at  least  one  year  in  advance.  See  our  website  for  more  information.

P ARISH  ADMINISTRATION  CENTER
(847)  524-4429  ~  (847)  524-4597  (Fax)
Monday  –  Tuesday  |  8:00am  -  4:00pm
Wednesday  –  Friday  |  8:00am  -  5:00pm

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(847)  524-9676  Appointments  suggested

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