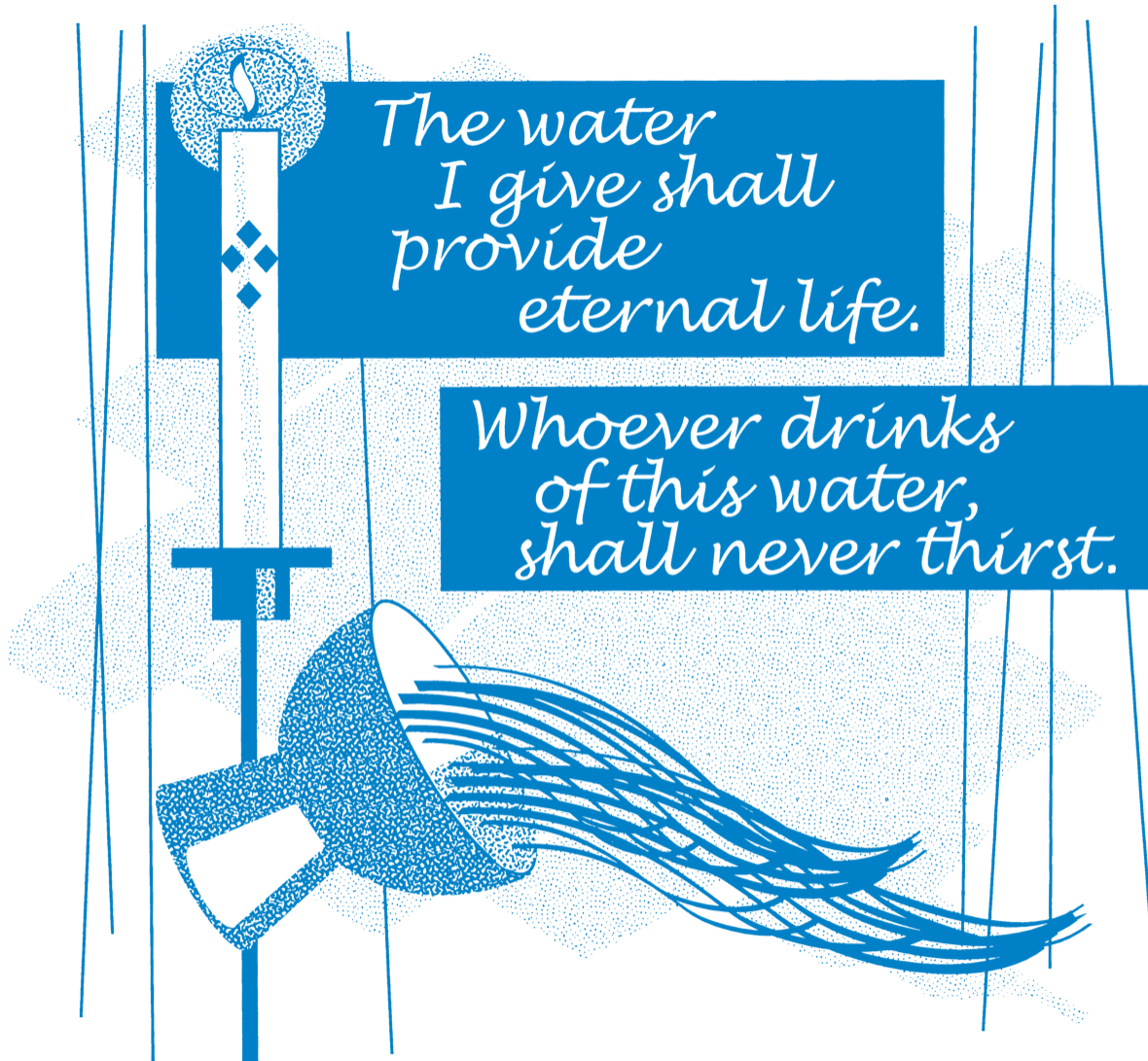


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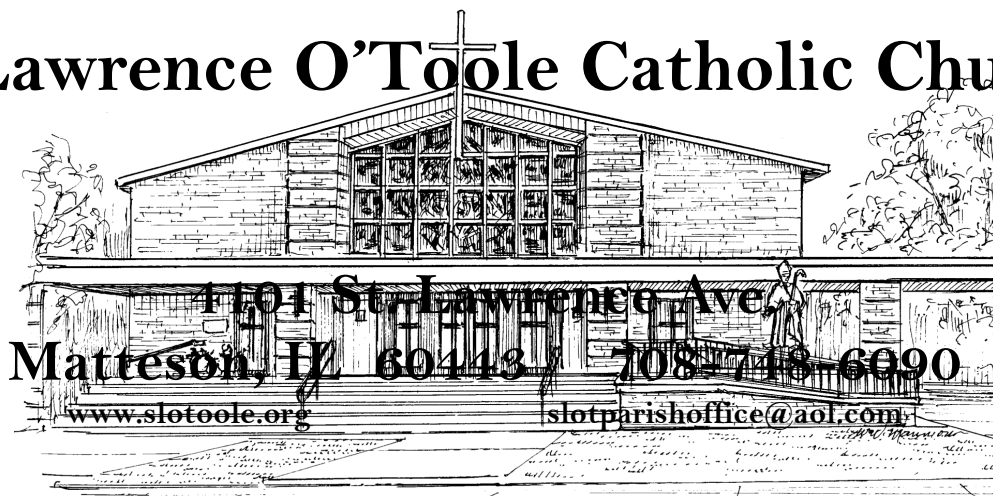
*The water  
I give shall  
provide  
eternal life.*

*Whoever drinks  
of this water,  
shall never thirst.*

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# St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Community

is a community of faith longing to know Jesus and working to build God's Kingdom. We seek to provide the opportunity for the expression of our people's gifts and varied cultures, living together in a spirit of Christian joy.

We aspire to be people of prayer, vision, service and invitation.

**We invite you to pray with us.**

## Parish Staff:

Rev. Michael A. Nacius, D. Min.  
Pastor

Rev. Gregory Cholewa, OMI  
Weekend Assistant

Mr. Rossini Alcos

Mr. John Rangel

Mr. Edward Winter

Deacons

Ms. Cathy Costelow

Lay Minister

Ms. Jane Fagan

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Patricia Hofkamp

Principal

Mrs. Pattie Gallinaro

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Mrs. Donna Kay

Parish Bookkeeper

## Mass Schedule:

**Saturday:**

5:00 PM (Sun. vigil)

**Sunday:**

8:00 & 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**Monday – Saturday:**

8:30 AM

**Holy Days:**

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 7:00 PM

## Sacramental Information:

**Baptisms:** The first and second Sunday of each month at 1:15 PM.

**NOTE:** Expectant parents should phone the Parish Office 2 months before the birth of your baby to arrange for required Baptismal Preparation Classes.

**Reconciliation:** Sat.: 4:00-4:30PM

**Weddings:** Arrangements for Marriage should be made by calling the Parish Office no later than four months prior to the proposed wedding date. Attending Pre-Cana is required.

**Funerals:** Arrangements can be made by a family member by calling the Parish Office.



*"God's Mercy: Listen, Reflect, Receive"*

*2008 Lenten Schedule*

*Stations of the Cross*

*7:00 PM Friday, February, 29th and March 7th, 2008*

*Soup and Prayer*

*6:00 PM Wednesdays, thru March 19th*

*in the Parish Office*

*Parish Reconciliation Service*

*10:00 AM Saturday, March 1, 2008*

*Re-enactment of Our Lord's Passion*

*All Masses on Palm Sunday, March 15th and 16th, 2008*

## Volunteers Needed for Eucharistic Adoration

*"Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." - St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Our next parish first Friday Eucharistic Adoration is March 7, 9AM -7PM. Please note that Adoration will be extended one hour only on March 7th. Benediction will follow the Stations of the Cross, which start at 7PM. In April we will return to the 9AM-6PM schedule.

Additional permanent volunteers are needed at 2 & 4PM and 6PM for March 7 only. Please consider joining us for one hour per month to be in the presence of the Lord in a special way. Registered volunteers please check the sign up sheet at the rear of the church for your scheduled time. If you cannot make your scheduled hour please call Deacon John at (708) 503-9674 or the parish office (708) 748-6090.

## Our Weekly Offering

Budgeted Weekly Goal:	\$12,000.00
Total Given Last Week:	\$ 8,954.00
Total Given Electronically:	\$ 720.00
Total Offering:	\$ 9,674.00
Total Envelopes Used:	281
Building Fund:	\$ 97.00

Whenever we come to church we bring our hopes and concerns, worries and beliefs, struggles and accomplishments before the Lord. We come as individuals to join in the public worship of the parish community. Whenever two or three are gathered in His name, Jesus is there in our midst. We carry out what Jesus asked us to do in his memory every time we share in the Eucharist. Your presence each weekend makes a difference. There is an added dimension of community at prayer when the church is full of visitors and parishioners. There is something lacking when there is excessive elbowroom in every pew in the church. Many people make extra effort to worship and pray during the season of Lent.

The Liturgy Committee works hard at providing well-prepared and meaningful celebrations of prayer and faith every time the community gathers for a Mass, special liturgy, feast day celebration, devotional practice and worship services. Throughout the year we evaluate the past and we plan for upcoming celebrations. It is our hope the celebrations this Lent are nourishing you as you pray at O'Toole this holy season.

Aware that Lent is a very special and holy time for parishioners we are asking for your help, support and feedback. Later this week you will be mailed a Worship and Service Evaluation Form. On behalf of the Liturgy Committee you are being asked to provide honest feedback about our liturgies and worship services. We will be collecting these surveys to help us continue to plan future liturgical celebrations at the parish. The Committee wanted to mail it to every household hoping for a larger return and comments. You are being asked to prayerfully and honestly complete the Evaluation Form. As we tabulate the responses we will then communicate a summary report to the parish. This information will be helpful as we look towards the future. Thanks for taking the time and completing the Evaluation Form.

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation service will be held next Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM. You are invited to join in celebrating the sacrament of God's healing love and mercy. In past years the Reconciliation service has been held in the evening. We are offering it during the morning on a Saturday hoping that more people will be able to attend.

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Susan O'Halloran will be giving a presentation at Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmoor titled, 'Stories of Race, Stories of Place, Stories of Grace'. This presentation is offered through the Archdiocesan Office of Racial Justice and Catholics United for Racial Justice. This presentation is for children (10 years and older) and adults of all ages. The presentation is offered to people throughout Vicariate VI. The program begins at 3:00 PM - feel free to bring a neighbor or a friend to this wonderful presentation.

In today's gospel Jesus is waiting at the well for the Samaritan woman. She does not go to seek out Jesus, rather He is there, waiting for her. Could the same be true for us this Lent. Is Jesus looking to dialogue and converse with us? Jesus desires to provide us life giving water! Pray the following prayer today and this week, for yourself, your family and your fellow parishioners:

***Prayer for a meeting with Christ***

***Loving God, let me meet you today as the Samaritan woman met you at the well. Surprise me in the middle of my work. Ask me for water, food - any sort of help. Talk to me; lead me to a new truth. Keep me alert so that I can recognize you, listen, question, and drink your living water. Let me hear your voice today, that voice which you speak to me every day, the one I keep missing. Press me to make time for silence so that I won't miss you this time. Show yourself in the people and events of the day, and give my heart wisdom, so that I can act wisely and bring good. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

God bless you in this joyous Lenten season.

*Fr. Mike*

## This week at O'Toole

### Sunday, February 24, 2008

8:00 AM: Mass  
10:00 AM: Mass  
12:00 PM: Mass  
7:00 PM: Teen Club B3

### Monday, February 25, 2008

8:30 AM: Mass  
5:30 PM: RE REC/Clsrms  
7:30 PM: Finance Council PO/C  
8:30 PM: Over 30 BB SC/G

### Tuesday, February 26, 2008

8:30 AM: Mass  
9:00 AM: Scripture Study PO/K  
7:30 PM: SVdP PO/C

### Wednesday, February 27, 2008

8:30 AM: Mass  
7:00 PM: Men's Fellowship PO/C

### Thursday, February 28, 2008

8:30 AM: Mass  
6:00 PM: Irish Dance OH/C

### Friday, February 29, 2008

8:30 AM: Mass  
6:00 PM: PADS  
7:00 PM: Stations/Benediction C

### Saturday, March 1, 2008

8:30 AM: Mass  
9:00 AM: Rosary  
10:00 AM: Parish Lenten  
Reconciliation Service C  
4:00 PM: Reconciliation C  
5:00 PM: Mass

### Sunday, March 2, 2008

8:00 AM: Mass  
10:00 AM: Mass  
12:00 PM: Mass  
7:00 PM: Teen Group B3

## Readings for the Week:

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b;  
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43;  
Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9;  
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28;  
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10;  
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6;  
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b-13a; Ps 23;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

## Don't Miss This -

On Sunday, February 24, 2008, the Office for Racial Justice and Catholics United for Racial Justice are proud to sponsor a *Vicariate VI presentation of Storyteller Susan O'Halloran's "Stories of RACE, Stories of PLACE, Stories of GRACE"* which celebrates Cardinal George's pastoral letter on racism, "DWELL IN MY LOVE" and highlights the four types of racism outlined in the pastoral.

The program begins at 3 PM at Infant Jesus of Prague Parish, 1131 Douglas Av. in Flossmoor. There is no charge for this event; however, a free will donation will be appreciated. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. For information or directions, please visit [www.dwellinmylove.org](http://www.dwellinmylove.org).

## CHAOS...

Meet tonight from 6 - 9 PM in the Teen Room.

Passion play participants meet at 6:00 PM for practice.

## The teens are selling Chicago Bulls tickets again!

Tickets are available for \$30 each, regularly priced at \$40.

Game is Tuesday, March 25th (during Easter break!) at 7:30 PM against the Atlanta Hawks.

Bring the whole family! Tickets are limited, order forms and information are in the back of Church. Questions? Call Pattie Gallinaro at 748-6090 x105

## It's not too early to plan ahead for our annual Spaghetti Dinner!

We have an opportunity for you to get involved! What are you good at? **Set-up, cooking, serving, making desserts?** Let us know because we need you! Plan to be there

**Sunday, April 13, 2008** - Sponsored by the School Advisory Committee. Call Laura Daniels at 528-7630 or email [BlueribbonSLOT@yahoo.com](mailto:BlueribbonSLOT@yahoo.com) if you can help.




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This is the final weekend to sign up for our parish retreat **March 7th and 8th** at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer at St. Francis Woods in Frankfort. The retreat will be led by Sr. Marianne Saieg from Mayslake Ministries. Registration forms are available in the narthex and in the breezeway after all Masses and someone will be there to answer any questions. *Please remember you do not have to stay overnight.* Special commuter rates are available. All forms must be submitted to the Parish Office by next Friday, February 29th. We hope many of you will take this opportunity this Lent.

## Bibles Now Available for Church Use

To help enhance our prayer time in church and expand on scripture readings proclaimed at Mass, a few bibles are now available on tables at the rear of church. These bibles are for church use only and must not be removed from the building. Please do not mark the bibles in any way. Return them to the tables after your use so that others may also have an opportunity to read and reflect upon God's Word.



**Volunteers are needed to help plan  
St. Lawrence O'Toole's  
Golden Anniversary  
(June 2008-June 2009)**

**Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board  
in the back of the Church**

**All ages needed...there is something for everyone!**

*The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee*

## PADS Fifth Friday - February 29th

**Consider taking this opportunity to help staff our PADS site on this Fifth Friday of the month!** Individuals to staff our site for all shifts are needed as well as cooks. Please check the sign-up sheet in the back of church and help if you can. If you have questions please call Mary Cermak-Vis at 503-0672.

## Marian Catholic Mothers' Club annual Senior Showcase - "Through the Years with Marian Catholic"

Kicking off Marian's 50th Anniversary - March 15, 2008 at Giorgio's Banquets of Orland Park  
Donation \$40, reservations are being accepted on a first come basis. Last year's show was a sellout! To secure your reservations early call Kathleen Jones at 758-9454.

## Help Wanted

Full-time position in housekeeping/dietary, working a possible split shift. Interested candidates can apply at St. Francis Woods, Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 W. Saint Francis Rd. Frankfort, or for more information call Tony Markanich at 815-464-3841.

## We Pray for ~ the recently deceased

*Marie Nash*  
Sister of Chris Bailey

*Rev. James P. Keating*

## and the sick

Phil Weidman; Evalina Jones; Helen Oleski; Lily Curtis; Andrea Gibb; Jerry Bartholdi; Debbie Leitch; Joyce Blair; Belen Jaquez, Harold Kummehne; Ronnie Thorne; Gloria Thorne

## Masses for the week

### Sunday, February 24, 2008

Ralph F. Wilson Escosbedo req. by family  
Patrick Favero req. by family  
Mary Maloney req. by the John Maloney  
Karl Heinz req. by family

### Monday, February 25, 2008

Willa Mae Drew req. by Val & Les Easter  
Ralph F. Wilson Escosbedo req. by family

### Tuesday, February 26, 2008

For the people

### Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Special Intention req. by Donna Kay  
Thursday, February 28, 2008

Ed Heniff req. by Pat Kistner

### Friday, February 29, 2008

Luke Demes req. by Tom and Barbara Cole

### Saturday, March 1, 2008

Donald Deany, Sr. req. by Myron & Linda Cailteux

William Murphy req. by Margaret Finnegan

### Masses for Sunday, March 2, 2008

Joyce Heveran, Mildred Klein, John Sr. and Maryann Drabik

## St. Agnes Parish Annual Spaghetti Dinner

St. Agnes Parish Center, 2525 S. Halsted in Chicago Heights  
Sunday, February 24th from Noon until 6:00 PM. This delicious, authentic Italian dinner is \$7/Adults \$4/kids. Tickets are available at the door!

**Just Arrived...Inspirational Catholic CDs and Brochures**  
**Look for the display in the back of church for these titles:**

**No Escape - From Prison to the Catholic Faith - Russell Ford**

This talk was recorded live in prison where Russell Ford is serving a 25-year sentence. In 1989 at the age of 31, he was received into the Catholic Church and has since shared his faith with thousands of fellow convicts. Mr. Ford is co-founder of the non-profit First Century Christian Ministries, which is dedicated to evangelizing prisoners. He is scheduled to be released from prison in 2012.

**The Catholic Teaching on Marriage and Annulments - Bishop Joseph Perry**

Are annulments just a Catholic version of divorce? Nothing could be further from the truth. The differences are profound, and much of the confusion springs from a misunderstanding about marriage itself. Bishop Perry explains the key principles of the Sacrament of Marriage and applies them to divorce and annulments. This presentation answers the most commonly asked questions on this topic.

**The Significance of Holy Saturday and Applying it to Your Life - Fr. John Corapi, S.O.L.T.**

In this stirring talk, Father John Corapi, S.O.L.T. challenges us to participate in the redemptive work of Christ and His call to holiness. Learn why discouragement is the devil's greatest weapon, what three things we need to live in the power of the Resurrection, and how Our Lady is a shortcut to God.

**The True Meaning of Easter - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the best-known and best-loved Catholic orators of the twentieth century, reaching millions of Christians of all denominations. Presented here are his timeless reflections on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, combined with Scripture and Gregorian Chant to create a powerful presentation that is sure to become a family favorite.

**There is Life in the Womb - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the best-loved and most influential preachers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and author of over 90 books. He reached nearly 30 million people through his weekly program, Life is Worth Living, and his Cause for Canonization was officially opened in 2002. He explains the Church's teaching on life from a philosophical and historical perspective.

**Why Is There Hell? What You Should Know About It! - Dr. Scott Hahn**

In this moving study on hell, Dr. Scott Hahn shares what scripture teaches about why hell is necessary. What it is like? Who goes there? How can you stay out forever? He explains why Lucifer refused to serve and then responds from a scriptural perspective to the most seductive modern errors about hell. Included are two bonus excerpts from Dr. Hahn's talk, *The Healing Power of Confession*.

**We ask for a donation of \$3.00 per CD and \$.50 per brochure. Checks can be made payable to SLOT. Donations are used towards the purchase of additional materials.**

**Liturgical Ministers**

**March 1 & 2**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

- 5:00 PM:** Bill Doerr, Chuck Lewis, Ann Mundt, Clyde Sana, Lori Sana, Cathy Costelow, Pat Stomquist  
**8:00 AM:** Joan Abbott, Mike Buck, Joe Fron, Barb Hanifin, Jeana Smith, Donna Stella, Augustine Witt  
**10:00 AM:** Nancy Blackwell, Mary Murphy, Barb Rook, Danny Stocker, Jane Stocker, Carol Winter  
**12:00 PM:** Valerie Butts, Mary Gaffney, Lajuana Johnson, Mary McLain, Jeannine Shubert

**Lectors**

- 5:00 PM:** Caitlin Mundt  
Bob Farrell  
**8:00 AM:** Helen Buck  
Olivia Smith  
**10:00 AM:** Owen McAteer  
JoAnn Bory  
**12:00 PM:** Ann Rangel  
Madeline Nabzdyk

**Greeters**

- 5:00 PM:** Sharon Twardowski  
**8:00 AM:** Bev Hochfelder  
Stuart Hochfelder  
**10:00 AM:** Flora Krupa  
**12:00 PM:** Kathy Shelby

**Altar Servers**

- 5:00 PM:** Liam Mundt  
Seamus Mundt  
volunteer  
**8:00 AM:** Brittany Cline  
Lawrence Mahone  
Sean Slagle  
**10:00 AM:** Ethan Butler  
Austin Wilson  
volunteer  
**12:00 PM:** Morgan Greene  
Michael Lauer  
Julian McCullum