



# *Our Lady of the Ridge*

A Stewardship Parish Joyfully Offering God Our Time, Talent and Treasure

*2019-2020 Guide Book & Directory*

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are once again publishing our Parish Directory & Ministry Catalog, updated for 2019-2020. Again, it's time to reach out as we come together and celebrate our stewardship way of life here at Our Lady of the Ridge in giving our time, talent and treasure back to God and to our parish. In the coming months, some members of the parish and I will be looking into and discussing the Archdiocesan initiative of "Christ Renews My Church". We are in the grouping with Sacred Heart, St. Linus, and St. Patricia. Our schedule for activation is in 2020. We will gather as pastors, staff, members of the parish councils, and parishioners to discuss what the future holds for all of these parishes. No one knows yet what will happen. RUMORS are out there about which parish will stay open, which will close, or which will become a worship site. NO ONE KNOWS!!! We ask you all to pray as we come together in solidarity to spread the light and hope of Jesus Christ in order to transform the world. When the Renew My Church initiative is implemented, it will mean many changes. Change is difficult, sometimes unacceptable and not wanted, but it is inevitable. We all have change in our lives. We must be open to it and trust in God. When all of this takes place, I will inform you in the bulletin as to what is happening in our grouping. Please pray for an outcome that will work best for all the parishes in this initiative.

As you receive this Parish Directory & Ministry Catalog, please look at how you can use your time and talents to get involved in one or more of our ministries. All of our ministries are in need of more volunteers and members. Each ministry is VITAL to our parish life, whether it's in volunteering at Mass, in prayer, in helping the poor and homeless, in visiting the sick, in caring for those in need or enjoying fun times at parish functions. Without your participation, some of our ministries may close. PLEASE HELP and spread the word to others. This is our parish, and let me stress that OUR PARISH, WITHOUT ALL OF YOU, would not be here. Let's get active and keep supporting Our Lady of the Ridge. We have many great people and ministries and we are here to support and encourage each other in prayer, worship and service as we encounter a true relationship with Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all you do for our parish and for me! I pray for all our parishioners every day, so let us keep each other in prayer!

Blessings,

Fr. Wayne and Daisy

## *History of Our Lady of the Ridge*

Our Lady of the Ridge Parish began in 1948. Fr. William Gentleman had been appointed to establish a new parish after residents in Chicago Ridge and Worth petitioned for the organization of a parish.

The VFW building at 106th Street and Ridgeland Avenue served as the first parish building. The seating capacity was 260. In 1950, the Altar and Rosary Society was founded. Not long after, the Holy Name Society was formed. Other ministries, many of which still exist today, were established shortly thereafter.

As the congregation grew, Fr. Gentleman requested permission to build a parish school. The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Help from Ferguson, Missouri, opened Our Lady of the Ridge Parish School in 1954.

As the parish grew, more space was needed. By 1959 a rectory had been built at 10811 S. Ridgeland Ave., along with a convent at 10810 S. Oxford Ave. Not long after that, a school addition was completed. The school was open until June 2018.

Fr. Paul Burak, appointed as fifth pastor in 1992, initiated a church building process. With the help and support of many parishioners, the dream of a new church became a reality. The church dedication took place on Nov. 26, 2000.

Through the years, Our Lady of the Ridge Parish has been blessed with six pastors, countless nuns, many gifted teachers and catechists, and dedicated support staff.

As the parish and congregation continue to grow and change, so the story of Our Lady of the Ridge Parish continues.

## *Embracing Stewardship as a way of life by joyfully offering God our time, talent and treasure*

### **Time**

How often do you spend time in uninterrupted prayer? Do you pray with your spouse and/or children? Time, in regard to stewardship, refers to prayer time. Everyone's time is precious and once it is gone we never get it back. And so it is important that we spend our time wisely. When we share our time for prayer, service and friendship, we are making God and our faith a priority.

### **Talent**

Every person has a gift or talent to share. As we grow and our lives change, our priorities change, too. Talent, in regard to stewardship, refers to how we can help our parish and others by using our gifts. When we share our talents with others, we are giving back to God as well.

### **Treasure**

Do you believe that everything you have belongs to God – and that everything is a gift from Him? Have you truly strived to tithe 8% to Our Lady of the Ridge Parish? Treasure, in regard to stewardship, is simple: “I’ve learned that when I pay my tithe first there is always enough left to pay my bills, but when I pay my bills first there is never enough left to pay my tithe.” Anonymous

### *Stewardship Prayer*

*Lord, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the  
vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.  
We praise You and we thank You  
for your great power and Your tender, faithful love.*

*Everything we are and everything we have is  
Your gift, and after having created us,  
You have given us into the keeping of Your son, Jesus Christ.*

*Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love,  
that in His spirit we may be bonded together  
into a community of faithful, caring people.*

*In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves  
to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us,  
to share our time, our talent  
and our material gifts as an outward sign  
of the treasure we hold in Jesus.*

*Amen*

## *General Contact Information*

ourladyoftheridge.org

### **Church**

10836 S. Oxford Ave.

### **Rectory**

10811 S. Ridgeland Ave.

Phone ..... (708) 425-3800

Fax..... (708) 425-2792

### **Parish Center**

10810 S. Oxford Ave.

Phone ..... (708) 425-0250

Fax..... (708) 425-2166

### **Parish Hall/Classrooms**

10859 S. Ridgeland Ave.

### **Religious Education**

10810 S. Oxford Ave.

Phone ..... (708) 425-0250

Fax..... (708) 425-2166

### **Business Office**

10810 S. Oxford Ave.

Phone ..... (708) 425-0251

Fax..... (708) 425-2166

## *Parish Ministerial Staff*

Rev. Wayne Svida ..... Pastor

Rev. Peter Cyscon ..... Priest in Residence

Mr. Edwin Hill..... Permanent Deacon

Mr. John Orzechowski..... Permanent Deacon

Mr. John Black ..... Music Minister ..... (708) 227-3460





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## *Sacraments*

### **Eucharist**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:00 & 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. (Vigil 7:00 p.m.)

### **Communion Service**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

### **Confessions**

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the church

Communal reconciliation services are held during Advent and Lent.

### **Baptism**

Parents must attend Baptismal Class. Please call the rectory for information.

### **Marriage**

Arrangements should be made with the priest one year in advance.

Couples are expected to participate in the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

### **Registration**

All new parishioners are invited to register at the rectory.

## *Ministry Catalog*

Following you will find the many different ways that our parishioners serve others, build our faith and develop friendships. This list of ministries gives you the opportunity to become more involved at Our Lady of the Ridge Parish. We all have an important role in this parish. How are you being called to use your time and talent in our parish? Are you truly striving to tithe 8% to our parish?

### **Adoration Chapel**

Our parish is committed to remaining in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Our adoration chapel is currently open from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight seven days a week. Hundreds of parishioners have been immensely enriched by spending one hour a week with Christ before the Blessed Sacrament. However, there are always hours that need scheduled adorers and substitutes. Please prayerfully consider participating in this powerful devotion.

Ministry Coordinators: Jim & Marianne Grisolano

Phone: (708) 361-3876

Email: [mariannegrisolano@hotmail.com](mailto:mariannegrisolano@hotmail.com)

### **Adult Choir**

The Adult Choir is open to singers high school age and older. The choir rehearses Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and ministers at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come share your talent and help us lead God's people in the prayer of song.

Ministry Coordinator: John Black

Phone: (708) 227-3460

Email: jabolor@sbcglobal.net

### **Altar Servers**

Boys and girls in grades 4-8 serve the entire parish by assisting the priest and deacon during liturgical celebrations. New altar servers must attend an initial training session. Adults are also welcome.

Ministry Coordinator: Marg Landry

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

Email: landry1993@comcast.net

### **Anne, Lay Apostle**

Our group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center to pray the rosary and read the monthly message given by our Lord to Anne.

Ministry Coordinator: Mary Graves

Phone: (708) 599-2956

Email: gbillmary@aol.com

### **Art & Environment Committee**

This committee ensures that our beautiful church is appropriately decorated for the liturgical season. The aim is to draw us into worship and to remind us of the facets of Christ's life, death and resurrection that are being celebrated in particular liturgies in the Church calendar.

Ministry Coordinator: June Houston

Phone: (708) 422-4518

Email: junehouston@hotmail.com

### **Athletic and Booster Club**

The OLOR Athletic and Booster Club provides support for children in our Religious Education program to participate in sports and other Parish activities. Sporting activities open to all boys and girls in our Parish are Basketball, Volleyball, Co-Ed Soccer and Boxing. Sports registration is held in June of each year. In addition, the organization is committed to supporting Parish activities; and the religious education program through volunteer work and fundraising in order to keep registration costs to a minimum.

Ministry Coordinators: Michael Carroll, 312-509-3809, Bill McFarland, 312-241-4861

michaelcarroll3853@gmail.com



### **Baptismal Preparation Couple**

Experienced couples take turns leading a monthly class for new parents who are preparing to baptize their son or daughter. The class focuses on the meaning of Baptism and the duties of parents in raising their child in the Catholic faith.

Ministry Coordinator: Deacon John Orzechowski

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

### **Beds Plus**

In conjunction with several other local churches, our parish reaches out to the homeless in a program called PADS (Public Access to Deliver Shelter). Every Wednesday during the cold months of the year (October-April), a large team of parishioners provides a meal and temporary shelter for the homeless. Volunteers are needed to organize donations, cook meals, and stay overnight on 4-5 hour shifts.

Ministry Coordinator: MaryJo Obrzut

Phone: (773) 532-9144

### **Bereavement Ministry**

Our ministry meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the parish center where we share fellowship and discuss in confidentiality the path to healing, both physical and emotional. We support one another through the journey of grief as well as receive God's love, comfort and understanding through prayer and our own personal experiences. We create our own rituals and memorials to our deceased loved ones and provide speakers professionally trained to help us cope with our grief and sorrow at various times throughout the year. We welcome all those who have suffered the death of a loved one whether the loss was recent or many years ago. Grief is natural, necessary and normal and we hope to understand through sharing and prayer our emotions during the grieving process. We hope, with God's love and care, and by walking together and alongside each other that in some small way He will bring comfort, support, strength and encouragement to all those who mourn.

Ministry Coordinators: Judy Paciga: (708) 603-1845 or

Elaine Pecenka: (708) 691-7357

### **Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir is open to all parish children – grades 3 through 8. The choir rehearses once weekly and sings at Mass once monthly.

Ministry Coordinator: John Black

Phone: (708) 227-3460

Email: [jabolor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jabolor@sbcglobal.net)

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### **Church Cleaning Ministry**

Men, women and children meet every other Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. for one hour. We sweep, vacuum and do light dusting to clean the Lord's house for weekend services. There is no set commitment. Come on one Tuesday, once a month, or once a year. The more hands, the lighter the work.

Ministry Coordinator: Karen Powers

Phone: (708) 839-8277 (home) or (708) 363-3437 (work)

Email: karenpowers0103@sbcglobal.net

### **Contemporary Ensemble**

The Contemporary Ensemble is comprised of experienced singers and musicians. Rehearsals are scheduled as needed. The ensemble ministers at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Ministry Coordinator: John Black

Phone: (708) 227-3460

Email: jabolor@sbcglobal.net

### **Corpus Christi Sunday (Feast of the Body of Christ)**

This feast is celebrated in the Latin Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday to commemorate the Holy Eucharist.

Ministry Coordinator: Elaine Maurer

Phone: (708) 424-1580

Email: elainemaurer@sbcglobal.net

### **Daily Rosary**

Every weekday at 7:30 a.m. in the church we pray the rosary. All are welcome.

Ministry Coordinator: Elaine Maurer

Phone: (708) 424-1580

Email: elainemaurer@sbcglobal.net

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the first Sunday after Easter at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Ridge. Our goal is to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Adoration Chapel at 3:00 p.m. each day.

Ministry Coordinator: Elaine Maurer

Phone: (708) 424-1580

Email: elainemaurer@sbcglobal.net

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Eucharistic ministers have the special responsibility of helping the priest and deacon to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. To become a Eucharistic minister, one must be a practicing Catholic and a member of our parish, and be approved by the pastor. One two-hour training class is required, as well as an annual evening of prayer and reflection.

Ministry Coordinator: Robert P Koepel

Phone: (708) 423-6814

Email: hubbell6@att.net

### **Experience Religion (ER) Catechists**

Catechists aid parents in bringing the love and knowledge of Christ to our children so they can become mature active Catholics. If your children are not enrolled in the Catholic parish school, our program offers quality faith formation and sacramental preparation. The sessions of ER are held on Sundays, September through April, from 8:00-9:15 a.m.

Ministry Coordinator: Barb Zickterman

Phone: (708) 407-1839

Email: barb.zickterman@gmail.com

### **God's Knitting Hands**

We meet the second Sunday of the month from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. We knit and crochet at home for the ill or elderly. Our items are blessed by a priest. We accept donations of yarn.

Ministry Coordinator: Ruth Howard

Phone: (708) 448-9215

### **Greeters**

Greeters create a hospitable environment by cheerfully welcoming parishioners and visitors as they enter the church for Mass and distribute bulletins afterwards.

Ministry Coordinators: Ron & Barb Zickterman

Phone: (708) 407-1839

Email: barb.zickterman@gmail.com

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization of men, founded under the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. This organization provides men with a vehicle for building up the parish community. Learn more at our web site.

Ministry Coordinator: Ken Vari

Email: kwvari@comcast.net

Web Site: kc13201.org

### **Lectors**

Lectors proclaim the Word of God during the Liturgy of the Word after prayerfully reviewing the scripture passage by using the lector workbook, distributed shortly before Advent when all lectors attend a blessing service. This annual event also includes a training session for new lectors. Additional training sessions are held as needed. All lectors are alerted to spiritual formation opportunities as provided by the Archdiocese.

Ministry Coordinator: Kathy Lape

Phone: (708) 636-6584

Email: k6athy13@comcast.net

### **Marquee Messengers**

Volunteers are needed to change the message on the marquee in front of the rectory.

Ministry Coordinators: Deacon Edwin & Marianne Hill

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

### **Marriage Formation & Enrichment**

This ministry prepares engaged couples for marriage at Our Lady of the Ridge by providing many different formation and enrichment programs. Trained married couples with various years of marriage experience share their thoughts and faith on various topics with engaged couples. We also provide enrichment programs for married couples such as an annual married couple's dinner party.

Ministry Coordinators: Deacon Edwin & Marianne Hill

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

### **Ministers of Care**

The Ministers of Care are parishioners specially trained to bring the Body and Blood of the Lord to our parishioners in the community. We are a sign of the support and concern this church has for the sick and elderly. We visit them, we share the word of God in scripture, we pray for and with them. If you need a Minister of Care to visit a person who is unable to attend church on Sunday because of a temporary or long-term illness or disability, please call the Rectory and someone will contact the coordinator to arrange a visit. If you would like more information on becoming a Minister of Care, please contact either the rectory or Diane Walker for more information.

Ministry Coordinator: Diane Walker

Phone: (708) 912-4642

Email: debow2001@aol.com

### **M.O.M.S.**

The Ministry of Mothers Sharing welcomes women of all ages and from all paths of motherhood. We meet on the first Monday of each month in the Gathering Space of the church at 7:00 p.m. We start in a circle of prayer and we share our thoughts about different topics that focus on Christian women. We also share stories of the joys and challenges of motherhood.

Ministry Coordinator: Rita Pratl

Phone: (708) 422-4576

Email: ritapratl@comcast.net

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Our ministry gives you the opportunity to meet with other parishioners to pray and bring our traditions and devotion for Our Lady of Guadalupe to our church, and all those around, in need of her love. Please come to help us organize and prepare for her feast day.

Ministry Coordinators: Mago Chacon, Sylvia Greska

Phone: (708) 243-3945, (708) 448-1160

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### **Our Lady of Knock**

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Ministry Coordinator: Christina Noone

Phone: (708) 499-6561

Email: noonechristina@att.net

### **Prayer, Bible, and Jesus (PBJ) Group**

Do you want to know Jesus a little better? Do you want to know more about the Bible? Do you just need a place to bring all of life's struggles as a Catholic? We welcome you to discuss the Word with your fellow brothers and sisters. Join us for Bible Sharing and Fellowship twice a month. We will meet the first Monday and the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1 North in the Parish Center. No prior bible knowledge is required to attend – just a desire to know the Lord better. Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Feel free to drop in and give it a try!

Ministry Coordinator: Rob Macchia

Phone: (708) 983-9140

Email: sparklenjo@att.net

### **Prayer Line**

Parishioners phone the parish office to request prayers for their special needs. In turn, these prayers are passed by phone to a large network of parish volunteers who actively intercede through prayer for these intentions. Copies of these prayers are in the Gathering Space. Please take one and pray for all of these needs. If you receive a call from a prayer line volunteer please accept the call.

Ministry Coordinator: Mary Waitches

Phone: (708) 422-4121

### **Prayer Ministry**

One of the many gifts that Jesus has given his church is the gift of healing prayer. Our Lady of the Ridge has prayer ministers who have completed an extensive formation program for this ministry. They are available to you as the need arises in your life. Prayer ministry is offered regularly each month in a variety of formats: 1) After the First Friday Mass; 2) After all Masses on the third Sunday of each month, and 3) In an Extended Prayer Ministry format. You may arrange an opportunity for Extended Prayer Ministry by calling the Rectory to request a prayer ministry appointment.

Ministry Coordinator: Helene Albano

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

### **Pro-Life Ministry**

The Pro-Life Ministry of Our Lady of the Ridge Parish is dedicated to the respect and protection of all human life from conception to natural death. We are also committed to providing education and information on ethical issues concerning life and promoting Christian family life. We strive to achieve this mission through prayer, education, and service.

Ministry Coordinator: Marianne Grisolano

Phone: (708) 361-3876

Email: mariannegrisolano@hotmail.com

### **RCIA Sponsor**

Sponsors are assigned to RCIA candidates and catechumens to support them on their faith journey. They act as a friend and mentor both before and after their reception in the Catholic Church.

Ministry Coordinator: Call the Rectory

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

### **RCIA Team**

RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. The RCIA Team assists in this process by providing education, hospitality, support, and facilitation at gatherings. They not only welcome the candidates into the faith, but also help them integrate into our parish family.

Ministry Coordinator: Call the Rectory

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

### **Sacristans**

Sacristans work quietly behind the scenes to ensure that our liturgies run smoothly. They prepare the sacred vessels, linens, and vestments needed for the liturgy, and also clean and put away all items afterwards. Sacristans are also responsible for cleaning the sanctuary and monitoring the candles. In these tasks, they are dedicated to St. Therese the Little Flower, who herself was a sacristan and counseled that each person do small things with great love.

Ministry Coordinator: Barbara Halm

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

Email: jjpatmush04@aol.com

### **Stewardship Committee**

The Stewardship Committee strives to educate and communicate with the parish at large regarding living Stewardship as a way of life.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

This organization is dedicated to providing emergency assistance to needy families in our community who have become distressed due to loss of employment or other problems. Men and women of the Society visit homes to determine need, and then offer food and, if able to, financial assistance for utilities, medications, etc. Our food pantry provides bags of food to the needy the second Saturday of each month. Funds are gathered mainly through the Poor Box in the church's Gathering Space, as well as the annual pumpkin sale and various fundraisers. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to join.

Ministry Coordinator: Jack Sartori

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

Email: johnnysarts5@gmail.com

### **Ushers**

Ushers serve at Mass by assisting people to their seats, collecting the offertory, and directing the flow of people during Communion.

Ministry Coordinators: Ron & Barb Zickterman

Phone: (708) 407-1839

Email: barb.zickterman@gmail.com

### **Welcoming Sunday**

Four times each year we have a special celebration for our new families at Sunday Mass.

Ministry Coordinator: Marg Landry

Phone: (708) 289-0943

Email: landry1993@comcast.net

### **Youth Ministry**

Youth Ministry is designed to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of their faith community. Through a variety of events and activities, youth ministry empowers young people to become disciples of Jesus Christ. OLOR youth ministry provides: Kairos retreats, parish retreats, co-ed sports, mission trips, liturgy/prayer experiences, service opportunities and games/activities nights.

Ministry Coordinator: Call the Rectory

Phone: (708) 425-3800 (Rectory)

### **General Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to help plan and host various events throughout the year.

Ministry Coordinator: Call the Rectory

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