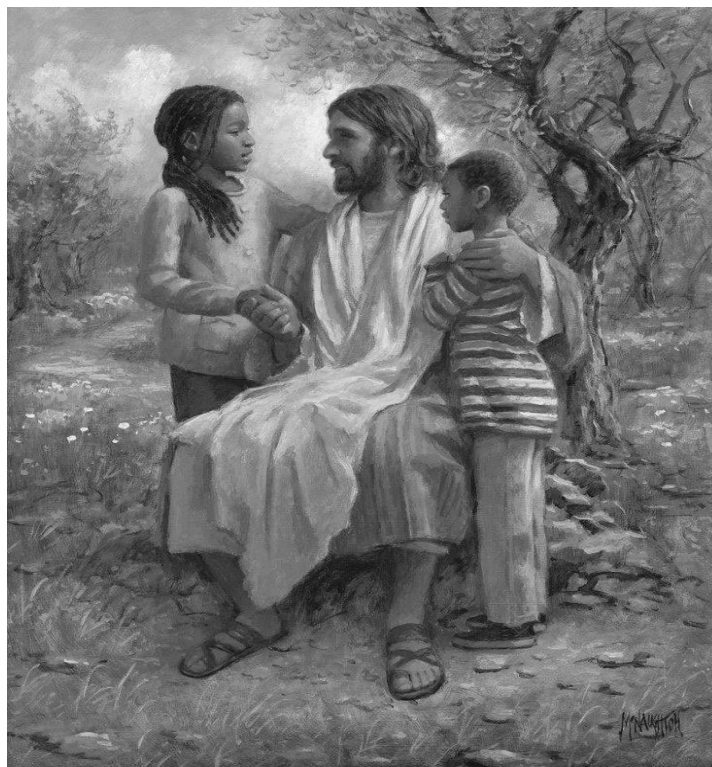


September 20, 2015 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
Mr. James Hargadon, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Shelby Boblick, Pastoral Associate
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
Sr. Marion Cypser, RSM, School Co-Principal &
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal

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Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary
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CONTACTING THE PARISH

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Hours: 8:30 AM-8:00 PM—Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays

Wednesday & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302

Telephone: 708-386-5286

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Weddings:

Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

Baptisms:

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut Ins:

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers:

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Parish Finance Council

John McGuire

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

Liturgy Committee:

Cantors: Gail Rohmann

Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann

Praise Choir: Julius White

Greeters & Ushers: Tom Frank

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen

Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

Servers: James Hargadon

Ministers of Care: James Hargadon

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): James Hargadon

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission

Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary Sim & Martin Senica

Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Committee: James Hargadon

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:

Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

Principal: Sr. Marion Cypser

School Board Chair: Gloria Baxter

Parish Development & Services

Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee:

Fr. George Omwando,

Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday through Friday - 8:30am

Saturday - 9:00am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening - 5:00pm

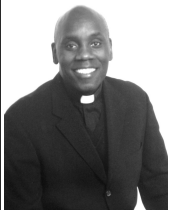
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

BEQUESTS

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

-Father George

Thoughts from the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we welcome Colm Mitchell from Mundelein Seminary who will be speaking at all Masses. The Archdiocese of Chicago has one of the best seminary education systems in the world. I spent four years at Mundelein and six years in Kenya. In total, it took me ten years after high school to complete my seminary education. A seminary is like a seedbed whereby those candidates preparing to be priests are trained. The formation of seminarians focuses on four areas: Human, Intellectual, Pastoral and Spiritual formation. All four areas go hand-in-hand.

While I was in Mundelein, I did enjoy my time there. The students were very diverse, from over 43 countries! Even today, the students come from many countries. It was such a wonderful experience to hear stories from different countries.

There are two types of students that enter the seminary system in Chicago. The first group are students coming straight from high school. Those students join St. Joseph College Seminary for four years of philosophy which earns them a degree in philosophy. St. Joseph is affiliated with Loyola University, Lakeshore campus. After graduation, the students proceed to Mundelein for another four years of theology, earning a master's degree in theology. The second type of student are those entering the seminary from other fields, sometimes they are called "late vocations." These students come to the seminary with a lot of experience from their previous professions; they could be medical doctors, civil engineers or even carpenters. This category of students spends six years of formation in Mundelein starting with two years of introduction to philosophy before beginning their theological studies which lasts four years. In between the studies, seminarians spend a substantial amount of time in parishes and spend three months of a summer working as hospital chaplains before being ordained transitional deacons. They are called transitional deacons because they are in the process of becoming priests. I remember when I joined Mundelein, there were twenty of us studying for the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the end, only fourteen of us managed to be ordained. Along the way, eleven decided to leave once they discovered that priesthood was not their call.

As we welcome our seminarian Colm, please take some time to pray for vocations. Pray for those who are in the process of discerning whether they want to be priests. Also encourage your children to consider joining priesthood or religious life.

Also, please be generous with your contributions to the Seminary Fund as it goes a long, long way in supporting our seminarians. I want you to know that seminarians do pray for parishioners. Thanks for your past and your continued support. We are all in need of each other's assistance. I am very grateful for your contributions to spreading the Gospel of our Lord.

-Fr. George Omwando

The women of Chicago's west side and near-west suburbs are invited to gather this autumn to pray & reflect on

The Possibilities & Limits of Forgiveness

Pastoral Associate Shelby Boblick will facilitate the meetings, and we will use as a catalyst various essays in *The Sunflower*. This book by Simon Wiesenthal tells a personal story of an incident that occurred in a concentration camp and asks, what would you have done in his place? We'll explore similar issues raised by current events, as well as view relevant parts of the documentary on *The Power of Forgiveness*.

To accommodate a variety of schedules, we'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1:00 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. We'll meet regarding *The Sunflower* in the lower level gathering room of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. Please join us at whichever time suits you and your life. No need to come at the same time each Monday. The dates are **9/21, 9/28, 10/5 and 10/12**. Please join us! Questions or concerns...call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Save the Date

Monday, September 21
Autumn Women Series

Sunday, September 27
1:00-4:00 PM - OS
Walk-A-Thon

Wed., September 30
10:00 AM - OS
Dead Man Walking
Lake Theatre, Oak Park

Wed., September 30
11:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Lou Malnati's Eat Out Event

TODAY Second Collection is for the Archdiocesan Seminarians

"The best example of the work of the seminaries is reflected in the quiet and compassionate ministry of your pastors and parish priests as they live out their ordination commitment each day to bring Christ to you as they preach, teach and administer the Sacraments."

Thank you in advance, for your generosity.



Hospitality Weekend

After ALL the Masses this weekend (September 19/20) we will have the first of what we plan to be monthly "Hospitality" in Maguire Hall.

The Liturgy Committee determined that since we are all together for Mass on weekends we could really spend a little time after Mass "catching up" with each other, meeting folks we may never get to talk to, welcoming newcomers, you name it.

So, the 3rd weekend of the month is now calendared as "Hospitality Weekend" and the Liturgy Committee is volunteering to host. HOWEVER! Other ministries are encouraged to come forward to host a particular weekend too.

Please join us in Maguire Hall after the 5:00 PM or after the 8:30 or the 10:30 AM Masses. It's all free, **no big fuss, just an opportunity to extend our time together.**

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302
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School News

One of our fundraisers for the year is the World's Finest Candy Sale. The chocolate is sold by the bar (\$1/ea) and by the case (25 bars for \$25).

Order forms are in the back of the church. Just fill it out, and place it in an envelope marked "School Candy Sale," then return to the school or rectory. Thank you for supporting us!

Walkathon 2015!

Next weekend you could be walking for a great cause: St Catherine/ St Lucy parish. Its the 12th annual walk and celebration picnic on Sunday, September 27th, 2015. (See our ad on page 6 of this bulletin)

Calendar Notes

Monday, 9/21

1:00 & 7:30 PM - Women Fall Series - RD
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
4:00-7:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
7:00-8:30PM - TTWCI Mtg. - CH
6:30-9:30PM - F&F Mtg. - LMC

Tuesday, 9/22

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
7:00 PM - PPC Meeting - RD
7:00-7:30 PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, 9/23

10:00 AM - Quilting Group - RD
11 AM - 1 PM - Organ Lesson - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
6-9:30 PM - Celebration Choir - CH
7:00 PM - School Board Meeting - RD

Thursday, 9/24

1-3:30PM & 7-9:30PM F&F Mtg. - LMC
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
4:00-7:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
6:00-8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, 9/25

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C

Saturday, 9/26

9:30 AM - Rosary Group - CH

Do YOU or Someone YOU KNOW?

Want to learn more about how to “become” Catholic?
 Want to learn how you might celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation?
 Please give Jim a call at 708-386-8077 or email him at st.c.st.l.jim@gmail.com to get the answers to such questions. VERY SOON we will begin information sessions about these questions and you or someone you know will certainly want to be a part of those sessions.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. September 21	
8:30 †	Rosa Roman By: Ministry of Care
Tue. September 22	
8:30 †	William Gillies By: Ministry of Care
Wed. September 23	
8:30 †	William J. McGurn By: Ministry of Care
Fri. September 25	
8:30 †	Martin Gilboy By: Ministry of Care
Sat. September 26	
9:00 †	Alfred Bishop, Jr. By: Grace Bishop
5:00	St. Joseph By: Michelle Darang-Coleman
Sun. September 27	
8:30 †	Elaine Russo By: Larry Russo
10:30 †	Joan Ciavarella By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	St. Matthew
Tuesday:	World Meeting of Families begins; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset Eid al Adha (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
Wednesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins
Saturday:	Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



September 13, 2015	\$ 6,135.00
On-Line—Give Central	\$ 460.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ (713.00)

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalms — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Altar Servers		
Mrs. Kathy Paoli Max Stec	Mr. Thomas Frank Mr. Miles Jackson Mr. W. Washington	Michelle and Leslie Agbefe Ian Elsen

Ministers of the Word

Christine Wedekind Paul Koko	Renee Smith-Quinn Mary Jane O'Brien	Jeanne Visteen David Geffe
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Dan Brown	Valerie Jennings	Shelby Boblick
Carol Brown	Kevin Kell	Bern Wheel
Pat Koko	Kathy Mortell	Marie Wheel
Margaret Stec	Claudia Zinanni	Terry Sullivan
	Marjorie Fields	Bill Holmes
	Annie Rowan	Pat Nelson

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.

Catholic Charities Maternity & Adoption Services

If you are pregnant and in need of advice or help you can turn to Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities Maternity & Adoption Services has resources to serve teens, women and their families facing unplanned pregnancies. We can talk about your options as you plan for your child's future. Whether you decide to parent your child, or make a plan of adoption, we are here to help.

If you are not sure what to do, our 24-hour hotline has caring & professional counselors available. Our services are free and confidential.

Call 1-800-CARE-002 or 312-454-1717. Visit www.catholiccharities.net/adoption-services for more information.

"Put the Nuns in Charge!"

Amate House is an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago; however we are completely self-funded.

Amate House relies on private donations to support all of its programs. On October 2, 2015, we will partner with Chicago's very own Nuns4Fun Entertainment to host a performance of "Put the Nuns in Charge!!" at the 19th Century Club in Oak Park.

Please join us! To purchase your tickets, please visit: <http://www.amatehouse.org/SupportUs/LateNiteCatechismFallFundraiser.aspx>



Vocations

"Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield."

Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice of you, should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. If you are discerning your vocation, call Father Francis Bitterman at (312) 534-8298, or write: fbitterman@archchicago.org.



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions. By entering your preferences and clicking 'Sign Up' at the bottom of the page you can start contributing today. The same service can also be used for special events and other collections.

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

You will be able to go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*.

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

—James 3:18

Food.....Family.....
Friends.....Fun !!!!



The 12th Annual St. Catherine - St Lucy Walk & Picnic

What: A 5k (6 laps) Walk & Picnic plus kids' games

Where: Taylor Park in Oak Park (Division & Ridgeland North side)

When: Sunday, September 27 1-4pm

Cost: Donation packets will be available after each mass. If you do not wish to take a packet, please consider making a donation to someone who will walk.

Raffle: There will be a raffle for a Walgreens and Dave & Busters gift cards.

Tickets: Sold after Mass. Drawing on day of Walk.

~ EVERYONE IS WELCOME ~

There will be games and face painting for the kids as well as a balloon toss for ALL!

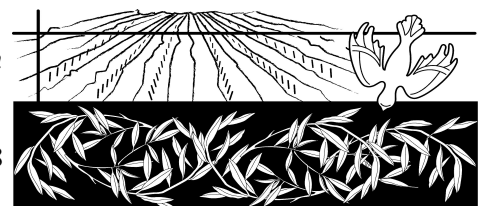
Participants will be served BURGERS, DOGS, CHIPS, SODA / H2O & BROWNIES.

The proceeds \$\$ will go directly to St. Catherine- St. Lucy Parish.

Come & Support Our Parish!!

Event's Photos

From our parish can be found by visiting our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org. Left menu, just above *Links* reads "Community Photos", click on it and choose the album that you would like to watch. New albums have been recently added.



A Time to Reflect

WITH SR. HELEN PREJEAN

Twenty years after beginning her crusade against the death penalty, this Roman Catholic nun has witnessed multiple executions in the U.S., served as spiritual advisor to many death row inmates, and today educates the public about the death penalty by lecturing, organizing and writing. As the founder of "Survive," a victim's advocacy group in New Orleans, she continues to counsel not only inmates on death row, but the families of murder victims, as well. Sr. Helen Prejean's work was made famous in the '95 feature film *Dead Man Walking* starring Susan Sarandon. The movie was based on Sr. Helen's '93 non-fiction book by the same title.



**Join Sr. Helen Prejean on Sat., Oct. 17, 2015
7:00 PM in CHURCH**
St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Blvd.,
Oak Park for a Time of Reflection & Inquiry

Special Invitation to Students in Grades 7 -12:
3 – 5:30 p.m. (in Maguire Hall on St. Catherine- St. Lucy campus) You will have personal, profound interaction with Sr. Helen and Karen L. Daniel, Director, Center on Wrongful Convictions of Northwestern University, on questions relevant to the debate on capital punishment, including: Why do we punish? Are there crimes so heinous they merit death? What is cruel and unusual punishment? How do race and disability color this conversation? This experience will be facilitated by experienced educators from local high schools.

Advance registration required), as space is limited. No cost to participate in the student activity.

Invitation to Evening Event

ALL ARE WELCOME! Registration & donation in advance strongly preferred. **A donation of \$10 for Sr. Helen Prejean and her Ministry Against the Death Penalty is requested from

Event Registration

Please mail your check payable to St. Catherine- St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302. Attn: Prejean Event

I am registering for: _____ Evening Event
_____ Afternoon Student Event

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I enclose \$ _____ as a donation. Checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish and note "Prejean Event" on memo line.

_____ will donate at the door with cash, check, or credit card.

FUNDRAISING EVENT



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ST. LUCY

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Time: 11:00 am- 11:00 pm

Location: Lou Malnati's: Oak Park
1038 Lake Street — 708-358-0800

DINE-IN • CARRYOUT • DELIVERY (within zone)

Questions: Please contact Pat Nelson, offsetpress@sbcglobal.net. Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received. Dine in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone) with this FLYER on 9-30-15. **Flyer Must Be Printed or Shown on Mobile Device.** Cannot be combined with any other promotional offers including but not limited to: discounts, Deep Dish Dough rewards redemption or Malnati's Mail welcome coupon. PLEASE MENTION FUNDRAISER EVENT WHEN PLACING ORDER. *Offer valid only at the date and location listed above.*

"Dead Man Walking"

Wednesday, September 30 at 10:00 AM

Lake Theatre, Oak Park, IL - Tickets are \$1



Film will be introduced and a brief discussion to follow led by local film and theatre expert, Doug Deuchler

Dining Out Event:

Support St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy by enjoying some delicious pizza at Lou Malnati's at 1038 Lake Street between 11 am and 11 pm on the same day: *Wed., Sept. 30!*