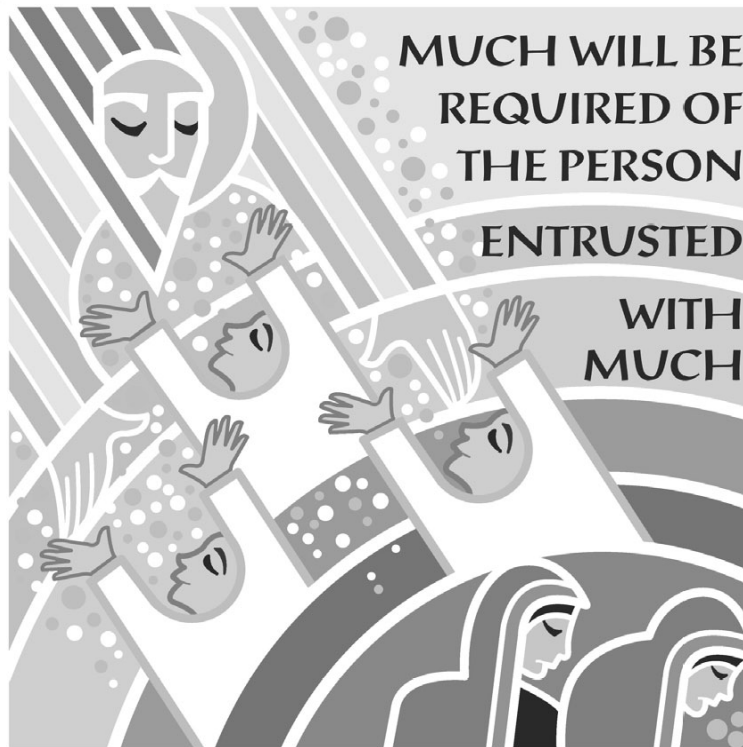


August 7, 2016
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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
SUPPORT STAFF
Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager / Adm. Ass't.
Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary

CONTACTING THE PARISH

Rectory 38 N. Austin Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302
Telephone: 708-386-8077
Email: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net
Web: www.stcatherineslucy.org
Hours: 8:30 AM-8:00 PM—Monday, & Thursdays
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 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 2nd 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: Jim Lewis

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 and 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 Kallo

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 Administrator



The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

A couple of notes: As I started my ministry in Oak Park, the archdiocese asked that I not change my existing calendar. So, I will be out-of-town August 15-25; September 21-29 (retreat). Rest assured that I have recruited priests during these intervals.

I will be meeting with our Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee in August for a 'Meet & Greet' – so we can begin to know each other and relate. We will resume business activity in these leadership groups in September. I will provide information as I receive it from the archdiocese pertaining to Renew My Church. The first phase throughout the archdiocese is 'grouping' parishes to study strengths, weaknesses and redundancies of ministries in a given area. I should be learning our grouping very shortly.

And, please squash any rumors that I was sent to St. Catherine/St. Lucy to begin a process of change. I am here to keep the ship sailing straight and strong awaiting the return of your pastor. If changes about any parishes are to occur it would be a couple of years down the road after much dialogue and collaboration.

—Fr. Dennis Stafford

We are all obligated to be an evangelizer, and, an evangelist lives in Christian joy!

Holy Scripture, daily conversion and story-telling form the basis of evangelization.

Her priests I will clothe with salvation and her saints will shout for joy. Psalm 132:16

A pearl of wisdom from A Courageous Leap of Faith:

...conversion is not necessarily radical behavior change but the opening of the soul to embrace a new imagination, an imagination that avoids the pitfalls of selfishness and embraces the broader aspect that we dare not do this alone.

Share this thought with friend and neighbor:

(Mary) stood before the Cross and gazed tenderly on the wounds of her Son, because she was waiting, not for her Son's death, but for the salvation of the world. — St. Ambrose

Please invite a friend or neighbor to join us on Sundays. Let's begin to fill our pews once again - alive and joyful in our belief in Jesus.

Enjoy learning the basics of a 'new' evangelization with Fr. Dennis Stafford's book, *A Courageous Leap of Faith - Becoming A Disciple of Jesus in the New Evangelization*. Available at www.Amazon.com

**Next Weekend Second Collection is for:
MISSION CO-OP PLAN-APPEAL**

On August 13-14, the *Missionary Carmelite of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Sisters from Puebla Mexico* will be making a second collection to support Indian missions. We need to ask you for your fervent prayers and your generous financial support. We have built a Pastoral Center House in the town of Olintla, Puebla Mexico, which is located in the northern part of Puebla's Mountain Range. Now, we need to furnish this house. Tables and chairs for children classes, materials for education, beds, materials for kitchen like a stove and more. This will be: a house where native children will receive their catechism; a retreat house for everybody who needs it; a house where the poorest of the poor will receive elementary medical service; a house where the illiterate will receive the elementary classes to continue with their education; in short, a humanitarian house where you and us will do our best to continue dignifying God's creation. Please help us. May God Bless you thorough the intercession of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.



Thanks for your generosity!

500 Club Certificates

Have you purchased 500 Club certificates for the current season? Certificates are \$25 each and your certificate number (s) will be included in every weekly drawing for one year, even if already selected. Most weekends the drawing is for \$25 but there are three \$500 drawings during the year. Certificates can be purchased at the rectory or by mail. Application forms are available in the church vestibule. Many thanks!

~ The Fundraising Committee

500-CLUB WINNER

AUGUST 7, 2016,

\$25.00

Jack Flynn,

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THIS IS FOOD FIRST WEEKEND!
Thanks in advance to all for your kind generosity!

Save the Date
Thursday, August 18 - 7PM
A Night At the Races Outing
Monday, August 22
First Day of School
Sunday, September 25
Walkathon & Picnic Taylor Park
Sunday, October 2
Baby Bottle Project Starts

Calendar Notes

- Monday, August 8**
 4:00-8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- Tuesday, August 9**
 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
 9AM-1PM - F.R. Mailing Meeting - RD
 10AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- Wednesday, August 10**
 10AM-4:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD
 11AM-1PM - Organ Lesson - CH
- Thursday, August 11**
 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD
- Saturday, August 13**
 9:30 AM - Rosary Group - CH

Summer Stewardship
A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. August 8
 8:30 † Fr. Jacques Hamel
 By: Ephie

Tue. August 9
 † Lois Lohman
 By: Ministry of Care

Wed. August 10
 8:30 † Bernie Kourie
 By: Evie Stockinger

Fri. August 12
 8:30 † Lynn Stovitsky
 By: Dorothy Brion

Sat. August 13
 9:00 † Stanislawa Matuszek
 By: Rita Bakewell
 5:00 † Marie Koko
 By: The Koko Family

Sun. August 14
 8:30 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 Fr. Harry C. Rynard
 By: A Friend
 8:30 † Vincent Gorman
 By: Thom & Sue Schouten
 10:30 †

Our Parish Stewardship



St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

July 24, 2016	\$ 4,422.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 282.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ (2,604.00)

July 31, 2016	\$ 4,526.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 332.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ (2,450.00)

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 — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).
Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).
Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

AUGUST 14, 2016

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Altar Servers		
Mrs. Kathy Paoli Max Stec	Mr. W. Washington Mr. Martin Senica	Leslie and Michelle Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

Christine Wedekind Pat Koko	Tom Frank Peter Barber	Joyce Wade Christine Diaz
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker Pat Koko Brenda Fojtik Margaret Stec	Valerie Jennings Ginny Jones Marjorie Fields Claudia Zinanni Walter Washington Thom Schouten	Terry Sullivan David Geffe Doris Brown John McGuire Bern Wheel Marie Wheel
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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Dominic

Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Wednesday: St. Lawrence

Thursday: St. Clare

Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Saturday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Living Word: For Reflection

Take time each week to reflect upon the CURRENT Sunday's Scripture. We are fed by the Word so we can live out the Word.

AUGUST 7, 2016—19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- # I have been taught Jesus' way of life by . . .
- # What encourages me to remain faithful "in the Master's absence" is What keeps me from being faithful is . . .

1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

AUGUST 14, 2016—20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In 597 B.C., Babylon (located in modern-day Iraq) defeated Jerusalem, and thousands of Jewish leaders were taken into exile. The prophet Jeremiah was among those left behind. When he preached trust in God rather than armed revolution, the people considered him a traitor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Commonly referred to as a letter, Hebrews really is a lengthy sermon that encourages people to remain faithful in difficult times. In the previous section of this book, the author cited Old Testament witnesses who had done just that. Now, the author points out the greatest example of fidelity.

And Let It Begin With Me

The pioneers of a warless world are the young men (and women) who refuse military service.

—Albert Einstein


Praying for the Sick In Our Parish



Winifred Ballew, Fr. John Carolan, Lillian Czaplicki, Anabelle and Dale Deaton, Andrea Edwards, Donna Kanapes, Maggie Kearns, Virginia Keenan, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski Ronald Norman, Anita Ohm, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Carlton Shanks, Gloria Vaughn, and Marguerite Welch.

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list.

If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.



Bible STUDY
Join us!
Every Tuesday at 9:30 am here at St. Catherine of Siena- St. Lucy's Rectory.

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.

Remember a Loved One

"The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death." -Pope Benedict XV

We have **weekday** Masses available in our 2016 Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302
708-386-5286



School News

The school office remains open this month. Mondays through Thursdays, from 8am-1pm. Do not hesitate to call or come in if there is anything you need. Please use the back entrance.

Classes start on Monday, August 22

Summer time, and the livin' is easy . . .

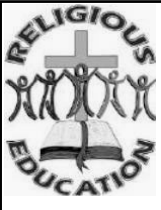
So goes the lyric to a beautiful tune from "*Porgy and Bess*."

These summer days and nights allow us to slow down, perhaps take a look back on the previous months of 2016 and seriously consider the remaining months. It's also a time many folks like to read more and share what they are reading or have read. IF you are one of these folks you're welcome to let me know what you consider of substance as well as enjoyable so that we can spread the word. The email is: st.c.st.l.jim@gmail.com.

Table Talk" for families ("Families" are what you define family to be!")

This "talk" is based upon the Gospel from Luke (12:32-48). As you (we) reflect on the world, our nation, your neighborhood:

1. Where do you (we) see and hear God's people crying out to be heard, to be set free, to be healed?
2. Where the signs of hope and where are the signs of despair in our world?
3. In my (our) understanding of "Church" today, what is the role of "Church" in Response to the "signs of the times?"



Registration

We are gearing up for a new year in Religious Education. Classes for first to eighth grades will start on **Wednesday, September 7, 2016** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Lucienne Ministry Center.

Registration for Religious Education is open to all. If you child/children attended the 2015-2016 year they will automatically be registered for 2016-2017 year. If you are new to the parish, and wish to register your child/children please stop by the Rectory and leave your name and phone number or contact Christine Wedekind via e-mail at: Christine.wedekind@aol.com.

More Religious Education News Help Wanted

Are you interested in sharing your faith with the youth of our parish?
Are you interested in sharing your talents with the youth of our parish?
Are you be interested in using some of your time for the youth of our parish? This is for you then.

Religious Education is looking for a person with these qualifications to share their faith and instruct our children in their faith during the Religious Education school year starting in September. We need someone to work with the third and fourth graders.

We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., not every Wednesday, from September thru May. If you have any interest and would like to join the wonderful group of man and women please contact me Christine Wedekind and I will be happy to talk to you. You can call me at home 708-485-0838 or e-mail me at Christine.wedekind@aol.com.

Please consider this; it is a wonderful way to reach out to the children of our parish.

Update on Father George

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I went to Colombia with a group of 34 pilgrims to visit *Las Lajas Sanctuary* which is one of the most outstanding architectural monument in the world. It is a Roman Catholic Basilica, near the Colombian city of Ipiales, not far from the border with Ecuador. The fascinating thing about this place is that it was built inside the canyon where the Guaitara River flows. Las Lajas Cathedral, also known as Las Lajas Sanctuary, is a 100 meters high from the bottom of the canyon, and is connected with a 50 meters tall bridge to the other side of the ravine.

I also visited one of the most decorated and well maintained cemetery I have every seen so far in Tulcan, Ecuador.

Over all, I am doing well and I hope you are too. The weather changes every time because of the many mountains especially in the capital city, Quito. All the best and let us keep each other in prayers.

—Fr. George

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

One Word at a Time

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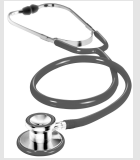
When we stand before God, we can make no claims on him. The only thing that we can claim is our need of his mercy. And if we make that claim with deep sincerity of heart, God will hear us. God will grant us the mercy that we need. *“But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified.”*

—Luke 18:13–14

www.archchicago.org
More on Pope Francis's vision at:
www.loyolapress.com/popefrancis

Catholic Charities West Suburban Health Fair

Sat. August 27, 2016



St. Frances of Rome School, 1401 S. Austin Ave., Cicero, IL 60804

No Co-Payments, or ID Required

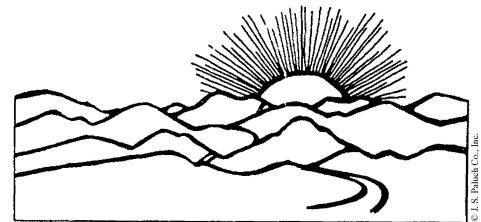
FREE: Medical Exams & Screenings

Registration: 8:00am to 10:30am

Health Fair: from 9am to 12pm

Call 708-222-1491 for information

The event will once again target disadvantaged children and families. We are looking to give backpacks to all children attending and ask that your consider donating one. We will also need volunteers to help with the set up the day before the event and the day of. Any help is greatly appreciated.



The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues include frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

(to be continued)

St. Catherine/St. Lucy Night at the Races

at

Hawthorne Race Course

Thursday, August 18, 2016

\$35.00 per person

Buffet Served from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Your Special Ticket will include:

- # Complimentary Clubhouse Admission
- # 2 hour Buffet, including: Chef Choice of Meat, Chicken & Pasta Entrée, Italian Sausage, Potato of the day, Tossed Green Salad, Soup & Cookies
- # Race Dedication
- # Live Racing Program Book
- # Post Time: 7:35pm
- # Parking \$3.00—Laramie Lot is the more convenient. Valet parking is also available.

Contact for More Information and Tickets:

**Mary Rose Nauss: 708.602.6421 or Amanda at the Rectory:
708.386.8077**



Hawthorne Race Course
3501 S. Laramie Avenue, Stickney, IL 60804
1/2 Mile Off Interstate 55 and 10 minutes from Downtown.
708-780-7050—HawthorneRaceCourse.com