

February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

PASTORAL TEAM

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 Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
 Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00am
 Saturday Evening - 5:00pm
 Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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.

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 Com.: James Hargadon

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:

Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natosha Lee

Parish Development & Services Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee: Fr. George

Omwando, Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings

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

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.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank the Liturgy Committee, volunteers, those who brought food, and all who organized this year's annual celebration of African Heritage Month. It was an inspiring festivity and both our choirs did a fantastic job singing.

I want to inform you that I have been told that the church steeple is damaged at the base. I hope this will be repaired soon to avoid any further damages.

Next weekend is Commitment Sunday for the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme is: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. The appeal will offer us an opportunity to make our love real and practical as we reach out to support the various efforts of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago as well as support people who have suffered disasters throughout the world.

During this week, we can reflect our willingness to live the demands of the Kingdom of God which center on loving one another. We can begin to think about practical ways to make that love real. God's word summons, and the Eucharist we are celebrate shapes us and supports us. Our weekly celebration of the Eucharist forms us to participate in the Kingdom of God. Here, we urgently pray, "Thy Kingdom come." Here, we experience the loving self-sacrifice of Jesus – "This is my body. This is my blood" – which inspires and enables our own love for each other.

Our Gospel today is both powerful and demanding. According to the teaching of Jesus, if we want to belong to his Kingdom, we are summoned to an unstinting commitment and to our uncompromising purity of heart. Not by our efforts but with his grace, we can fulfill the demands of his Kingdom and share his life. If we listen attentively, the demands of the Kingdom of God center on our relationships with one another. The underlying call is to love one another. This love is lived out in all the relationships of our lives – with our families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and indeed, everyone with whom we share this world.

God bless your generosity to this community.

Rev. George O. Omwando

500 Club Certificates

THIS WEEKEND the 500 Club prize will be \$500 instead of \$25. Have you got the lucky certificate number? Certificates are \$25 each and are included in every weekly drawing through October 22nd, 2017 even if they have already been winners! The prize each week is \$25 except for the three weeks when the prize is \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Purchase forms are always available in the back of church and at the rectory. They are also available on February 12th in Maguire Hall. Some of the proceeds from this year's 500 Club will be used for window repair in the rectory; the rest goes into the general operating fund of the parish. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone, not just members of our parish community. Please pass the word. Thank you!!!

~The Fundraising Committee

It's time to consider the Ministry of Care in our parish Monday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m

The Ministry of Care has been described as "ordinary people visiting those who cannot come to the Sunday assembly. The sick, the elderly, the homebound, the imprisoned are joined to the parish by these ministers of care and are seen again as part of the parish, essential to the community."

Shelby Boblick has assumed coordination of this ministry from Jim Hargadon. She has served as a minister of care for many years. Jim transferred information about parishioners who've recently been serving as ministers of care, including Margaret Bell, Doris Brown, Bill Holmes, Valerie Jennings, John McGuire, MaryRose Nauss, Pat Nelson, Sue Schouten, Carlton Shanks, Janet Talbot, and Jeanne Visteen. Jim has also transferred information about the parishioners currently being visited either weekly or monthly.

Everyone currently involved in and anyone interested in joining this ministry is invited to an introductory meeting at which we'll together shape this ministry for our parish. Some persons have particular interests: hospital visits or the incarcerated. Some of you have limited availability and seek a limited commitment. A monthly visit might suit you and your schedule? We'll evaluate the need for a training session to revitalize our mission and rekindle our spirits.

Please join me at a meeting tomorrow Monday, February 13 at 3 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room. If you cannot attend the meeting, but want to communicate with me about this ministry, please reply by e-mail at: shelbysboblick@comcast.net

May the light of God continue to shine in our parish and in our lives!

Valentine's Bake Sale THIS WEEKEND

Our Annual St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale is taking place this weekend. Come to Maguire Hall to enjoy a variety of delicious treats!



500 CLUB WINNERS
THE NAMES OF THE WINNERS
WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN
THE NEXT WEEKEND BULLETIN
OF FEB. 19.

Parish Calendar

- Monday, February 13**
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
- Tuesday, February 14**
 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR
- Wednesday, February 15**
 11AM-1:00 PM - Organ Lesson - CH
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 6:30-8:00PM - Religious Education - LMC
 7:00 PM - School Board Meeting - RD
 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir - CH
- Thursday, February 16**
 1-3PM & 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD
 Parent Teacher Conferences - S

Save the Date

Wednesday, March 1
Ash Wednesday- Church

Friday, March 3
ALMS Dinner
Maguire Hall

Saturday-Sunday
March 18-19
St. Patrick/St. Joseph
Table—Maguire Hall

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. February 13

8:30 † **Florence Henderson**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Tue. February 14

8:30 **Serena McLin**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. February 15

8:30 † **Donna Konecki** (20th Anniv.)
By: J. Martin Konecki

Fri. February 17

8:30 † **Juan Martijena**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. February 18

9:00 † **Joshua Angaretti**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **David D. Lee**
By: Edward & Christine Wedekind

Sun. February 19

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Melicie Remy**
By: The Vincent Family
10:30 † **Virginia Keenan**
By: Thom and Sue Schouten

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 5, 2017	\$ 4,759.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 782.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ <1,767.00>

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 — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Altar Servers		
Kathy Paoli	Thomas Frank W. Washington	Michelle and Leslie Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

McLane Lomax	Shirley Jones	Bill Holmes
Debra Lomax	Sydney Jackson	Patricia Long

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan	Valerie Jennings	Scarlett Evans
Chemetha Baker	Fannie Cooper	Bill Holmes
Pat Koko	Gordon Bell	Terry Sullivan
Brenda Fojtik	Bill Cragg	Pat Nelson
	Marge Massarello	Kim McGuire
	Ginny Jones	Diana Cameron

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
 Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
 Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Resumption of 9:00 AM Saturday Mass

Effective IMMEDIATELY, the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturdays has resumed.

The Mass Intention Book is open again for the 9:00 AM Saturday Masses. Please contact the office to schedule Masses for your intentions

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.

FEBRUARY 19, 2017— 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

We are reading today from the third book of the Bible, Leviticus, which is a collection of Jewish laws. Today's passage discusses how to treat your neighbor. For Old Testament people, a neighbor was a fellow Israelite. (When we listen to today's *Gospel*, we will hear Jesus take this a step further.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed Apollo an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Another group was loyal to Kephass (which is the Aramaic name for Peter). Paul uses an unusual image to explain why such factions don't belong in a Christian community.

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



Bible Study - Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study at the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

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.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Winifred Ballew, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Anabelle Deaton, Raymond Doelker, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski, Eileen Nauss, Agnes Robinson, Carlton Shanks, Joyce Wade, and Valerie Williams

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.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmations will be held during the spring months throughout the Archdiocese. Preparation groups are forming now. For information please telephone 312- 534-8032 or go to www.catechesis-chicago.org.

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School News

..#Our Student Council is selling Candy Grams this week. For \$1, you can send a candy bar and message to your special Valentine, on Valentine's Day. Please call our office (708-386-5286) to purchase a Candy Gram.

..#Grades 4 through 8 had a busy day last Friday. Operation Hope sponsored the "Banking on Our Future" program in the morning. In the afternoon, members of the Black Hawks organization ran a hockey clinic in the gym.

..#You are welcome to join us in the faculty room Thursday morning at 8:15am. Our guest speaker will discuss adult literacy issues.

..#Parent-Teacher Conferences are this Thursday, from 3-7pm. There will be no school on Friday, February 17, and Monday, February 20.



As the Coordinator of Religious Education I was recently contacted by a member of the Apostleship of Prayer and he reintroduced me to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Saying the Morning Offering is not something out of the ordinary, but remembering to include what the Pope's intention for the month is. The intention for the month of February is Comfort for the Afflicted. What better time than now to pray for those less fortunate. If you wish to keep this in your prayer life, there is still information in the back of church, the Austin Blvd. side and they are entitled "2017 Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis". Pick one up and remember to say it daily, the "Morning Offering" that is and remember the Pope's intention. Prayer is powerful thing.



Archdiocese of Chicago
Please Make Your Gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”



Many of you have responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.”

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish.

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Upcoming Parish Event

You may have heard that everyone is invited to the 15th *Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction*, Friday, March 3 at 5:30 pm at Maguire Hall but perhaps you have a few questions:

What is for dinner and how much will it cost me?

Spaghetti with meatless sauce made from scratch in the kitchen of Maguire Hall. Along with salad, garlic bread and your own bottle of wine, it’s a Lenten meal fit for a king, all for only \$5 a person.

What is this “dessert auction”?

Some wonderful bakers have created some spectacular desserts and donated them for the silent auction. Before and during dinner you can look at everything and bid on your favorite. It’s good, clean fun and in the end, you can have your cake and eat it too.

I’m giving up desserts for Lent. What can I do?

You can still eat spaghetti if desserts are a no-no. Plus watching someone else eat a piece of chocolate cake really reminds you that it’s Lent.

I’m beat by Friday night and can barely think about making it over to church for dinner...

What could be better than a hot meal prepared and ready when you walk in the door, with friendly conversation and casual atmosphere, your weekend starts off in the right direction.

I’m full of energy on Friday night and always cook for the family..

Well, then get over to Maguire Hall and help us in the kitchen! We can use you!



Reminder

To all organizational leaders and head ministers:

Please let Fr. George know if you have any announcements for the weekend masses at the beginning of the previous week. You can also leave the message with Amanda at 708-386-8077, ext. 122.

Thank you.

Renew My Church Fostering Mission Vitality; Inspiring Discipleship

Renewal has always been our call. You play an important role in this renewal of our Church.

The Archdiocese has changed in significant ways over the past several decades. Demographics have shifted dramatically, some buildings are in disrepair, and we have fewer priests to pastor. Yet, at the same time, there is new life as immigrants continue to make Chicagoland their home, as we ordain enthusiastic and energetic new priests and as we live in the historic time when Pope Francis is leading us to live in the joy of the Gospel. Thus, we should not be afraid to face our challenges, but embrace them, seeing this moment as a graced opportunity to chart new ways to live out our mission more fully.



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

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

NIGHTFEVER

HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Mass—7:30 p.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago
Nightfever: 9:00 p.m.

Adoration—Music—Reconciliation



Catholic Charities Maternity & Adoption Services

Pregnant? There are options. What do I do? Who should I tell? It's scary. You can turn to us. Catholic Charities Maternity & Adoption Services has resources to serve teens, single women, and couples facing unplanned pregnancies. We are here to help, without pressuring you. We can talk about your options as you plan for your child's future. We can help you whether you decide to parent your child or make a plan of adoption. If you are not sure what to do, our 24-hour hotline has caring and professional counselors available to help you. Our services are free and confidential. Call (312) 454-1717. For more information, visit www.catholiccharities.net/adoptionservices.

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Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity Immigration Ministry

Support the BRIDGE Act and Protect DACA Youth



"To remove DACA protections would put hundreds of thousands of young people at risk of deportation, cutting short their dreams of a better future...Deport them, and we deport their potential to make our nation stronger...we deport our future builders of bridges, teachers of children, savers of lives...we deport our fundamental values as Americans."

~Cardinal Blase Cupich (01/09/17)

Under the BRIDGE Act, young people who came to the United States as children would maintain their eligibility to work and live in the U.S. without the fear of deportation and family separation so long as they meet certain requirements.

ACTION: Join the U.S. Catholic bishops in support of protecting over 750,000 young people who have benefitted from DACA by asking lawmakers to support and co-sponsor the Bridge Act. Send a postcard from the Justice for Immigrants' homepage at www.justiceforimmigrants.org

For additional ways to advocate for Immigrants and Refugees visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org. esegura@archchicago.org

The Cure

The only known cure for fear is faith.

—Lena K. Sadler

Choice

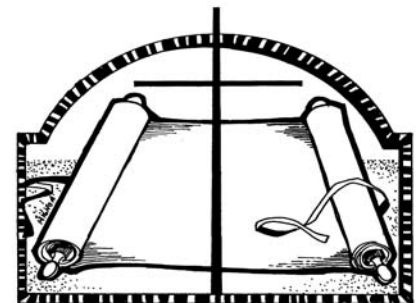
"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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*Obey and teach
God's commandments*



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