

**February 19, 2017**  
**Seventh 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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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM  
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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: TBA

Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

#### Human Concerns Commission

#### Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary and Martin Senica

#### Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

#### Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

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,

This weekend we are conducting our Annual Catholic Appeal in pew solicitations. The excess funds raised during this exercise go a long way to help the parish to meet some of its financial obligations. It is because of your generosity that we are able to achieve this goal. Last year, we did not do "In Pew" solicitations of the appeal because we were already underway doing the five year pledge campaign, "To Teach who Christ".

This year, the theme of our campaign is "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself". In ink, this sounds easy, but in practice, it is very challenging! None of us can claim perfection but only God can do but we continue to follow Christ with our own limitations. When we fall down, Christ is there to lift us; when we fail to meet our obligations as Christians; He is already with us and offering much needed support. To love your neighbor as yourself is not impossible but it is challenging. It seems to me, the whole concept of calling ourselves Christians or Catholics hinges around loving others as we love ourselves.

In his audio homily, Cardinal Blase, reminds us that "Love of neighbor expresses our connection in a renewed Church and our responsibility for one another in the Church and in the World."

Charity begins always at home. Christ wants us to try to love others the way we do love each other. We cannot love our Church, without supporting it. We support our Church in many ways for instance, through the campaign that is at hand. I am appealing to you, as my brothers and sisters in Christ to be generous with this campaign.

Finally, I wish to thank all the volunteers, the bakers, and the people who worked so tireless, as well as the people who supported this event to make sure this year's bake sale was a success.

May God bless you all.

*Rev. George O. Omwando*



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This is just a reminder that tomorrow, Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> the Rectory will be closed due to the President's Day Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

# Parish Calendar

### Monday, February 20

- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC

### Tuesday, February 21

- 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 10AM Fundraising Committee Meeting - RD
- 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:00 PM - PPC Meeting - RD
- 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

### Wednesday, February 22

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 6:30-8:00PM - Religious Education - LMC
- 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

### Thursday, February 23

- 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

### Friday, February 24

- 10:15 AM—School Liturgy—CH
- 1:00 PM - School Academic Bowl - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C

## 500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 22nd, 2017. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weeks when the prize is \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Purchase forms are available in the back of church and at the rectory. Thank you!!!

*~The Fundraising Committee*

## Christmas Memorial Flowers

While the flowers and decorations have all been put away the memories of Christmas 2016 remain.

The following were remembered with a gift to our beautiful Altar Christmas Flower Display.

- The Wheel Family
- The Keefe Family
- Tom & Romie Gregus
- Sam, Betty, & Dominick Aiello
- The Kell Family
- Dick Vanek
- Marie Stockinger
- Francis & Martha Warden
- John Ludwick
- Bob & Peg Cragg
- Harold & Sophie Olsen
- Richard & Grace Schouten
- Magdalene Pott
- James Hancock
- Alfred Bishop, Jr
- David & Louise H. Butler
- Lorranine H. Butler
- Joseph E. Hollins
- Lionel Calvin Thymes, Sr
- The Cholewa Family
- The Klimek Family
- Yeuk Ping & Vicente Yee Canama
- The Vincent Family
- The Koko Family
- The Connery Family
- James & Mary Prindiville
- The Nelson Family
- Raymond & Stella Galuska
- Michael Elsen
- Kern Klette

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 ★ **\$ 500.00** ★  
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 ★ **THERESA PITTMON,** ★  
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### Save the Date

**Wednesday, March 1**  
*Ash Wednesday— Church*  
  
**Friday, March 3**  
*ALMS Dinner & Dessert Auction*  
*Maguire Hall*  
  
**Sunday, March 19**  
*Spring Raffle*  
  
**Wednesday, March 22**  
*Lenten Reconciliation*  
*7:00 PM—Church*  
  
**Friday, March 31**  
*All Day Adoration*  
*Church*

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon. February 20**

8:30 † Guy Coletti  
By: Evie Stockinger

**Tue. February 21**

8:30 † Vicente Yee Canama  
By: The Yee Family

**Wed. February 22**

8:30 † Sr. Margaret White, CSJ  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Fri. February 24**

8:30 † Calvin Thymes, Sr.  
By: Grace Bishop

**Sat. February 25**

9:00 † Gustave Lozes  
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † Carmen Moscoso  
By: Ministry of Care

**Sun. February 26**

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

8:30 † Reynold Vincent  
By: The Vincent Family

10:30 † James B. Mushi  
By: Selina Mushi

## Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 12, 2017	\$ 6,200.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 882.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ <226.00>

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)

Thanks for your continued financial support!

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.

(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### FEBRUARY 26, 2017

**5:00 PM**                      **8:30 AM**                      **10:00 AM**

#### Altar Servers

Steve Legatzke	Martin Senica	Ian Elsen
Michael Giometti	Mary Senica	Michelle Agbefe

#### Ministers of the Word

Christine Wedekind	Peter Barber	Terry Sullivan
Paul Knight	Wrenetha Julion	Christine Diaz

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

<b>Dan Brown</b>	<b>Kevin Kell</b>	<b>Diana Cameron</b>
Carol Brown	W. Washington	Mary Howard
Pat Koko	R. Smith-Quinn	Marie Wheel
Chemetha Baker	Claudia Zinanni	Bern Wheel
	Marjorie Fields	Jan Kieckhefer
	Annie Rowan	Scarlett Evans

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
 Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34



## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: Presidents' Day  
 Tuesday: St. Peter Damian  
 Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday  
 Thursday: St. Polycarp

## 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 26 2017— 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Isaiah 49: 14-15

This section of the book of Isaiah deals with a time when the Jewish people were in exile in Babylon and were complaining that God had forgotten them. God responds to this, and it is one of the times we hear God speak as a mother. (It is helpful to know that the word "Zion" in this passage often refers to Jerusalem, or the Jewish people.)

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-5

In today's reading, Paul continues to address a major problem in the Corinthian Church. Personality cults had developed and people were attaching themselves to various preachers — some to Paul, some to Peter, some to Apollos. Paul responds that all the ministers of the Gospel work on *God's* behalf — not their own.

## 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 Naus, 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](http://www.catechesis-chicago.org).

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## School News

- School is closed tomorrow in honor of Presidents' Day.
- Please join for our Black History Liturgy on Friday, February 24, at 10:15 a.m.
- You are also welcome to come to our Academic Bowl Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in church.
- February is National Dental Health Month. Children's Dentistry of Forest Park will speak to our primary grades about proper dental hygiene.

## Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.  
312- 337-1962  
888- 456-HOPE  
[projectrachelchicago@gmail.com](mailto:projectrachelchicago@gmail.com)



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”**



This weekend, our parish will be conducting the **Annual Catholic Appeal** in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, *"Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,"* was selected to remind us that our contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal enable the funded ministries and services to share God's love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference because all Parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

## 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?*

We're serving a Lenten meal fit for a king: good, old-fashioned spaghetti and homemade marinara (made from scratch in the kitchen of Maguire Hall by our tireless volunteers) with salad and garlic bread. At \$5 a person it's better than a restaurant - and we won't charge a corkage fee if you bring your own bottle of wine!

### *What is this "Dessert Auction" I've heard so much about?*

Have your cake and eat it too! Some wonderfully talented bakers are serving up spectacular and delicious desserts. Before and during dinner you can ooh and aah and bid on your favorite to take home or share with your friends. What could be better than supporting St. Catherine's AND getting a piece of cake?

### *I'm giving up desserts for Lent - what can I do?*

Eat all the spaghetti you want! Plus nothing says "Lent" like watching other people enjoy a slice of decadent chocolate cake.

### *I'm usually too beat by Friday night to venture out for dinner - why should I come to church?*

What better way to start the weekend than good food, friends, and a casual atmosphere? You can find all this and more at the Spaghetti Dinner - and you won't have to wash any dishes!

### *I'm full of energy on Friday night and I love cooking - can I help?*

We can always use more volunteers in the kitchen - the more the merrier!



## Catholic Charities St. Patrick's Day Celebration – March 9

The 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The event will feature great Irish fare, beer and wine.

Entertainment by The Shannon Rovers, The McNulty Irish Dancers, and the Irish Musicians Association-Chicago will be a highlight. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities programs for the homeless and disadvantaged in western Cook County. Reservations are \$60 prior to March 6 and \$65 after and at the door. Sponsorships are also available.

For more information and to register, visit [www.catholiccharities.net/stpats](http://www.catholiccharities.net/stpats) or contact Esmeralda Zepeda at [ezepeda@catholiccharities.net](mailto:ezepeda@catholiccharities.net) or 708- 329-4022.

### The Heaviest Load

*A chip on the shoulder is the  
 heaviest load anyone can carry.*

—Anonymous

St. Pascal Women's Club is sponsoring for all the women of the parish and nearby parishes a:

## ***Morning of Reflection***

**Saturday, March 11th,  
8:30 am Mass**



**Women of the Word**  
Our facilitator will be  
**Shelby S. Boblick, Pastoral  
Associate at St. Catherine-  
St. Lucy Church.**

We will explore several women from the Bible in depth, including Scripture, art, music, lectio divina, prayer, poetry, and rituals to discover who they were and who they teach us to be as women of the word today. We will start with Mass at 8:30 am then proceed to Heimsath Hall for light refreshments and the start of the program.

**PLEASE RSVP BY March 4<sup>TH</sup>  
CALL DEBORAH 773-283-1606**



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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

## **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.

## **Pray For Our Deceased**



***Nellie Baker***

*May she rest in peace!*

*We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her daughter and extended family in a prayerful embrace.*

*May the angels lead her into Paradise*

## **Divine Wisdom**

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

***The women of Chicago's west side and the near-west suburbs are invited to gather this Lent for prayer and reflection at St. Catherine - St. Lucy Parish.***

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the meetings, and we'll use as a catalyst the 5 sections of the DVD titled **Love, Forgiveness and Reconciliation**. This webinar by Joan D. Chittister shares her meditations on this cornerstone of Christian life. In support, we'll contemplate some Scripture and some art by Janet McKenzie from **The Way of the Cross: The Path to New Life**.

Shelby will supply the materials each week. No need to prepare in advance.

We'll focus on a different question each week. It matters not at all if you miss a week or several weeks. You are most welcome to join us as and when your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged!

We will offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at whichever time suits you and your life. No need to come at the same time each Monday.

**Monday, March 6:** What is the relationship between love and the quality of life?

**Monday, March 13:** What should we forgive, and how do we do it?

**Monday, March 20:** What is reconciliation?

**Monday, March 27:** What is healing and how does it happen? What is the spiritual effect of pain & healing?

**Monday, April 3:** Sr. Joan answers questions submitted by audience.

We will meet in the lower level gathering room of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. Unfortunately, this room does require attendees to descend and ascend 1 flight of stairs, so the room is not accessible to those with serious mobility disabilities.

Please join us! Questions or concerns call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765