

February 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
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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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.

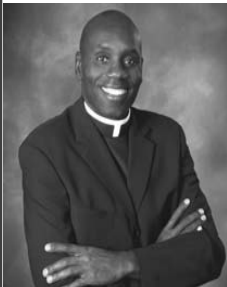
Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

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,

I want to thank all who participated in our Annual Catholic Appeal last Sunday. This week, we will conduct a follow-up at all Masses so that everyone has a chance to participate in the appeal process.

When our individual gifts are combined with the gifts of thousand other parishioners through the Archdiocese, each contributor makes a very real difference in the ability of the Archdiocese to provide ministries and services. Gifts of our time, talent and treasure to our parish and our Archdiocese are an important part of our commitment to stewardship of God's gifts. Those who have contributed to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal are expressing their gratitude for God's gift to them and to others.

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells us that we can't serve two masters. If we attempt to serve both of them, we will hate one and love the other. He continues to tell us that we cannot serve God and wealth. But is Jesus saying that we cannot serve God and money? What Jesus is telling us today is to be conscious of what we are doing because we might try to keep God and money in balance, but will soon find the balance tipped to one side – probably to money. When our balance is tipped towards money or material possessions, we became so attached to them that we neglect our Christian duties. Christ is not telling us that we should not work for money. We need money at all times. We need money to buy the necessities of life, and work is the best way to obtain money. The problem is being so attached to the money we make and the things money can afford that we let them rule our lives.

We cannot give God the devotion He wants if we have given our heart and soul to money and the things money can buy. Jesus wants us to seek first Kingdom and his righteousness, and all what we seek will be given. Let us try to put God first in whatever we set out to do.

God bless you.

Rev. George O. Omwando

Don't Be Anxious

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (*Matthew 6:32*).

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ASH WEDNESDAY



We begin this Season of Lent this **Wednesday, March 1, 2017.**

Ashes will be distributed at:

- 8:30am - Ashes given during Mass
- 12Noon - Ashes given during a Liturgy of the Word Service
- 7:00pm - Ashes given during Mass

15th Annual - ALMS Dinner & Dessert Auction! Friday March 3, 2017 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM - Maguire Hall

Serving begins at 5:30 PM -
Cost: \$5.00 per person - \$20.00 family

All you care to eat: Spaghetti with home made meatless marinara, garlic bread, tossed salad, punch and coffee.



Bid on desserts provided by some of our most talented bakers at the cake and dessert auction! You will not want to miss it!

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

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☆☆ **500 CLUB WINNERS** ☆☆

☆☆ **\$ 25.00** ☆☆

☆☆ **February 26, 2017** ☆☆

☆☆ **JIM ALLEN,** ☆☆

☆☆ **# 375** ☆☆

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Save the Date

Wednesday, March 1
Ash Wednesday— Church Ashes at 8:30AM, 12 Noon & 7:00 PM

Friday, March 3
ALMS Dinner & Dessert Auction Maguire Hall

**Monday, March 6—
Monday, April 3**
Women's Group Lenten Series

Sunday, March 19
Parish Raffle - Maguire Hall

Wednesday, March 22
Lenten Reconciliation 7:00 PM—Church

Friday, March 31
All Day Adoration - Church

**Saturday-Sunday,
April 8-9**
Easter Flower Sale

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 27
2:30 PM - Day Care - C
4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
7PM - Bazaar Wrap-up Mtg. - RDR

Tuesday, February 28
9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
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, March 1—Ash Wednesday
2:30 PM - Day Care - C
6:30-8:00PM - Religious Education - LMC
7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, March 2
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, March 3
Set-Up for Alms Meatless Dinner
1:00 PM—National Junior Honor Society - M
5:30 PM - ALMS Dinner - M
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - CH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. February 27

8:30 † **Dorothy Ogilvie**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Tue. February 28

8:30 † **Frank Dell Aquila**
By: The Dell Aquila Family

Wed. March 1—Ash Wednesday

8:30 † **Robert Elliott**
By: Ministry of Care

7:00 † **Gladys Vergara**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. March 3

8:30 † **Amparo Dabasol**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. March 4

9:00 † **Carol Zientek**
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Lido Paoli**
By: Thom and Sue Schouten

Sun. March 5

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

8:30 † **Jane Whiteside**
By: Mary and Marty Sim

10:30 † **Oliva P. Mushi**
By: Selina Mushi

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 19, 2017	\$ 4,484.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 782.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ <2,042.00>

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 will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 5, 2017

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

Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli	Thomas Frank Miles Jackson	Grace McGuire
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Ministers of the Word

Dan Brown Susan Kumler	Ginny Jones MaryJane O'Brien	Bill Sullivan, Jr. David Geffe
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan	Elaine Podraza	Jeanne Visteen
Carol Brown	Marge Massarello	Jan Kieckhefer
Pat Koko	Walter Washington	John McGuire
Brenda Fojtik	Gordon Bell	Kim McGuire
	Fannie Cooper	Scarlett Evans
	Kevin Kell	Mary Howard

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.

**MARCH 5, 2017 -
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9;
3: 1-17**

The account of the sin of Adam and Eve is a classic example of how everyone sins. The author recognized that there is a standard pattern: We toy with temptation...we fall...then we make excuses.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. His purpose in this passage is not to teach about original sin, but to contrast Adam and Christ.

From Adam we inherited a strong pull toward sin. From Christ (*the "new Adam"*) we received a gift that is incomparably stronger: Divine grace.



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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, Father John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Anabelle Deaton, Raymond Doelker, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski, Eileen Nauss, Agnes Robinson, Carlton Shanks, Sister Marion Cypser, and Joyce Wade

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

- ..# The students will be celebrating the Ash Wednesday liturgy at 8:30 on March 1.
- ..# The school is planning Lenten outreach drive. Details will be provided in next week's bulletin.
- ..# St. Catherine-St. Lucy has been selected as a pilot location for a blended learning initiative. The program uses technology to personalize learning for students and to meet them where they are. It is being underwritten by a grant from the CME group and will cover software, hardware, and infrastructure. Only three schools in the Archdiocese were chosen to participate – and we were one of them!

**FOODFIRST IS
NEXT WEEKEND**



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”**

**St. Catherine—St. Lucy Parish 2017
Annual Catholic Appeal Goal:
\$23,164.20**

Catholics across the Archdiocese of Chicago contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We need every household to participate. If you are not already a donor, we invite you to join the more than 80,000 families who participate in this united effort to share the love of Jesus Christ through service to others.

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, or e-mail at apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net. Thank you.



Have you join GiveCentral already? if not, you are missing out of having more control over your church donations, peace of mind and over all, more time to worship.

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*

9:00 AM Saturday Mass Mass Intentions

As you know, 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. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross At St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



The Stations **will begin on Friday, March 3, 2017** and run every Friday through Lent.

Won't you please pick up your little 30 minute cross and come and pray with us, as we honor Jesus Christ and thank Him for accepting a painful death on His Cross for us.

Thanks and may the Peace of Christ be with you and yours...not only during the Holy Season of Lent, but every day of your lives.

Next Weekend 2nd Collection is for: Aid for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

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

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.

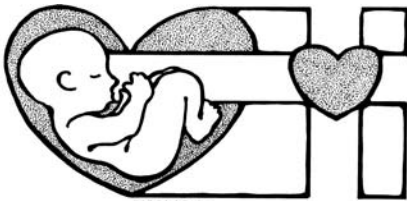
We will explore several women from the Bible in depth, including Scripture, art, music, lectio divina, prayer, poetry, and rituals to discover who they were and who they teach us to be as women of the word today.

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 4TH
CALL DEBORAH 773-283-1606

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Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.
— Isaiah 49:15



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St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church

Celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph at the annual BIG RAFFLE gathering! Light refreshments and good company will be provided.

Be our Guest!!!

Sunday March 19th after 10:30 Mass in Maguire Hall

This year's prizes are cash prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100 and gift certificates to Drury Lane Oakbrook, the Parish Outing to Four Winds Casino and to Winberie's Restaurant.

Raffle tickets have been mailed and are available after Masses beginning March 4th. Winner need not be present but it is fun when you are!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

Fair Trade

The Fair Trade Sale is scheduled for March 11 and 12 after all of the Masses. Please support Fair Trade with your purchase of Coffees, Teas, and Chocolates. Thank you.

Vocations

Chicago's Got Sisters! | March 31-April 1 | Chicago, IL

Spend 24 hours visiting and praying with sisters from a variety of religious communities. Come experience community life, while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real time. For single Catholic women ages 18-40. For more information, contact Sister Theresa Sullivan, D.C., at sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org or 812-963-7556. Register now online at <http://called2.be/CGSMar17>

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 or contact Esmeralda Zepeda at ezepeda@catholiccharities.net or 708- 329-4022.