

March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent



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
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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: Natasha 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.

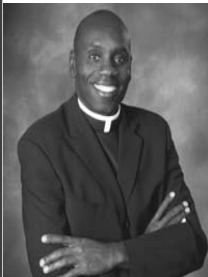
Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

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,

In today's gospel, Peter, James, and John report that suddenly, on a mountain, the face of Jesus begun to shine like the sun. We are told that at the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared. Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets. But God's voice from heaven – "Listen to Him!" - clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus, and that He is the fulfillment of the Law and of the countless prophecies in the Old Testament. The purpose of the Transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the "inner circle" of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the divinity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

At the core of the celebration of Mass is the changing of the species of wine and bread into the real presence of Christ, body soul and divinity. When we eat the body and drink His blood, Christ nourishes and strengthens us. The Catholic Church has always cherished this treasure. St. Paul wrote, "I received from the Lord what I handed on to you, namely, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed took bread, and after He had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the supper, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' Every time that you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes!" (I Corinthians 11:23-26). We pray that the Lord's Transfiguration moment will strengthen our faith.

God bless you.

Rev. George O. Omwando

Holy Week and Easter Services



St. Catherine—St. Lucy

Palm Sunday—April 9

5:00 PM~ Saturday
 8:30 AM ~ Sunday
 10:30 AM ~ Procession of the Palms

Holy Thursday—April 13

7:00 PM. ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday— April 14

12 Noon—Vigil at the Cross
 7:00 PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord

Holy Saturday— April 15

1:00 PM ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets
 7:00 PM ~ The Great Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday —April 16

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

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** ★
 ★ **March 12, 2017** ★
 ★ **LONZELLA AVENT,** ★
 ★ **# 436** ★
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Grateful

Thanks to all those who participated in helping with this year's Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction.

It takes many people with many different skills to put on an event like this and each year we are so impressed about who steps up to generously offer their time and talent. As Saint Teresa of Avila wrote "God is in the pots and pans" and nothing says that more than the people who are willing to wash dishes for our parish event.

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.

Monday, March 13

What should we forgive, and how do we do it?

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the meetings, and we'll use as a catalyst the 5 sections of the DVD titled **Love, Forgiveness, & 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**.

We'll focus on a different question each week. Drop-ins are encouraged! We will offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m.

We will meet in the lower level gathering room of the Rectory, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. This room does require you to descend and ascend 1 flight of stairs, and is not accessible to those with serious mobility disabilities.

Please join us! Questions, call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Fair Trade Sale: TODAY

The Fair Trade sale is this weekend after all of the Masses. Please support Fair Trade with your purchase of Coffees, Teas, and Chocolates. Thank you.



Come and join
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, March 31
 All Day in Church
 7:00 PM Benediction

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 13

- 1:00 & 7:30 PM - Women Lent Series - RD
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
- 7-8:30PM -Fundraising Com. Meeting- RDR

Tuesday, March 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, March 15

- 11AM-1PM - Organ Lesson - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 6:30-8PM - Religious Education - LMC
- 7:00PM - School Board Meeting - RD
- 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, March 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

Friday, March 17

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - CH
- Set-up for St.Pat-St.Joe Get-together - M

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. March 13

8:30 † **Buddy Ryan**
By: Tom Nelson

Tue. March 14

8:30 † **William P. Bladdy**
By: The Nelson Family

Wed. March 15

8:30 † **Bessie Price-Jones**
By: Grace Butler

Fri. March 17

8:30 † **Jerry Tyler**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. March 18

9:00 † **Padraic Cunningham**
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Mary Koko**
By: The Koko Family

Sun. March 19

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

8:30 † **Deacon Joseph Walsh**
By: Ministry of Care

10:30 † **Gloria Baxter**
By: Donna Kanapes

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



March 5, 2017	\$ 5,469.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 992.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ < 847.00 >

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 Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

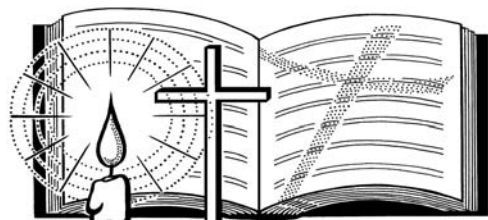
Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday:	St. Patrick; Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 19, 2017

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Altar Servers		
Kathy Paoli	Walter Washington	Ian Elsen Michelle Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

Debra Lomax McLane Lomax	Jeanette Cannon R. Smith-Quinn	Bro. J. Kilikevics Kim McGuire
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan Chemetha Baker Pat Koko Brenda Fojtik	Thom Schouten Kevin Kell Gordon Bell Bill Cragg Fannie Cooper Ginny Jones	Diana Cameron Bill Holmes Jan Kieckhefer Pat Nelson Mary Howard Terry Sullivan
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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 19, 2017 -
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Their trials during that time, the way they faced them and the way God responded, provided future generations with food for thought whenever they faced difficulties.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community we had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stressed here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are saved not by the Law, but by faith—faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.



**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, Raymond Doelker, Anita Evenson, Katherine Gradnik, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski, Eileen Nauss, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, 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.

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

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School News

- ..# We honored the newest members of the National Junior Honor Society last Friday afternoon, March 10, at 1:15 in church.
- ..# Join us Thursday, March 16, at 8:15am, for Coffee with the Principal. We will have a speaker from Riveredge speak on bullying.
- ..# In conjunction with the West Suburban Reading Council, we will host a Family Reading Night on March 22, from 6-7:30pm, in Maguire Hall. William Oba King, author and story teller, will be here to delight and inspire the kids and adults. Please join us – guests and volunteers are welcome!

**9:00 AM Saturday Mass
Mass Intentions**

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.



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 apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net Thank you.

Save the Date

Sunday, March 19
*Parish Raffle - Maguire Hall
St. Pat/St. Joe Get-Together*

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

Friday, March 31
*All Day
Sacrament Adoration -
Church*

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

Saturday, April 22
*Four Winds Casino Trip
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NEXT SUNDAY

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 are available after Masses
Winner need not be present but it
is fun when you are!!!



~ The Fundraising Committee

Lenten Regulations

(from March 1, 2017 Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Fasting and Abstaining From Meat

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

PENANCE



SERVICE

“An important part of our healing is the “penance” the priest imposes in reparation for our sins. Come and be prepared this season”.

Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM in Church.

Fasting

"Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. It also means sharing food with those who are hungry."

—Pope Francis

Catholic Relief Services

Rice Bowl - 2nd Week of Lent

Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person, we remember that, when God created us, he made us in his image and likeness. That means that every human being has a special value and purpose. We need to care for each other so that we can be the people God calls us to be.

Pick up your box by the church exit doors and fill it with your almsgiving, return it by April 13, 2017 Holy Thursday to the church.

Thanks for your generosity!

Aid for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$769.10 to help restore the Church and build the future in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Please visit:
www.usccb.org/nationalcollections



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*

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>

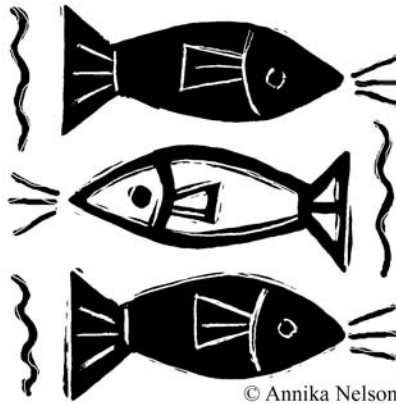
Stations of the Cross

At St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



Stations of the Cross continues every Friday, through Lent in our church. 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.



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Restoring Civility, a concert of classical music

Sunday, March 26, 2017, 3:00 pm
St. Giles Catholic Parish
1101 Columbian Ave., Oak Park
Gleason Building, McDonough Hall
(Parking available across the street.)

This annual concert benefits *The Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality*, an Oak Park organization dedicated to respect and inclusiveness of all faith traditions as mandated by the Second Vatican Council.

Walk-ins are welcome. RSVP greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your tax deductible gift in any amount.

Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality - Br. Joseph Kilikevice, OP, 708-848-1095

Pray For Our Deceased



Alice Marshall

May she rest in peace!

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

May the angels lead her into Paradise

Springtime and the Big Raffle

This week-end as we gather for the BIG RAFFLE and fellowship in Maguire Hall, and the wonderful prizes to be won, our minds also turn to the start of Spring.

One of the raffle prizes to be awarded are two tickets to this year's Spring Event: a day outing on Saturday, April 22nd to FOUR WINDS CASINO in New Buffalo, Michigan. Continue to watch the bulletin for more detailed information about this special trip and pass the word to family and friends to 'save the date'.

Tickets will be sold following all Masses on March 25/26, April 1/2, and April 8/9, which is the deadline week-end for purchase of tickets.

Easter Flower Sale

Spring flowers and plants will be arriving the weekend of **April 7 & 8!**

Come see what Easter lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils, Begonias, Azaleas and flower baskets can do to lift your spirit and bring color into your life after the grey winter.



Awake now wintry earth!