

April 30, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Shelby Boblick, Pastoral Associate
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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.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the third Sunday of Easter. We are fortunate because this weekend is also the feast of St. Catherine of Siena (April 29), after whom our church was named before it joined with St. Lucy parish in early 1974. It is important to know who St. Catherine of Siena was. She was born in Siena, Italy, in 1347, the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa, and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person.

Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against her mother's encouragement to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation. She entered the Dominican Third Order at age 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious.

An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter meeting of 1374. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks, and for peace between the pope and the city of Florence. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides.

Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and for the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461. Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*. Though she lived her life in a manner of faith and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime. She is a saint for us to admire as followers in Christ.

May God bless you during this Easter.

Rev. George O. Omwando

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

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Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:

Christine Wedekind

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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. May 1**
 8:30 † **Joseph Scully**
 By: Thomas and Patricia Nelson
- Tue. May 2**
 8:30 † **Michael O'Connell**
 By: Era Yee
- Wed. May 3**
 8:30 † **Hazel Andersen**
 By: Christine Wedekind
- Fri. May 5**
 † **Annie Smith**
 By: Evie Stockinger
- Sat. May 6**
 9:00 † **Alice R. Marshall**
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson
- 5:00 † **Thomas Connery**
 By: The Koko Family
- Sun. May 7**
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 8:30 † **Winifred Ballew**
 By: Marty and Mary Senica
 10:30 † **Harry and Gladys Michaels**
 By: The Vincent Family

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



April 23, 2017	\$ 6,571.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 832.00
Weekly Budget	\$ (7,308.00)
Amount Over Budget	\$ 95.00

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 has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).
Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).
Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).
Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MAY 7, 2017

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

Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli	Thomas Frank	Mireille Lozes
	Miles Jackson	Leslie Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

Dan Brown	Valerie Jennings	Kim McGuire
Susan Kumler	Sydney Jackson	Patricia Long

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan	W. Washington	Jeanne Visteen
Carol Brown	Marge Massarello	Jan Kieckhefer
Pat Koko	Claudia Zinanni	John McGuire
Brenda Fojtik	Gordon Bell	Shelby Boblick
	Fannie Cooper	Scarlett Evans
	Ginny Jones	Mary Howard

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
 Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
 Tuesday: St. Athanasius
 Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James
 Thursday: National Day of Prayer
 Friday: First Friday; Cinco de Mayo
 Saturday: First Saturday

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.

MAY 7TH, 2017 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

In last Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear a portion of Peter's sermon at the first Pentecost. Today's passage gives the last part of that sermon, and the reaction of those who heard it.

Second Reading: 1Peter 2:20-25

Today's passage from the first letter of Peter was addressed to Christian slaves who were being treated harshly by their pagan masters. The author reminds them that they are members of a flock who shepherd walked ahead of them in the face of insults and unjust treatment.

Archdiocese of Chicago Department of Stewardship and Development

A Will is a Gift To Those You Love

A properly prepared will is a gift because it makes the distribution of your estate very clear and eliminates difficult decision making.

Join the Archdiocese of Chicago and Immaculate Conception St. Joseph Parish for *Creating a Will workshop*.

May 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception St. Joseph Parish, 1431 N. North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610; in the Joy room, ring door buzzer #10 to be admitted. **RSVP by May 7, 2017**

Creating a Will Allows You To:

- ..# Pass on your values
- ..# Save yourself and your beneficiaries time and money
- ..# Have peace of mind

This is a free event, but registration is required. Please RSVP to Clair Martin, Immaculate Conception St. Joseph Parish Office, 312-787-7174, extension #3, or e-mail cmartin@icsjparish.org by May 7, 2017



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, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Raymond Doelker, Anita Evenson, Katherine Gradnik, Marcus Hall, Joe Hargadon, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Dolores Malkowski, William Medor, Eileen Nauss, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, and Carlton Shanks.

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

Annual CROP Walk

The *Annual CROP Walk* will step off next Sunday, **May 7th** from Pilgrim Church, 460 Lake St., Oak Park, at 2PM.



If you wish to walk, pick up a walker envelope from a parish recruiter in the Gathering Area after Mass. If you wish to sponsor a walker, a walk recruiter will be at all Masses from this weekend and the next. Bill Cragg is our Parish Recruiter, phone: 708-383-5776.

Proceeds from the Walk go towards feeding and housing the hungry around the world. In addition, 25% of the money goes to local charities like West Suburban PADS, Pine Avenue, OPRF & Columbus Park Food Pantries, and the Cluster Tutoring Program.

Mark your calendars for Sat., June 3...

...The 5 p.m. mass will honor:

1. this special anniversary for our faith-filled pastor and his classmates;
2. this birthday for our treasured pastor emeritus; and
3. the gift of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost.

The party to follow in Maguire Hall will include a catered, buffet dinner and music provided by a D.J.

A minimum donation to St. Catherine - St. Lucy Church of \$5 per individual or \$20 per family is requested, if possible.

Please join us at what promises to be a wonderful occasion for fellowship. We'll celebrate our faith family and those who shepherd us in dedication to God.

Contact Shelby Boblick at: shelbysboblick@comcast.net
To offer event assistance.

Memorial Brick Garden

Our brick garden project is ongoing. The forms to purchase a memorial brick are in the back of Church and at the Rectory. After Easter we will be placing three special bricks in the garden honoring three very special people.

We honor Father George on the occasion of his 10th anniversary from ordination; we remember Alice Marshall for her commitment to our school, and we honor Sharon Bryant (teacher) for her 25 year teaching commitment to St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.

Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

In the impoverished and violent neighborhoods that need us most, Catholic Charities is often the only place where people can go for help. Our doors are open to all. Families in crisis find new strength and the courage to build a better future.

Your Mother's Day gift will feed, comfort, shelter, and care for the poor and vulnerable. Catholic Charities has provided hope for 100 years. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

Archdiocese of Chicago Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Department of Parish Vitality and Mission is happy to announce that the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2017 will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45 p.m. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

If you're married 50 years this year, or you were not able to come this past year and want to come next year, please keep this date free and keep an eye out for more information, coming soon!

Fair Trade

Next weekend, May 6 & 7 will be the last Fair Trade sale of the year.

Please support us with your purchase of coffees, teas, and chocolates.

Thank you!

9:00 AM Saturday Mass Have you booked your Mass Intentions yet?

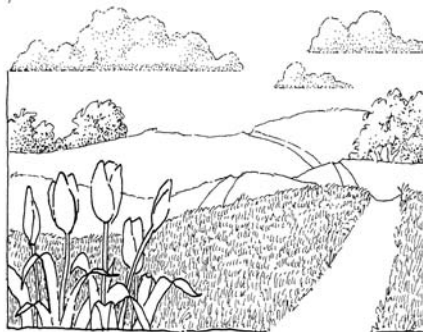
The Mass Intention Book is open again for the 9:00 AM Saturday Masses. Please contact the office to schedule Masses for your intentions. Thank you.



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 understand that most transactions today are done electronically. 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



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School News

- ..# We have been back a week now, and our standardized tests are behind us.
- ..# Our 8th Grade is hosting a bake sale on Monday, May 1. Stop by school to pick up some goodies.
- ..# The Oak Park Fire Department will park their truck outside school on Tuesday, May 2. Our 2nd Grade will be learning to "stop, drop, and roll."
- ..# The school will be celebrating Easter together at Mass on Friday, May 5, at 10:15, thank you to the help of Ms. Rakitan.
- ..# Congratulations to all the First Communicants!

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl

We thank all of you who helped to support Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl and the volunteers who helped with that collection on Holy Thursday. If you forgot to bring your Rice Bowl in, please bring it to the rectory as soon as possible.



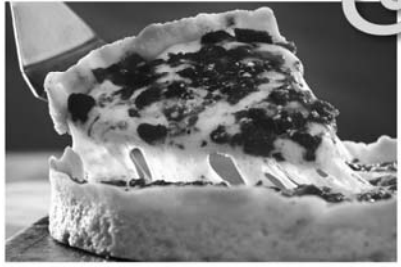
Six children will be making their First Communion on Sunday, May 7; thirteen of our children will be

Confirmed on Sunday, May 21; four children will make their First Reconciliation before classes are over.

Please keep them all in your prayers as they prepare for these sacraments.

Remaining class date is May 10, 2017.

FUNDRAISING Giveback EVENT



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ST. LUCY

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Time: 11:00 am- 11:00 pm

Location: **Lou Malnati's**: Oak Park
1038 Lake Street — 708-358-0800

DINE-IN • CARRYOUT • DELIVERY (*within zone*)

FOR QUESTIONS:

Please contact Jeanne Visteen—
jvisteen@yahoo.com
708-383-2068

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received. Dine in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone) with this FLYER on 5-10-17.

Fundraiser/Flyer Must Be Mentioned At Time of Order

Cannot be combined with any other promotional offers including but not limited to: Discounts, Deep Dish Dough rewards redemption or Malnati's Mail welcome coupon.

**Please mention Fundraiser Event when placing order.
Offer valid only at the date and location listed above.**

Film Screening and Discussion

Sunday, May 7 ~ 12:30-3:00 PM

Join us for a screening of **13th**, a documentary that explores the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States. We will be joined by guests from UCAN, a Chicago-area advocacy organization, for a post-screening discussion and call-to-action. **St. Giles Parish** - McDonough Hall 1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park.



An Easter Prayer for Life

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the Author of Life,
Who died and now lives
forevermore.

May we who work and pray
That children in the womb
may be protected
Always draw strength,
confidence, and joy
From Your victory over
death,
For you are Lord forever
and ever.
Amen.

About Leaving Your Cars in Our Parking Lots

In case of an emergency that puts you in the position of leaving your car in our parking lots, please call the rectory at 708-386-8077 so we can inform Lincoln Towing about your car. After working hours: leave a voice mail message. You will need to let us know which parking lot(s) you are calling about. They are designated as:

38 N. Austin Blvd. (Oak Park)
Patrolled 11:30 PM 5:00 AM, 7 days a week

5949 W. Washington (Chicago)
Patrolled 24 hours a day, Monday thru Friday

Take this action if you want to avoid your car being towed of the parish parking lots.