

May 14, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
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Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal
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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,

When you read the activities of the infant Church, especially under the lens of the Apostles without Jesus Christ, you do get energized. The infant Church was faced with so many problems ranging from persecution, lack of resources, problems with recent non-Jewish Christians, hospitality, leadership wrangles, paganism, and State regulations, among others. Mark you, the first Christians were adults. Now, when you see the problems that the Church is going through nowadays, I want to tell you that this is nothing compared to what the Church went through during the initial formative years. Imagine – during the time of the apostolic age or era, the mere fact of declaring yourself to be a follower of Christ was enough to lead you death! Many people, even families, risked their lives, and others died. But the Holy Spirit was present and encouraging them. The more people lost their lives because of the faith, the more their numbers continued to grow. I bet the persecutors were heavily demoralized. There was nothing they could do except to abandon the Christian persecution and became ardent followers of Christ, e.g. St. Paul.

The problems that the Church is facing nowadays – dwindling numbers and resources, aging facilities, lack of vocations to the priesthood, and merging parishes under the banner of the RENEW MY CHURCH initiative – are not something to weaken our faith but to strengthen it. Just as the Apostles did not give up their faith, we should not give up our faith. We should stand firm and pray so that we can embrace the new reality of life. This sometimes will require sacrifices, patience, and occasionally it can generate anger. But the reality is that the message of Jesus Christ has not changed although the medium which we have to transmit it is rapidly changing. This brings us home to our message today. Initially, there was the problem of language for the new Christians for such as the “Hellenists.” The Hellenists were Jewish Christians whose mother tongue was Greek. These Greek-speaking Jews of the Diaspora had returned to settle in Jerusalem. Unfortunately, this is similar to one of the problems that the Church of Chicago faces.

For instance, as more immigrants come to this nation, they may or may not prefer to be ministered to in their language. The Apostles were commanded by Christ to take the Gospel to the “uttermost parts of the earth,” and in view of their calling they knew their emphasis must be the study of the Word, meditation upon it, and preaching it. They did not think it was reasonable to neglect or abandon the preaching of the Gospel in order to personally attend to the distribution of the alms of the Church. The “Gospel” is called the “Word of God,” because it is His message; it is what He has spoken, and what He has commanded to be proclaimed to the people. We need men and women to come forward and continue to bring the many ministries that we have in our community closer to the people.

Finally, this weekend, I want to wish all our mothers many blessings, and thank them for their contributions to our community through our Blessed Mary whom we “CROWN” today. Mary is important and occupies a special place in the hearts of all of us. God bless you.

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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Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando
Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

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Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:
School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services
Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok
Facilities Committee: Kevin Kell,
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 15**
 8:30 † **Kino Bhumipal**
 By: Thomas Nelson
- Tue. May 16**
 8:30 † **Corazon Gaetos**
 By: Cynthia Borak
- Wed. May 17**
 8:30 † **William Wallendorf**
 By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers
- Fri. May 19**
 † **Jerry Tyler**
 By: Ministry of Care
- Sat. May 20**
 9:00 † **Alice R. Marshall**
 By: Peter and Mary Blanc
- 5:00 † **Rose Rodriguez**
 By: The Yee Family
- Sun. May 21**
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 8:30 † **Lauremise Davilmar**
 By: The Vincent Family
 10:30 † **Pat, Mary and Bonnie Hughes**
 By: The Hughes Family
 † **Bernard and Mary Carey**
 By: The Carey Family

Our Parish Stewardship
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



May 7, 2017	\$ 5,978.00
GiveCentral	\$ 840.00
Weekly Budget	\$ (7,308.00)
Amount Under Budget	\$ < 490.00 >

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

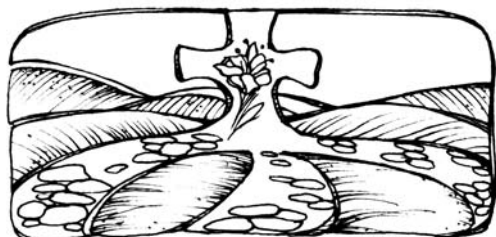
Today's Readings

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).
Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).
Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter;
 Mother's Day
 Monday: St. Isidore the Farmer
 Thursday: St. John I
 Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
 Armed Forces Day

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MAY 21, 2017

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Altar Servers		
Kathy Paoli	Mary Senica	Michelle and Leslie Agbefe Mireille Lozes Grace McGuire

Ministers of the Word

Debra Lomax McLane Lomax	Shirely Jones Peter Barber	Ken Blair Rachel Faulman
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan Chemetha Baker Pat Koko Brenda Fojtik	Claudia Zinanni Kevin Kell Gordon Bell Bill Cragg Fannie Cooper Thom Schouten	Diana Cameron Bill Holmes Jan Kiekhefer David Geffe Doris Brown 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.

MAY 21ST , 2017 - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-89, 14-17

Last week we heard how the Christian assembly in Jerusalem chose seven of their number to minister to the Greek-speaking Christians who lived there. Philip was of the seven. Today we find him in Samaria, about 60 miles north of Jerusalem, fearlessly proclaiming the good news of Jesus and experiencing astounding results.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

The first letter of Peter was written to Christians whose pagan neighbors continually questioned and ridiculed them about their faith. Since most of the Christians were low-born or slaves, their neighbors could not understand why they were so joyful and hopeful. Today's passage offers pastoral advice and encouragement.



Take me out to the Ballgame!

Chicago White Sox vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Tuesday, July 18

Game Time - 7:10 p.m.

Cost - \$24 each

Tickets for the White Sox Game will begin selling on June 3rd. At the same time the Raffle for *Two Tickets to a Cross Town Cubs/White Sox* game on July 25th will be sold. Cost per chance is \$10.00

Sale of tickets for our outing and the raffle will begin on June 3rd after all masses and will continue until June 18, 2017, which is Father's Day.

The Raffle drawing will be after the 10:30 AM mass.



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

Karla Alegria, Coletta Ali, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Raymond Doelker, Anita Evenson, Tom Frank, Katherine Gradnik, Marcus Hall, Joe Hargadon, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, 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

Thank you— CROP Walk Results

Many thanks to our parish walkers and many parish donors who made Sunday's CROP Walk a big success. It was a beautiful day for walking, by the way. Together, we raised \$965.00. This was the 34th anniversary of Hunger Walkathon West, and over thirty churches and charitable organizations participated. The goal for the walk was to raise upwards of \$75,000.00. When the final amount raised is known, 25% of that money will go to local food pantries in Austin, Oak Park, and Forest Park and Cluster Tutoring. As always, next years walk will be held on the first Sunday in May.

Thanks,

Bill Cragg



Next Sunday, May 21 thirteen of our students from the parish will be receiving the sacrament of *Confirmation* and four students from St. Bernadine will be joining us. Bishop Manz will be the president. Please join us at mass for this sacrament to show our support for the young people in our parish who want to be a part of this faith filled community.

Please join us this Wednesday, May 10 in LMC for the Religious Education Fair starting at 7:10 p.m. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to come and witness what our parish children have been learning throughout the school year. There will be a short prayer service following the evening in the chapel.

Just stop by and visit our children, the future of our church.

Longing

The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for.

—German proverb

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3rd...

...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; &
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 will celebrate our faith family and those who shepherd us in dedication to God.

To offer event assistance, contact:

- Set Up -- Pat Nelson
- Serving -- Claudia Zinanni and Grace Bishop
- Welcoming -- Jan Kieckhefer
- Clean-Up -- Ginny Jones

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School News

- ..# This Tuesday, our 8th Grade students will participate in a retreat with other area schools. The retreat is in the gym, led by Dr. Terry Nelson Johnson.
- ..# On Thursday morning, all Moms are welcome in the faculty room at 8:15 AM with their students for Muffins with Moms. What better way to start the day than to have breakfast with your child!
- ..# At 12:30pm on Thursday, May 18, we celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2017. All are welcome in church to honor our 8th Graders.
- ..# Happy Mothers' Day to all the beautiful women in our church and school communities!



Celebrating Seniors week begins May 18 goes to May 25.

Over 40 events will be offered through the week in Forest Park, Oak Park and River Forest--nearly all are free and open to anyone who cares to attend. Resource guides are available throughout the three villages with the calendar and the Wednesday Journal included Guides in Wednesday's paper and the full calendar is also in the May 10 issue.

Week's Highlights include: 5K walk - run from Keystone Park in River Forest (registration required)--Saturday May 20, 7:15 am Check in and 8:15am Run/Walk starts.

My hosted event is Pet Pals in the Park at Lindbergh Park in North West Oak Park-- Sunday, May 21 from Noon to 2 pm - No cost but goodies for folks' dogs. Other animals are welcome but folks need to realize that 50 or so dogs will be there when deciding to bring a cat or bird or any other animal! Main Event---will be the Silver Gold Rush Lecture and Luncheon on Tuesday, May 23rd. Wally Amos will be the guest Lecturer at 11 am at Dominican University in the Auditorium (cost \$25) and Luncheon in Social Hall at Noon with a panel discussion to follow (cost \$50) However a combined ticket for both events is \$65 and available on line at oprfchamber.org.

Our Parishioners are featured in the Guide and throughout the week. Also on the website "celebratingseniors.net".

The following Parishioners were honored on May 11th as members of the **60 Over 60**

Class of 2017:

Larry Feldt

Kathy Feulner

Mary Rose Nauss

Carlton Shanks

Susan Scouten

Thomas Schouten

Dr. Renee Smith-Quinn

Community of Congregations Meeting Thurs. April 27, 2017

My thanks go out to St. Catherine of Siena –St. Lucy, for allowing me to represent our Parish, at the Community of Congregations spring meeting on Thursday evening April 27th, at 7:00 PM at the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church.

The meetings theme “*Getting to Know You – One Story at a time*”, allowed each of the five presenters to share some of their individual life experiences. The presenters were: Mazelle Sykes - New Land Mark-Baptist Church, Betty Smitherman - Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, Julia Biscoe - St. John Baptist Church, Annie Cousin -New -Mt. Pilgrim-Baptist Church and I, Doris Brown - St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Catholic Church. (Annie and I were very happy to see each other because we worked together over 30 years). I also acknowledge that my husband Eddie and oldest daughter Jarrie accompanied me to the event. I was very happy that fellow parishioners, Louisa Newberry, Pat Koko, John and Pat Long, and Shelby Boblick and her husband William were present.

The room was full, the audience maybe 100, and included several clergy and church members from numerous churches located in the Austin, Oak Park, River Forest and the West Garfield Park communities. At the end of the presentations, Rev. Warren Riley the M.C. and Nichelle Stigger the brain child and facilitator of the event, thanked us for participating. Rev Warren summarized the common theme that came through each “One Story”; we were Fearless, Faithful to our Church, Family oriented, Full of life and very Funny”. He gave us the title, “Fabulous Five”. This event, beyond a doubt aligns and embellishes Shelby’s directions with the Women of Chicago’s Westside and Near-West suburb series that are held here at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy throughout the year. To quote Shelby: “*I have always known that if we had a chance to hear each other’s stories, we’d grow closer to God*”.

Peace and blessings to all.

Doris Brown

Archdiocese of Chicago Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

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!

Apartment for Rent

Spacious two bedroom completely remodeled second floor apartment located within the St. Catherine—
—St. Lucy Parish campus in Oak Park.

All NEW appliances included!
Washer and Dryer in the apartment.
Walking distance from Blue &
Green Train Lines, CTA, and Pace.

Call **708-386-8077** for a showing.

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.

I was in prison, and you visited me — Matthew 25:36

St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish will be sponsoring a collection drive to assist *Kolbe House Jail Ministry*. Kolbe House, founded in 1983 by Cardinal Bernardin, is a jail ministry that provides compassion and presence in response to the Gospel mandate “*I was in prison and you came to visit me*” (Matthew 25:36).

The collection drive will begin on May 20, 2017 and continue until June 4, 2017. Items needed include: devotional books in English, Spanish or Polish (they MUST be paperback books), Postage stamps, white socks, boxers (size M, L or XL), white T-shirts (size L, XL or 2XL), Ventra bus passes (or money to buy passes), travel sized personal hygiene items. See the flyer in the bulletin on 5/20 & 21 for a complete list. Boxes will be located at the entrances of church and the rectory.