

June 11, 2017
The Most Holy Trinity



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

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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

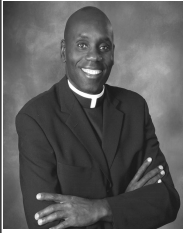
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 we celebrate the “Feast of God.” The Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our Catholic faith and the most difficult thing about the Christian concept of the Trinity is that there is no way to perfectly and completely understand it. The Trinity is a concept that is impossible for any human being to fully understand, let alone explain it fully. God is infinitely greater than we are; therefore, we should not expect to be able to fully understand Him.

The Bible teaches that the Father is God, that Jesus is God, and that the Holy Spirit is God. The Bible also teaches that there is only one God. Though we can understand some facts about the relationship of the different Persons of the Trinity to one another, ultimately, it is incomprehensible to the human mind. However, this does not mean the Trinity is not true or that it is not based on the teachings of the Bible.

The Trinity is one God existing in three Persons. We must understand that this is not in any way suggesting that there are three Gods. The word Trinity as an attempt to describe the triune God—three coexistent, co-eternal Persons who make up God. God created us and loves us as our Father. Each member of the Trinity is God. The Father is God (John 6:27; Romans 1:7; 1 Peter 1:2). The Son is God (1:1, 14; Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:9; Hebrew 1:8; 1 John 5:20). The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 3:16) but they have different missions. The Father is the Creator, Son is the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier – all united in one mission.

Finally brothers and sisters, I want to thank the team that worked so hard to make my 10th anniversary and Father’s John birthday a successful celebration. May God bless always you for who you are and what you do in our community. I was inspired by your efforts. You have constantly reminded me that God is love (1 John 4:8; 18) and love cannot be solitary. That is, love cannot be love if there is no one else to direct that love toward. If God is love, He must always have someone toward whom that love is directed. This love is reflected in the harmony of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. If we are created in the image of the Trinity, our love has to go out to help others. God wants you to become an amazing work of art that shows His face of love to the world. God wants your family to paint a picture with your lives that will change the world and call all of his children home to him. Let him make something beautiful in you!

God bless.

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

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Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary and Martin Senica
Transportation Committee:
Tom Farwell

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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.

The Inexpressible Mystery

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today's scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.

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★ **500 CLUB WINNERS** ★
★ **\$500.00** ★

★ **Congrats! June 11, 2017** ★

★ *Frances D. Page* ★

★ **# 484** ★

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

As our elderly priests need more health care,
they may outlive their retirement funds



GOD HELP THEM
TODAY, June 11, 2017



FUND FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

The Only Annual Collection for ^{Retired} Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Today with the shortage of younger priests, your parish can count on retired priests as long as they can walk and drive.

We Need Each Other Now *more than ever*
thank you for your sacrifice and generosity

Priests' retirement and mutual aid association (4951 Harrison street • Hillside, IL 60162 •

This Weekend on Sale:

**RAFFLE Tickets for
Cross Town
Cubs/White Sox Game**
Raffle is June 18th!
Cost per chance is \$10.00

Raffle tickets will begin to be sold this weekend of June 3rd after all masses, until June 18th. The Raffle will be after the 10:30 AM mass.
THE GAME IS JULY 25th

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 are on sale.

Sale of tickets for our outing and the raffle began last week after all masses and will continue until June 18th.

Parish Calendar

Monday, June 12

4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Tuesday, June 13

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT

10:00AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH

7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

Wednesday, June 14

11AM-1:PM - Organ Lesson - CH

7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, June 15

11:00 AM - Quilting Ladies - RD

4:00-8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

6:00-8:00 PM - AA - RD

Saturday, June 17

6:00-9:00 PM—Ugandan's Father's Day
Celebration - M

Save the Date

Tuesday, July 18
White Sox Outing - OS

Saturday, August 5
Donut Day - OS

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. June 12

8:30 † **Lorraine Butler**
By: Grace Bishop

Tue. June 13

8:30 † **Mary Esposito**
By: Evie Stockinger

Wed. June 14

8:30 † **Clark Jonathas**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Fri. June 16

† **Phillys Rohmann**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. June 17

9:00 † **Frank Scola**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **Nellie Baker**
By: Kathy Paoli

Sun. May 28

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Alice R. Marshall**
By: Tom Farwell
10:30 † **Jerri and Clark Jonathas**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

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



Due to the bulletin early deadlines our stewardship reports for the weeks of June 4, 11 and 18, will be shown in the bulletin of June 25, 2017.

Thanks for your understanding!

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

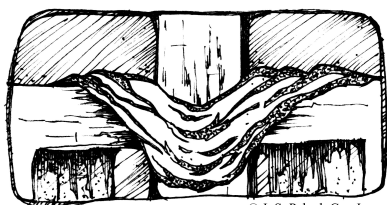
Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass.
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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58



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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesday: Flag Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JUNE 18, 2017

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli Miles Jackson Thomas Frank

Ministers of the Word

Paul Koko MaryJane O'Brien Bro. Kilikevici
Paul Knight Thomas Frank Christine Diaz

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan	Thom Schouten	Scarlett Evans
Pat Koko	Bill Cragg	Bill Holmes
Chemetha Baker	Gordon Bell	Jan Kieckhefer
Brenda Fojtik	Elaine Podraza	David Geffe
	Fannie Cooper	Doris Brown
	Marge Massarello	Terry Sullivan

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.

JUNE 18, 2017 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

When Moses saw the Israelite people worshipping the golden calf, he angrily threw down and broke the tablets containing the commandments. Later, God instructed him to cut two new tablets. Today's passage begins at that point, and offsets the mistaken notion that the Old Testament always presents a stern and angry God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-12

This passage is the ending of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The church close this passage for Trinity Sunday because the final sentence mentions all three persons of the Trinity. That sentence is also used as one of the greetings at the beginning of Mass.



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!

Please call us at **312.534.8351**



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, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, 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

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School News

Another school year has ended, and we would like to thank you for your kindness and support.

We are truly blessed to be a part of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish family.

School is closed for the summer and we are busy registering new students for the fall. The school office will be open **Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm.**

Enjoy your summer!



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If your steps are peaceful, the world will have peace. If you can take one peaceful step, you can take two. You can take one hundred and eight peaceful steps.

—Thich Nhat Hanh]

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 placed three special bricks in the garden honoring three very special people.

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

TOMORROW

Summer Women Film & Faith

At: McDonough Hall located on the 2nd floor of the Gleeson Building, 1101 Columbian, Oak Park, IL on the campus of St. Giles Catholic Parish.

Monday, June 12. — "Fierce Light: When Spirit Meets Action"

In these times of crisis is change possible? Acclaimed Filmmaker sets out to discover the power that is released when spirituality and activism meet. Sparked by what Gandhi called "soul force" and Martin Luther King, Jr. called "love in action," this film spotlights remarkable individuals who are taking action from the heart. (95 mins.) Discussion to follow film.

Questions? Call Shelby Boblick (630-240-2765).

Facility Requests Forms for our 2017-2018 Calendar

We are asking all parish organizational leaders and chair persons whose events are placed into our *St. Catherine-St. Lucy Facility Calendar* to please submit their 2017-2018 events and activities in writing on our **Facility Request Form** to the rectory no later than **Monday, June 26, 2017**.



You can also find these forms at the Rectory. If you have any questions, please call Amanda at 708-386-8077 during office hours. Thanks!

Open and Shut

There are two times when to keep your mouth shut: when swimming and when angry. —Anonymous

The Holy Trinity

Perhaps the deepest, the most profound of all mysteries is the mystery of the Trinity. The Church teaches us that although there is only one God, yet, somehow, there are three Persons in God. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, yet we do not speak of three Gods, but only one God. They have the same nature, substance, and being.

We came to know this immense mystery because Christ revealed it to us. Just before ascending He told them: "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

The two doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation are the foundation of Christian life and worship. By becoming man, God the Son offered us a share in the inner life of the Trinity. By grace, we are brought into the perfect communion of life and love which is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This sharing in the life of the Trinity is meant to culminate in heaven, where we will see the three Persons face to face, united to them in unspeakable love.

by Rev. William G. Most

**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.

Catholic Charities Congregate Meals for Seniors

All seniors over the age of 60 are invited to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship at Catholic Charities senior congregate dining sites located throughout Suburban Cook and Lake counties. Enjoy a hot, nutritionally balanced lunch while getting to know others and enjoying friendly games of bingo and Wii bowling, movies, and more!

A donation for every meal is appreciated, but no qualifying senior is turned away due to their inability to donate. No senior goes hungry! For more information, contact a location near you: Cicero—708-652-3545



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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Spring 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend of June 10-11, 2017, we will take up a special collection for the *Retired Priests of the Archdiocese*.

In May of 2016, I ordained five men to the priesthood. This May I ordained another five men. Thirteen priests retired at the end of June 2016. By the end of this coming June, an additional twenty priests will retire. These retirements will bring our total of retired priests to 230. This will mean that close to 30% of our clergy will have reached retirement status. 35 of our retired priests are either in nursing homes or are receiving home care. I am very grateful to our retired priests who are able to continue to share their priestly ministry in our parishes. I realize that many parishes depend upon their service for daily and Sunday Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals and countless other good works of the Church. Without the help of our retired priests many parishes would have to reduce Mass schedules and other sacramental services.

Our retired priests rely upon your help now. The Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association (PRMAA) cares for our retired priests. As you know well, the cost for health care, prescription drugs and nursing home care continues to increase. This special collection in June is different from Retirement Fund for Religious collection in December. That collection supports retired men and women in religious orders. Retired archdiocesan priests do not receive any funds from that collection, which is why I am asking you to support them with this Fund for Retired Priests.

This letter give me the opportunity to share my heartfelt appreciation for the ministry and devotion of our retired priests. I also want to remember all the faithful priests who have gone to their eternal reward, and I commend them to your prayers as well.

Please know of my gratitude to you for your most gracious generosity in this collection last year and I ask that you repeat your kindness this year. Your donations, your prayers, and your good wishes are an affirmation of our retired priests and the good they have accomplished in service to the people of the archdiocese.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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