

**July 30, 2017**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. George Omwando, Pastor**  
**Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus**  
**Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director**  
**Sr. Marion Cypser, RSM, School Co-Principal &**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal**  
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**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
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**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

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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,

This past week, we celebrated the lives of some saints: Saint James, one of the twelve Apostles, and Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saints are ordinary human beings who are similar like us in everything we do. Nobody is ever born to be a saint, but each human being is born with a potential or a gift of becoming one. We celebrate the feasts of the saints because they show us that everything is possible under the grace of God, that not everything is impossible. By virtue of our own baptism, we are called to be saints or to live like saints. Grace, which is a free gift that is given to us by God, enables one to do so many things – but has no effects on our lives unless it is accepted. God does not impose grace on us, because He respects our freedom. Once grace has been accepted, it becomes transformative, i.e. changes our lives to be in conformity with that of Jesus, like Saints James Saints Joachim and Anne.

St. James, whose feast was on Tuesday, was one of the Apostles of Christ. The Gospels (Matthew 4:21-22; Mark 1: 19-20; Luke 5: 10-11) record that James and his brother John, sons of Zebedee, were fishermen, and partners with Simon Peter. They were called by Jesus from mending their nets beside the Sea of Galilee at the beginning of his ministry. The Gospel lists of the Twelve (Matthew 10: 2-4; Mark 3: 14-19; Luke 6:13-16) all include James and John among the first four, and from one of them (Mark 3: 17) we learn that Jesus nicknamed them 'the sons of thunder' - perhaps justified by the story (Luke 9: 51-56) that they once wished to call down fire from heaven to destroy a village which had refused them hospitality. James and John were present at the healing of Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1: 29), and at the raising of Jairus's daughter (Mark 5: 37 and Luke 8: 51). They are described in private conversation with Jesus on the Mount of Olives (Mark 13: 3), and were also present, with Peter (but not Andrew), at the Transfiguration, a key event in Jesus's life (Matthew 17: 1-13, Mark 9: 2-8, and Luke 9:28-36) It was these same three disciples who were called apart from the others in Gethsemane (Matthew 26: 37; Mark 14:33).

On Wednesday, we celebrated the feast of the Saints Joachim and Anne. By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We have no historical evidence of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother have come to us through legend and tradition. All these saints and countless saints accepted God's grace and show us the way to heaven. Let us ask them and others to pray for us and show us how we can live our Gospel calling. It is not impossible to be saint, and we do have so many saints that we know in our communities who live their vocation as Christians.

Finally, my cousin from Kenya and his wife will be visiting, and in case you see them around, make them feel welcome. 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

##### 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: 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.

## Listen To Your Dreams

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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## FOODFIRST

## NEXT WEEKEND

*Won't You Please Help?!*

## 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*

**500 CLUB WINNERS**

**\$ 25.00**

**July 30, 2017**

**Betty Bell,**

**# 183**



## Night At the Races

**Tickets are on sale this weekend of July 29-30 after all Masses in the gathering area.**

Thursday, August 24, is the date for St. Catherine-St. Lucy's annual Night at the Races at Hawthorne Racecourse.

Tickets are \$35 each and include admission, the live racing program, and a delicious dinner buffet. Of course there is great camaraderie as well as and three from our group will get to ride in the starter car for one of the races!

Want a ride? Need a ride? Please let us know.

## Donut Day at Oak Park Farmer's Market – Next Saturday, August 5

Our parish will be selling donuts during the Farmer's Market at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Our sale date is Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 7am-1pm. The annual donut sale is a very successful fund raiser for our parish. We need your assistance with the many tasks needed to sell the warm fresh donuts. Please consider volunteering for just a couple hours on that Saturday morning to help us reach our goal. If you can help or have any questions please see Jeanette Cannon or contact Pierre Priestley at p.priestley@att.net or 708-369-3347

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, July 31

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

### Tuesday, August 1

9:00 AM - Bible Study - RRT

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

### Wednesday, August 2

6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - CH

### Thursday, August 3

10AM-4:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD

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

6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

### Saturday, August 5

7:00AM-1:00PM - Donut Sale at Pilgrim Church - OS

## Archdiocese of Chicago Message of Gratitude

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Children offer us our best hope for the future. When they speak of faith as the children do, we know that the precious gift of faith is alive and growing in a new generation. That is a great source of joy for me and, I am sure, for you as well.

Our encouragement, prayers, and financial support through the Annual Catholic Appeal enable the programs of religious education and their teachers to build a faith-filled and hope-filled future for our young people. My thanks to all who have already donated to the 2017 Annual Appeal. We rely on everyone's help. God bless all who support this wonderful work!

You are in my prayers – please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

## Save the Date

**Saturday, August 5**  
*Donut Day - OS*

**Thursday, August 24**  
*Night at the Races - OS*

**Monday, August 21**  
*First Day of School*

**Sunday, September 24**  
*Walkathon & Picnic  
Taylor Park*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Mon. July 31**  
 8:30 † **Debbie Cassin**  
 By: Hope Bilyk

**Tue. August 1**  
 8:30 † **Helen and Kevin Cooper**  
 By: Gladys Evans

**Wed. August 2**  
 8:30 † **Daniel Harnett**  
 By: Ministry of Care

**Fri. August 4**  
 8:30 † **Stanislawa Matuszek**  
 By: Ministry of Care

**Sat. August 5**  
 9:00 † **Richard Krawchuk**  
 By: Ministry of Care  
 4:00 † **Harry G. Koko**  
 By: The Koko Family

**Sun. August 6**  
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
 8:30 † **Etta Gardner**  
 By: The Parish Council  
 10:30 † **Helen Ballas**  
 By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers

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



July 23, 2017	\$ 5,110.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 832.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
Amount Under Budget	\$ -1,366.00

*Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)*

**Thanks for your continued financial support!**

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).  
**Psalm** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).  
**Second Reading** — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).  
**Gospel** — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12  
 Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
 Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori  
 Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard  
 Friday: St. John Vianney; First Friday  
 Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**AUGUST 06, 2017**

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
TBA	Miles Jackson	Michelle and Leslie Agbefe

**Ministers of the Word**

Paul Knight	Wrenetha Julion	Kim McGuire
Dan Brown	Shirley Jones	Patricia Long

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

<b>Jack Kernan</b>	<b>Claudia Zinanni</b>	<b>Diana Cameron</b>
Susan Kumler	Fannie Cooper	Mary Howard
Chemetha Baker	Marge Massarello	John McGuire
Pat Koko	Gordon Bell	Scarlett Evans
	Bill Cragg	David Geffe
	Ginny Jones	Jan Kieckhefer



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### School News

The school office is open during the summer. The schedule is as follows: Mondays through Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Do not hesitate to call or come in if there is anything you need.

Please use the back entrance.

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.

### AUGUST 6, 2017 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**First Reading: Isaiah:55:1-3**

Today's reading is from apart of the book of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is a glorious finale to this "book of comfort": Poor people are invited to a sumptuous banquet.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39**

Today's reading concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. This chapter reflects on the salvation brought about by God in and through Jesus. Paul concludes this chapter with a jubilant hymn that celebrates the love of God expressed in Christ.

### 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*

### Remember a Loved One

We have **weekday** Masses available in our 2017 Mass Book. Also available is the 2018 Mass Book. Mass intentions are only \$10.00.

Please come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.



### 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, Dorothy Cobb, Mary Cotter, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Carlton Shanks, and Diane Ward

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.

**News from The Music Department**

We have begun a new series of Eucharistic Acclamations from a mass setting called **Welcome Table: A Mass Of Spirituals**.

Each one is based on a different spiritual. The Holy, Holy is based on Ol' Time Religion. The Memorial Acclamation is based on Let Us Break Bread Together. The Amen is based on He's Got the Whole World In His Hands and the Lamb of God is based on My Lord, What A Mornin'. With the Gloria, based on Ride on King Jesus and the Alleluia based on Oh! What A Beautiful City (from the same mass setting) that makes all our service music based on spirituals!

If you listen, you can pick out all these familiar tunes. You seem to be picking them up quickly, so I hope you are enjoying them as much as I am!

*- Gail Rohmann*  
Music Director

### Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.

### Don't Forget To Recycle In Our Parish Paper Retriever



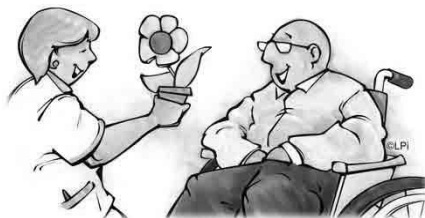
When you come to Mass, bring your recyclable paper: Newspapers; Magazines; Mailings; Catalogs; Office Paper; School Paper. Help the earth.....help the parish!!

**Fall 2017 Vicariate  
Ministry of Care Training—**

**September 9 & September 23 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
*A two session program designed for those preparing to become  
Ministers of Care in a parish/hospital setting.*

**Franciscan Ministries**

Village at Victory Lakes  
1075 E. Victory Drive  
Lindenhurst, IL 60046  
Training will take place in the Great  
Room in the 1075 building



**Session I: September 9**

- ..# Introduction / Spirituality of Ministry of Care
- ..# Pastoral Listening Skills
- ..# Aging Dynamics: practical tips for Ministry

**Session II: September 23**

- ..# Theology of Suffering
- ..# Theology of Eucharist / Sacraments/ Prayer
- ..# Nuts and bolts:
  - ∞ Hygiene in a Health Care Setting (Nursing Educator)
  - ∞ Parish specifics
  - ∞ Ministerial practicum in HCC

**To register please call or email:**

**Debbie Armenta, Pastoral Care Director 847-356-4523**

**or email: [darmenta@franciscancommunities.com](mailto:darmenta@franciscancommunities.com).**

**Please provide: Parish name, parish staff contact, parishioner attending and a contact phone number. Refreshments and lunch are provided. There is no charge for this training.**

**ATTENTION:  
St. Catherine-St. Lucy  
Parishioners**

We will carpool from our church parking lot. For those able to attend only 1 of the 2 sessions, please register for the training anyway, as we have arranged for a "make up" session in our own parish. Shelby Boblick will attend on Sept. 9, and Jeanne Visteen will attend Sept. 23. Shelby and Jeanne will lead the make-up session (for those who missed 1 session in Lindenhurst) sometime in October on a mutually convenient date. PLEASE REGISTER YOURSELVES FOR THE TRAINING as instructed below. You may identify Shelby Boblick as the "parish staff contact." Please let Shelby know your plans, if you haven't already done so.

**Catholic Charities  
Backpack Drive**

Help Catholic Charities get backpacks on the backs of needy children in your community!

**Drop-off donations between:  
July - August 14  
1400 S. Austin Blvd.  
Cicero, IL 60804**

**Suggested Donations:**

- ..#New backpacks
- ..#Pens and pencils
- ..#Notebooks
- ..#Glue, scissors, and erasers
- ..#College-and-wide ruled paper
- ..#Rulers
- ..#Folders
- ..#Crayons and marks

Backpacks will go directly to the children that attend our annual free community Health Fair at St. Frances of Rome on August 19. *(see next page)*

For information or for pick-up: call Esmeralda Zepeda at 708-329-4022 or [ezepeda@catholiccharities.net](mailto:ezepeda@catholiccharities.net) Thank you for supporting our children and community!



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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

**Change of Address/  
Church Envelopes**

**If your address has changed**, it is very important that you notify us so we can have the correct information in our parish data system and to ensure you receive church envelopes. This also applies if lately you have made any changes like to your name, telephone number, e-mail addresses, status, etc.

If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know too, so we can stop sending them. It takes about two months to complete the change. Please call Amanda to the Rectory at 708-386-8077. Thank you.

## 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—5:00 p.m. at the Holy Name Cathedral, 730 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611. 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.

The online web registration is located here - <https://pvm.archchicago.org/lifelongformation/events/golden-wedding>

### Pro-Life

## Good News...Bad News!

The good news is that the tide is turning and many pro-abortionists are very concerned about numerous trends. Abortionists are retiring, dying and quitting. Abortion mills are closing and staffs are quitting. Planned Parenthood is being exposed for its obsession with money and disregard for women's well-being and is facing a number of lawsuits that highlight these facts.

Moreover, our youth is far more scientifically aware; is increasingly pro-life and ready to witness on social media, amongst friends and family and at the nation's capital at the annual pro-life march. Ultra-sound machines show the child sucking his or her thumb and renders the humanity of the child in the womb beyond any doubt.

The bad news is that many who claim to be Christian have been silent for the past 44 years. Good intentions are great, but good intentions do not help the young mother destined for a life of deep regret and the death of an innocent and voiceless child. The holocaust must end and we all must play our part.



# Health Fair

**Saturday August 19, 2017**  
**St. Frances of Rome School**  
**1401 S. Austin Ave. - Cicero, IL 60804**

Registration 8am to 10:30am  
Health Fair from 9am to 12pm  
For More information call 708-222-1491

**ZONA SANTUARIO — NO ID REQUIREMENTS**

**FREE: Medical Exams and Screenings**

- Physical Exams for Children (back to School) and adults
- Children's immunizations (bring your shot records for each child)
- Lead Screenings
- Glaucoma Screenings
- Hepatitis Screenings
- Memory Screenings
- UIC Check Dental Van Exams
- Adult Screenings: Blood Pressure, Glucose
- Pregnancy Testing
- Confidential HIV Rapid Testing
- Private Conversation with domestic violence counselor available
- Referrals to Free and Reduced Fee Medical And Social Service Providers



Information also available on the following topics:

- Benefit Screening for public benefit
- Eligibility (food stamps, TANF, etc)
- Health Education Workshops
- Know Your Rights Workshops
- ALLKIDS Application Assistance
- Immigration/Family Reunification
- Legal Services
- Maternity Adoption Services



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 30, 2017**

All things work for good  
for those who love God.

— *Romans 8:28a*