

**August 6, 2017**

# **The Transfiguration of The Lord**



**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**  
**SUPPORT STAFF**

**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager / Adm. Ass't.**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

## **CONTACTING THE PARISH**

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**Hours:** 8:30 AM-8:00 PM—Monday, & Thursdays  
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM  
**School -** 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302  
**Telephone:** 708-386-5286

## **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 “Transfiguration,” August 6, which this year falls on a Sunday. In today’s Gospel, the Transfiguration account invites us to reflect on what this can mean for us. This event on Mount Tabor was meant to strengthen the faith of the three of Jesus’ disciples. They were about to witness the events that would lead their Lord and master along what would appear to be an ignominious path, up Golgotha’s lonely hill, to be crucified, a fate reserved for common criminals. Jesus took his inner disciples – Peter, James, and John - up on a mountain, which in the Bible is a place of revelation, so it was clear something important was about to happen. The three apostles then saw Jesus as part of another important trio, completed with Moses and Elijah, symbols of Israelite tradition.

While Jesus was praying upon the mountain, His appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from His clothing. During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection. As if that weren’t spectacular enough, the voice of God itself made an appearance, uttering two thundering phrases: “*This is my Son*” and “*Listen to him.*” What the apostles didn’t grasp right away was the significance of the fact that Moses and Elijah were “talking with” Jesus.” This sacred conversation identified Jesus with the law and the prophets. It showed how Jesus had the same authority as these two pillars of Israel’s tradition, and how authority came from the same God. To leave no doubt, God’s voice drove the point with words heard at an earlier affirmation of Jesus’ status, his baptism: “*This is my Son, the beloved*” (Matt. 3:17). The Transfiguration provided them further evidence that Jesus was the divine Son of God. It is not coincidental that this happened soon after Jesus had acknowledged Himself to be the Christ, the one who left heaven’s glory to come earth. Now three of His disciples were to get a glimpse of that glory. The appearance of Moses and Elijah is highly significant in the Transfiguration episode. The name Moses was equated with the Old Testament law that God had given to the people. Jesus came and fulfilled the commandments of the law and did things the law could not do, that is, to provide an answer for the problem of sin.

Last Saturday, we celebrated Mass followed by a potluck in the courtyard between the rectory and the church. It was a great time to celebrate the Eucharist, share food, and enjoy a conversation amongst each other. On a personal level, I got a chance to eat some of the best ribs prepared by none other than our own parishioner, Jim Lewis. I am also very grateful with everybody who was involved in the preparation of making our evening event a great one. I am hoping to have more picnics in the future. May God continue to bless you, and have a wonderful week.

*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.



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

- Mon. August 7**  
 8:30 † **Mary Rose Sarno**  
 By: Dorothy Brion
- Tue. August 8**  
 8:30 † **Deborah Cassin**  
 By: Martha and Robert Cannon
- Wed. August 9**  
 8:30 † **Bernie Kouri**  
 By: Evie Stockinger
- Fri. August 11**  
 8:30 † **Jack Barclay**  
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson
- Sat. August 12**  
 9:00 † **Rev. Harry C. Rynard**  
 By: A Friend  
 5:00 † **Nellie Baker**  
 By: The Fundraising Committee
- Sun. August 13**  
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
 8:30 † **Florence Podraza**  
 By: Cynthia Weaver  
 10:30 † **Yvette and Walter Bussenilis**  
 By: The Vincent Family

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



July 30, 2017	\$ 4,109.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 932.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
Amount Under Budget	\$ -2,267.00

*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** — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).  
**Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).  
**Second Reading** — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).  
**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass. © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28  
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord  
 Monday: Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan  
 Tuesday: St. Dominic  
 Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)  
 Thursday: St. Lawrence  
 Friday: St. Clare  
 Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
**AUGUST 13, 2017**

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>		
Kathy Paoli	Tom Frank	Grace McGuire
<b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>		
Susan Kumler Paul Koko	MaryJane O'Brien Ginny Jones	Bill Holmes Rachel Faulman
<b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist</u></b>		
<b>Chemetha Baker</b> Carol Brown Pat Koko Brenda Fojtik	<b>Elaine Podraza</b> R. Smith-Quinn Marjorie Fields Kathy Mortell Kevin Kell W. Washington	<b>Terry Sullivan</b> Bern Wheel Jan Kieckhefer John McGuire Doris Brown Marie Wheel



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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 13, 2017 - 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-13**  
The Prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb also know as Mount Sinai). As you listen to today's passage, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake, and fire were traditional Old Testament expressions of God's Presence.

**Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5**  
Un chapters 9 to 11 of Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses the painful question of why the majority of Jewish people failed to accept Christ. These were Paul's own people he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old Testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

**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, Dianne Dakis, 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.*

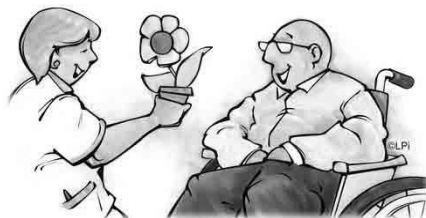
**Franciscan Ministries**

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!



# 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 Requirement — FREE: Medical Exams & Screenings

- Physical Exams for Children (back to School) and adults
- Children's immunizations (bring your shot records for each child)
- Lead Screenings
- Glaucoma, Hepatitis, 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 & Social Service Providers

**Information also available on the following topics:**

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

# St. Catherine/St. Lucy Night at the Races

at

## Hawthorne Race Course

### Thursday, August 24, 2017

# \$35.00 per person

### Buffet Served from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Your Special Ticket will include:

- ..# Complimentary Clubhouse Admission
- ..# 2 hour Buffet, including: Chef Choice of Meat, Chicken & Pasta Entrée, Italian Sausage, Potato of the day, Tossed Green Salad, Soup & Cookies
- ..# Race Dedication
- ..# Live Racing Program Book
- ..# Post Time: 7:35pm
- ..# Parking \$3.00—Laramie Lot is the more convenient.

**Contact for More Information and Tickets:**

Mary Rose Nauss: 708.602.6421 or Amanda at the Rectory:  
708.386.8077



Hawthorne Race Course  
3501 S. Laramie Avenue, Stickney, IL 60804  
1/2 Mile Off Interstate 55 and 10 minutes from Downtown.  
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