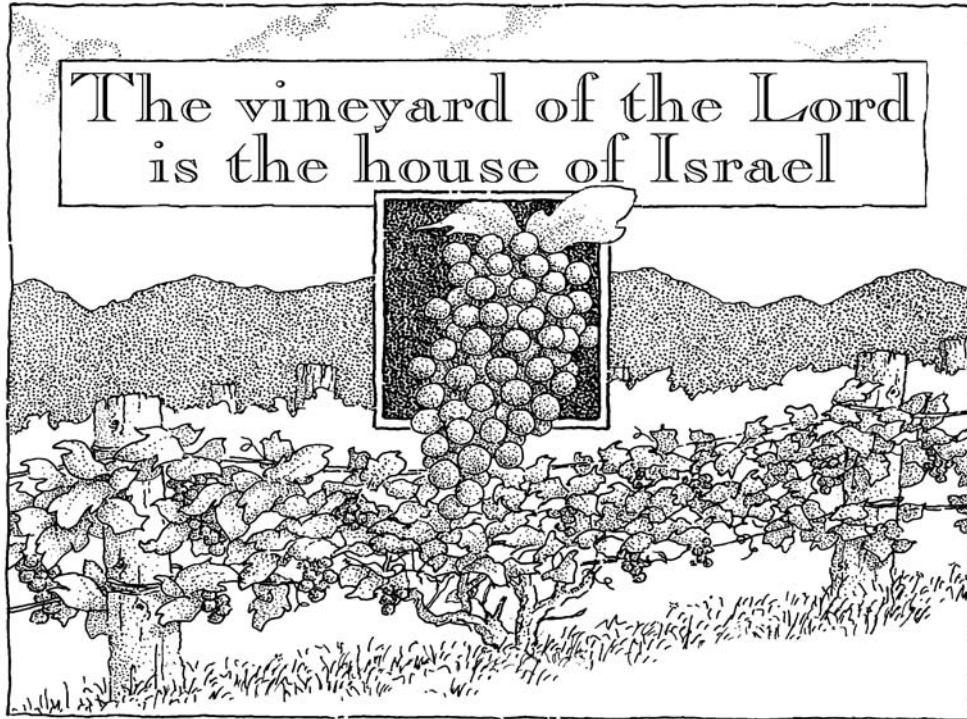


**October 8, 2017**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**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**

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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 is the status of the financial situation of our parish from our Business Manager, Patricia Pomykalski. If you have any questions, please call the rectory during office hours on Wednesdays only, or send Pat an email at: patricia6635@comcast.net. Thanks for sharing generously your gifts to the parish.

To the Generous Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Catherine of Siena/St. Lucy Parish. Thank you for your continuous support to our parish. You give of your time, your talent and your treasure. We try to be good stewards of the gifts given to this parish. Here is a rendering of the financial stewardship from the last two fiscal years.

### CHURCH:

Overall Church Operating Income was 8.6% lower last year than the year before. Most areas of income were lower than the prior year with the exceptions of lease income which increased 108% from the prior year due to the rental of facilities to the filming companies. Overall Church Operating Expenses dropped 6%. Staff retirements resulted in lower salaries and benefits but were partially offset by the increase expenses for utilities and maintenance. The Operating Church Deficit (larger expenses than income/revenues) increased 8% from the prior year. The savings in expenses was not sufficient to offset the drop in collections and other areas.

### SCHOOL:

School Operating Income/Revenues increased 2%. Tuition and fee collections and fund raising increased from the prior year. Expenses increased slightly due to increased benefits, utilities, and maintenance costs. Overall school operations improved 10% from the prior year.

### PARISH:

While the Net Parish Operating Income (Loss) improved slightly from the prior year, the Church and School were able to pay all outside bills; but the bills due the Archdiocese were not paid and resulted in additional loans to the Church and School.

### CAPITAL:

The repair of the west parking lot, school carpeting, and repair of water damage in the church were the three projects completed in the last fiscal year. *The To Teach Who Christ Is* payment of pledges continued but were 17% lower than the year before which did include initial payments as well as regular pledge payments.

(From Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager)

May 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.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon. October 9**

8:30 † **William D. Hagerty, Jr.**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Tue. October 10**

8:30 **Phillip Jones (Health)**  
By: Parishioners

**Wed. October 11**

8:30 **Carlton Shanks (Health)**  
By: Cynthia Weaver and Jim Bowers

**Fri. October 13**

8:30 † **Joseph Stockinger**  
By: Evie Stockinger

**Sat. October 14**

9:00 **Joanna Vanni (Health)**  
By: Dave Grayson

5:00 † **Mary Mays**  
By: Donna Kanapes

**Sun. October 15**

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

8:30 † **Rollin Bredy**  
By: Florence Vincent

10:30 † **Helmut Seidler**  
By: Donna Kanapes

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



October 1, 2017	\$	5,461.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	1,527.00
Weekly Budget	\$	7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$	- 320.00

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** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

**Psalm** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

**Gospel** — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33)

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:	Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi; Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday:	Saint John XXIII
Saturday:	St. Callistus I; Blessed Virgin Mary

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS OCTOBER 15, 2017

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

### Altar Servers

Michael Giometti      Miles Jackson      Grace McGuire

### Ministers of the Word

McLane Lomax      Renee Smith-Quinn      Rachel Faulman  
Debra Lomax      Thom Schouten      Bro J. Kilikevics

### Ministers of the Eucharist

<b>Jack Kernan</b>	<b>Claudia Zinanni</b>	<b>Shelby Boblick</b>
Susan Kumler	Bill Cragg	Bern Wheel
Pat Koko	Marjorie Fields	Marie Wheel
Dan Brown	Kathy Mortell	Kim McGuire
	Fannie Cooper	John McGuire
	Annie Rowan	Mary Howard

### Annual Mass for Mental Illness Awareness

Next Sunday, October 15, 2:00 pm, there will be a Mass for Mental Illness Awareness at St. Gertrude Church, 1400 W. Granville in Chicago. Afterwards, there will be refreshments and conversation in the parish hall. *Faith and Fellowship* is providing free bus transportation, leaving the St. Catherine of Siena—St. Lucy parking lot at 12:30 PM and returning at 5:00 PM.

Contact Connie Rakitan at: 708-383-9276 or via e-mail at: faith\_fellowship@hotmail.com

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.

### OCTOBER 15, 2017- 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The mountain dearest to the people of Israel was Mount Zion, the place upon which Jerusalem's temple was built. The prophet Isaiah, preaching during a time of political upheaval, foresees a day when God will gather on Mount Zion all the people of the world for a great banquet.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

On his missionary journeys, Paul took pride in supporting himself as a leather-worker. Now it's different. Paul is in prison and dependent upon his beloved Philippians. They generously sent him help, the only Christian community to do so. As he now concludes his letter to them, Paul thanks them for their support and encouragement.

### Remember a Loved One

We have the 2018 Mass book available. Mass intentions are only \$10.00.

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

### Special Healing Prayer Service

We'll be having a Special Healing Prayer Service on Saturday, October 21st at 11:00 AM at Church. Please come join us!

### 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, Gregory Ballew, Reverend John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Normantha Evans, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Ben Hapka, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Ron Page, Charles Powell, Jr., Carlton Shanks, Kate Shoevlin, Sue Vanek, 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.



### Bible Study - Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study in 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.

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### School News



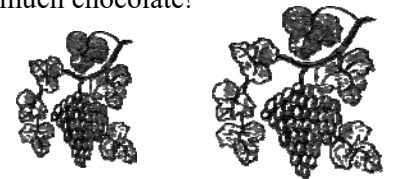
..# The school will be closed tomorrow in observance of Columbus Day.

..# Calling all junior high students! High School Night is set for Thursday, October 12, from 6:30-7:30, in the Maguire Hall. Catholic schools from around the area, along with scholarship organizations, will have representatives on hand to discuss high school.

..# Join us on Thursday, October 19, for Coffee with the Principal, as we discuss our new Blended Learning initiative.

..# Watch for information about our upcoming 8th Grade fundraiser on Friday night, October 27.

..# Our annual candy fundraiser has kicked off this month. We're selling World's Finest Chocolate for \$1 per bar. Please contact the school office at 708-386-5286 if you are interested in buying a supply. You can never have too much chocolate!



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



## Not too late to REGISTER

It is not too late to register if you aren't already, and if your child was in the program prior to this year and for some reason needed to leave you are all welcome. Our program begins with first grade and goes to eighth grade. We will have First Communion in May, and Reconciliation in the spring. If you still wish to register your child you can contact Christine Wedekind by e-mail at [Christine.wedekind@aol.com](mailto:Christine.wedekind@aol.com).

We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and music and prayer are a part of our program, but not every Wednesday night. A calendar can be provided to you. It's never too late to have faith formation.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —  
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## Walk for Awareness 2017

A 2 Mile community walk to raise Awareness of Domestic Violence, and show Support for Victims

**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Keystone Park, 7851 West Lake Street,  
River Forest 60305

Registration & Check-in: 1:00 p.m.

2 Mile Walk Start: promptly at 1:30 p.m.

The Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry (DVOM) of Oak Park/River Forest/Forest Park is composed of volunteers from St. Luke, St. Edmund St. Bernadine, and Ascension parishes. The DVOM is part of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Domestic Violence Outreach Mission.

## An Invitation

A well organized **Boy Scout Troop** meets at Brooks Middle School in Oak Park on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 PM. Boys aged 11-13 are most welcome to join. This is a full uniformed Troop—no jeans. September activities are fishing, apple picking, crime prevention and energy. We also will have a brief review of food borne diseases, related to the Cooking Merit Badge, and selections from the First Aid Merit Badge. Brooks Middle School is located at 900 W. Washington Blvd. in Oak Park. Call 708-456-0730 for more details. There are annual dues — we sell nothing.

## Bearing the Right Kind of Fruit

Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put . . . to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God.

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## 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

## Saints, Sisters and Prophets

*The women of the west side of Chicago & Chicago's near-west suburbs are invited to gather this fall for reflection & conversation.*

Shelby Boblick is facilitating the discussion, and we will use as a catalyst written and painted portraits from 3 different books: *Sisters and Prophets* by Mary Lou Sleevi, *A Passion for Life* by Joan Chittister with Robert Lentz, and *Chasing the Saints* by Donna Pucciani. Shelby will supply the materials each week.

**October 9:** Anna: Whose whole life said "Hello!" to God

**October 16:** Kateri Tekakwitha: Icon of Otherness

**October 23** Woman of Faith and Blood: Where fringe had such benefits!

**November 6:** Teresa of Avila: Face of Fire

**November 13:** Four Daughters & Their Mother: Whose Future is Unscripted

We'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1:00 PM and another at 7:30 PM. Please join us at whichever time suits your life. No need to come at the same time each Monday. We'll meet in the gathering space of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church. The Church is accessible by ramp, and assistive listening devices are available. Please join us! Questions or concerns...call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

## Update Personal Info

At this time we are asking you to please update us with your current cell phone number and also if you wish your e-mail address. Many people have cancelled their landlines and have not given us their new number. Please call Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net). We will appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

**COMING SOON**  
 St. Catherine of Siena-  
 St. Lucy Parish

**Christmas Bazaar**

**Season of Light**

**Friday, November 10 &  
 Saturday, November 11**

**Friday, Noon to 6 PM  
 Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM  
 Luncheon 1 PM- Saturday,  
 November 11th**

This year, you can purchase:

- ..# One-of-a-kind Handmade Jewelry
- ..# As well as fun shopping at the **White Elephant and Children's Booths**
- ..# Hand-crafted Soy Candles (Bright Endeavors) and other unique hand-made gifts
- ..# **Bakery Booths**
- ..# Take a chance on winning at **Pick a Prize, Big Raffle, and Jar Raffle**. You can bid on items at the **Silent Auction** as well.

There is something for everyone!

Watch for more information to be sent to your home in early October.

You will have an opportunity to purchase tickets for the big raffle as well as reserve seats for the luncheon.



**St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish  
 Christmas Bazaar  
 Season of Light**

**Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11  
 Luncheon – Saturday, November 11th**

Here's what you can do to help make this year's bazaar successful and fun:  
**Please include your name and intended booth for all your most welcome donations.** Questions? Please call Cynthia at 773-379-6326 or Jeanette at 708-771-0626

Donate	Booth	Notes	Delivery Date/Where
Decorative items, household items, costume jewelry, etc.	<b>White Elephant</b>	Items you no longer use that are in very good condition	<b>Before October 28th (Sat) Rectory</b>
Inexpensive toys (\$1 and up) or <b>cash</b> donations to be used to purchase toys for the booth that have been popular in past years.	<b>Toy Booth</b>	Please write " <b>Carol Frank</b> " on your <b>cash donation</b> envelope.	<b>Before October 28th (Sat) Rectory</b>
New items valued between \$25-\$75. Theme baskets of consumables (food, wine, restaurant gift certificates) have been very popular.	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Please provide a <b>list of items and the value of the donation along with your name. Arrange items in your container (if there is one) so bidders can see everything.</b>	<b>Before November 4<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Rectory</b>
New household items, toys, and retail gift cards.	<b>Jar Raffle</b>	Please mark donation for <b>Jar Raffle.</b>	<b>Before October 28th (Sat) Rectory</b>
New items. Fannie May Candy has been popular or small new decorative items.	<b>Raffle of the Day (Pick a Prize)</b>	Please mark donation for <b>Raffle of the Day</b>	<b>Before November 4<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Rectory</b>
Homemade cookies, chocolate covered pretzels, cupcakes & candy are popular, particularly on Friday when the children shop. Saturday, breads and other baked goods are most welcome. We would love to include some gluten free items.	<b>Bakery</b>	Friday items are for our school students looking for something small & sweet to eat! Saturday is for the general public and luncheon attendees Please bring to <b>Maguire Hall.</b>	<b>November 10<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) 8:00 to 11:00.                  November 11<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 8:30 to 10:00                  Maguire Hall</b>