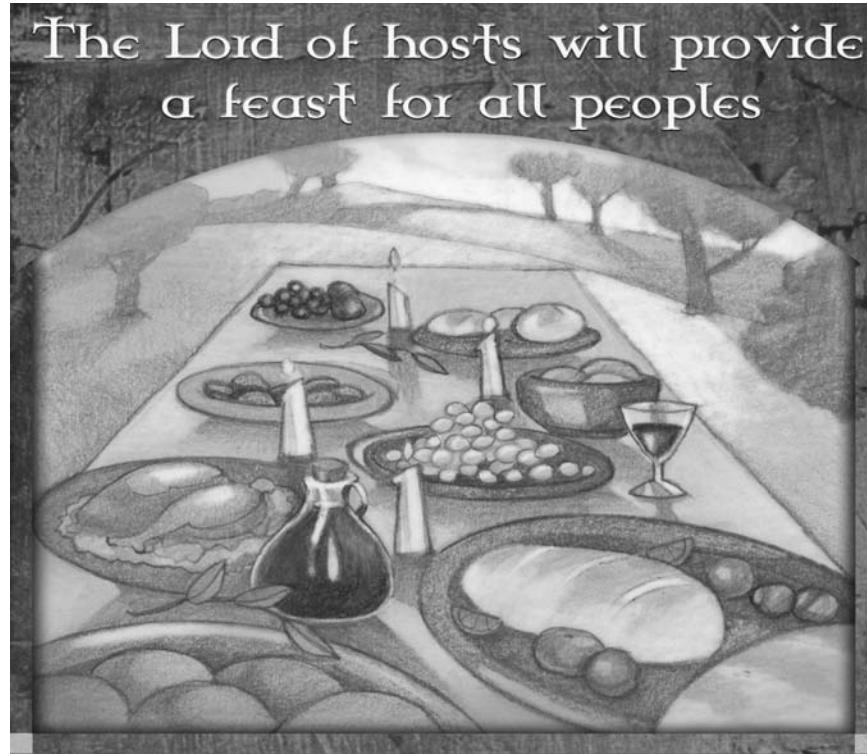


October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth 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
SUPPORT STAFF

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

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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
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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,

During the time of Jesus Christ, weddings were taken seriously. An invitation to a wedding was something to be taken seriously, and the wedding feast in Jesus' parable was to be taken even more seriously because it was arranged for the son of a king; and to be invited was a very great honor indeed. Jesus then used this analogy to teach the chief priests and Pharisees a lesson, meaning that such a wedding is a picture of the kingdom of heaven that He, Jesus, came to extend to those who would worship him. It is obvious therefore that the king is God the Father; the bridegroom is Jesus himself, the king's son; and the "invited guests" are God's covenant people, the Jews. The whole Gospel of Matthew is about an invitation to enjoy the full blessings of the kingdom of God, and in this parable, we see the true nature of that invitation. It is an invitation that is to be treated seriously. In this parable, the father loved his son, because he organized a wedding in his delight. In those days, this would have been a very great event, with many days spent feasting and celebrating, and where the news of it would have reverberated throughout the whole land, because the king was calling all people (i.e. all the Jews in the land), to honor and celebrate the union of his beloved son with his bride. It must have been a very sad day for the king that all those invited claimed to be very busy. Some invited guests actually went so far as to "make light" of their invitations; some passively; by attending to things on their farms, or to their businesses. But others "made light" of it actively, by actually seizing the servants who came to invite them, and killing them.

Today, we continue to hear that not so many people go to church; the number of young people attending Mass has tremendously gone down. Everybody is invited to come to church but others choose not to for reasons that are known to them. The king graciously sent his servants out onto the highways to find as many people as they could, and invite them to come to his son's wedding and fill the banquet table. This invitation shows that the Father extended grace towards those who had NOT been invited, and by that I mean us, the Gentiles. Jesus tells us that they gathered together all whom they found, both the bad and the good. There were no qualifications other than to honor the son. The offer to come to the wedding feast was open to all who would receive it, but it wasn't without conditions -- there was just one: putting a wedding garment. It was surprising that there was one guest who came without a wedding garment. The wearing of a wedding garment was an important addition to the dignity of the feast, but this man was wearing no such garment. We are all invited to the table of God's kingdom, on condition that we accept the grace that He has given to us and that we repent from our sins and follow Christ. Following Christ is not that all is easy because sometimes we drift away from our baptismal promises and commit sins – sins that are forgiven by God once we ask for forgiveness. 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.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary



We'll be praying the Rosary together every Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass in front of the Holy Virgin Mary statue during the month of October.

All Hallow's Eve

Bake Sale - October 28 & 29

After each Mass enjoy home baked goods! After the Sunday Masses Coffee will be served in Maguire Hall BAKERS please bring your baked goods to church before Mass on Saturday or directly to Maguire Hall on Sunday. Thank you for supporting this fund-raising effort!

500 Club Certificates

Sunday October 29th is the date of the first 500 Club drawing for the 2017-2018 season and the drawing will be for \$500!!! Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from October 29th, 2017 through October 21st, 2018. 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 have been mailed to registered members of the parish and are available in the back of church. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone, not just members of our parish community. Pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

★ **500 CLUB WINNERS** ★

★ **\$ 25.00** ★

★ **October 15, 2017** ★

★ **Bern and Marie Wheel,** ★

★ **# 297** ★

Saints, Sisters and Prophets

Fall Reflection and Conversation

Shelby Boblick is facilitating the discussion, and using 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.

- 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 which ever time suits your life. We 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? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Baby Bottle Project



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of Oct. 21-22.

The Parish Pastoral Council Needs You !!

Share your talents and abilities for the parish by joining the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)! The PPC is an advisory group that meets with Father George, 8 (eight) times a year. We listen to what Father has been dealing with, discuss parish needs and share with him our various perspectives. No special skills needed; simply a genuine concern about our parish.

If you might be interested, please call Fr. George at 708-386-8077 or Madonna Sloan at 773-921-4246.

TODAY Fair Trade Sale

Please support Fair Trade with your purchase of Coffees, Teas, and Chocolates. Thank you.

Parish Calendar

Monday, October 16

- 1 & 7:30PM - Women Fall Series - CH
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-9:30PM- Faith/Fellowship- LMC

Tuesday, October 17

- 9:00 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 10:00 AM - Fundraising Com. Meeting - RD
- 10:00 - 3:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:00 PM - PPC-Meeting - RDR
- 7:30-9:00 PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, October 18

- 11AM-1PM - Organ Lesson - CH
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
- 6:30-8:00 PM - Religious Education - LMC
- 7:30-9:00 PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, October 19

- 1-3:30 & 7-9:30PM- Faith/Fellowship- LMC
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

Friday, October 20

- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C

Saturday October 21

- 11:00 AM - Special Healing Mass - CH

Save the Date

**Saturday & Sunday,
October 28-29**
*All Hallow's Eve Bake Sale
and 500 Club Drawing*

**Friday & Saturday
November 10-11**
*Christmas Bazaar at
Maguire Hall*

Sunday, December 3
*Breakfast with St. Nick
Maguire Hall*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. October 16

8:30 † Jerry Krause
By: Tom Nelson

Tue. October 17

8:30 † Dianne Daka
By: Gabrielle Daka

Wed. October 18

8:30 † Anne Solome
By: Evie Stockinger

Fri. October 20

8:30 Ted Marzalek (Health)
By: Faith & Fellowship Ministry

Sat. October 21

9:00 Bernie Grayson (Health)
By: Dave Grayson

5:00 † Harry and Mary Koko
By: The Koko Family

Sun. October 22

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
Living and Deceased Members
of the Vincent Family**

10:30 † Virginia Keenan
By: Thom and Sue Schouten

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



October 8, 2017	\$	3,613.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	950.00
Weekly Budget	\$	7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$	-2,745.00

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 — On this mountain the Lord will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss's Day
Tuesday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday:	St. Luke
Thursday:	Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Friday:	St. Paul of the Cross
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

OCTOBER 22, 2017

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli Dan Brown	Walter Washington	Leslie and Michelle Agbefe
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Ministers of the Word

Christine Wedekind Paul Knight	Peter Barber Ginny Jones	Bill Sullivan, Jr. Christine Diaz
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker Pat Koko Susan Kumler Brenda Fojtik	Thom Schouten R. Smith-Quinn Gordon Bell Elaine Podraza Marjorie Fields Annie Rowan	Terry Sullivan Diana Cameron Bill Holmes Jan Kieckhefer Doris Brown Pat Long
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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.

**OCTOBER 22, 2017- 29TH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

When today's passage from the book of Isaiah was written, the Jewish people had been held in exile for more than forty years. Cyrus, the king of neighboring Persia, was preparing to invade Babylon. The prophet sees Cyrus, a pagan king, as an instrument of God. Through this military victory, God free his people and allow them to return home.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Paul first letter to the Thessalonians is the earliest of all New Testament writings, coming only about 20 years after the Resurrection of Jesus. Today's reading gives us the letter's opening words. In just five verses, we hear reference to God the Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and also to faith, hope, and love. It indicates how quickly these essentials of our faith became part of our Christian tradition.



**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.

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.

<p>Special Healing Prayer Service</p> <p>We'll be having a Special Healing Prayer Service on Saturday, October 21st at 11:00 AM at Church. Please come join us!</p>
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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, Normantha Evans, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Ben Hapka, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Charles Powell, Jr., Carlton Shanks, Kate Shoefflin, 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.



Trinity H.S. Open House in River Forest

Will take place on Sunday, October 29th, Noon.

Trinity's 8th Grade Entrance Exam

Will take place on Saturday, December 2nd, 8:00 AM. Registration open online on November 19th.

Call 708-453-8342 for information

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302



708-386-5286

School News

..#The School Board meets this Wednesday, October 18, at 7pm, in the school faculty room. Interested parishioners are welcome to join us.

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

..#On Friday October 27, our 8th Grade will sponsor the 1st Annual Family Basketball Challenge! The students will play against their parents. There is a \$5 entrance fee per family. Cheering fans are welcome. Refreshments will be served. The fun starts at 7:30pm.

..#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!

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. 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.



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*

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.	White Elephant	Items you no longer use that are in very good condition	Before October 28th (Sat) Rectory
Inexpensive toys (\$1 and up) or cash donations to be used to purchase toys for the booth that have been popular in past years.	Toy Booth	Please write " Carol Frank " on your cash donation envelope.	Before October 28th (Sat) Rectory
New items valued between \$25-\$75. Theme baskets of consumables (food, wine, restaurant gift certificates) have been very popular.	Silent Auction	Please provide a 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.	Before November 4th (Sat) Rectory
New household items, toys, and retail gift cards.	Jar Raffle	Please mark donation for Jar Raffle.	Before October 28th (Sat) Rectory
New items. Fannie May Candy has been popular or small new decorative items.	Raffle of the Day (Pick a Prize)	Please mark donation for Raffle of the Day	Before November 4th (Sat) Rectory
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.	Bakery	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 Maguire Hall.	November 10th (Fri.) 8:00 to 11:00. November 11th (Sat.) 8:30 to 10:00 Maguire Hall

In commemoration of November as National Black Catholic History Month St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy Parish, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL *welcomes everyone to hear*
Dr. C. Vanessa White
 speak about African-American Catholics as
“Authentically Black and Truly Catholic.”



At Catholic Theological Union, Dr. White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Ministry Director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministries as well as the Director of the Certificate in Pastoral Studies. Dr. White is extensively published and a sought-after presenter.

St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy Praise Choir will open the evening with songs in the African-American tradition under the direction of Dr. Julius White.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Advance registration is not required. A minimum free-will donation of \$10 per person is appreciated.

The church is accessible by ramp, and assistive listening devices are available. Questions? Call the Rectory at 708-386-8077

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

Update Personal Info

We are asking you to please update us with your cell phone number and e-mail address. Many people have cancelled their landlines and have not given us their new number. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

**St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy
60th Anniversary — Christmas Bazaar**

Friday, November 10, 2017; Noon - 6 pm
Saturday, November 11, 2017; 10 am - 4 pm

Luncheon served at 1 pm on Saturday
Luncheon: Adults \$18; Children 12 & under \$11
In Maguire Hall: 28 North Austin Blvd. - Oak Park, Il.



BOOTHS:

- New Toys \$1.00 and up
- Baked Goods
- White Elephant Items
- "RBC Jewelry" by *Pat Koko*
- Candles by "Bright Endeavors" (Sat. only)
- Handmade Crafts by SCC - OPRF, Lifelong Learning Center (Sat. only)

Silent Auction 10am—2:15pm on SAT ONLY

RAFFLES:

- Big Raffle - Tickets \$2.00 or 6 for \$10
- * Handmade Quilt * Samsung Galaxy Tablet
- * Madeline" & Friends Furnished Doll House (with dolls)
- * Art Glass Piece * \$250

Jar Raffle - Tickets \$.25 or 5 for \$1.00 Pick a Prize Raffle - Tickets \$.50 each

***** RESERVATIONS *** Return by 11/4/17**

_____ Number of ADULT Luncheons @ \$18.00 each
_____ Number of CHILD Luncheons -- age 12 & under @ \$11.00 each

Enclosed is: \$ _____ for Luncheon Reservations
\$ _____ for Raffle Tickets @ \$2.00 each/6 for \$10
\$ _____ Donation
\$ _____ TOTAL (checks payable to St Catherine/St Lucy Parish)

Signature _____ Phone _____

Credit Cards Accepted (No American Express) Handicapped Accessible. Info call 708-386-8077

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name _____ Phone _____

RESERVATIONS FOR: (make sure to include yourself!)

- 1. _____ 6. _____
- 2. _____ 7. _____
- 3. _____ 8. _____
- 4. _____ 9. _____
- 5. _____ 10. _____

REMEMBER: Discount if you reserve for 8 or more AND payment & names provided at one time.
Discounted to \$17.00 Adult, \$10.00 Child