

**January 14, 2018**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**ST. CATHERINE**

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

**PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. George Omwando, Pastor**  
**Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus**  
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**Sr. Marion Cypser, RSM, School Co-Principal &**  
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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 parishioner Carolyn Kiolbasa

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Father George has decided to share his weekly corner with members of the multiple parish ministries as a way to encourage all of us to know each other better. The PPC or Parish Pastoral Council is the first group to share ourselves with you.

I often think of the Thomas Wolfe book "You Can't Go Home Again", when I sit in the pews of SCSL. I was raised in this parish, attended St. Catherine's school for 3 years and received all of my sacraments but baptism here. I married my wonderful husband Ken, here at SCSL 38 years ago. As we began our family which included a son and three daughters, we were not able to live in Oak Park. We belonged to parishes in the communities where we lived. We all volunteered and stayed active in the church, but something was missing. We were all feeling disconnected with our very well attended but rather austere church. Something told me to "Go home." We came back to SCSL about seven years ago. Both of our daughters loved the church and immediately felt at home. The warm smiles and friendly introductions that are the hallmark of this beautiful community embraced us all. It is hard not to become involved in ministries here at SCSL. You are genuinely welcomed and needed. When I spend any time with fellow parishioners here, I always feel that I should be doing more, because everyone is so joyfully committed to the parish.

Volunteering here at SCSL has always given more back to me than I can ever give. I am a nurse and have tried to use my profession to help here. I helped to run our health fairs with an energized group of parishioners. It was so humbling to see what seemed like the entire parish community working the day of the fairs. It was a wonderful way to get to know so many members. We have an AED on the wall in church and I have taught CPR classes so that there are members who know how to use the equipment. I think all of us pray that we will never have the opportunity, but at least we're ready. I have been a PPC member for a little over two years. I have enjoyed gaining a broader insight into the parish through the PPC, and sharing a layperson's views with Father. For a little over a year I have been a cantor and sing with the choir. The choir members and directors are a kind and generous group. The acoustics in SCSL and the magnificent organ help the music truly touch my soul.

Today's readings are about being people being called by the Lord. What is your gift that you can share with our community? Our physical church is the house that we worship in. It becomes our home by sharing ourselves and our talents with each other. I am so blessed that I could come home again.

*Carolyn Kiolbasa*

### 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**  
Juan Perez  
**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: Kathy Paoli  
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. January 15**

8:30 Rev. John Carolan (*Health*)  
By: A Friend

**Tue. January 16**

8:30 Michael Cypser (*Health*)  
By: A Friend

**Wed. January 17**

8:30 † Gerald Greer  
By: A Friend

**Fri. January 19**

8:30 † Ara Parseghian  
By: Tom Nelson

**Sat. January 20**

9:00 † Nelida Guidich  
By: Victoria Olvera

5:00 † Ruth and Thomas Connery  
By: The Koko Family

**Sun. January 21**

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

8:30 † Ana L. Butler  
By: Grace Bishop

10:30 † Alice R. Marshall  
By: Donna Kanapes

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



January 7, 2018	\$ 4,858.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 955.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ -1,990.00

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** — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day  
Wednesday: St. Anthony  
Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins  
Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)  
Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**JANUARY 21, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

**8:30 AM**

**10:30AM**

**Altar Servers**

Michael Giometti Miles Jackson Mireille Lozes  
Ava Konecki

**Ministers of the Word**

Debra Lomax Ginny Jones Christine Diaz  
McLane Lomax Mary Jane O'Brien Michelle Agbefe

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

<b>Jack Kernan</b>	<b>W. Washington</b>	<b>Jeanne Visteen</b>
Pat Koko	R. Smith-Quinn	Bill Holmes
Susan Kumler	Annie Rowan	Yuna Kim
Brenda Fojtik	Elaine Podraza	Jan Kieckhefer
	Marjorie Fields	Doris Brown
	Fannie Cooper	Pat Long

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.

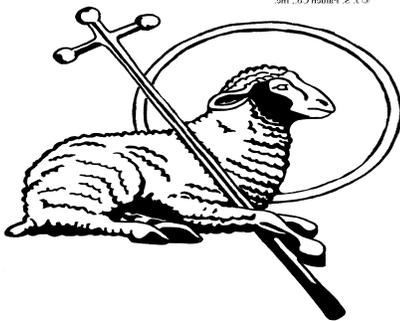
**JANUARY 21, 2018 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The Book of Jonah is only two pages long and tells a parable about a man called by God to preach repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh. Jonah's first response was to sail as fast as he could in the other direction. After his adventures with a large fish, God called him a second time. Today's passage picks up from there.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul responds to written questions they had sent to him. Some questions had to do with how we, who believe in the next life, should relate to the things of this life. Paul expected that Jesus would return in glory soon, so he gives some advice which we hear in this reading.



**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.

**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, Ernestine Bishop, James Bowers, Jarrie Brown, Rev. John Carolan, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Marcus Hall, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Charles Powell, Jr., Ann Protz, Elias Rojas, Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, 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.

**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.

**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**

- We have completed a week of school, back from a long winter break. The school will be closed tomorrow in honor of Martin Luther King Day.
- The Tax Credit Scholarship application will open on January 24. We are allowing parents to use the school computers Wednesday through Friday, January 22-26. If you know of anyone interested in attending St. Catherine-St. Lucy School, please encourage them to apply.
- The School Board is sponsoring a Winter Wonderland Festival on Friday evening, January 26, from 7-10pm. You are welcome to join us for the fun.
- Our Blended Learning program is growing! Phase II kicks off this month, incorporating our junior high.
- The 8th Graders will be heading downtown to Solstice Corporation on Wednesday, January 24. They have been invited to spend the morning job shadowing at the tech organization.
- Catholic Schools Week begins on January 28. Watch for announcements on upcoming activities.

**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](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)





### Religious Education

Hope you had a Happy start for the New Year.

Please update your Calendars as these are the official dates for January 2018.

Back to class on Wednesday, January 17th and also on Jan. 24th, and Jan. 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Lucienne Ministry Center.

Looking forward to seeing you all this New Year.

### Stewardship 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

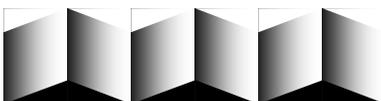
*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ — John 1:38*

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.



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



### Please Make Your Gift to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal “Come, Follow Me”

During the last week, many parish families received a letter from Cardinal Cupich requesting your participation by making a pledge to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.

We ask that you respond as generously as possible. The Appeal supports both Parish and Archdiocesan ministries and services. The Appeal funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “Come, Follow Me.” We have all received God’s love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God’s love to many, many others.

### Challenge Yourself

Continue to be a sign of God’s mercy in this world by actively being like the Good Samaritan: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead, and/or giving alms to the poor.

Be committed to being Christ for others in your world, by helping your neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs. Using your particular gifts, find ways to instruct the unknowing, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses, console the afflicted, and/or pray for the living and the dead.

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*Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.*

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

### WEEK of PRAYER



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### for CHRISTIAN UNITY

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2018

Early in each new year, the Church enters into the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.”

This year’s observance, January 18-25, is meaningful on account of the October 31 reaffirmation of the covenant between the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Archdiocese of Chicago. It included a commitment to work together to diminish the violence that afflicts our communities. In this effort, praying together is essential.

Resources for Catholic parishes and Christian congregations to pray for unity together can be found at [www.geii.org/week\\_of\\_prayer\\_for\\_christian\\_unity](http://www.geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity).

To learn more about prayer services for unity taking place in and around Chicago during this week, visit [www.archchicago.org/eia](http://www.archchicago.org/eia).



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Pregnant? There are options. What do I do? Who should I tell? It's scary. You can turn to us. Catholic Charities Maternity & Adoption Services has resources to serve teens, single women, and couples facing unplanned pregnancies. We are here to help, without pressuring you. We can talk about your options as you plan for your child's future. We can help you whether you decide to parent your child or make a plan of adoption. If you are not sure what to do, our 24-hour hotline has caring and professional counselors available to help you. Our services are free and confidential. Call 312- 454-1717. For more information, visit: [www.catholiccharities.net/adoption-services](http://www.catholiccharities.net/adoption-services).

## Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you.

Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at 312-948-6821.



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## Chains of Grace

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

—St. Francis de Sales

## Treasures From Our Tradition

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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