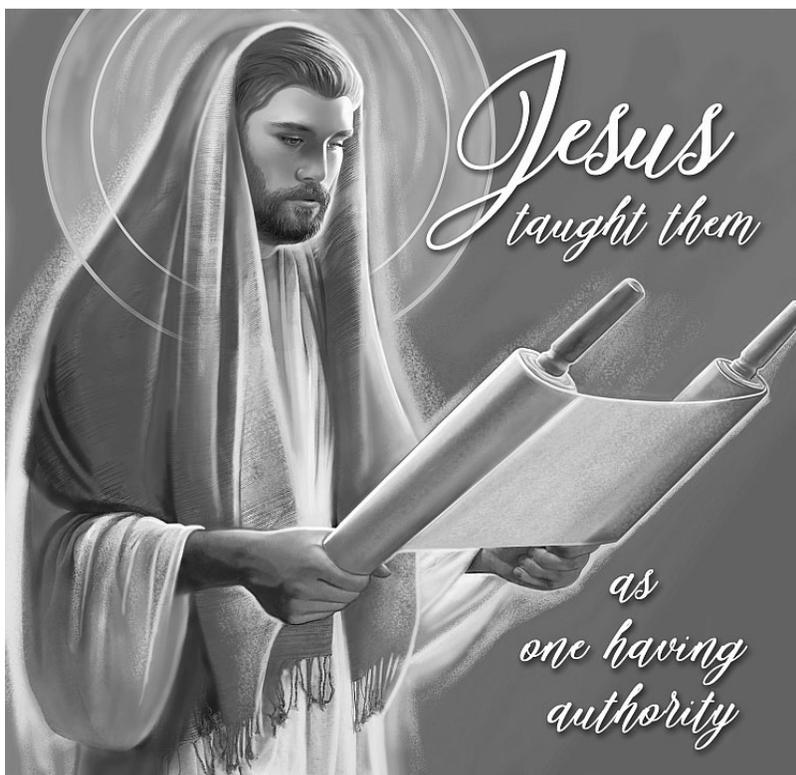


January 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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 Virginia Jones

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I joined St. Catherine – St. Lucy in 1974 when I moved from my family home in the western suburbs and began preparations for our marriage. My husband, George, and I were married here in 1975. For about a decade thereafter, my attendance at Mass was spotty and participation in parish activities almost non-existent as “the things of the world”, mentioned by St. Paul in today’s second reading, took precedence. Then, one day I decided that in order to truly be a part of this parish, I needed to get involved. My volunteering began as a Bingo caller a couple times a month at the weekly parish fundraiser (many, many years ago). Since then I have contributed by becoming a lector, being a Eucharistic minister, helping with various parish activities – bake sales, health fairs, the holiday bazaar, church cleaning and decorating. Many of you might have met me if you participated by having your family photo taken for either of the last two parish directories. Some of these activities didn’t involve much more than attendance at Mass or an hour or two of time commitment for a specific event.

Since 2011, I have been a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) although the service in this position is intended to be a three year term. I feel privileged to have been able to work with our pastors and fellow members of the community as a sounding board. I was part of the Parish Transformation leadership team and learned, although it wasn’t a secret, that the core of our parish is an aging, devoted group of diminishing numbers and that we, as a parish, must find ways to “grow” the parish. And for the last several years, I have been the coordinator of the brunch that follows the African American Heritage Celebration --- one of the largest parish fellowship activities of each year. And my final thoughts bear upon this upcoming event and how we might use it to focus on “the things of the Lord” . . .

As Mary Jane did in her thoughts last week, I invite you to share your gifts. Participate in next week’s African American Heritage Celebration Liturgy and Brunch. INVITE A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR or FAMILY MEMBER to join you for the morning services. [Yes, I know the Super Bowl is that day --- but this is only a couple of hours in the morning.] It is a good way to introduce our community to new people with the possibility of growing our parish family. I invite you to HELP with the brunch – bring a pot luck contribution, help with the clean-up at the end of lunch. These small efforts can act like a mustard seed and help our parish to grow to continue to serve the Lord.

Have a blessed week.

Virginia Jones

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 29

8:30 † **Philip J. Rock**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Tue. January 30

8:30 † **Virginia Keenan**
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. January 31

8:30 † **Phil Keating**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. February 2

8:30 † **Maria Bay**
By: Era Yee

Sat. February 3

9:00 † **Marvin Deaton**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **Vicente Yee Canama**
By: The Yee Family

Sun. February 4

10:00 † **Ellie P. Pierre**
By: The Vincent Family
10:00 † **Helmut Seidler**
By: Donna Kanapes

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



January 21, 2018	\$ 3,816.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 867.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -2,625.00

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 — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Wednesday: St. John Bosco
- Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

5:00 PM

10:00 AM

Altar Servers

Dan Brown

Miles Jackson
Grace McGuire
Ava Konecki

Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond
Paul Koko

TBA

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan
Pat Koko
Brenda Fojtik
Carol Brown

Jeanne Visteen
Mary Howard
Scarlett Evans
Bill Holmes
Diana Cameron
Doris Brown

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.

FEBRUARY 4, 2018 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

The Book of Job is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This question was especially crucial to people of that time because they didn't believe in life after death, and therefore one received reward or punishment in this life. Job has lost his children, his property and his health, and he lives at the city dump. In this passage, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul's enemies frequently criticized him for the least little thing. At a time when most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused financial support from the community. Because of this, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Today we hear his response.



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.

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

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, Aaron Aquino, Ernestine Bishop, James Bowers, Jarrie Brown, Rev. John Carolan, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Larry & Normatha Evans, Anita Evenson, Richard Graf, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Jr., Elias Rojas, Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, 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.

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

- ..# The Tax Credit Scholarship application through the Archdiocese will now open at noon on January 31. If you know any parents who would like to take advantage of a Catholic school education, please encourage them to apply. The website is Empower Illinois; the application is on-line.
- ..# Catholic Schools Week kicks off tomorrow! Let the fun begin! Thank you to our Student Council for planning our activities.
- ..# We look forward to celebrating Mass with our parish family next Sunday.
- ..# Thanks to Roses for Austin, the after-school art club started by Sydney Jackson, our preschool and kindergarten classes will be taking field trips to Wonder Works.
- ..# If you have any extra time, we would welcome your help at school – readers in our primary grades, office help on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday mornings, greeters at our back door. No amount of time is too small to give. Please call the school at 708-386-5286 or email Mrs. Leamy at sleamy@catherinelucy.org.

Stewardship 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need.

Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.



Religious Education

There will be Religious Ed. class on Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m. at the Lucienne Ministry Center.

The Christmas & New Year holidays are behind us. We have started a new year in Religious Education and this will be a twofold announcement.

First, is a big Thank You to all who made our Christmas Eve Family Mass another wonderful liturgical experience. Thank you to the catechists who prepared our children for the music and the readings. To the adults who provided the help with practice, getting the children dressed before mass, for providing any help they offered to the program. Thank you to the returning college students (former students and catechists in the program) who read for us and also provided support to the younger children in acting out the story of Baby Jesus birth. To our Music Director and Choir for sharing the music with the children's choir. This was another prayerful way to start the Christmas Season. If anyone is missed I apologize, it was a wonderful liturgy.

Second fold, there needs to be acknowledgement of former students and students who are still in Rel. Ed that they have stepped up to be altar servers, and lectors. It fills my heart with joy and tears of happiness when I see our younger children taking part in the mass. There is always room for more to step forward and become active in the celebration of the mass.

Thank you.

Christine Wedekind

Religious Education Coordinator

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.
312- 337-1962
888- 456-HOPE
projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Come, Follow Me"

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is **much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme for 2018 is **"Come, Follow Me."**

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to **"Come, Follow Me."**

After our parish goal of \$ 20,417.00 is reached in cash, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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St. Valentine's Bake Sale

Our annual St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale draws near. It will be held on February 10 and 11. All parishioners are invited to "try their hand" at baking something for the sale.

A Valentine theme would be appropriate. On the weekend of the sale, please bring all baked goods to the Rectory any time on Saturday and drop baked goods off at Maguire Hall before the Masses Sunday. ALL are invited to the Hall for coffee and juice and to purchase delicious home baked goods on that weekend.

The 500 Club Drawing, for \$500.00 is part of the bake sale. Certificates may be purchased right up until the drawing. Come, enjoy, and be a winner! There will be door prizes for those in attendance.



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 to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

Jesus taught with authority



African American Heritage Celebration

Sunday, February 4th

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Bishop Joseph Perry, presiding

**St. Catherine -
St. Lucy Parish**

38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park

Pot Luck Brunch to follow
in Maguire Hall (parish gym)
after Mass - bring a dish to
share!

Info: 708 - 386-8077

