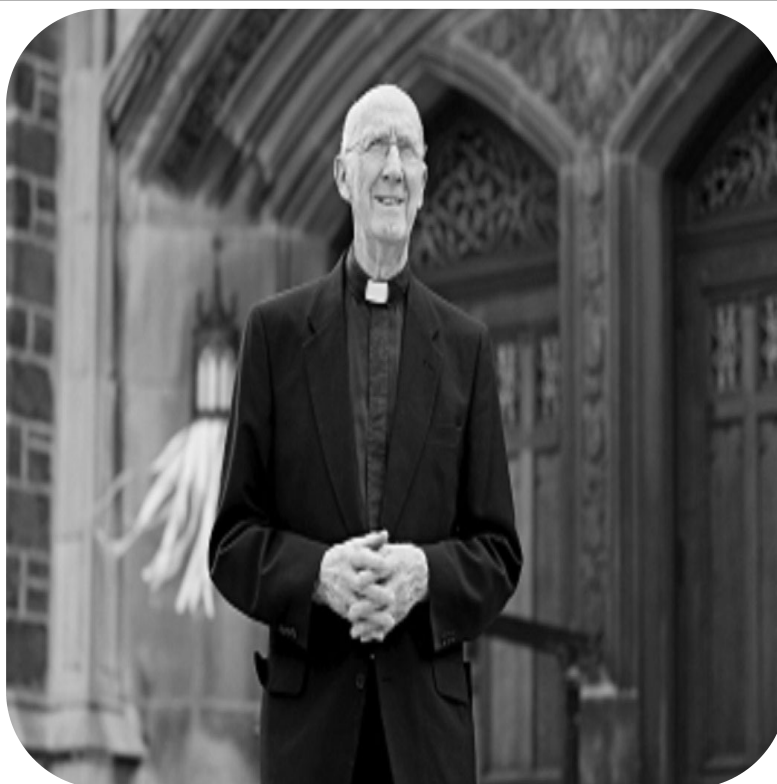


February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent



Born: June 4, 1925
Born into Eternal Life:
February 15, 2018

Pastor of
St. Catherine-St. Lucy
1972-1991



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
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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

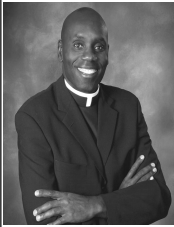
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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,

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the funeral preparations and participation of our long-time pastor emeritus Fr. John Carolan. “*Fr. Jack*,” as he is commonly known by many of his extended cousins and relatives, touched so many people in different ways. Losing someone we love is nothing easy; but knowing that we have been able to be a part of the life of that person, we can realize that we are blessed to have been able to share in his/her life before he/she went to rest in eternal salvation. After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we’ve shared with our loved ones who have passed. This is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. Let us be reminded that a beautiful soul, full of love and faith, ascended to heaven, away from us, but closer to God, leaving loneliness and sadness here on earth. For the person can only be physically gone but never the life lived and the memories shared. Have faith and be strong. Now, the angels rejoice as a good soul has finally made its way home!

In today’s reading, God’s command to Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, is one of the most moving stories in the Bible. If we could approach it as if for the first time, it would hit us with shock, confusion, and perhaps even anger toward God. It would be hard enough if God took Isaac from Abraham; but it seems inconceivable that God would command Abraham to kill his own son! It seems opposed to God’s loving nature. It seems like an impossible, unreasonable, and illogical demand. And Abraham’s unquestioning response staggers me! How could he obey without a word of protest? We learn from this incredible story that God wants to bring each one of us to the place where we surrender everything to Him and trust Him totally with all that is precious to us. It’s what Jesus meant when He said, “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26). When you’ve surrendered all to Him as Lord, then you’ll obey Him unflinchingly, even when He asks you to do that which is most difficult. You may be thinking, “Why would anyone want to go that far with the Lord? Isn’t it better just to play it safe and give Him a little bit of my life, instead of the whole thing?” But remember Lot in the Bible! That was his approach, and his life was a tragedy. It’s as Jesus said, “Whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it” (Matthew 16:25).

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
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.

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

500 Club Certificates

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!!!

500 CLUB WINNER
\$ 25.00—February 25, 2018
KEVIN & PEGGY KELL, # 185



St. Catherine—St. Lucy

5:00 PM~ Saturday
8:30 AM ~ Sunday
10:30AM ~ Procession of the Palms

7:30 PM ~ Mass of the Lord's
Supper

Adoration until Midnight

12 Noon ~ Vigil at the Cross
7:30 PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion
of The Lord

1:00 PM ~ Blessing of Easter
Baskets
7:30 PM ~ The Great Easter Vigil
Mass

8:30 & 10:30 AM

Parish Calendar

4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - **CH**
6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - **LMC**

9:30 AM - Bible Study - **RRT**
10:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - **CH**
2:30 PM - Day Care - **C**
7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - **MMR**

2:30 PM - Day Care - **C**
6:30-8:00 PM - Religious Education - **LMC**
8:00-9:00 PM Celebration Choir - **CH**

1-3PM & 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Mtg - **LMC**
2:30 PM - Day Care - **C**
3:00-8:00 PM - Parent-Teacher Conf. - **S**
4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - **CH**
6-8 PM - A.A. - **RD**

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - **CH**

SPRING RAFFLE gathering!

Light refreshments and good company will be provided.

Raffle tickets have been mailed and will be available after Masses beginning March 3rd. Winner need not be present but it is fun when you are!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

Save the Date

**Saturday-Sunday,
March 10-11**
Fair Trade Sale

Sunday, March 18
Spring Raffle
Maguire Hall

**Saturday-Sunday,
March 24-25**
Easter Flower Sale

Saturday, April 28
Four Winds Casino Trip

Sunday, April 29
*Blackhawks Jersey and
Puck Raffle Drawing*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. February 26

8:30 † **Dick Gregory**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Tue. February 27

8:30 **Zoila Roman (Health)**
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. February 28

8:30 † **Tom Trezek**
By: The Nauss Family

Fri. March 2

8:30 † **Rosemary Hoetting**
By: Era Yee

Sat. March 3

9:00 † **John Young**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

5:00 † **Mary Cotter**
By: Nancy Cotter-Lund

Sun. March 4

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

8:30 † **Susan Miniscalco**
By: Eileen McCarthy

10:00 † **Gloria Cristina**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



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| February 18, 2018 | \$ 4,364.00 |
| On-Line GiveCentral | \$ 897.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 7,308.00 |
| DEFICIT | \$ -2,047.00 |

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 — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass.
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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
Wednesday: Purim (**Jewish observance**) begins at sunset
Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 4, 2018

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Altar Servers

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| Michael Giometti | Miles Jackson | Michelle Agbefe Esteban Perez |
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Ministers of the Word

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| Christine Wedekind Paul Koko | Shirley Jones MaryJane O'Brien | Michelle Agbefe Patricia Long |
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Ministers of the Eucharist

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| Jack Kernan Pat Koko Brenda Fojtik Carol Brown | W. Washington Kevin Kell Gordon Bell Marge Massarello Fannie Cooper Thom Schouten | Diana Cameron Mary Howard Bern Wheel Doris Brown Marie Wheel John McGuire |
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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.

MARCH 4, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17

A covenant is a solemn agreement between two parties in which each promises something. The book of Exodus recounts how the Jews escaped from slavery from Egypt and made a covenant with God on Mount Sinai. The heart of that covenant is this: God promises to accept the Israelites as his people. On their part, they must promise to keep God's commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul wrote to his Corinthians converts about the difficulty in preaching about a crucified savior. To *Jewish* people who looked for a powerful Messiah performing spectacular signs, it seemed unacceptable that the Messiah would suffer and die. To *Gentiles*, it seemed entirely absurd that someone who died such a humiliating death could be the savior of the world.



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. Also any change of status. Many people have cancelled their landlines and have not given us their new number. Please contact Amanda at: 708-386-8077 or apomaredascsloffice@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, Eddie Brown, Jarrie L. Brown, Rev. John Carolan, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Larry & Normatha Evans, Anita Evenson, Betty Fisk, Richard Graf, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Tom Lally, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Jr., Zoila Roman, 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

- ..# The Black History Month Liturgy has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 28, at 10:15am.
- ..# Join us if you can for "Circle of Song," a celebration of African music, on Monday, February 26, at 10am in church.
- ..# Parent-Teacher Conferences are this Thursday, from 3-7pm. There is no school the following day.
- ..# The staff and families of St. Catherine-St. Lucy School remember with love and prayers Fr. John Carolan, our Pastor Emeritus. His kindness, warmth, and generosity will always be part of us.



Save the Date Trinity's Summer Camp

Fill your summer with fearless days & memorable experiences at Trinity!

Junior Blazers - Girls Ages 5-10

June 11-14, June 18-21, June 25-28.

Passport to Trinity - Girls Grades 3-6 on June 18-21, June 25-28.

Future Blazer Workshops - Girls Gr 7-8. Events throughout the summer.

Trinity's Broadway Bound Theater Camp - Girls Grades 4-8 June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-28.

Blazers Sports - Girls Grades K-8 Basketball, bowling, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, track, volleyball

Visit www.trinityhs.org/ camp details, registration opens **March 1st**. Call 708-453-8305 for information.

Stations of the Cross

At St. Catherine-St. Lucy

The Stations continue every Friday through Lent in Church. Won't you please pick up your little 30 minute cross and come and pray with us, as we honor Jesus Christ and thank Him for accepting a painful death on His Cross for us.

Lenten Regulations

(from Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Fasting and Abstaining From Meat

One of our Lenten Practices uniting us with Catholics around the world! Fridays during Lent are days of abstaining from meat. Good Friday is a day of abstaining from meat and fasting.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent.



The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

FOODFIRST IS NEXT WEEKEND



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

Signs of Lent

Each week we are highlighting a different sign of the Lenten Season.

The Gloria is a song of exaltation and joy. The Alleluia is the highest praise. Where as Lent and Advent, sometimes called the little lent, are penitential seasons. Alleluia is not said at mass during lent, whether with the psalms, the gospel acclamation or in hymns.

Rice Bowl

Encounter Cesia

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csr-rice-bowl.org for more information.



Religious Education

We do have Religious Education class on **Wednesday, February 28.**

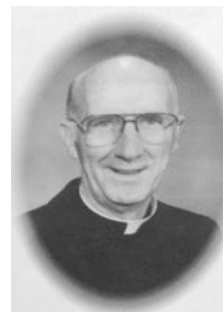
Archdiocese of Chicago Employment and Service Opportunities

The Archdiocese of Chicago has many current open and exciting career opportunities!

The Archdiocese of Chicago offers attractive compensation and benefits. We invite you, and encourage you to invite those in your network, to visit our Career site to review our open positions: <http://legacy.archchicago.org/Employment/>



Pray For Our Deceased



Rev. John Carolan
May he rest in peace!

*Pastor Emeritus of
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church.
Catholic Priest for nearly
66 years.*

*We lift him up with our prayers
while we hold his family in a
prayerful embrace.*

*May the angels lead him
into Paradise*

*Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal;
Love leaves a memory no
one can steal.*



Stewardship Second Sunday of Lent

*"Here I am!" he answered."
— Genesis 22:11*

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us.

Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

***The women of Chicago's west side and the near-west suburbs
are invited to gather this spring for prayer and reflection
at St. Catherine – St. Lucy Parish***



Conflict is everywhere in our world

Verbal abuse, gun violence, and political antagonism color our world, and we wonder how to speak with friends or family members who think differently than we do. What do we do with our anger? Can we create lives, relationships, and a world in harmony with our values?

Shelby Boblick and Carol Spiegel, BVM, a student of conflict resolution for over 20 years, will facilitate the meetings. Once a week, Carol teaches Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution at St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.

Shelby will supply the materials each week. No need to prepare in advance.

We'll focus on a different topic each week. It matters not at all if you miss a week or several weeks. You are most welcome to join us as and when your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged!

We'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at whichever time suits you and your life.

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| · Monday, March 5 | Excavating the Anger Volcano |
| · Monday, March 12 | Quality World to the Rescue |
| · Monday, March 26 | What if There are 2 Anger Volcanoes Close to Each Other? |
| · Monday, April 9 | Nonviolent Communication: The Language of Life |
| · Monday, April 16 | The Magic of Conflict |
| · Monday, April 23 | A Tool in Harmony with Nonviolent Communication & Case Studies |

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