

April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
Sr. Marion Cypser, RSM, School Co-Principal &
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal

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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

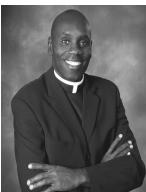
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Rev. George O. Omwando



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The context of today's first reading follows immediately after the conversion of Saul. Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee in Jerusalem after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, swore to wipe out the new Christian Church, called "The Way." He got letters from the high priest, authorizing him to arrest any followers of Jesus in the city of Damascus. On the Damascus Road, Saul and his companions were struck down by a blinding light, brighter than the noonday sun. Saul heard a voice say to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" (Acts 9:4, NIV) When Saul asked who was speaking to him, the voice replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." (Acts 9:5-6, NIV) The men with Saul heard the sound but did not see the vision of the risen Christ. Saul was blinded and the men led him by the hand into Damascus to a man named Judas. For three days, Saul was blind and did not eat or drink anything. Meanwhile, Jesus appeared in a vision to a disciple in Damascus named Ananias and instructed him to go to Saul. Ananias was afraid at first because he knew Saul's reputation as a merciless persecutor of the Church. Jesus repeated his command to Ananias, explaining to him that Saul was his chosen instrument to deliver the Gospel to the Gentiles, their kings, and the people of Israel. So Ananias found Saul at Judas' house, praying for help. Ananias laid his hands on Saul, telling him that Jesus had sent him to restore his sight and that Saul might be filled with the Holy Spirit. We are told that something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he began to see again. Saul arose and was baptized into the Christian faith. He ate, regained his strength, and stayed with the Damascus disciples for three days. After his conversion, Saul changed his name to Paul.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Saul/Paul went from one extreme end to another, from persecuting the Christians to the preaching of the Good News of the risen Lord. The conversion of Paul shows that Jesus himself wanted the Gospel to go to the Gentiles and that it was no human being's idea. That would quash any argument from the early Jewish Christians that the Gospel was only for the Jews. As baptized Christians, we need to follow the example of the converted Paul as there are so many brothers and sisters who are out there and have no one to bring them the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are the ones to bring the message of Christ. We should never be afraid to do so, and that is our mission: to bring Christ to the world.

Finally, I will like to thank our Celebration and Praise Choirs in conjunction with Saint Edmund's choir, for singing beautifully at last Sunday's concert. If you did not have chance to come to the concert, you can still view the recorded video on my Facebook page (George Omwando). Many are suggesting that we should do this more often.

May God bless you all.

Fr. George

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

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Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary and Martin Senica

Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

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School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

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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.

Living Branches

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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Effect

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope Saint Leo the Great

Save the Date

Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6

Fair Trade

Sunday, May 6
First Communion

Wednesday, May 16
Lou Malnati's
Fundraising Event—OS

NEXT WEEKEND'S
FOOD FIRST

Thanks in advance to all for
your kind generosity!

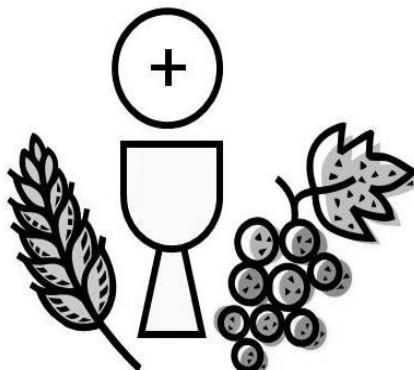
TODAY 2018 Blackhawk Raffle

Tickets are still on Sale up to this Sunday.

Drawing will be held after 10:30 AM Mass on April 29. Tickets are \$10.00 each for a chance to win a:



A Duncan Keith Jersey &
A 6 time Stanley Cup Champion Hockey Puck



500 Club Certificates

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 are available in the back of church and at the rectory. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

April 29, 2018

CATHERINE GILLESPIE,

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Parish Leadership Meeting

TODAY – 11:30 AM

Come and join us, bring your talents, ideas, and enthusiasm to the Rectory Meeting. Hope to see you, because we really need you!

1st COMMUNICANTS OF 2018

Next Sunday, May 6th, the following children will be receiving their First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

Victor Delgado

Aaron Konecki

Cora Quilty

Vivian Smith

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 30

9:30-10:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT

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

4:00-9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC

Tuesday, May 1

10:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH

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

7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

Wednesday, May 2

2:30-6PM - Day Care - C

6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - CH

7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, May 3

1- 3:30 PM & 7-9:30 PM -F&F Mtg. - LMC

2:30-6PM - Day Care - C

4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

6:00-8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Saturday, May 5

11:00 AM - First Reconciliation - CH

7:30 PM - 40th Birthday Party - M



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. April 30

8:30 † **Rev. John C. Carolan**
By: Denise and Haliba Giba

Tue. May 1

8:30 (Health) **Phillip Jones**
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. May 2

8:30 † **Rev. John C. Carolan** (67th Anniv
By: Kenney Gorman Ordination)

Fri. May 4

8:30 † **Michael O'Connell**
By: Era Yee

Sat. May 5

9:00 † **Hazel Anderson**
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Katherine Walker**
By: Tom and Carol Frank

Sun. May 6

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

8:30 † **Annie Smith**
By: Evie Stockinger

10:30 † **Lily Mae William**
By: Evie Stockinger

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Pius V
- Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Wednesday: St. Athanasius
- Thursday: Ss. Philip and James;
National Day of Prayer
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



April 22, 2018	\$ 5,165.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 937.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -1,206.00

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 church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MAY 6, 2018

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Kathy Paoli

Walter Washington Grace McGuire

Ministers of the Word

Mc Lane Lomax	Ginny Jones	Bill Holmes
Debra Lomax	Mary Jane O'Brien	Bro J. Kilikevce

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan	Thom Schouten	Diana Cameron
Pat Koko	R. Smith-Quinn	Jan Kieckhefer
Michelle Darang-Coleman	Kevin Kell	Shelby Boblick
Brenda Fojtik	Gordon Bell	Scarlett Evans
	Claudia Zinanni	Terry Sullivan
	Fannie Cooper	Mary Howard

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.

MAY 6, 2018 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. Then one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. The result, as we shall see, is the first recorded conversion of Gentiles to Christianity.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

The tradition of the apostle John's teachings is expressed in what is called the first letter of John. There is a legend that John in his old age would simply repeat over and over to his people. "Love one another." Today's passage from that letter particularly illustrates this story.



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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

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



Bible Study - Mondays 9:30 AM **NEW DAY**

Please consider in joining us 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, Aaron Aquino, Ernestine Bishop, Eddie Brown, Landon Clark, Brittany Crayton, Lillian Czaplicki, Andrea Edwards, Normantha & Larry Evans, Anita Evenson, Richard Graf, Phillip Jones, Terrie Kalina, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Eileen Nauss, Albert Parker, Jr., Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoeylin, 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.

27 W. Washington Blvd.
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School News

- ...# Happy St. Catherine of Siena Feast Day!
- ...# Thank you for joining us to celebrate the Family Mass on Saturday. A special thanks to Mrs. Rakitan and Mrs. Wedekind for all their hard work in pulling this together.
- ...# Watch for the Oak Park Fire Department outside our school on Monday. They are here to visit our 2nd Grade, to teach them important aspects of fire safety.
- ...# The last full month of school starts this week. Our 8th Graders have a full plate of activities, as they celebrate their completion of their St. Catherine-St. Lucy education. They start on Wednesday, May 9, when they are joined by fellow 8th graders from area schools for a retreat in Maguire Hall. Watch for updates throughout the month.

Pray For Our Deceased



Mary J. Cain

May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her family in a prayerful embrace.



Sylvia Vanni Candela

May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her family in a prayerful embrace. Sylvia is the daughter of our faith-filled parishioner Joanna Vanni.

May the angels lead them into Paradise



As we approach the Season of Sacraments please keep the four children of our parish who are preparing for the sacrament of reconciliation and are about to receive their First Eucharist next weekend in your prayers.

Remaining Religious Education class is Wednesday, May 9, 2018.



The Department of Parish Vitality and Mission of the Archdiocese of Chicago is happy to announce that the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2018 will be held on **Sunday, September 16 at 2:45 p.m.** Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary. The location for the Mass will be announced soon.

If you're married 50 years this year, or you were not able to come this past year and want to come next year, please keep this date free and keep an eye out for more information, coming soon!



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*



Grateful

Last Sunday's wonderful Gala Concert was such a pleasure and an oasis of joy. It was very well organized by Gail, our Music Director. The choirs of both parishes sang exceptionally well. Thank you to all that came and participated. We made \$1,141 in donations!!

Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

As a senior citizen, Antonia does not have much income left after paying for rent, medications, and daily supplies. She relies on the Catholic Charities Senior Food Nutrition Program for all of her meals. Last year 145,547 food packages were delivered to low-income seniors in Cook and Lake counties. Without the food they receive from us, they would have to choose between a healthy diet and paying for medication and other necessities.

Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day to help families overcome enormous obstacles.

Learn more at:
www.catholiccharities.net.

"True power is service. We must serve all people especially the poor, the weak and the vulnerable."



Easter Altar Memorial Flowers

Easter Memorial Flowers envelopes Are still available at the doors of the church. Please consider making a donation if you haven't already done it in honor of a loved one.

Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket. Thank you.

Attention St. Catherine-St. Lucy's Ministers

We are respectfully reminding you of the following steps in order to announce your particular event.

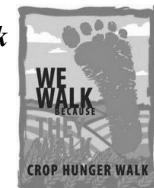
1. Pulpit announcements should be sent to Rev. George or Amanda at least two weeks before the event.
2. Priority will be given to the Parish and School events.
3. These announcements have to be consistent to our Catholic teachings.
4. Finally, if you have any type of flyer or advertisement that you wish to leave in the back of the church or foyer, it mandatorily needs to be approved first by our Pastor, Rev. George Omwando.

Thank you for your understanding and for everything you do every day for our beloved St. Catherine—St. Lucy Parish.



Annual CROP Walk

The **Annual CROP Walk** will step off Sunday, **May 6th** from Pilgrim Church, 460 Lake St., Oak Park, at 2PM.



If you wish to walk, pick up a walker envelope from a parish recruiter in the Gathering Area after Mass. If you wish to sponsor a walker, a walk recruiter will be at all Masses from the April 21-22 weekend until the weekend of the walk. Bill Cragg is our Parish Recruiter, phone: 708-383-5776.

Proceeds from the Walk go towards feeding and housing the hungry around the world. In addition, 25% of the money goes to local charities like West Suburban PADS, Pine Avenue, OPRF & Columbus Park Food Pantries, and the Cluster Tutoring Program.

FUNDRAISING EVENT



Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Time: 11:00 am- 11:00 pm

Location: Lou Malnati's: Oak Park
1038 Lake Street — 708-358-0800

DINE-IN • CARRYOUT • DELIVERY (within zone)

FOR QUESTIONS:

**Please contact Jeanne Visteen—
jvisteen@yahoo.com
708-383-2068**

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received. **Dine in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone)** with this **FLYER** on 5-16-18.

Fundraiser/Flyer Must Be Mentioned At Time of Order

Cannot be combined with any other promotional offers including but not limited to: Discounts, Deep Dish Dough rewards redemption or Malnati's Mail welcome coupon.

Please mention Fundraiser Event when placing order.

Offer valid only at the date and location listed above.

Pro-Life Why Does Human Life Matter?

Society clearly operates on the premise that there is something special, unique and noble in being human. Indeed, we all seem to have an innate conviction that life does matter.

If you think about it, this is surprising for those who do not believe in God and believe that we are all just random accidents, whose life is not a result of thought or design, but rather of blind chance. Although the secular, humanist view has no answer for why human life matters and is unable to explain why life matters, atheists and agnostics nevertheless live their lives on the assumption that it does and that there is a reason for their being. This is surprising because one cannot have it both ways. Either God made us and assigned a special value to us, or God did not make us and human life would appear to be both worthless and meaningless.



Pro-Life (Contd.)

Conversely, Christians can easily explain why life matters. We know that although humans, in terms of physical make-up, are roughly 95% identical to Chimpanzees, we are spiritually superior, because of the simple fact that God made us in His image. As a result, the value of one human soul transcends the value of the material universe. Indeed, we believe that one human soul is more valuable than all the great masterpieces, all the jewels and all the precious metals the world has ever known.

This is why we place a unique value upon all human life. This is why the humanity of every unborn child qualifies that child for love and protection. This is why every single aborted baby is a terrible tragedy.

About Leaving Your Cars in Our Parking Lots

In case of an emergency that puts you in the position of leaving your car in our parking lots, please call the rectory at 708-386-8077 so we can inform Lincoln Towing about your car. After working hours: leave a voce mail message. You will need to let us know which parking lot(s) you are calling about. They are designated as:

38 N. Austin Blvd. (Oak Park)

****New Hours ****

Patrolled 8:30 AM 2:30 PM
11:30 PM 5:00 AM, 7 days a week

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Patrolled 24 hours a day, Monday thru Friday

Take this action if you want to avoid your car being towed of the parish parking lots.

