

**July 22, 2018**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor  
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director  
Mrs. Christine Wedekind, Rel. Ed. Coord.  
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager  
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Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary

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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*  
(Please enter the Church by Washington Blvd. 2nd door to the West)  
*NO Thursday Communion Service until the Fall of 2018*

**Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday Morning - 9:00 am**  
**Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am**

**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. *(cont'd in pg.2)*

## Thoughts From our Pastor Rev. George O. Omwando



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What is success? Most definitions include references to achieving goals and acquiring wealth, prestige, favor, and power. “Successful” people enjoy the good life -- being financially and emotionally secure sometimes, or being surrounded by admirers and enjoying the fruits of their labors. They are leaders, opinion-makers, and trendsetters. Their example is emulated: their accomplishments are noticed. They know who they are and where they are going, and they stride confidently to meet their goals. By these standards, prophet Jeremiah was a miserable failure. For 40 years he served as God’s spokesman to Judah; but when Jeremiah spoke nobody listened. Consistently and passionately he urged them to act, but nobody moved. And he certainly did not attain material success. He was poor and went underwent severe deprivation to deliver his prophecies. He was rejected by his neighbors, his family, false prophets, and priests. Throughout his life, Jeremiah stood alone, declaring God’s messages of doom, announcing the new covenant, and weeping over fate of his beloved country. In the eyes of the world, prophet Jeremiah was not successful but in God’s eyes, Jeremiah was one of the most successful prophets in all of history.

Success as measured by God involves obedience and faithfulness. Regardless of opposition and personal cost, Jeremiah courageously and faithfully proclaimed the word of God. We sometimes say of someone that they are “a wolf in sheep’s clothing.” What we mean by that is that they are not really what they seem. Jeremiah says exactly that about the leaders of Judah. He is not only speaking of the king but also of the courtiers and the priests. They had been charged by God to lead the people in the ways of God but they had done the very opposite. Look at what God says to them through Jeremiah—verses 20: 1-2. They had scattered, they had destroyed – they were supposed to unite and build up the people but they did the very opposite. The people supposed to be leading, setting an example, teaching the ways of God, and bringing the people together under God actually did the opposite. The result was that God would visit judgment upon them for this. Jeremiah contrasted the present corrupt leaders with the coming Messiah, the perfect King, who would come from David’s line to reign over Israel. They all would stand guilty before God as false leaders and as failed leaders, because those whom God had placed in leadership had failed; the sheep were now scattered all over the world. At this time the people of Israel were in captivity to Babylon and Assyria. God now, as always, takes the initiative. God, the true Shepherd of His people, is going to gather them together again. He is going to stretch out His arm and gather them around Him. He will also replace the faithless shepherds with faithful ones. God will not see His people scattered and lost forever. No, He will intervene, as He did in the past, because His desire is for His people to be one and to be led in the way of righteousness before Him. So God through Jeremiah speaks of this regathering of His people. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are God’s people whom He loves so much, and He wants us to do His will by keeping our baptismal promises. Our actions have consequences. Let us listen to His voice calling us daily to love one another as He loves us.

God bless you.

*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

##### *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. July 23**  
**8:30** † **Rev. John J. Carolan**  
 By: Dennis and Halina Giba

**Tue. July 24**  
 † **Robert E. Walsh**  
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Wed. July 25**  
**8:30** † **Albert Brion**  
 By: Dorothy Brion

**Fri. July 27**  
**8:30** † **Rollin Brady**  
 By: The Vincent Family

**Sat. July 28**  
**9:00** † **Stanislawa Matuszek**  
 By: Ministry of Care  
**5:00** † **Sue Vanek**  
 By: Donna Kanapes

**Sun. July 29**  
**8:30** † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
**8:30** † **Marge Kottcamp**  
 By: Tom Farwell  
**10:30** † **Grace Tobin**  
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50  
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23  
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30  
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Bridget  
 Tuesday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf  
 Wednesday: St. James  
 Thursday: Ss. Joachim and Anne  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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



July 15, 2018	\$ 3,878.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 967.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ -2,463.00</b>

*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** — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

**Gospel** — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### JULY 29, 2018

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
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#### Altar Servers

Mark Thomas	Walter Washington	Ava Konecki
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#### Ministers of the Word

Susan Kumler	Thom Schouten	Michelle Agbefe
Mary Rose Nauss	Tom Frank	Rachel Faulman

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

<b>Chemetha Baker</b>	<b>Elaine Podraza</b>	<b>Terry Sullivan</b>
Carol Brown	Kevin Kell	Bill Holmes
Brenda Fojtik	Renee Smith-Quinn	Yuna Kim
Era Yee	Kathy Mortell	Marie Wheel
	Marge Massarello	Bern Wheel
	Gordon Bell	Mary Howard

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

There **IS NOT** Thursday Communion Service (until September)

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.

## JULY 29, 2018 – 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha was the successor of the great prophet Elijah, who lived about 800 hundred years before Christ. Elisha was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today, we hear of one such deed performed during a time of famine.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

The first three chapters of the letter to the Ephesians teach doctrine; we now begin the next part of the letter which contains practical advice for Christian living. In today's passage, you will hear the author speak of seven ways in which Christians are united. In one sense, this is the foundation of the ecumenical movement.

## Much Needed Prayer

*Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.*

—St. Francis de Sales

## Remember a Loved One 2019 Mass Book is here!

We have **weekday** Masses available in our 2019 Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses. We also have plenty of weekday masses available. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

Please contact Amanda at the Rectory 708-386-8077 or by e-mail: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net



## Bible Study - Mondays 9:30 AM

Our Bible Study group meets on Mondays ~ 9:30—11:00 AM in the Rectory.

We use the New Collegeville Bible Commentary from Collegeville, Minnesota. We read the scriptures, weekly psalms, and the commentary. Then we discuss it. It is an enlightening experience and totally free.

## Communion & Anointing of the Sick

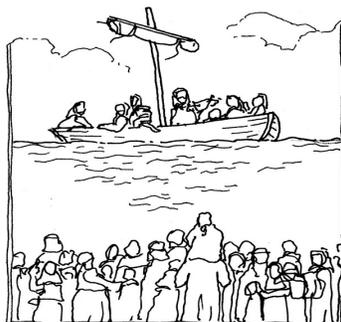
Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Lillian Czaplicki, Normantha and Larry Evans, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Terrie Kalina, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Carlton Shanks, Nina Silva, Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoefflin, and Molly Dula-Weber

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.



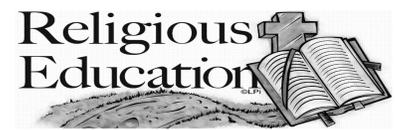
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## School News

- ..# The school is officially on summer hours. The office will be open from 9am-1pm Mondays through Thursdays.
- ..# We are still accepting enrollment for certain grades. Please direct anyone looking for a fantastic school to our front door!



We hope you are enjoying your summer vacation. Whether you are traveling, playing or learning, hope it's a relaxing time for you.

Come September there will be a change in class times. We will no longer have Religious Education on Wednesday evenings; **we will be having Religious Education on Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** This will allow the children and their families to attend mass together. The first day of Religious Ed will be **September 9, 2018**. Much thought has gone into this decision, and Fr. George and our catechists feel it is a wise decision.

Keep watching the bulletin as we get closer to September and more information will be forthcoming. Also if you child/children attended class last year they will automatically be registered for this year. Watch the bulletin regarding registration for new students during the month of August.

## 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



## Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another 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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

## Update Personal Info

We are asking again to please update us with your cell phone number and e-mail address. Also, of any change of status. This is very important in order to have a current parish roster. Please contact Amanda at: 708-386-8077 or [apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net)  
Thank you!

## Don't Forget To Recycle In Our Parish Paper Retriever



When you come to Mass, bring your recyclable paper: Newspapers; Magazines; Mailings; Catalogs; Office Paper; School Paper.

## Donut Day at Oak Park Farmer's Market

Once again our parish will be selling donuts during the Farmer's Market at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Our sale date is **Saturday, August 25, 2018** from 4am-1pm.

The annual donut sale is a very successful fund raiser for our parish. We need your assistance with the many tasks needed to sell the warm fresh donuts. Please consider volunteering for just a couple hours on that Saturday morning to help us reach our goal.

If you can help or have any questions please see or contact Jeanette Cannon  
[patnette@comcast.net](mailto:patnette@comcast.net) 708-771-0626  
and or Miles Jackson:  
[miles.jacks6@gmail.com](mailto:miles.jacks6@gmail.com)  
708-445-0299



## Health Fair

**Saturday August 18, 2018**

**St. Frances of Rome School**  
1401 S. Austin Ave.  
Cicero, IL 60804

**Registration**  
8am to 10:30am  
**Health Fair**  
9am to 12pm

For more information  
call 708-329-4022



## Backpack Drive

**Help Catholic Charities get backpacks on the backs of needy children in your community!**

Backpacks will go directly to the children that attend our annual free community Health Fair at St. Frances of Rome on August 18.

**Drop-off donations between Now and August 13** at Catholic Charities, 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero, IL 60804

### Suggested Donations:

- ..#New backpacks
- ..#Pens and pencils
- ..#Notebooks
- ..#Glue, scissors, and erasers
- ..#College-and-wide ruled paper
- ..#Rulers
- ..#Folders
- ..#Crayons and marks

For more information or for pickup: contact Esmeralda Zepeda at 708-329-4022/ [ezepeda@catholiccharities.net](mailto:ezepeda@catholiccharities.net)

Thank you for supporting our children and community.

## Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.

312-337-1962  
888-456-HOPE  
[projectrachelchicago@gmail.com](mailto:projectrachelchicago@gmail.com)

## Vocations

More information on becoming a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago is available by contacting:

Fr. Francis Bitterman  
Archdiocesan Vocations Office  
312-534-8298  
Email: [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org)



## ***The women of Chicago's west side and of the near-west parishes are invited to gather for summer spirituality!***

This series are an introduction to Joyce Rupp who is well known for her work as a writer, spiritual midwife, international retreat leader, and conference speaker. She is the author of numerous bestselling books, including *Praying Our Good-byes*, *Fragments of Your Ancient Name*, and *Boundless Compassion*.

Joyce Rupp will be leading a one day retreat (no overnight required) at Siena Retreat Center in Racine, WI on Sat., Oct. 20. Sign up early to attend, as many of us have already done! We'll coordinate carpools, as the date draws closer.

<http://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/events/coming-out-exile-day-reflection-joyce-rupp>

Shelby will supply the books each week for this summer series. No need to prepare in advance. If you want your own, the book is available used on amazon.com for less than \$10. Shelby will sell the books used during the series at the conclusion of the series.

It matters not at all if you miss a week or 2. You are welcome to join as your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged! Bring your female friends, visitors, or relatives.

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. No need to come at the same time each Monday. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

<b>Monday, July 23:</b>	<b>Week 4—Standing on the Threshold</b>
<b>Monday, Aug. 13:</b>	<b>Week 5—Closing the Door</b>
<b>Monday, Aug. 27:</b>	<b>Week 6—Beyond the Door</b>

We meet in the gathering area of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church at 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park. The church is handicapped accessible. Only the doors on Austin Blvd. will be open. There are excellent assistive listening devices available.

Questions or concerns? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**



Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on **August 10-12, 2018** at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL. The enrichment begins with a private weekend experience including 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter community.

For information on applying, please go to [wwme-chicagoland.org](http://wwme-chicagoland.org)

## **Support Anti Violence and Gun Control Bill**

A coalition of religious leaders from all faiths is launching a petition to ban assault weapons and pass HB5831, demanding that all guns are registered and titled just like cars.

This is a moment that God has called us to, to make a difference.

- ..# Request handguns to be titled like cars.
- ..# Reinstate the ban on assault weapons.

For more information call Saint Sabina at 773-483-4300.

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.