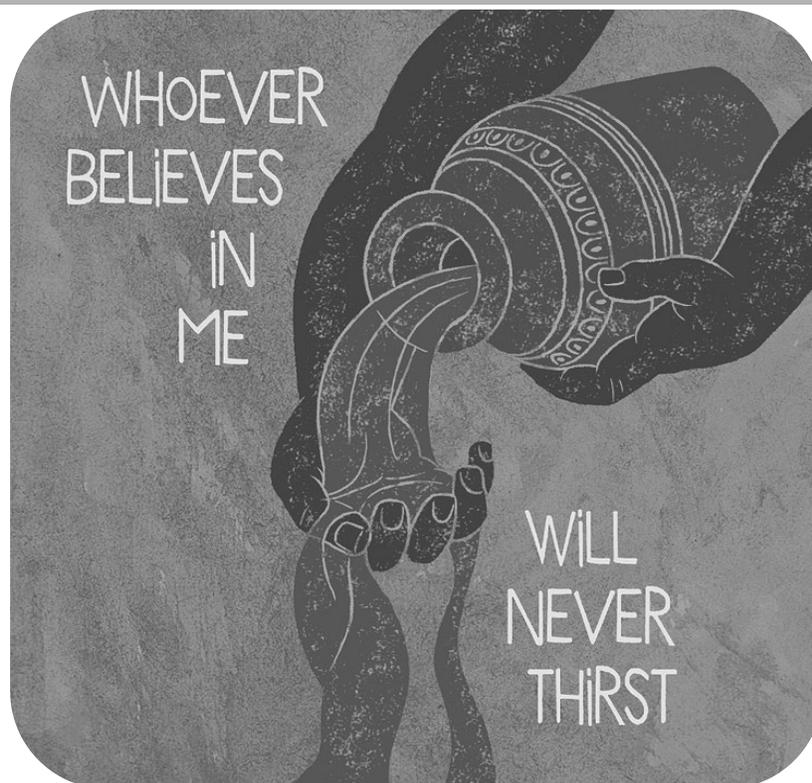


August 5, 2018
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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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,

I am hoping that you are enjoying this summer by getting a rest from work and by spending some quality time with friends and family members. As we continue to do so, I want you to keep in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who have been affected by the wave of violence in our streets, those that have been wounded because of violence, and those who have lost innocent family members especially young children. When you hear about an innocent child being gunned down, your heart is broken and you are left wondering what is going on with society these days. Do people care about one another? Why is there so much hatred and anger in our society? Can our leaders come together and find a possible solution? Personally, I feel that the issue of gun violence will be with us unless everyone can come together and find a common solution without playing politics influenced solely by our political opinions and affiliations. I know how difficult it is for people to come together these days and agree to do something meaningful, especially ending violence or its root causes in our society – particularly in Chicago. I think one of the many root causes of gangs and violent killing is the question of poverty which of course has its roots in lack of proper education, lack of employment opportunities, proper parenting, schools that are poorly staffed and underfunded, lack of role models, and government policies among a host of other issues. Violence is a vicious cycle! There is too much finger pointing that I have witnessed as long as I have been in this country.

The Catholic Social teaching encourages its followers to participate in the democratic process of the country in which they live. This means that as Catholics we should join a political party, call our senators or representatives, join a community group, vote in the elections, or write a newspaper article and voice the concerns that affect our society. We must hold accountable those that we have elected to protect us. We should elect the leaders who can champion issues that affect all of us, and we must hold them accountable if they neglect to keep the promises they have made during the campaign. We cannot afford to just sit down and pray, hoping that the problems that affect our cities will melt like ice-cream in a cone. We must actively engage always in our democratic processes and our government. Parents and guardians should teach their children the importance of involving themselves in the community and participating in the electoral process once they attain the voting age. Perhaps that is one way we can bring those issues that affect our streets to the forefront. I urge you to be active or be role models in the community in which you live. Do so with humility and love, and let the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the faith of our Catholic Church guide you in the process. Jesus nourishes us with His Body and Blood daily so that we should never be spiritually so blind that we cannot see the truth, and so deaf that we cannot hear the warning of Jesus Christ that we should love another.

Our first reading today shows us that God is always faithful even during those times when we tend to move away from Him. May God continue to 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. August 6

8:30 † Evelyn Cadematrie
By: Tom Cadematrie

Tue. August 7

† Gladys Vergara
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. August 8

8:30 † David D. Butler
By: Grace Bishop

Fri. August 10

8:30 † Bernie Kouri
By: Evie Stockinger

Sat. August 11

9:00 † Rev. Joseph E. Bidwill
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
5:00 † Sr. Joan Michael Newhart, BVM
By: Christine Wedekind

Sun. August 12

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † Rev. Harry C. Rynard
By: A Friend
10:30 † Andrew C. Shayo-Mushi
By: Selina Mushi

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
Wednesday: St. Dominic
Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Friday: St. Lawrence
Saturday: St. Clare

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



July 29, 2018	\$ 3,597.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,377.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -2,334.00

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 — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

AUGUST 12, 2018

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Servers		
Kathy Paoli	Thomas Frank	Mireille Lozes Phillip Matthews

Ministers of the Word

Debra Lomax McLane Lomax	Ken Blair Jeanette Cannon	Christine Diaz Michelle Agbefe
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker Susan Kumler Grace Bishop Brenda Fojtik	Walter Washington Renee Smith-Quinn Annie Rowan Marge Massarello Elaine Podraza Ginny Jones	Diana Cameron Jeanne Visteen Marie Wheel Bern Wheel Bill Holmes Leslie Agbefe
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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.

**AUGUST 12, 2018 – 19TH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (*also known as Mount Sinai*). Today's passage takes place as he begins his flight.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

As in the past four Sundays, our second Scripture reading is from the letter to the Ephesians. This part of the letter contains advice for Christian living. The author says that actions which cause division in a community are simply unacceptable. In today's reading, the author sees mutual forgiveness as essential for any group that calls itself Christian. There is an echo here of part of the Lord's prayer.

Pray For Our Deceased



Effie Hall

May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her husband Ivanhoe, children and extended family in a prayerful embrace.

May the angels lead her into Paradise

**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.



**Praying for the
Sick In Our Parish**

Theresa Adcock, 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 Shoevlin, 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.

**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.

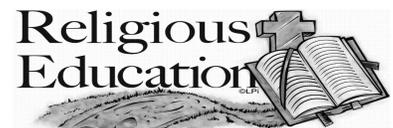
27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286



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!



**Religious
Education**

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 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
Thank you!

Pro-Life

Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign... you must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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 708-771-0626
and or Miles Jackson:
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

Thank you for supporting our children and community.

Honor Flight Chicago



Honor Flight Chicago's mission is to thank and pay tribute to World War II veterans, by bringing them to Washington, D.C. for a day of honor and remembrance at no cost to them.

Do you know someone who is a World War II Veteran? Please visit twww.honorflightchicago.org to learn more about how you can refer them for an upcoming flight, volunteer your time or donate to the cause.





St. Catherine/St. Lucy

Night at the Races

Friday, August 17, 2018

\$35.00 per person

Buffet Served from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Your Special Ticket will include:

- * Complimentary Clubhouse Admission
- * 2 hour Buffet, including: Chef Choice of Meat, Chicken & Pasta Entrée,
- * Italian Sausage, Potato of the day, Tossed Green Salad, Soup & Cookies
- * Race Dedication
- * Live Racing Program Book
- * Post Time: 7:10 pm
- * Parking \$3.00—Laramie Lot is the more convenient.

FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:

Mary Rose Nauss: 708.602.6421 or

Amanda at the Rectory: 708.386.8077

Tickets sale start this weekend in the back of the church and over the weekends of Aug: 4-5, and 11-12

Hawthorne Race Course
3501 S. Laramie Avenue, Stickney, IL 60804
1/2 Mile Off Interstate 55 and 10 minutes
from Downtown.

***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.

Joyce Rupp will be leading a one day retreat (no overnight required) at Siena Retreat Center in Racine, WI on Saturday, October 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>

We 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.

Monday, Aug. 13:

Week 5—Closing the Door

Monday, Aug. 27:

Week 6—Beyond the Door

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.