

August 19, 2018
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

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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,

For the past three weeks we have been reading and listening on the bread of life discourses from the Gospel of John which call the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life and forms an essential celebration in our faith as Catholics. It is therefore important that we try to attend Mass as often as possible and it is also important we know that the Eucharistic is not meant to make one feel good but is more about worship and giving thanks to God for the many things that he has bestowed us. Before he died, Jesus left us with a wonderful gift on the Last Supper.

The Catholic Mass involves an active participation meaning that: we must be actively involved at Mass by singing hymns together; by responding to the prayers together said by the presider; that we kneel together if our health or age allows us to do so and we stand together and sit together during the various parts of Mass. Mass is not only a dialogue with the priest/presider but also is a dialogue with God. Mass offers us an opportunity to express ourselves to God by let Him know what is going on with our lives. We thank God at Mass for what he has done and continue to do so. Mass brings people from all works or lives. It is at mass that sinners and saints converge and are assured of the unconditional love of God. This is the reason why I am encouraging everyone to attend Mass regularly and set aside some time from one's busy schedules and attend mass. Urge others to do as well. We are the foot soldiers of Christ, the modern day Apostles.

It is at Mass that we are nourished spiritually as we continue with our journey to the Promised Land. The entire goal or purpose of Mass is to worship God, unite ourselves with the sacrifice that Jesus offered on the cross, and to elevate our lives to life of God. In Today's Gospel, Jesus had invited a crowd of people to come to him and eat the living bread. He told them that "he was the bread of life that came from heaven". He assured his listeners that *whoever comes to him will never go hungry, and anyone that believes in him will never be thirsty*. I wonder whether the folks understood what Jesus was talking about because their response was rather surprising. They thought that he was speaking about giving them literary his body to be eaten by them. For them this meant cannibalism and it was disgusting. I am sure that if they knew what He was talking about, their response may have been different. Nevertheless, Jesus was talking about the Eucharist. The people didn't want the bread from heaven; they only wanted the bread from the oven, the material bread. Jesus, however, didn't give them bread from the oven this time and so they began to complain, saying that Moses gave their forefathers manna from heaven in the wilderness implying that Jesus should do so since He claimed that He was another type of Moses. Instead, Jesus taught them that He was the true bread from heaven that came from heaven and gives them eternal life. In this case, Jesus was talking about the spiritual food and His purpose was to do the will of God that will save humanity from sin.

Let us pray that we remain more united in Christ by eating his body and drinking his blood. May God bless us and that we remain strengthened by His Body and Blood. The celebration of Mass once again reminds us that we are depended on God in whatever goals we have set to achieve in this world. Finally, this weekend we welcome a Sister and two Priests who will be talking about what they do and also asking for financial support. Please assist where you can as you are always.

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

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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.

TODAY - Our Second Collection will be for the Summer Mission Appeal

We welcome Father Jackson Colon, Father Clark Delacruz, and Sister Marie Delivrine Lops to our Parish this weekend as part of our Summer Mission Appeal Weekend. They are from Haiti. Father Jackson will be preaching at the 10:30 AM mass. Father Clark Delacruz will be preaching at the Saturday 5:00 PM and the Sunday 8:30 AM masses.

Sister Lops is a member and a representative of the Sisters of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus of Haiti, and will be present at the Sunday Masses for the annual Co-op Missionary Appeal, sharing the mission of her community in Haiti and Latin America and soliciting financial support for her order. Some of their mission stations were destroyed by a powerful earthquake few years ago and other natural disasters. Life, for most of the people in Haiti has yet to return to normal, simply because they do not have the resources for even the most basic of daily needs. Their country is experiencing the worse troubling times now after several natural disasters and tragedies struck Haiti in recent years.

We pray that you will reach out with your usual generosity to the Sisters and the people of Haiti in a spirit of support, love and prayer. A second collection will be taken up for this mission at Masses today. Donations can also be sent to the parish office if you were not able to do so at Mass.

This collection is taken up annually in each parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago to assist a number of missionary endeavors throughout the world.

Please be generous in assisting the missionary work of the Sisters of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus through your contribution to the mission Co-operative collection. God bless you at all times.



Women Summer Series at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

**Monday, August 27:
Week 6—Beyond the Door
(Last Session)**

We offer duplicate a session on this Monday: one at 1:00 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at whichever time suits you. Session last no longer than 90 minutes.

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? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 20

- 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RTR
- 4:00-9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Tuesday, August 21

- 10AM - Fundraising Committee Mtg. - RD
- 10:00AM - 3:00PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Wednesday, August 22

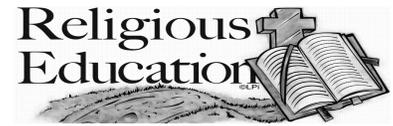
- 11:00AM - Visit Sick & Communion - OS
- 2:30-6:00PM - Day Care - M

Thursday, August 23

- 10:00AM-2:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD
- 2:30-6:00PM - Day Care - M
- 4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:00-8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, August 24

- 9AM-12:00 PM - F&F Trinity HS Service- RD
- 2:30-6:00PM - Day Care - M



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.

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

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★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
★ **\$ 25.00** ★
★ **August 19, 2018** ★
★ **Rev. John G. Lodge,** ★
★ **# 431** ★

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. August 20

8:30 † **Karl and Elizabeth Schmidt**
By: A Friend

Tue. August 21

† **Mary Cotter**
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. August 22

8:30 † **Juan Quintanilla**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. August 24

8:30 † **Marge Kottencamp**
By: Annette Varga

Sat. August 25

9:00 † **Rev. Eugene Riordan**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **Charles E. Barr, Sr.**
By: Edward & Christine Wedekind

Sun. August 26

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Warnetta Grays**
By: Ministry of Care
10:30 † **Andrew Shayo-Mushi**
By: Selina Mushi

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bernard
Tuesday: St. Pius X
Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Rose of Lima
Friday: St. Bartholomew
Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



August 12, 2018	\$ 5,237.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 947.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
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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 — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

AUGUST 26, 2018

5:00 PM **8:30 AM** **10:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Dan Brown	Walter Washington	Esteban Perez
Mark Thomas		Phillip Matthews

Ministers of the Word

Paul Knight	Thom Schouten	Bill Sullivan, Jr.
Frank Pond	Peter Barber	Terry Sullivan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker	Elaine Podraza	Jeanne Visteen
Pat Koko	Claudia Zinani	Shelby Boblick
Brenda Fojtik	Renee Smith-Quinn	Yuna Kim
Michelle Darang	Bill Cragg	Bern Wheel
	Marge Massarello	Marie Wheel
	Gordon Bell	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.

AUGUST 26, 2018 – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Years later, as his own death approached Joshua wished to ensure that the people would not forget all that God had done for their ancestors. In today's readings, we will hear Joshua, then the people, renew the covenant made at Mount Sinai.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

In the letter to the Ephesians, the last part deals with family relationships, and is conditioned by the household structure of the time — wives, children, slaves — with the husband as "patriarch" over all. Today's excerpt talks about husbands and wives. Later this letter will talk about the relationship between children and parents, and between slaves and masters. What we learn is not the we should re-create ancient social structures. Rather, we learn the timeless truth that Christ's love for us should affect the way we love one another.

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:

The Gift of Grace

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.

—St. Rose of Lima



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

Theresa Adcok, Coletta Ali, Phyllis Baker, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czaplicki, Evans, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Terrie Kalina, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Carlton Shanks, 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.

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

- ..# Our students are officially back – and we can't wait! We are so excited to see their happy faces in our building. Grades 1-8 start on Monday; preschool and kindergarten will be here on Wednesday.
- ..# We have lots of exciting things happening around our building. We'll make sure to keep the parish family informed of all our activities.
- ..# The school looks amazing, thanks to Darrick Allen and Charles Scott, our awesome maintenance crew.



RCIA News!!!

We are beginning classes for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on **September 9, 2018** and if you are above seven years old and you are not baptized, or you have never been confirmed etc., it is that time of the year to join RCIA so that you can be fully immersed into the Catholic faith during Easter Vigil next year 2019. Classes will be held on Sunday's at 9:00am. Please call the Rectory during office hours to register.



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.

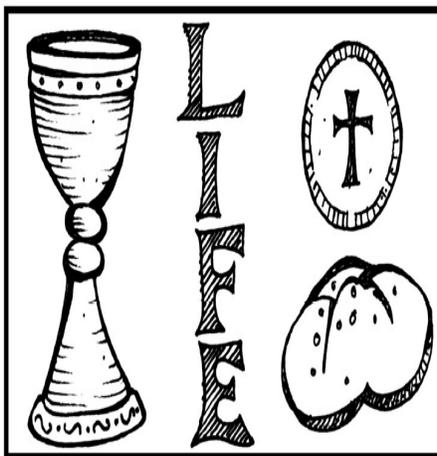
You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

Monthly Grief Support Groups for Veterans and their Families

The Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program is now offering monthly grief support groups for veterans who have lost a battle buddy, family member, or friend to suicide and for family members of veterans. Support groups are held every third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at **Faith United Methodist Church in Orland Park**. LOSS is a unique grief support program for individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one to suicide. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings and experiences. We help you to find community, direction and resources for healing. For more information, visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss or contact 312-655-7283.

This Eucharistic Feast

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the “Bread of Life” discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!



Pro-Life

“When life and family are not treasured and preserved in a society, collapse on all fronts is inevitable.”

Fr. Richard Welch, CSSR, JCD,
President of Human Life International

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

Update Personal Info

We urge you to please update us with your cell phone number, e-mail address, or any other change of status. This is very important in order to have a current parish roster. Please call Amanda 708-386-8077 apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

Thank you!

Save-the-Date

Saturday, August 25
Donugh Day - OS

Monday August 27
LAST SESSION
Women's Group Series - CH

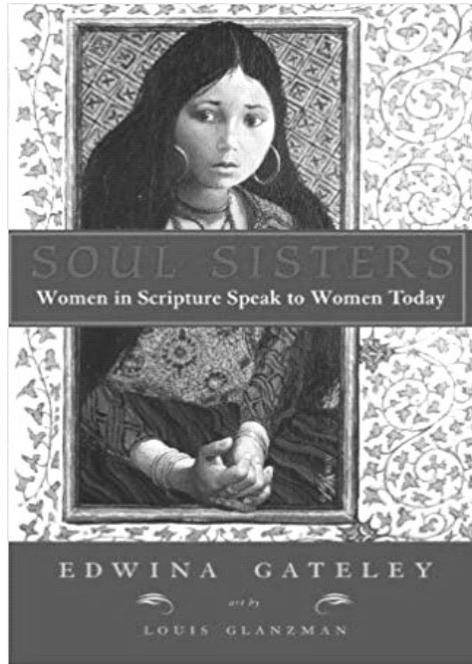
Sunday, September 30
Walkathon & Picnic - OS

Saturday, October 13
Sunday, October 14
Fair Trade Sale - CH

Treasures From Our Tradition

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Thank you from the Oak Park— River Forest Food Pantry

As you know the summer program has officially ended and we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your hospitality this summer.

We are happy to announce that we received some funding this summer and would like to recognize your efforts and cost of hosting the **Meet Up & Eat Up Summer Program** by making a donation to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish.

The food pantry would love to hear any feedback your parents, parishioners or students had about the program for the betterment of future years. Contact: www.oprffoodpantry.org or call: Adriana at 708-386-1324 x 1104

We hope we can continue to provide nutritious food, and provide a safe space for children from our community during the summer months through this partnership.

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

— John 6:53

Starting on September 13

The women of St. Mary Parish of Buffalo Grove Are invited to gather this fall for reflection and conversation

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the discussion, and we'll use as a catalyst 4 women portrayed in ***Soul Sisters: Women in Scripture Speak to Women Today***. This book features 12 magnificently painted portraits by Louis S. Glanzman of women who appear in the New Testament. Brief written reflections by Edwina Gateley accompany each painting. "The journey and its stories belong to us all. I knew that others, both men and women, would be blessed as I was, to connect on a deeper level with the women around Jesus our Soul Sisters." We'll discuss these women's lives and how they, in turn, call us to be the best of who we are.

The parish will supply the books each week. No need to prepare in advance. If you want your own, the book will be available for sale at the series' conclusion.

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

Each session will begin at 7 pm in the Marian Room in the lower level of the Rectory. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

Thursday, September 13: Elizabeth
Thursday, September 27: Martha
Thursday, October 11: The Woman with the Hemorrhage
Thursday, October 18: Mary Magdalene

Questions or concerns? Contact Teri Toenjes at 847-537-9423 or ttoenjes@stmarybg.org.