

September 2, 2018
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

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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
(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,

In our readings today, Moses stands before the people and asks them to follow and listen to the statutes and the rules that God gave the nation through Moses. He asks the people to follow through on what those rules and statutes command, and to live in the land that God is giving them. In this reading, we see this choice offered to the people of Israel time and time again throughout Scripture. For instance, in our reading last week, as Joshua's time as leader drew to a close, he gathered the people up for one last huddle, and he challenged them: "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24: 14:15). In our reading today, perhaps Moses is not aware, does not know, that his time is getting close. He is speaking to the children of Israel as they are getting ever closer to the time when they are going to go into the Promised Land. He knows that when they're in the Promised Land, they are going to have many things to distract them from God and His Word. Maybe they will even forget about God and His Word. You and I know that in the history of the children of Israel, they did just that as they turned to other gods. Moses comes to them and says: "*Pay attention—pay attention to what the Lord God is telling you.*"

Our text begins by saying, 'Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you.' Moses wants the people to remember the commandments that God had given them. In the first four chapters of the book of Deuteronomy, Moses gives a brief history of the children of Israel. He tells them time and time again how God was faithful to His promises to them. He also reminds them sadly how time and again the people were unfaithful to God and His promises. Now he says to them, "Listen, children of Israel. Here are the laws and decrees. They are there for a purpose. They are there that you might appreciate God's wisdom." He goes on: "*Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.*" He didn't give them the commands, the laws, and the decrees just to give them. He gave them as guidance for them, and direction. Moses reminds his people to follow them. He tells the people now that they are going to be a benefit for them as they live in the Promised Land. He reminds them that it is the God Who made this promise to their fathers Who is giving these laws to them. Now they are going to enter into that Promised Land. We call it the Promised Land because God had promised it to their forefathers—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Brothers and sisters in Christ, God's law is good enough that we don't want to take anything away from it. This is what Moses says to the people of Israel as they are about to enter that Promised Land. We also need to follow God's commandments as we journey together to our promised land that we call heaven. We may do this by keeping our baptismal promises and follow the guidance of God's Word.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who was involved in Donut sale at the Oak Park Farmers Market, especially the leadership of Miles Jackson. May 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
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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

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Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando

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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.

September 2, 2018

Blue Mass

To Honor the Work of All Public Safety Personnel



Sunday, September 9, 2018

9:00 am

— St. Luke Catholic Church—
538 Lathrop Ave., River Forest, IL

All members of our local police, fire, and EMS departments and their families are invited to attend this special liturgy in honor of current and deceased first responders.

The Blue Mass is a traditional way of our community to show gratitude to those who risk their lives to protect our lives and loved ones. A special blessing will be offered near the end of Mass for their work.

All faiths are welcome!

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, September 4

9:30 AM - Staff One-on-One - R
10:00AM - 3:00PM - Voice Lessons - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:30-9:00 PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, September 5

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - CH
7:30-9:00 PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, September 6

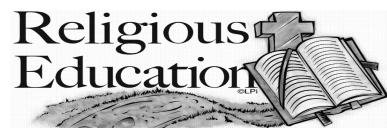
10:00AM-2:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
6:00-8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, September 7

8:30 AM - School Welcome Back Mass - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

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.



As has been published in the August 5th & 12th bulletins Rel. Ed classes will no longer be on Wednesday evenings, **classes will be held on Sundays from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. with Mass to follow.** Also Rel. Ed classes will no longer be held in LMC, they will be held in the school. Religious Education classes will start on **Sunday, September 9th.** Confirmation preparation classes will start on Sunday, September 16th. A letter and e-mail will be sent to all the families who are registered with the dates and times of classes.

Starting Sunday, September 16th, we will begin preparation for Confirmation and those classes will be held from 11:30 (after 10:30 Mass), until 1:00 p.m. in the Rectory's Basement meeting room This year we are including the seventh graders for Confirmation next year. A letter - e-mail will be sent out to all families with all the dates and an explanation about Confirmation next year.

If you have any questions about either of these you may contact Christine Wedekind at 708-485-0838 or Christine.wedekind@aol.com. Please do not send texts, thank you.

The Original Currency

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased.

—Adam Smith

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

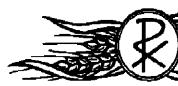
500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

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Judith Reed,

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. September 3 - LABOR DAY

8:30 Evelyn Cadematrie
By: Tom Cadematrie

Tue. September 4

† Lt. Col. Arnauld Beltrame
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. September 5

8:30 † Paulette Guerrier-Colbert
By: Marie Alexandre-Drake

Fri. September 7

8:30 † Joseph and Lena Fabach
By: A Friend

Sat. September 8

9:00 † Andrea Edwards
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † Katie Walker
By: Donna Kanapes

Sun. September 9

8:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30 † Roy and Helen Sietsema
By: Roy Sietsema
10:30 † Maureen Gamboney
By: Tom Farwell

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

August 26, 2018	\$ 3,157.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 912.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ - 3,239.00

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 — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass. © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on

LITURGICAL MINISTERS**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

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

Kathy Paoli	Tom Frank	Mireille Lozes
		Abigail G.

Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond	Jeanette Cannon	Rachel Faulman
Mary Rose Nauss	Mary Jane O'Brien	Patricia Long

Ministers of the Eucharist

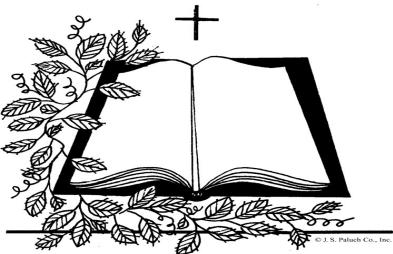
Chemetha Baker	Thom Schouten	Diana Cameron
Carol Brown	Marge Massarello	Shelby Boblick
Grace Bishop	Marjorie Fields	Marie Wheel
Brenda Fojtik	Renee Smith-Quinn	Bern Wheel
	Kevin Kell	Kim McGuire
	Gordon Bell	John McGuire

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.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7

This section of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet to God's people exiled in Babylon. He encourages them that one day they will be free to return home to Jerusalem. This journey will be through the desert, but God will transform this barren wasteland in order to ease their passage home.



Second Reading: James 2:1-5

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed not to a particular community, but to Christians everywhere. Because of this, it is part of a group of New Testament letters called *catholic epistles*—meaning that the author wrote them for all Christians. One of the trademarks of the epistle of James is the need to *act* on God's word, not just to *listen* to it.

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 for the rest of 2018 Mass book. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

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

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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 Adcock, Coletta Ali, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czaplicki, Normantha and Larry Evans, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Terrie Kalina, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Science Meles, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoeylin, 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.

Update Personal Info

We are urging 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

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School News

... To celebrate the beginning of another school year, students and teachers will gather together at 8:30 AM Mass on Friday, September 7th. Please join us if you can.

... We plan to commemorate September 11th on the playground, around our flag, at 8:05 AM that Tuesday morning. The ceremony will be brief; you are welcome to honor this day with us.

... On Thursday, September 13th, we are hosting "Meet St. Catherine-St. Lucy Night" from 4:00-6:30 PM. Stop by the gym to meet our teachers and staff!

... Volunteers are always welcome at our school. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mrs. Leamy at sleamy@catherinelucy.org

... The school is closed tomorrow, September 3rd, in honor of the Labor Day holiday.

Pray For Our Deceased



Margaret Gilles
May she rest in peace!

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

*May the angels lead her
into Paradise*

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

Faith & Fellowship

Mark Your Calendars ! !

Faith and Fellowship invites you to learn about its work – and to think about helping out! Our Information/Orientation Meeting is Monday, September 10th, 7:00 pm (repeated, Thursday, September 13th, 1:00 pm) in the Rectory Meeting Room.



Also, Tootsie-Rolls is scheduled for

September 21-22!

Info – Connie Rakitan,

faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276.

Your Attention Please:

The parish is hosting a fundraiser at **Lou Malnati's** on Lake Street in Oak Park on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. The hours are from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm and applies to Dine-in, Carryout, and Delivery. Please indicate St. Catherine St. Lucy when ordering. Support the parish while dining out. Please see our flyer on page 7 of this bulletin.

The Highest Law

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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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



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Save-the-Date

**Sunday, September 30
Walkathon & Picnic - OS**

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

Ascencion Invitation

Former and future pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (Way of St. James) are invited to a gathering on 19 September, 2018, at Ascension Parish in Oak Park, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come to hear from French hôtes who welcome pilgrims from all over the world to their homes on the Via Turonensis (Paris-St. Jean Pied-de Port).

Come for table discussion on our own camino: life lessons learned, friends made, graces received. Also present will be our newest Auxiliary Bishops, Mark Bartosic and Bob Casey, who themselves have walked the Camino. Refreshments will be served.

Ascension Parish is at 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park IL 60302. For more information call 708-541-0204

FUNDRAISING Giveback EVENT

Wednesday, September 19, 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*)
**Excludes Online Ordering*

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

FOR QUESTIONS:




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 9-19-18.

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. **Offer valid only at the date and location listed above.**

Starting on September 13

The women of St. Mary Parish of Buffalo Grove Are invited to gather this fall for reflection and conversation. We would also like to invite the women of St. Catherine-St. Lucy to this series.

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.

