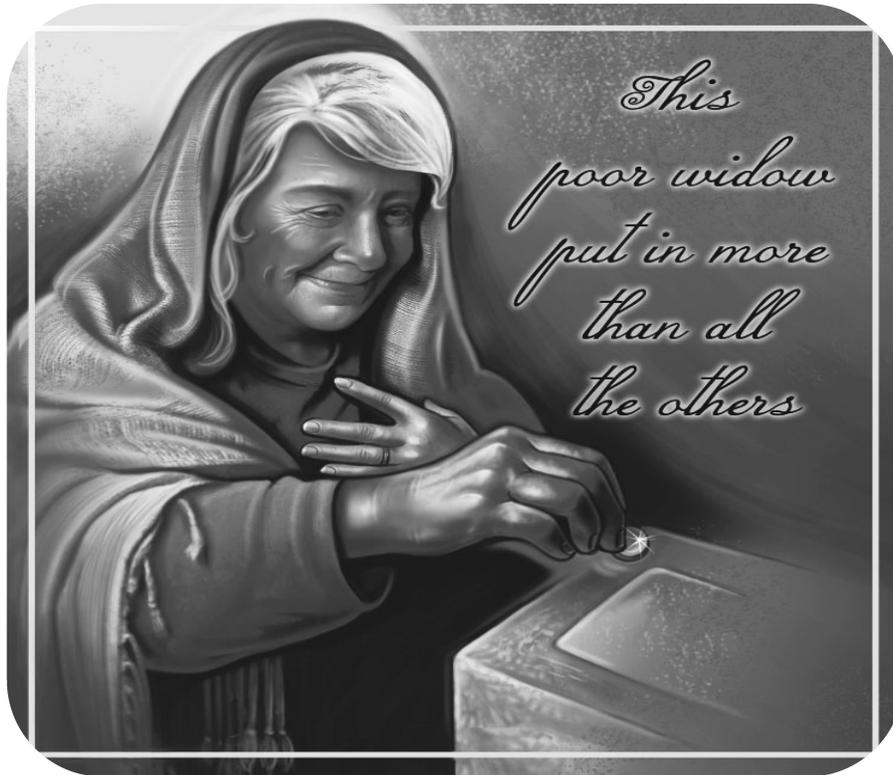


November 11, 2018
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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,

"I DON'T CARE what anyone says, I am going to do it!" he yells at his mother as he storms out of the house. Friends, is this not a familiar scene in our society? The words change, but the essential message is the same: A person is not open to advice because his or her mind is closed. Some advice may be sought, but it is heeded only if it reinforces the decisions already made or is in an easier path to take. It is human nature to reject help and to do the things our way.

Our reading today comes from the Book of 1 Kings. The main events of this book are David's death, Solomon's reign, the divisions of the Kingdom of Israel into two, and Elijah's ministry. Elijah is surely one of the greatest prophets. In one of the most dramatic confrontations in history, Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel. In spite of incredible opposition, Elijah stood for God and proved that God is powerful over the false god Baal. If God is on our side, no one can stand against us (Romans 8:31). The prophet's responsibility was to confront and correct any deviation from God's law. His messages and miracles were a warning to the evil and rebellious kings and people who did not care about what anyone said. Even today, people seem to relativize everything and do not seem to care any longer about truth or advice given to them. Those who worshipped Baal believed he was the god who brought the rains and bountiful harvests. So when Elijah walked into the presence of this Baal-worshipping king and told him there would be no rain for several years, King Ahab was shocked. Even though he had many priests of Baal, they were not able to bring the rain. Elijah bravely confronted the man who had led his people into evil, and told how his powerful God was.

God has help where we least expect it. He provides for us in ways that go beyond our narrow definitions or expectations. No matter how bitter our trials or how seemingly hopeless our situation is, we should look for God's caring touch. We may find His providence in some strange ways. When the widow of Zarephat in today's reading met Elijah, she thought she was preparing her last meal. But a simple act of faith produced a miracle. She trusted Elijah and gave all she had to eat to him. Faith is the step between promise and assurance. Miracles seem so out of reach for our feeble faith. But every miracle, large or small, begins with the act of obedience. We may not see the solution until we take the first step of faith.

With faith and love, I want to thank the fundraising committee for the preparation and execution of this year's Christmas Bazaar. They put so much time in trying to make sure everything worked well. The cleaning crew, the volunteers, and everyone who was directly or indirectly involved in the preparation, a big thank you also. In addition, I would like to thank all our guests who attended and those that support us financially but were unable to attend.

Finally, I want to thank you personally for taking time in your busy schedule to participate in the just ended pastor's evaluation. Such evaluation is critical as it points out not only great qualities but also the challenges that one possesses and uses in ministry. We are all blessed in many different ways and no doubt we should thank God. 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:
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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.

Multi-faith Thanksgiving Service

Next Sunday, November 18

The community of Congregation is hosting an annual **Multi-faith thanks-giving service** at our parish on November 18th at 7:00 pm. The Community of Congregations is an interfaith organization serving the greater Oak Park—River Forest, Illinois area. The community of congregations *supports PADS [Public Action to Deliver Shelter], the Cluster Tutoring Program, the annual Crop Walk, the Walk-in-Ministry, the Oak Park/River Forest Food pantry, and the Holiday Food and Gift Basket program [HFGB]*, under a grant provided by Youth Services of Oak Park and River Forest Townships.

In addition to these ministries, this faith community sponsors a variety of programs including the community's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, one of the oldest such programs in the Chicagoland area.

This year, **our parish** is hosting the prayer service and we expect more than 350 people in attendance. We are in need of volunteers to help with post-service treats (brownies, cookies, fruits, coffee etc.) at Maguire Hall and help to greet, serve and clean up. All are invited to attend this important event. Please contact Fr. George or Pat Koko on how you will like to help.

“Difference is not dangerous; difference is Divine”
This coming Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 pm.

Parish Calendar

Monday, November 12

- 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 1:00& 7:00PM - Women's Fall Series - CH
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
- 3-8:00PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD

Tuesday, November 13

- 10:00AM - 3:00PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
- 7:00 PM - PPC Agenda - RRT
- 7:30-9:00 PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, November 14

- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
- 3:00-5:00PM - Organ Practice - CH
- 7:00-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD
- 7:30-9:00 PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, November 15

- 2:00-4:00 PM - F&F Meeting - 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
- 7:00-9:00 PM - Evening with Dian Hayes - CH

Friday, November 16

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

A Good Story

Christianity is the story of beggars who tell other beggars where to find bread.
—Anonymous



Diana L. Hayes will be the keynote speaker on “Difference is not dangerous; difference is Divine” here at St. Catherine of Siena— St. Lucy Church.

It will be a special evening... not to be missed...open to all men and women...which will also feature some of our local community’s black female spiritual leaders.

Save-the-Date

Sunday, December 9
Family Mass and Breakfast with St. Nick’s Maguire Hall

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from October 28th, 2018 through October 20st, 2019. 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 have been mailed to registered members of the parish and are available in the back of church. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone, not just members of our parish community. Pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

November 11, 2018

JACK KERNAN,

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. November 12

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Tom and Carol Frank

Tue. November 13

Bob Serritela (Health)
By: A Friend

Wed. November 14

8:30 † **Patrick Hargadon**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. November 16

8:30 † **Mary Cotter**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. November 17

9:00 † **Roman Charles**
By: Evie Stockinger

5:00 † **Jesus Yee**
By: The Yee Family

Sun. November 18

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

8:30 † Deceased Members of the
Villanueva Family

10:30 † **Russell P. Gremel**
By: Tom Nelson, Thomas Eric &
Charlie Nelson and the
Thatcher Woods Area Council

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;
Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18;
Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14,18;
Mk 13:24-32

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
 Monday: St. Josaphat
 Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
 Thursday: St. Albert the Great
 Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
 Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



November 4, 2018	\$ 4,138.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,712.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ - 1,458.00

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 widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

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

Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli Kevin Morgan Esteban Perez

Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond Wrenetha Julion Bro. J. Kilikevics
 Paul Knight Thom Schouten Kim McGuire

Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker	Walter Washington	Terry Sullivan
Jack Kernan	Fannie Cooper	Scarlett Evans
Era Yee	Marjorie Fields	Mary Howard
Grace Bishop	Bill Cragg	Yuna Kim
	Kathy Mortell	Bill Holmes
	Annie Rowan	Patricia Long

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.

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 — 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel was written 150 years before Christ, when the Jews were experiencing fierce persecution. The author wanted to encourage them by telling heroic stories about a person named Daniel who lived many centuries earlier. For most of their history, Old Testament people believed only in, at best, a shadowy existence after death. Today's passage contains one of the earliest references to a growing belief in life after death.



Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Scholars feel that the community for which the Letter to the Hebrews was written included Christians of Jewish origin. Since the letter was written after the Jewish temple was destroyed, they were pining for the old days when the high priest offered daily sacrifices in the temple. The author says they shouldn't be upset. They no longer need a temple, sacrifices or priests because Jesus is all of these and more.

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



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, Mary G. Ballew, Willie Brown, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czapllicki, Marcia Digweed, Normantha & Larry Evans, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Albert Parker, Jr., Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoevlin, 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 2019 Mass Book is here!

We have **weekday** Masses available in our **2019** Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses.

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

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School News

- ..# A big thank you to all our veterans who have served this country so bravely. We are grateful for all you have done to protect our precious freedoms.
- ..# We would also like to thank everyone who worked so hard to bring the Christmas Bazaar to life. We loved shopping on Friday!
- ..# The Kindergarten and 1st grade students have been attending Friday Mass with their Church Buddies from 6th and 7th grades.
- ..# This Thursday the school will once again host Lend a Shoulder Day. Board members from the Big Shoulders Fund will come visit our classrooms to see the wonderful things going on in our building.
- ..# Our Girls' Basketball team officially kicked off their season yesterday. The Lady Wildcats are looking good! Their next game is Saturday at 2:00pm, at St. John Vianney in Northlake.
- ..# Happy birthday to our very own Mrs. Cooper next Sunday, November 18.

Dine Out with Friends

Tues. 12-4-18 - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.:
Panera Bread, 7349 Lake St., River Forest

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 apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net
Thank you!



There will be RE class on Sunday November 18th.

A reminder that on Sunday, December 9th, at 10:30 AM there will be a family mass and that the St. Nick's Pancake Breakfast is also this date following 8:30 and 10:30 masses.

Registration is always open. If you have a child/children who you would like to register, contact the Rectory, leave your name and number and someone will call you. It is never too late.

Women Spiritual Series

Mon., Nov. 12: LAST SESSION
One Day at a Time; Fix Me, Jesus, Fix Me; There is a Balm in Gilead

Shelby Boblick is facilitating the discussion, and using as a catalyst **Trouble Don't Last Always: Soul Prayers**, a book by Diana L. Hayes. We offer a duplicate session: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m.

We meet in the gathering area of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church at 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. The church is handicapped accessible. Questions? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765

Mentors Needed for Youth in Back of the Yards Community

Make a difference. Be a mentor! Catholic Charities is looking for mentors for teen boys in 7th and 8th grades in the Back of the Yards community. Catholic Charities will help and coach you as you mentor and build supportive, healthy relationships. Mentoring has immediate and long-term benefits for mentors and mentees, and sets youth on a path of success. For more information, please contact Nico May at (312) 655-7970 or visit <https://www.ccofchicagovolunteer.com>

Faith and Fellowship Needs Help

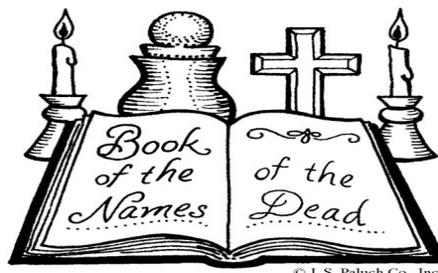
If you can give a couple of hours on Wednesday evenings or Thursday afternoons, we would like to invite you to become part of our faith-sharing groups. We enjoy a peaceful atmosphere of friendship, prayer and reflection, and warm hospitality. You will nurture your own spiritual life at the same time as helping others. Come and see!

Contact Connie Rakitan via e-mail faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or give her a call at: 708-383-9276.

November:

Month of the Holy Souls

All are invited to bring photos of deceased loved ones to the church and place them in the window wells of the church. Photos will remain in the window wells throughout the month of November as we remember loved ones in prayer. Also, the Book of Remembrance will be in the Gathering Space throughout November so that you might enter the names of loved ones for whom you wish to pray.



Pro-Life

"I think we have deluded ourselves into believing that people don't know that abortion is killing. So any pretense that abortion is not killing is a signal of our ambivalence, a signal that we cannot say yes, it kills a fetus."

- Faye Wattleton

Next Weekend our 2nd Collection is for The Catholic Campaign for Human Development

CCHD is working on the margins to...

- ..# **Encounter Christ in the poor**
- ..# **Amplify voices with vision**
- ..# **Challenge root causes of poverty and injustice**
- ..# **Break down walls of indifference**
- ..# **Transform hearts and communities**

Your contribution to the second collection on **November 17-18** provides direct support to emerging leaders and low-income communities in Cook and Lake Counties.

To donate online or learn more about how to get involved, visit: CCHDchicago.org or [Facebook.com/CCHDchicago/](https://www.facebook.com/CCHDchicago/)



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 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*

Black Catholic History Month

November was chosen because of two famous black saints, Saint Augustine of Hippo whose birthday is November 3rd and St. Martin de Porres whose feast day is November 13th. We will celebrate with art and environment, projects by the children and music. So keep this crucial part of our culture in your minds, hearts and prayers during this month.

Fundraiser for the Music Department

Merchandise with the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy logo is now available. You may view the items and purchase them online at: <https://shop.fancloth.com/60302/452661>. Use Internet Explorer or Google Chrome. Safari is not supported. Payment can be made with MasterCard or Visa.

If you do not have online access, you may use a catalog. Please do not take a catalog if you have on—line access.

Catalogs and samples of the merchandise can be found at the back of the church after mass. Your order must be received by November 16 in order to arrive by Christmas. Orders will be shipped to the church to be picked up there.

If you need assistance placing your order, please call Phil at (773) 491-6194.



Treasures from Our Tradition

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the “Great War”) on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier’s cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church *capella* or “chapel,” the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as “Saint Martin’s Lent” or “Martinmas,” that later developed into the season of Advent.

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