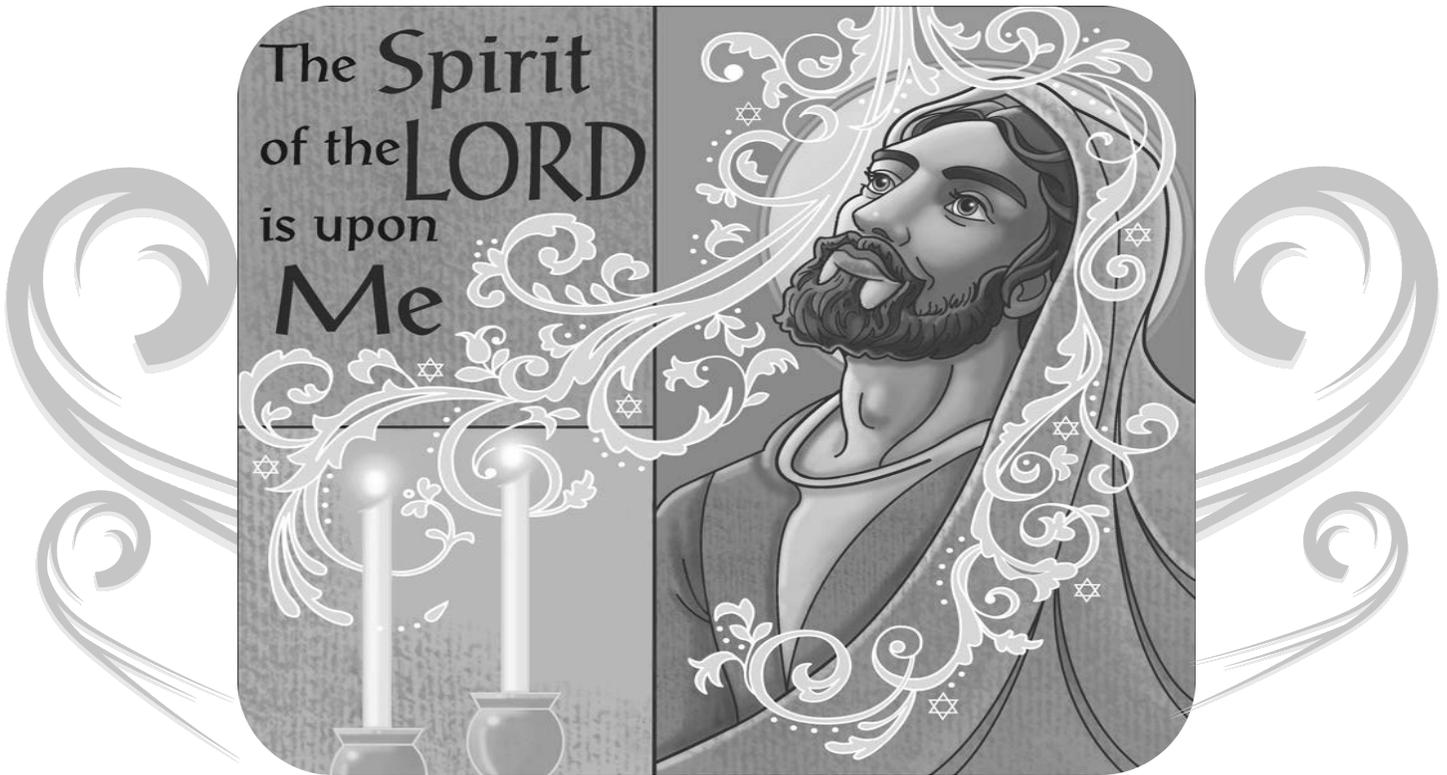


January 27, 2019

Third 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 Further Notice

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,

On Sunday last week, we were inspired by St. Paul's teachings that assured that none of our gifts is superior to the other. That all the gifts that we have are equal and given to use for the benefit of the community. We use the talents or gifts we have, and we have begun to build the Church and the community in which we live. The Church is not simply the constructed building of our local parish or diocesan cathedral, as important as they truly are as houses of worship; but the Church, Christ's Body, is made up of all of us, clergy and laity alike.

The first reading from the Book of Nehemiah was written in a very difficult time for Judaism, which was trying to maintain its identity after the Babylonian Captivity of Israel, known as post-exilic.-meaning that the people had just returned from the exile .Yes, the exile of 597-536 B.C. was over, but the chaos remained. Nehemiah was the man of action who rebuilt the shattered walls of Jerusalem and introduced very important administrative and legal reforms. Ezra was the great priest/religious reformer who worked to re-establish the Law (the Torah) as the religious constitution of the returning community. Nehemiah was a layman and Ezra a priest, who worked together to rebuild the "secular" and "religious" aspects of Jewish life, and they did it together. Ezra was re-teaching the people the beauty of the Law but they could not see this at first – they felt it a burden because many realized they weren't living it. "They were weeping as they heard the words of the Lord." Nehemiah, Ezra, and the Levitical priests were all instructing the people on the meaning of the Law.

Aren't ALL of us Catholics supposed to learn our faith, and gently and faithfully share it with others, who may "feel" burdened by the Church's teaching, because they do not understand what the ethos behind the ethic truly are. St. Paul in today's second reading beautifully demonstrates that all parts of the body work harmoniously for the well-functioning of the human body. There is not part/s of the body that is greater than the other. St. Paul's calls us as the mystical body of Christ, the Church. Even our Church is diverse with varying gifts. We can work together in building God's kingdom here on earth. I know it is not easy for diverse members of the Church to work together, but we can try to use the examples that we have been given. There is no man or woman that was created to work independently. We all need each other to succeed. God blesses you all. St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 12, presents a beautiful analogy between our body, its individual parts and the Body of Christ, the Church. St. Paul reminds us of the dignity of different vocational callings within the Church which make up the Body, with Jesus as its Head. Indeed all are important and all have some measure of dignity inherent in them. St. Paul teaches us that we are not simply body parts, but that all the parts are important and that we must not be deconstructed to the point that we forget the sum of the parts is the human person with great dignity, heavenly (not monetary) value and worth. Likewise, in the Gospel today, St Luke tells us that Jesus read from the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah and claimed He was the one whose coming was foretold by the prophet, and that the scriptures are fulfilled in Him. For this claim they will try to kill Him, but it wasn't His time yet. God's words bring life and we, as the Body of Christ, must teach them to others according to our vocational calling, of which all are important parts of the same beautiful Body. 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

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

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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.

Time

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, it will be “a year acceptable to the Lord.” And Jesus surely didn’t mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the “arrival” of God’s favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God’s word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, “Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep.”

The “year acceptable to the Lord” is this year. The day that is “holy” is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God’s help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God’s word.

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Save the Date

**Mondays, January 28
through- Monday, April 1**
*Conference Series
for Women & Men*

**Sunday, February 10-
10:00 AM**
*African-American Heritage
Celebration followed by a
brunch at Maguire Hall*

**Saturday & Sunday
February 16-17**
Valentine’s Bake Sale

Wednesday, March 6
Ash Wednesday

Very Grateful

As we look back on this past Christmas Season, we thank the many hands that worked tirelessly to make our Church decorations so beautiful, both inside and out. Many thanks to all who helped with set-up and take-down for Christmas.

Particular gratitude for the artistic talents of **Marcie and Kevin Morgan** who plan, decorate, and carefully store for our various seasons, as well as to **Rachel Faulman** who repaired and re-painted the exterior Crèche figures. We are a community of multi talents, shared so freely!

Parish Calendar

Monday, January 28

- 1:00 & 7:30 PM - Women & Men Spirituality Series - CH
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
- 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD

Tuesday, January 29

- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
- 7:30-9:00 PM - Praise Choir MMR

Wednesday, January 30

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

Thursday, January 31

- 12:30-3:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care -
- 6:00-8:00 PM - AA - RD

Friday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 2

- 10AM-4PM - Faith & Fellowship Meeting - RD
- 3:00PM - Mass at Brookdale - OS

“I Want to be Filled with the Spirit”

On Sunday, February 10, we will have our annual celebration of **African American Heritage** Month with a festive liturgy at 10:00 am (which will be the only Mass that day) followed by a potluck brunch. Please be with us as we honor the rich African American story, and call upon the Holy Spirit to lead us ever forward! The Praise Choir, the Celebration Choir, and the voices of our school and religious education will lead us in worship; and beautiful processions, an honoring of our elders, African drumming, and other special highlights will all add to the joy. Don’t miss it!

(See our Flyer on page 7 on this bulletin.)

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing 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 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

January 27, 2019

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. January 28
8:30 † Stanley Mikita
 By: Thomas and Pat Nelson

Tue. January 29
8:30 † Luke Podraza
 By: Joanna Vanni

Wed. January 30
8:30 † Virginia Keenan
 By: Ministry of Care

Fri. February 1
8:30 † Evelyn Cadematrie
 By: Tom Cadematrie

Sat. February 2
9:00 † Donna J. Konecki (22nd Anniv. of death)
 By: Jay, Ava, Aaron & Kristina Konecki
5:00 † Vicente Yee Canama
 By: The Yee Family

Sun. February 3
8:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30 † Evelyn Cadematrie
 By: Tom Cadematrie
10:30 † Lesiaki Proper-Mushi
 By: Selina Mushi

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
 Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
 Thursday: St. John Bosco
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



January 20, 2019	\$ 3,972.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 682.00
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 — Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
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Altar Servers

Michael Giometti	Walter Washington	Mireille Lozes Abigail
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Ministers of the Word

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Ministers of the Eucharist

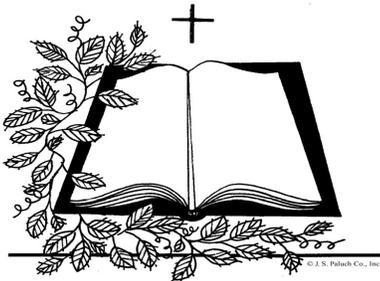
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1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

FEBRUARY 3, 2019 — 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Today we hear about Jeremiah's call to be a prophet. It came when he was quite young. It also came at a time of turmoil when Babylon was in the process of conquering the entire Near East. That's why Jeremiah felt uneasy about the call. God, however, refuses to take "no" for an answer.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

We will recognize today's passage from first Corinthians as one that is often read at weddings. Actually, the context is not marriage, but squabbles in the Christian community in Corinth over whose spiritual gifts were most important. Paul goes to the heart of the matter.

Love in Our Works

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Ávila

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, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czaplicki, Normantha & Larry Evans, Mary Jones, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Dee Norman, Mary Ann Parker, Albert Parker, Jr., Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoeflin, 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

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 Scoop

- February is National Dental Month. Dental supplies for our kids will be put in your mailbox. We'll have another visit from the Mobile Dental Van during the month.
- Our liturgy for Black History Month has been moved to Friday, February 15, at 10:15 a.m. The two Mikes are coordinating with Connie.
- Grades 7-8 will attend the African-American Prayer Service at Holy Name on the morning of Friday, February 22.
- The School Board's Winter Carnival is Friday evening, January 25, from 7-9pm. Please remind your students to attend.

Update Personal Info

Please update us with your cell phone number, e-mail address, or any other change of status.

Please call Amanda 708-386-8077 apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net Thank you!

Dine Out with Friends

February 2019 TBA
Kenyan Dinner

May 2019 TBA
Lou Malnati's

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men. 312- 337-1962 888- 456-HOPE projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

A Series for Women and Men

Over 7 Mondays, we are viewing a DVD of a dynamic conference and being nourished by two modern voices as they weave a dynamic presentation of the issues of gender, spirituality, and Divinity awareness. Cynthia Bourgeault and Richard Rohr presented this conference and together their teachings will help all listeners open their inner eyes and ears to insights taught in the Christian Scriptures. So, come each week or once in a while. We will view a segment of the DVD and then reflect, share and pray.

Mon., Jan. 28 – The Sacred as Connection
(Rohr) 44 mins.

Mon., Feb. 4 – Reclaiming the Path to Romantic Love (Bourgeault) (66 mins.)

Mon., Feb. 11 – God as Subject and Object
(Rohr) (12 mins.) - **The Path of Jesus**
(Bourgeault) (56 mins.)

Mon., March 4 – The True Spiritual Path
(Rohr) (26 mins.)

Mon., March 11 – Beyond the Dance to Union (Rohr) (56 mins.)

Mon., March 18 – Passion as a Dangerous Word (Bourgeault) (27 mins)
- **Anointing** (Bourgeault)
(24 mins.)

Mon., April 1 – Reconciliation Ritual
(Bourgeault & Rohr) (14 mins.) - **Homily**
(Bourgeault) (15 mins.)

Shelby Boblick is leading the reflections. Meetings are taking place in the gathering area of St. Catherine – St. Lucy Catholic Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL, which is accessible to those with mobility challenges. Assistive listening devices are available.

We're offering duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join at the time that suits you. No need to come at the same time each Monday. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes. Discussion time will vary depending on the length of the DVD viewing. Questions? Call Shelby Boblick (630-240-2765) or St. Catherine-St. Lucy (708-386-8077).

St. Valentine's Bake Sale

Our annual St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale draws near. It will be held on **February 16 and 17**. All parishioners are invited to "try their hand" at baking something for the sale.

A Valentine theme would be appropriate. On the weekend of the sale, please bring all baked goods to the Rectory any time on Saturday and drop baked goods off at Maguire Hall before the Masses Sunday. ALL are invited to the Hall for coffee and juice and to purchase delicious home baked goods on that weekend.

The 500 Club Drawing, for \$500.00 is part of the bake sale. Certificates may be purchased right up until the drawing. Come, enjoy, and be a winner! There will be door prizes for those in attendance.



2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is coming

Please note that you will be receiving or already have received a mailing from Cardinal Cupich announcing the coming of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal whose theme this year is:

*"Come Follow Me...
And share the Word"*

We ask you to help share the Gospel message by providing their generous support to the work of the Archdiocese.

St. Catherine– St. Lucy is Looking to Hire a Music Director

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish in Oak Park is seeking to hire a position of a part time with benefits Music Director and Liturgy. The Position is open immediately. The successful musician should be able: To select music for the masses, learn and teach music, play piano and organ (oversee maintenance). Liturgy planning. Bulletins/worship aids for special services: (Triduum, Christmas, etc.), Christmas Gospel (teach music to children, play.) Hiring other musicians when needed, encourage volunteer musicians and Select and teach music at weekly choir rehearsals. Please send resumes and references to Fr. George Omwando, gomwando@gmail.com



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*

African American Heritage Celebration

Sunday, February 10th

10:00 AM

**St. Catherine – St. Lucy
Church**

38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park

I want to be filled
with the
Spirit...

Pot Luck Brunch to follow
in Maguire Hall (parish gym)
after Mass - bring a dish to
share!

Info: 708 - 386-8077

