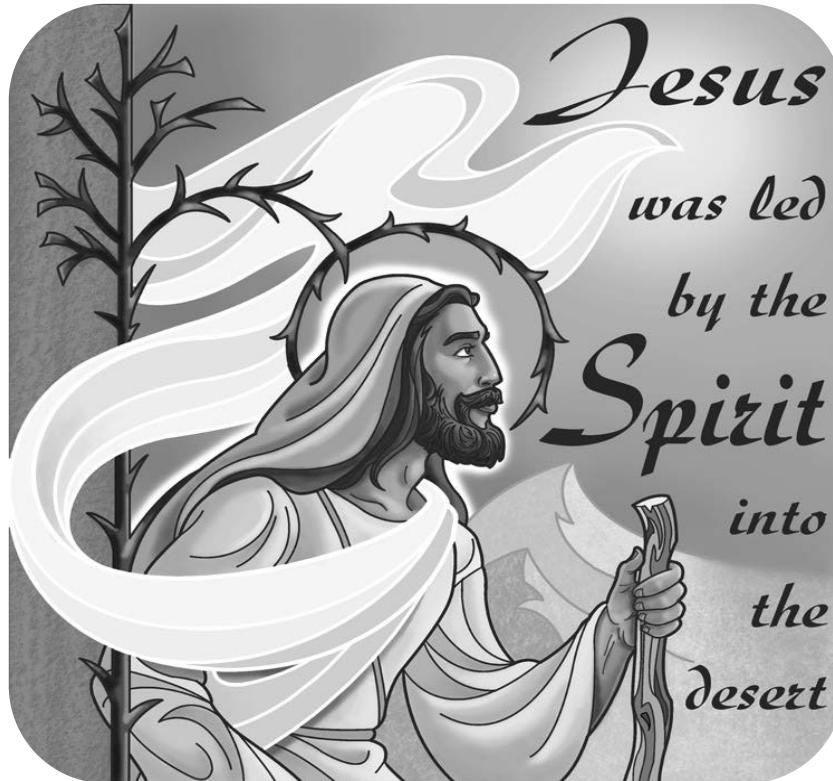


March 10, 2019
First Sunday of Lent



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
Mrs. Christine Wedekind, Religious Education Coordinator
Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Music and Liturgy Director

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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; **Sunday:** 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
(Please enter the Church by Washington Blvd. 2nd door to the West)

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 want to thank everyone for participating in the many events that the parish recently held, especially: our annual Catholic campaign; those who worked so hard in preparations for our annual meatless spaghetti dinner; and to Pat Nelson and Sue Schouten and those that assisted them in the preparation of Brother Kenney Gorman's nice sendoff. We welcome Kraig Zeronik our new Music and Liturgy Director. Kraig is very happy to join our community. Please extend a hand of welcome to him.

Today, we begin the First Week of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptations of Satan, and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparations for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early Church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Today's Gospel's story takes place in two significant locations: the wilderness and Jerusalem. Historically, the wilderness was the place where God met the Jewish people at Sinai after rescuing them from Egypt. In the wilderness God shaped them into God's covenant people cared for and led by God with cloud and fire. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is also led, this time by the Holy Spirit, into the wilderness, and he faces temptation by his adversary, the devil. In the wilderness, life is very hard as the temperatures are extremely high during the day time and at night the temperatures decrease. There is water shortage in the desert and it is very hard for the crops to grow. Such conditions are conducive for temptations. The devil's tempting of Jesus offers a close look at both the humanity and divinity of Jesus. However, they also reveal important truth concerning how we can respond to temptations today, relying upon God and His Word in order to stand firm against the attacks of Satan. Temptation always has an attraction or we wouldn't be drawn to it. Essentially, it's an enticement to evil. Satan's purpose for it is to distract us from our relationship with God and derail us spiritually. As a follower of Christ you will face opposition and attack from the enemy. Are you aware of the hidden dangers planted by Satan along your spiritual path? How do you handle temptations? How can you escape the enticements that can derail your faith – pride, jealousy, insecurity, compromise, fear, forgiveness, bitterness – and stay clear of Satan's traps? 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: Rev. George Omwando
Celebration Choir: Rev. George O.
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:

Rev. George Omwando

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Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee:

Kevin Kell,

Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings: Please contact Fr. George 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.

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.

Funerals:

Please call the Rectory to set up arrangements with the Christian Burial Mass.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.



NEXT Sunday

Please Be Our Guest at the annual **SPRING RAFFLE**

Sunday March 17th after
10:30 Mass in Maguire Hall

Light refreshments and good
company will be provided.

This year's **raffle prizes** are cash
prizes of \$1000, \$500,
\$250, \$100 and gift certificates to
Drury Lane Oakbrook, the Parish
Outing to Four Winds Casino
& Oak Park's
Trattoria 225 Restaurant.

Raffle tickets have been mailed and will also
be available for sale after Masses beginning
March 2nd. Winner need not be present
but it is fun when you are!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee



Parish Calendar

Monday, March 11

9:30AM - Bible Study - RRT
1 & 7:30PM - Women & Men Series - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

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, March 14

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

Friday, March 8

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - CH

March 10, 2019

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

St. Catherine—St. Lucy

Palm Sunday—April 14

5:00 PM ~ Saturday
8:30 AM ~ Sunday
10:30AM ~ Palms Procession

Holy Thursday—April 18

7:30 PM ~ Mass of the Lord's
Supper
Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday— April 19

12 Noon ~ Vigil at the Cross
7:30 PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion
of The Lord

Holy Saturday— April 20

1:00 PM ~ Blessing of Easter
Baskets
7:30 PM ~ The Great Easter Vigil
Mass

Easter Sunday —April 21

8:30 & 10:30 AM

Lenten Regulations

(from Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Fasting and Abstaining From Meat

One of our Lenten Practices uniting
us with Catholics around the world!
Fridays during Lent are days of
abstaining from meat. Good Friday is
a day of abstaining from meat and
fasting.

Abstinence from meat is to be ob-
served by all Catholics 14 years old
and older on Ash Wednesday and on
all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash
Wednesday by all Catholics who are
18 years of age but not yet 59. Those
who are bound by this may take only
one full meal. Two smaller meals are
permitted if necessary to maintain
strength according to one's needs, but
eating solid foods between meals is
not permitted.

The special Paschal fast, as well as
abstinence, are prescribed for Good
Friday and encouraged for Holy
Saturday.

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be
included in every weekly drawing
through October 20th, 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

L E N T

Save the Date

Mondays, March 11 thru
Monday, April 1
*Conference Series
for Women & Men*

Sunday, March 17
Spring Raffle - M

Sat-Sun, April 13-14
Easter Flower Sale

Saturday, April 27
Four Winds Casino Trip

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

March 10, 2018

BILL & CHERYL SULLIVAN,

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**Mass Intentions
for the Week**
Mon. March 11

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Gary and Betty Wiley

Tue. March 12

8:30 † **William Prindiville**
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers

Wed. March 13

8:30 **Ted Marzalek (Health)**
By: Faith and Fellowship

Fri. March 15

8:30 **Deacon Richard Sage (Health)**
By: A Friend

Sat. March 16

9:00 **Albert Park (Health)**
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Irena Baleisis**
By: Era Yee

Sun. March 17

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

8:30 † **Richard Keller Jr.**
By: Bereavement Ministry

10:30 † **Mary Prindiville**
By: Pat and Tom Nelson

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-
48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-
36

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;
Rite of Calling the Candidates to
Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence

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


March 3, 2019	\$ 6459.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 507.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
D E F I C I T	\$ - 342.00

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 — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**MARCH 17, 2019**

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

Michael Giometti Mark Thomas	Miles Jackson	Mireille Lozes Abigail Agbefé
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Ministers of the Word

Dan Brown Susan Kumler	Thom Schouten Shirley Jones	Yuna Kim Terry Sullivan
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker Grace Bishop Lessie Dean Michelle Darang-Coleman	Walter Washington Kevin Kell Fannie Cooper Bill Cragg Kathy Mortell	Scarlett Evans Mary Howard Doris Brown David Geffe Bill Holmes Jan Kieckhefer
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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.



MARCH 17, 2019 — 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

This passage recounts the making of a covenant between God and Abraham. Ancient Near-Eastern people often established a covenant by cutting animals in half and setting the halves opposite each other. The participants then walked in blood flowing between the halves, thereby establishing a blood relationship. But the covenant we will hear about today involves God, who will participate in a more dramatic way.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1

The ancient city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece. Paul's community of converts at Philippi was especially dear to him. In this section of his letter to them, Paul is upset—but not with them. He has heard that false teachers have come to the community, teaching that Jewish food laws and the rite of circumcision applied even to Christians.

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

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
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, Mary G. Ballew, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czaplicki, Normatha and Larry Evans, Dave Grayson, Danny Jones, Mary Jones, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Norma Martinez, Dee Norman, Mary Ann Parker, Albert Parker, Jr., Kate Shoevlin, Sharon Tsang & 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:
apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

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School Scoop

Registration for 2019-2020 School Year Coming Soon!

- ..# Before and After Care available
- ..# Warm, fun and academically sound Pre-School program
- ..# State of Illinois and Archdiocese of Chicago academic standards strictly adhered to
- ..# We meet each growth at an individual pace
- ..# All Junior High classes are taught by subject expert teachers
- ..# Students are prepared socially, spiritually, and academically for high school
- ..# New members will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Friday, March 22 at 1:00pm. You may be approached by a candidate for a recommendation.
- ..# Several of our students are Mazza scholars this year. They will be attending a reception on Wednesday, March 27, at St. Stan's from 10-11.

Fasting

"Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. It also means sharing food with those who are hungry."

—Pope Francis

Dine Out with Friends

May 2019
Lou Malnati's

TBA

From the Office of the Music Director

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Kraig Zeronik, and I am your new Director of Music and Liturgy. I am excited to be here at St. Catherine – St. Lucy, and I am looking forward to getting to know my new church family. I thought to start that I'd share a little bit about myself with you. For the past 20 years I have been privileged to engage in both musical and human experiences that allow me to pursue my passion for music. It was in the earliest days of my educational track that I benefited from studying with some of the best musicians and organists at DePauw University. At this moment, I am still reaping inspiration from others. It is through their example that I now can inspire others too.

During the course of my musical journey, I have served as an Organist, Music Director, and Director of Music in different parishes located in Indiana, Columbus, Ohio, and most recently St. Thomas Becket and St. Cornelius in Chicago.

My core belief is that Music is a higher power. I have believed this my entire life. I feel it in my heart, I feel it in my soul, and so it is that I have dedicated my life to music. I have been blessed to have participated in liturgical music planning, congregational leadership, choir accompaniment, youth ministries, vacation bible school, youth groups, and parish retreats.

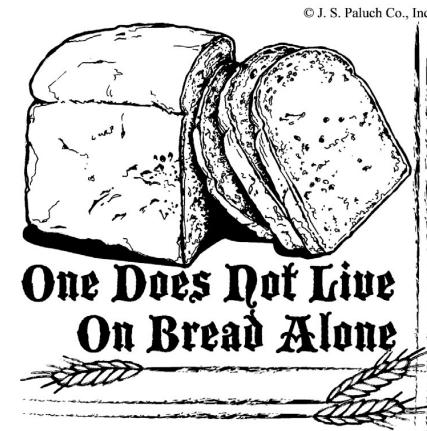
My hope is to share this passion with all of you. To sing is to pray twice, and as a liturgical organist and musician, there is no end to the power that your voices possess in fueling my musical passion on the bench. Please join me as we offer praise to God each and every week by singing as we pray together. We echo the famous words of J.S. Bach, as written in many of his scores:
Soli Deo Gloria – To God alone be the glory.

Let our Journey begin. - KZ

Stations of the Cross At St. Catherine-St. Lucy

The Stations continue every Friday through Lent in Church.

Won't you please pick up your little 30 minute cross and come and pray with us, as we honor Jesus Christ and thank Him for accepting a painful death on His Cross for us.



Won't You Be My Neighbor

The Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality Gala Concert

Sunday March 31, 2019, 3-5 PM

St. Giles Catholic Parish in Oak Park, 1001 Columbian Avenue, McDonough Hall, 2nd Floor, handicap accessible.

To remember that all adults are responsible for every child in the world, we will use music to honor and respect children, your own and those of others who rely upon us for their safety and thriving.

Bring the kids, your own or others and with the musicians enjoy singing the music of Mr. Rogers. All ages are welcome including adults whose inner child is still intact. Child care will be provided for the restless ones while we also enjoy music of Chopin Faure, and other composers.

Shem Center will give UNICEF half of the donations received at this our

Pray For Our Deceased



Lexa Page

May he rest in peace!

We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his family in a prayerful embrace. He was Ron Page's brother.

May the angels lead him into Paradise

This Weekend: FAIR TRADE

The Fair Trade Sale is scheduled for this weekend after all of the Masses. Please support Fair Trade with your purchase of Coffees, Teas, and Chocolates. Thank you.

Signs of Lent

Each week we are highlighting a different sign of the Lenten Season, beginning with ashes.

This penitential symbol has its roots in the Old Testament books of Esther, Samuel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, and are a reminder of the impermanence of our earthly life. The ashes are made from the burning of blessed palms (from Palm Sunday the year before) and are placed on our foreheads in the form of a cross: it is in Jesus that we are saved from our sins, and are given eternal life.

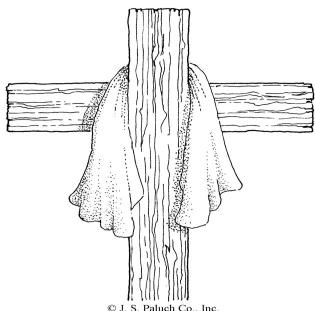
Easter Flower Sale

Spring flowers and plants will be arriving the weekend of **April 13-14**



Come see what Easter lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils, Begonias, Azaleas and flower baskets can do to lift your spirit and bring color into your life after the grey winter.

Awake now wintry earth!



A Series for Women and Men

Over 3 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., 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 1:00 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

Congratulations!!! Autumn Ewing Service Award Recipient

On Friday, February 22nd our very own 8th grade student from **St. Catherine-St. Lucy School** *Autumn Ewing*, was honored at Holy Name Cathedral with a Service Award presented by the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Principals from schools around the area were asked to nominate a student. All nominations were sent to a committee who reviewed the nominees and selected one overall winner. Our Autumn was chosen!

The criteria for the award were demonstrations of faith (inside the classroom and outside the classroom) and leadership (inside the classroom and outside classroom). Here is a summary of what Mrs. Leamy shared about Autumn:

Autumn Ewing is an outstanding individual and most deserving of this award. Academically, she is at the top of her class. She organized our Student Council this year, motivating her classmates to serve. She is a member of our Girls' Basketball team and has never missed a game or practice. She leads her team by example; there is no one with a bigger sense of purpose or stronger work ethic.

Autumn serves as an altar server for our weekly Masses. She helped organize a Christmas toy drive for children living at a shelter for domestic violence. Last weekend, she spent her Saturday helping treat women with developmental disabilities to a "spa day." I can personally attest to Autumn's character. I have never heard her say a cross word to anyone or about anyone. Her interactions with peers and adults is always kind and respectful.

CRS – RICE BOWL Stories of Hope Encounter Norma

For young families living in the mountains of Guatemala, raising a baby can be hard. Most families grow corn and beans for a living, but a long-standing drought has caused harvests to shrink. There are few job opportunities, which means putting food on the table is a daily challenge. That's why when Norma discovered she was pregnant, she wondered how she would manage. "When I was young, my mom and dad didn't have money to buy much food," she says. "My mom would split one egg among four children." Norma wanted more for her son, Victor.

But at age 20, she didn't have much experience beyond helping her mother around the house. So, she looked for help. She found it in a CRS-sponsored program that teaches young mothers how to raise healthy children, grow nutritious food in small gardens and manage a healthy diet. Plus, CRS provided Norma with food throughout her pregnancy and monthly medical check-ups during Victor's first two years of life.

"I learned a lot of beautiful things," Norma says. "I learned how to take care of my boy and what foods to feed him so that he can grow healthy and strong."

Now, Norma is sharing what she learned with others as a "mother monitor." "It makes me proud to share the experience I had and the lessons I learned with other women," she says. It makes Norma proud—and makes her community a better place to raise a family.

