



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 18, 2019
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

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

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Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:30 am
(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

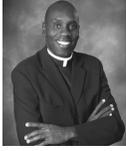
Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

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,

There are always consequences that follow men and women that God has called to be ordained for ministry, lay ministry or religious life. Challenges are part of our lives and they make us even stronger. When God calls, He provides us with the necessary skills to accomplish what He has called you to do. Sometimes, those that are called by God are not necessarily strong or mighty but ordinary people who lack special skills or talents. Just look at the call of the Apostles, these were just simple men that Jesus called to do the extraordinarily work of evangelizing the world.

The call of prophet Jeremiah from which our first reading comes from has always inspired me. Jeremiah was called, early in life, to serve during King Josiah of Judah's 13th reigning year in 627 B.C. At the time of his calling, Jeremiah was young (possibly 20 years old) and initially protested to God that his youth prohibited him from doing his will. During Jeremiah's call, the people of Israel repeatedly refused to listen to the Lord's instructions and followed too many evil desires to count. And yet, even though they had broken the terms of their Covenant with God, He was still willing to bless them if they repented. Justice can only allow evil to go so far. In one final act, God chooses Jeremiah to give the people of Israel's southern kingdom of Judah one more chance: to turn from their wicked ways or be exiled to Babylon. The latter is sadly the result. From a human assessment, Jeremiah's ministry could be deemed a failure. For forty years, the Lord God had made impassioned appeal through His prophet, seemingly to no avail. The point was reached when there was no remedy, no healing. The people, from the king through to princes, priests, and commoners, were too far gone – too set in their ways. Inevitably, God's judgments fell, and the Kingdom of Judah terminated (see Ezekiel 21:27).

It is an important point that today's reflection about the Jews of Jeremiah's days were God's people – and that they should have known better. But they had lost their distinctiveness and sunk into idolatry, apostasy, hypocrisy and materialism. The situation in Jeremiah's time challenges each one of us individually: Where is our focus? Where are our priorities? Where are our hearts? Are we prepared to meet our Lord – the Righteous Judge of all the Earth? Although Jeremiah's efforts seemed to have little effect, all was not in vain. Throughout the dark period of the decline of the nation there survived a small but faithful remnant. This little group was greatly encouraged by Jeremiah's words and personal example. After seventy years of captivity, a remnant would return, purged from the corruption of idolatry, to make a new start. Under Jeremiah's guidance, a younger generation had grown up in Jerusalem to know, love and respect the Word of God. Men like Prophet Daniel and Ezekiel, who in turn, in captivity, would provide sound teaching and inspiring examples for the generation that would eventually return. Finally the book of Jeremiah also reminds us that an end will certainly come, a truth that should spur us to follow after God wholeheartedly. Will you follow Him?

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: Kraig Zeronik
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

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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 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. August 19

8:30 † **Jerry Havel**
By: Dorothy Brion

Tue. August 20

8:30 † **Arturo C. Alegria**
By: Bill and Barbara Cragg

Wed. August 21

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

Thurs. August 22

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

Fri. August 23

8:30 † **Barbara Wheel**
By: Thom and Sue Schouten

Sat. August 24

9:00 **Coletta Ali (HEALTH)**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **Mary Bay**
By: Era Yee

Sun. August 25

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Joseph Schouten**
By: Vivian Tyler
10:30 † **Neil Simon**
By: Donna Kanapes

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Saints and Special Observances

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

Our Parish Stewardship



St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

August 11, 2019	\$ 4,014.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 482.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -2812.00

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 — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

AUGUST 25, 2019

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Altar Servers		
Kathy Paoli	Kevin Morgan	Ava Konecki
Ministers of the Word		
Susan Kumler Christine Wedekind	Tom Frank Renee Smith-Quinn	David Geffe Michelle Agbefe
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Dan Brown Carol Brown Susan Kumler Brenda Fojtik	Thom Schouten Kevin Kell Kathy Mortell Ginny Jones Annie Rowan Marjorie Fields	Scarlett Evans Bern Wheel Marie Wheel Leslie Agbefe Doris Brown Bill Holmes



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Mary G. Ballew, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czaplicki, Normatha & Larry Evans, Dave Grayson, Anna Fabach, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Harvey Page, Albert Parker, Jr., Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, Edith Ruiz, Jennifer Saldukas, Nancy Staunton, and Sharon Tsang.

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.

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

AUGUST 25, 2019 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21

When the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they found their beloved Jerusalem in shambles. In today's passage, the prophet looks ahead to better days when people from foreign lands will flock to Jerusalem as the city God built.



Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The letter to the Hebrews was written to people who had become discouraged and were losing faith. Today the author quotes a text from the Old testament book of Proverbs, and finds in it encouraging words.



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 is totally free.

Remember a Loved One

We still have **weekday** Masses available in our 2019 Mass Book. We also have the 2020 open for your requests.

Mass intentions are only \$10.00. Please come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

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.

Attention Young Readers!

We have a new resource for the younger members of our community in the book cart. There are a variety of books at various reading levels but all appropriate for church. Please feel free to take a book during mass and, as always, return it to the cart at the end of mass.

Update Personal Info

Please **DO NOT FORGET** to update us with your new cell phone number, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net Thank you!

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School Scoop

- August 20** First day of school for grades 1-8 and Parent Coffee in the morning.
- August 21** First day of school for ECC & K and Parent Coffee in the morning.
- August 29** Curriculum Night from 4:00-6:30pm.
- September 2** NO SCHOOL for Labor Day.



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



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*

Old Grocery Carts, Wagons, Luggage with wheels

At this time the Catholic Charities in Cicero is requesting parishioners and the community in general to dig in your home storage places and look to donate your unused grocery carts, wagons, or luggage with wheels. This is because many clients come to the Food Pantry either on foot or by bus. On a good day they leave with several bags of heavy groceries (canned goods, frozen meats, produce, dairy, cereal, etc). When clients have carts or any wheeling bag they can carry all their groceries. Without carts some leave food behind because they cannot carry everything.

If you have any of these items, please contact Andrea Legatzke at 708-524-8269. Thank you!



English Literacy Volunteers Needed

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center!

Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at **1751 W. 35th Street in Chicago**. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.

Join us for our upcoming next tutor training 2-day workshop:

Friday, September 6th (6-9pm) and Saturday, September 7th (9am-4pm)

Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at: sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or 773-927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

The women of the west side of Chicago & Chicago's near-west suburbs are invited to gather this fall to reflect & converse.

Join Us to Explore Love and Forgiveness....

Our curriculum derives from Lessons from Afghanistan, a collaborative project of the Afghan Women's Writing Project and the Fetzer Institute: Campaign for Love and Forgiveness

"Lessons from Afghanistan is a compelling exploration of love and forgiveness by Afghan women in a country that has been war-torn for three decades. These writers have borne not only the burden of bloodshed but carry with them the stigma of simply being born female in a deeply patriarchal and conservative society. If these women—who have been abused, beaten, persecuted because of their gender, threatened because they dare to speak their mind or receive an education—can offer love and forgiveness for their tormentors, it compels us to ask ourselves why we can't forgive the lesser evils, the marginal hurts, the brush of a misdeed, the imagined oversight. These writers may also inspire you to tend to the deep wounds that all of us human beings experience in this life, the traumas that many of us would rather forget or ignore. You may find that in the writing, there is healing. You will be inspired not only be the resilience of these women, but their courage to love, and not just for their country, but for us all. Their love seeps from the pages of this book into our souls."

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the sessions and supply the materials each week. No need to prepare in advance. We'll focus on a different topic each week. It matters not at all if you miss a week or several weeks. You are most welcome to join us when your schedule permits.

We'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at whichever time suits your life. No need to come at the same time each Monday.

We'll meet in the gathering space of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. The Church is accessible by ramp, and assistive listening devices are available. Questions? Call Shelby at 630-240-2765

Monday, Sept. 9	Session 1: Defining Love and Forgiveness
Monday, Sept. 16	Session 2: Self Love
Monday, Sept. 30	Session 3: Discovering Love for Others
Monday, Oct. 7	Session 4: Finding Forgiveness in Our Lives
Monday, Oct. 14	Session 5: Love and Forgiveness that Transcends Boundaries
Monday, Oct. 28	Session 6: Incorporating Love and Forgiveness into Our Lives

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.

312-337-1962
888-456-HOPE

projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.



St. Catherine/St. Lucy
Night at the Races
Friday, August 30, 2019

\$35.00 per person

Buffet Served from 6:00 – 11:00 PM

Your Special Ticket will include:

- * Complimentary Clubhouse Admission
- * 2 hour Buffet, including: Baked Chicken, Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Green Salad, Rolls and Coffee.
- * Race Dedication
- * Live Racing Program Book
- * Winner's Circle Photo
- * Post Time: 7:10 pm
- * Free Parking

FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:

Mary Rose Nauss: 708.602.6421 or

Scarlett Evans-Perez : 773- 790-6309

Tickets sale start this weekend in the back of the church and over the weekends of Aug. 17-18, & 24-25

Food for Thought...

Love Survives Disharmony

The prophet Jeremiah watched with pain,
 at Judah's and Jerusalem's destruction:
 "My sighs are many, and my heart is sad,"
 as leaders in both places faced abduction.
 Expressions of both faith and hope appear
 as oracles in bible lamentations.
 The prophet's words are timely yet today:
 the Lord is good to souls from all the nations.

The Lord chose Jeremiah when a boy;
 agast, he told the Lord he's an apprentice.
 The Lord said He would give him perfect words
 to read and sing his messages portentous,
 "Behavior that is pious must be joined
 by total introspection and repentance;
 "Sacrifices must include a willingness
 to hear and to obey God,"
 take a stance.

Paul exhorts the Hebrews in his letter,
 to fight in Jesus' name~avoid the loss.
 They had not yet resisted unto blood,
 as Jesus, scourged and dying on the cross.
 Luke writes of Jesus speaking to the crowd,
 Of casting down His fire on the earth.
 Jeremiah's struggles were a prelude
 for Jesus' death, to our soul brings rebirth.

Despite the damage of Draconian laws,
 and of biblical jeremiadness,
 The Psalms and paeans of beauty have survived,
 emerging from a hist'ry of dark sadness.
 "To do your will, O my God, is my delight,
 and your law is within my heart."
 "The Lord is good to those who hope in Him,
 to the soul that seeks Him."

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—TGL 8/18/19