



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 25, 2019

TWENTY-FIRST 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

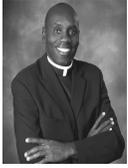
Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

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,

Today's readings are closely connected with the readings of last week. The theme of last Sunday's reading was discipleship and the cost associated with it. But there were also other overlapping themes, judgment and truth in last week's readings. Every day we make so many judgments, and surely some of them come in a rash simply because they are based on perceptions or culture or inherently biased. Sometimes we are not totally happy on judgments that people make on us or vice versa. Even though we know God to be forgiving, loving, caring etc. but also God in the Scripture is depicted as fiercely judgmental. God is a like a good parent/s who loves his or her children but yet he or she needs to discipline them so that they can grow and become responsible Disciples of Christ or citizens.

In last week's gospel Jesus told His disciples that He came to set the earth on fire and He did not come to establish peace on earth but rather division that will see a family of five divided, three against two and two against three. This is a very scary message coming from Jesus who we know and love but this is another example of the image of Jesus Christ. His message of truth will bring division: those who accept it will follow him and those who don't will not follow Him. In the family, some people will find the message of Christ so challenging that they will ignore it or refuse to accept it; that is where the division lies. This message coming from Jesus who is our shepherd will eventually put him on the cross. Those who will accept it will continue to follow him and gain eternal life. The disciple's role is to try to win or bring many souls to God. Sin alienates us from God but God still loves us. In the Book of Romans 8:35, St. Paul says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?" I think sin is like a minor cut or an abrasion, if untreated it can be infected and cause real trouble to the rest of the body. If sin is not forgiven, it can cause a lot of challenges to the mystical body of Christ which is the church. The sacrament of reconciliation helps us to restore the grace that we have lost due to sin.

In the Gospel of today, Jesus advises us to strive to enter through the narrow gate. Again like, last week, Jesus shocked us by telling us that he came to bring division, today He is telling us to strive to enter the Kingdom of God prepared for us. Is Jesus out of his mind? is He putting a lot of demands on us as He did with His disciples? The answer is no for those who accept his eternal message. In Mathew 7:13-14, Jesus contrasts the narrow gate that leads to life with a wide gate and easy road that leads to destruction.

Let us follow Christ not matter what happens in our lives. As we begin our school year, I ask you to pray for our teachers, parents, guardians and students that they may follow the voice of Christ. May God always bless your efforts as you struggle to enter through the narrow gate.

— 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

Human Concerns Commission

Peace & Justice Committee:

Rev. George Omwando

Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:

Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

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.

Welcome the Stranger!

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? *"They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord."*

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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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. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
 ★ **August 25, 2019** ★
 ★ **DEE VAN THORRE,** ★
 ★ **# 138** ★

Faith & Fellowship Upcoming Events!

After our Summer hiatus, *Faith and Fellowship* is gearing up for its new season, including these events:

Wednesday, Sept. 11 (1-3 pm, and again 7-9 pm) –

"Come and See....." – an invitation to find out what Faith & Fellowship is, what we do, and how we do it.

Friday, September 20 (7 am – 6 pm) & Saturday, September 21 (8 am 3 pm) –

Tootsie Rolls!!

Sunday, October 20, 2:00 pm –

Faith & Fellowship's 40th Anniversary – Mass followed by hospitality in the gym.

Info: Connie Rakitan,
faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or
 708-383-9276.

Save-the-Date

Friday, August 30
*Hawthorne Night @
 The Races—OS*

**Mondays, Sept.9--
 Monday, Oct. 28**
Women Fall Series—CH

Sunday, September 29
Walkathon & Picnic - OS

Sunday, October 20
*Faith & Fellowship 40th
 Anniversary*

Saturday, October 26
*Holy Ghost Bingo
 (and Bake Sale!)*

Night At the Races

Friday, August 30, is the date for St. Catherine-St. Lucy's annual Night at the Races at **Hawthorne Racecourse, 3501 S. Laramie Ave., Stickney, IL 60804.**

Tickets are \$35 each and Children 5 and under are Free — 6-19yrs. old are ½ price.

They include admission, the live racing program, and a delicious dinner buffet. Of course there is great camaraderie as well, and three from our group will get to ride in the starter car for one of the races!

Tickets still on sale this weekend after all the Masses in the gathering area. For more details, please see page 7 of this bulletin.

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 26
 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

Tuesday, August 27
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

Wednesday, August 28
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Quilting - RD
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

Thursday, August 29
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
 6:00 –8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, August 30
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M

Notice

(In case you haven't heard)

Thursday Mass has resumed at 8:30 AM in the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Chapel.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. August 26

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim & Elaine Podraza

Tue. August 27

8:30 † **Sue Vanek**
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. August 28

8:30 † **Thomas Lally**
By: Ministry of Care

Thurs. August 29

8:30 † **Rev. John Carolan**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. August 30

8:30 † **Joanna Vanni**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. August 31

9:00 † **Linda Brown**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 Paul Koko (79TH BIRTHDAY)
Marie Koko (52ND BIRTHDAY)
By: The Koko Family

Sun. September 1

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Eddie Jean**
By: The Vincent Family
10:30 † **Joseph Prosper Mushi**
By: Selina Mushi

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Monica
 Wednesday: St. Augustine
 Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship



St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

August 18, 2019	\$ 4,207.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 522.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ - 2,579.00

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 — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalms — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Altar Servers		
Michael Giometti	Miles Jackson	Esteban Perez
Ministers of the Word		
Debra Lomax McLane Lomax	Mary Jane O'Brien Ginny Jones	Joyce Wade Terry Sullivan
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Jack Kernan Pat Koko Carol Brown Grace Bishop	Walter Washington Renee Smith-Quinn Claudia Zinanni Bill Cragg Fannie Cooper Marge Massarello	Jeanne Visteen Diana Cameron Scarlett Evans Yuna Kim Patricia Long Mary Howard



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.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 28-29

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's section, he gives his students a string of wise sayings to guide them in their conduct.



Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

In today's reading from the letter to the Hebrews, the author contrasts two covenants. He begins with the covenant at Mount Sinai, which was ratified amid fire and darkness. Then he speaks of the new covenant established by Jesus at Mount Zion (which is another name for Jerusalem).



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 29 Curriculum Night
from 4:00-6:30pm.
September 2 NO SCHOOL for
Labor Day.

RCIA News!!!

We are beginning classes for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on September 8, 2019 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 2020.

Classes will be held on Sunday's at 9:00am. Please call the Rectory during office hours to register.

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!

Cluster Tutoring needs you!

Help students from *Chicago's Austin community* realize their potential through one-to-one learning. Work with a student in grades K-12 for 90 minutes weekly on reading, homework, and other enrichment activities.

We have a reading specialist, a computer room, math coaches, and a fully stocked library. Tutoring is 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays at Circle Urban Ministries, 118 N. Central in Chicago or on Thursdays at First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake St., and runs from September to mid-May.

You can attend one of two information sessions for new tutors at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, and Thursday, Sept. 12, both at First United.

For more information, contact Executive Director Kara Kalnitz at 773-378-5530 or at clustertutoring@clustertutoring.org, or check out <https://clustertutoring.org/>.

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 by 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, Oct. 7	Session 3: Discovering Love for Others
Monday, Oct. 14	Session 4: Finding Forgiveness in Our Lives
Monday, Oct. 21	Session 5: Love and Forgiveness that Transcends Boundaries
Monday, Oct. 28	Session 6: Incorporating Love and Forgiveness into Our Lives



Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

— Hebrews 12:12-13



St. Catherine/St. Lucy
Night at the Races

3501 S. Laramie Ave., Stickney, IL 60804

Friday, August 30, 2019

\$35.00 per person

Buffet Served from 6:00 -8:00 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 still on sale this weekend in the back of the church after all Masses.

Food for Thought...

A P o p e ' s C o u r a g e

Pope Francis has opened a door never used,
 but only the tiniest crack;
 A battle approaches, with leadership bruised,
 by the conservative flack.

About South America's Amazon trail,
 the Pope speaks with great clarity:
 Folks waiting three months for a priest
 (faith can fail),
 with worship asperity.

The plan gives old men opportunity
 to ordination embrace,
 with leadership in their community,
 and souls in the state of grace.

Incorporating indigenoussness
 In music and song and dance;
 With clothing and language of genuineness,
 Sort of a festival prance!

So these older men~ viri probati,
 (with Bishops to vote in the Fall).
 As married priests, there is no glitterati,
 wives will assure they're like Paul.

—TGL 8/25/19