

**ST. CATHERINE**



**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

## **TWENTY-SECOND 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**

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

### **CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL**

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**Web: [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org)**

**Hours: 8:30 AM-8:00 PM—Monday, & Thursdays.**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM**  
**Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM**

**School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**  
**Telephone: 708-386-5286**

### **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:**

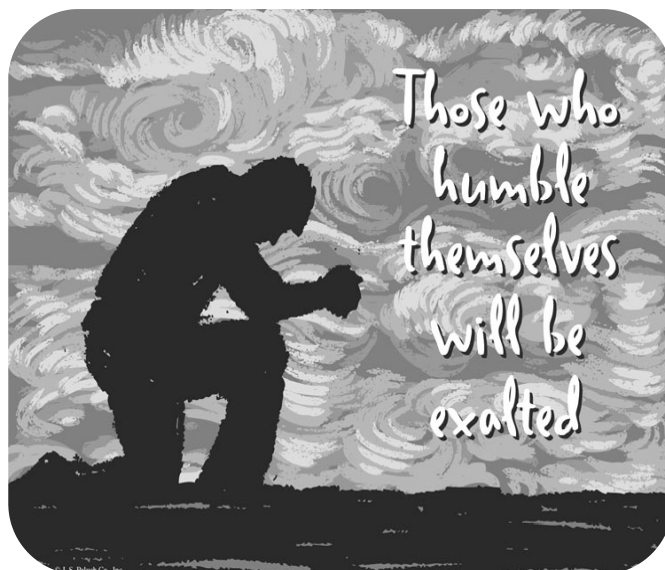
**Saturday Morning - 9:00 am**  
**Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am**

#### **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,

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the memorial of St. Augustine of Hippo, one of my favorite's saints because his life touches almost all of us. As Christians we are called to live like saints. Saints are ordinary people, people of everyday life. An examination of some of the saints shows us that some of them did not live a good life. They were some of the best sinners! Look at St. Paul, in his previous life; he was a fierce murderer who persecuted Christians. In the end and on his way to Damascus, Jesus Christ appeared to him and changed him. He began preaching to those who he had persecuted. Imagine if you were living at the time of St. Paul, you knew him and that his desire was to wipe away all Christians – and all of a sudden you begin hearing him preaching the Good News of the recently risen Lord. Could you have listened to him? Could you have trusted him? From Paul's example, we do have hope that in the eyes of God, there is nothing impossible. Saul who later became St. Paul became a great Apostle to Gentiles and a fierce defender of Christ. He will later face numerous persecutions in his missionary activities. I will encourage you to read the lives of saints and if necessary have a favorite saint. One who you can relate to.

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break. This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Anthony, and he felt terribly ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!" Augustine was later baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, founder of an order of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved you!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, to become a saint is not such difficult task, you only need to follow what the Gospel teaches us and share the gifts that God has given you. Finally, if you know someone who has never been baptized or who is interested in join our faith, please refer him or her to Fr. Patrick. We are accepting candidates that want to be baptized or fully received in the Catholic Church in Easter Vigil next year. God bless you all.

—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: Craig 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.

## Humility

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start.

Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

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## 500 Club Certificates

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

September 1, 2019

LOUISA & JEAN NEWBERRY,

# 405

## Tomorrow, Monday

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Rectory will be

**Closed for**

**LABOR DAY**

**Mass is at 8:30 AM**



## Save-the-Date

**Mondays, Sept. 9--  
Monday, Oct. 28**

*Women Fall Series—CH*

**Wednesday, September 11**  
*F & F "Come & See"*

**Fri/Sat September 20-21**  
*Tootsie Rolls - OS*

**Saturday, September 28**  
*Confirmation Ceremony at  
St. Edmund Parish*

**Saturday, September 28**  
*SisterHouse 1st Annual  
Luncheon - Maguire Hall*

**Sunday, September 29**  
*Walkathon & Picnic - OS*


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

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

## Faith and Fellowship Come and See!

Recently a parishioner said, "I know about Faith and Fellowship, but I really don't know what you do?" This is probably true for many of you – so here is an invitation to find out what we do! **On Wednesday, September 11 (1:00 – 3:00 pm, repeated 7:00 – 9:00 pm)** in the Rectory basement, there will be a presentation/demonstration about this 40-year-old parish ministry of with and for adults with mental illness. Please.....come and see! Info – Connie Rakitan, [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) or 708/383-9276.

## TOOTSIE ROLLS !!

The Knights of Columbus helps fund our Faith & Fellowship program, and we do this by participating in the annual Tootsie Roll drive. PLEASE consider giving an hour or two at the intersection of Madison and Ridgeland on **September 20/21**. And bring a friend! 

Schedule a time by contacting Connie Rakitan, 708-383-9276 or [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com)

## Parish Calendar

**Tuesday, September 3**

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

**Wednesday, September 4**

8:30 AM - School Opening Liturgy - CH

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

6:30-9 PM - Publicity Mtg. F&F 40th Anniv RRT

7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir Rehearsal - CH

**Thursday, September 5**

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

6:00 – 8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

**Friday, September 6**

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

**Saturday, September 7**

3:00 PM - Mass at Brookdale.-OS

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Mon. September 2 LABOR DAY

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

### Tue. September 3

8:30 † **Katie Walker**  
By: Ministry of Care

### Wed. September 4

8:30 † **Barbara Wheel**  
By: The Wheel Family

### Thurs. September 5

8:30 † **Evelyn Cadematrie**  
By: Ministry of Care

### Fri. September 6

8:30 † **Andrea Edwards**  
By: Ministry of Care

### Sat. September 7

9:00 † **Margaret Gillis**  
By: Ministry of Care  
5:00 † **Rev. John Scott**  
By: Brenda Fojtik

### Sun. September 8

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
8:30 † **Luke Podraza (1ST YEAR ANNIV OF DEATH)**  
By: Jim and Elaine  
10:30 † **Eddie Brown**  
By: Doris and Family



## Stewardship Report

Due to vacation, our stewardship reports for the weeks of August 25th and September 1st and 8th will be shown later within the September 15, 2019 bulletin. Thanks for your understanding.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

**Psalm** — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

**Second Reading** — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

**Gospel** — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

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## Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5  
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation  
Monday: Labor Day  
Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Kathy Paoli	Tom Frank	Mireille Lozes Abigail Agbefe
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>		
Dan Brown Mary Rose Nauss	Peter Barber Wrenetha Julion	Bill Sullivan, Jr. Bro. J. Kilicevice
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>		
<b>Chemetha Baker</b> Susan Kumler Michelle Darang-Coleman Lessie Dean	<b>Claudia Zinanni</b> Kevin Kell Fannie Cooper Ginny Jones Walter Washington Annie Rowan	<b>Diana Cameron</b> Bill Holmes John McGuire Doris Brown Bern Wheel Marie Wheel



## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

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

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 8, 2019 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. Fearful that the Jewish people might be captivated by this secular wisdom, the author contrast it with the rich spiritual wisdom found in Jewish religious traditions. The ninth chapter presents a prayer of Solomon for wisdom, and today's readings is an excerpt from this prayer.



### Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Philemon was a rich man with many slaves, one of whom — Onesimus — escaped. Onesimus reached Paul in prison and converted to Christianity. In sending Onesimus back to Philemon, Paul gave him a letter to take with him, a portion of which we hear today.



## 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](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net) Thank you!

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## School Scoop

September 2 NO SCHOOL for Labor Day.

## Confirmation Information

On Sunday, September 8th will be the last class for our Confirmation candidates. The class will be held in the Rectory in the basement meeting room. The class will start promptly at 11:30 AM after the 10:30 AM mass.

We request that at least one parent attend with the student as information regarding their retreat on Saturday, September 14th will be given out.

**Our students will be confirmed with St. Edmunds students on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 5:30 PM mass at St. Edmunds Parish.**

## Pray For Our Deceased



*Harvey Page*

*May he rest in peace!*

*We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his family especially his brother Ron in a prayerful embrace.*

*May the angels lead him into Paradise*

## 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*

## 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](mailto:clustertutoring@clustertutoring.org) or check out <https://clustertutoring.org/>.

## 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.

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

<b>Monday, Sept. 9</b>	Session 1: Defining Love and Forgiveness
<b>Monday, Sept. 16</b>	Session 2: Self Love
<b>Monday, Oct. 7</b>	Session 3: Discovering Love for Others
<b>Monday, Oct. 14</b>	Session 4: Finding Forgiveness in Our Lives
<b>Monday, Oct. 21</b>	Session 5: Love and Forgiveness that Transcends Boundaries
<b>Monday, Oct. 28</b>	Session 6: Incorporating Love and Forgiveness into Our Lives



## Baptisms

**Ashton E. Pikes,  
Ryland E. Pikes,  
Sloane H. Scheel,  
Matthew Lopez and**

**Jaden Lopez** became children of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the months of June and August of 2019. We pray that they will live their baptism by continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ all the days of their lives.



**Food for Thought...**

## Song of Moses

Moses was one hundred twenty years old, when giving his farewell address; The Israelites saw him a sight to behold, from four decades full of distress.

The message that fills Deuteronomy's Book, delivered by Moses to all, Was one that his people could not overlook: from God, an obedience call.

Moses received the commandments on Sinai, carved by the finger of God; The Israelites knew the land promised was nigh, praised Moses and his blessed rod.

Moses, prophetic lawgiving his balm, braved the Great Pharaoh's own cordon. His obduracy towards the Seat of all Wisdom, kept him from crossing the Jordan.

Obedying commandments can yield a great prize, with entry at heaven's front gate. The Decalogue's law is eternally wise, perceived as our guiding mandate.

**"I will sing to the Lord, for  
He is gloriously triumphant!"**

9/1/19 TGL

## St. Catherine-St. Lucy 16th Walkathon & Picnic

Only 4 more weeks to go! Mark those calendars for our 16th annual walk-a-thon and celebration picnic on Sunday, **September 29th, 2019**. Food, fun and friendship will be had by ALL! You don't want to miss it. Sponsor envelopes are available in the pews. Lou Malnatis and Baker Square raffle tickets will be sold after masses.

## Women in Recovery ROCK

Celebrate the women of SisterHouse who made a commitment to their recovery from substance abuse and who are being spiritually transformed to the fullness of their potential to benefit themselves, their families, their communities, and future generations.

**Recovery is Possible!**



**1st Annual Luncheon**

**Saturday, September 28, 2019  
1:00 –4:00 PM**

**St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy  
Maguire Hall  
34 N. Austin Blvd. Oak Park,  
Illinois**

**\$35.00 (\$45.00 at the door)**

For more information and tickets:  
Contact SisterHouse at 773-626-0525 or [www.sisterhousechicago.org](http://www.sisterhousechicago.org)

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## St. Rose of Lima



Saint Rose born in Lima, Peru on April 20, 1586 is the patroness of the Americas, indigenous people of the Americas, the secondary patroness of the Philippines; of gardeners; of florists; the Netherlands; and of India.

This South American Saint's real name was **Isabel**, but she was such a beautiful baby that she was called **Rose**, and that name remained. Rose worked hard to support her poor parents and she humbly obeyed them, except when they tried to get her to marry. That she would not do. Her love of Jesus was so great that when she talked about Him, her face glowed and her eyes sparkled. Rose had many temptations from the devil, and there were also many times when she had to suffer a feeling of terrible loneliness and sadness, for God seemed far away. Yet she cheerfully offered all these troubles to Him. In her last long, painful sickness, this heroic young woman use to pray:

*"Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase Your love in my heart."*

St. Rose died August 24, 1617. Many miracles followed her death. She was beatified by Clement IX, in 1667, and canonized in 1671 by Clement X.

—Catholics On Line



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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*