



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

## **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### **PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. George Omwando, Pastor**  
**Rev. Patrick Wangai, Associate Pastor**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**  
**Rev. Patrick Wangai, Chemetha Baker**  
**Religious Education Coordinators**  
**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**

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**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**

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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**

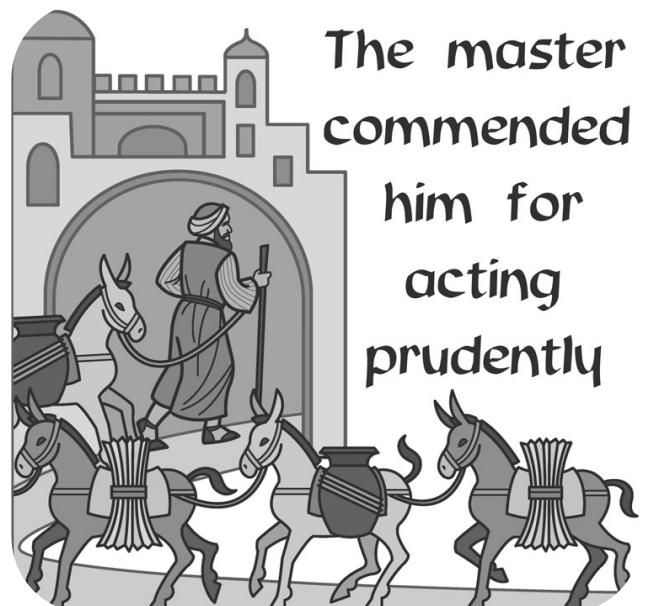
#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**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 we have a second collection to support the seminarians who are studying to be priests for the Archdiocese. This is a very important fundraising activity, like other appeals that we carry out throughout the year. Fr. Patrick and I are the products of seminary appeals. This appeal helps our seminary to take care of insurance costs, to hire teachers, to feed seminarians, to pay salaries of the support staff. I ask you to kindly support this appeal but equally pray for our seminarians and those that are thinking of joining the seminary to study and become priests. Also, on this weekend, we draw our attention to know what the life of the seminary is all about. I have asked Fr. Patrick to share about seminary life and even about his own journey of vocation. Also, if you know any Catholic single man whose desire is to join the seminary, please refer them to me or Fr. Patrick. I will contact them and I will advise them perhaps seeing our Archdiocesan Vocations Director.

Today's first reading comes from prophet Amos. The prophet Amos lived among a group of shepherds in Tekoa, a small town approximately ten miles south of Jerusalem. Amos made clear in his writings that he did not come from a family of prophets, nor did he even consider himself one. Rather, he was "a grower of sycamore figs" as well as a shepherd (Amos 7:14-15). Amos's connection to the simple life of the people made its way into the center of his prophecies, as he showed a heart for the oppressed and the voiceless in the world. More than almost any other book of Scripture, the book of Amos holds God's people accountable for their ill-treatment of others. It repeatedly points out the failure of the people to fully embrace God's idea of justice. They were selling off needy people for goods, taking advantage of the helpless, oppressing the poor, and the men were using women immorally (Amos 2:6-8; 3:10; 4:1; 5:11-12; 8:4-6). Drunk on their own economic success and intent on strengthening their financial position, the people had lost the concept of caring for one another. Amos rebuked them because he saw in that lifestyle evidence that Israel had forgotten God. With the people of Israel in the north enjoying an almost un-paralleled time of success, God decided to call a quiet shepherd and farmer to travel from his home in the less sinful south and carry a message of judgment to the Israelites. The people in the north used Amos's status as a foreigner as an excuse to ignore his message of judgment for a multiplicity of sins. However, while their outer lives gleamed with the rays of success, their inner lives sank into a pit of moral decay. Rather than seeking out opportunities to do justice, love, mercy, and to walk humbly, they embraced their arrogance, idolatry, self-righteousness, and materialism. Amos communicated God's utter disdain for the hypocritical lives of His people (Amos 5:21-24). His prophecy concludes with only a brief glimpse of restoration, and even that is directed to Judah, rather than the northern kingdom of Israel (9:11-15).

Injustice permeates our world, yet as Christians we often turn a blind eye to the suffering of others for "more important" work like praying, preaching, and teaching. But the book of Amos reminds us that those works, while unquestionably central to a believer's life, ring hollow when we don't love and serve others in our own lives. Do you find yourself falling into that trap at times—prioritizing prayer over service? God has called Christians not only to be in relationship with Him but also to be in relationships with others. For those Christians whose tendency has been to focus more on the invisible God than on His visible creation, Amos pulls us back toward the center, where both the physical and the spiritual needs of people matter in God's scheme of justice. God bless you.

—Rev. 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 & 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:

Rev. Patrick Wangai, Chemetha Baker

##### St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

##### Parish Development & Services

##### Commission

Collection Counters: Fr. George

Facilities Committee: Jim Podraza,

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.

### God is on the Side of the Poor

Two of today's readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own.

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, September 23

8AM-4PM - Fenwick HS - CH  
9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT  
12:30-4:30 PM - Fenwick HS Lunch - M  
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M  
6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD

### Tuesday, September 24

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

### Wednesday, September 25

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M  
7-10 PM - F&F Meeting - RD  
7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir @ St. Edmund's  
7:30 PM - Confirmation Rehearsal - OS

### Thursday, September 26

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

### Friday, September 27

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

### Saturday, September 28

1:00-5:00 PM - Annual Sister House Luncheon - M  
5:30 PM - Confirmation Ceremony at St. Edmund's Parish

### Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Edmund parish, NEXT Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 5:30 PM mass.

The sacrament will be celebrated by Bishop John R. Manz. Our choir will join the St. Edmund's choir. Please consider attending this mass to celebrate our students and to also show support for them.

St. Edmund's Parish is located at: 188 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302.

On Saturday, September 28, 2019 There will NOT be 5:00 PM Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Please mark your calendars.

### Save-the-Date

Mondays, Oct 7--Oct. 28 Women Fall Series—CH

Saturday, September 28 Confirmation Ceremony at St. Edmund Parish

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

Sunday, September 29 Walkathon & Picnic - OS

Tuesday, October 1 Tickets go on Sale for Holy Ghost Bingo

Sat., Sun. Oct. 12-13 Fair Trade Sale - CH

Sunday, October 20 Faith & Fellowship 40th Anniversary

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



Religious Education classes start TODAY and also there will be class next Sunday, Sep. 29th. Classes take place at the SCSL School from 9:00 – 10: 30 a.m. with Mass to follow. If you have any questions you may contact Fr. Patrick at 312-402-1824 or Chemetha Baker at 312-420-8575.

### TODAY the 2nd Collection is for the Archdiocesan Seminarian Education

This weekend we celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago thru our second collection. Contributions made to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees room and board and health insurance for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

You can contribute online thru our website at [www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund](http://www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund), or through the remittance envelopes provided in the back of the church.

### 500 Club Certificates

The 2018-2019 season of the 500 Club continues with weekly drawings through October 20th. Applications for certificates for the UPCOMING 2019-2020 SEASON, with drawings beginning October 27th, have been mailed and are being accepted now. There are extra forms available in the back of church and at the rectory. Looking forward to your participation!

~ The Fundraising Committee

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★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★  
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★ **September 22, 2019** ★  
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★ **THERESA PITTMON,** ★  
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★ **# 153** ★  
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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon. September 23**

8:30 † **Genevieve Krawchuk**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Tue. September 24**

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

**Wed. September 25**

8:30 † **Virginia Keenan**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Thurs. September 26**

8:30 † **DeJean Amaris**  
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

**Fri. September 27**

8:30 † **Alfred Bishop, Jr.**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Sat. September 28**

9:00 † **Harry Koko**  
By: The Koko Family

**Sun. September 29**

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
8:30 † **Joseph Schouten**  
By: The Fundraising Committee  
10:30 † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins  
 Thursday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian  
 Friday: St. Vincent de Paul  
 Saturday: St. Wenceslaus; Blessed Virgin Mary St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

## Our Parish Stewardship

### St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



September 15, 2019	\$ 5,087.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 499.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ - 1,722.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)

Thanks for your continued financial support!

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

**Second Reading** — God our savior wills everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

**Gospel** — The one who is trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in great ones (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

8:30 AM	10:30
<b>Altar Servers</b>	
Miles Jackson	Ava Konecki
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	
Renee Smith-Quinn Tom Frank	Keshang Jordan Joyce Wade
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	
<b>Walter Washington</b> Elaine Podraza Bill Cragg Thom Schouten Kathy Mortell Marjorie Fields	<b>Shelby Boblick</b> Diana Cameron Patricia Long Pat Nelson Yuna Kim Jan Kieckhefer



## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Mary G. Ballew, Sr. Marion Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Paula Evans Katherine Fisher, Dave Grayson, Anna Fabach, Kathy Feulner, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Albert Parker, Jr., Scarlett Evans-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 restate 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 29, 2019 - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7**

Our first reading is from Amos, the prophet of social justice. In today's passage, he denounces the hollow property of the rich, a self indulgent life-style maintained at the expense of the poor.



**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**

In the latter years of the first century, when the first letter to Timothy was written, Church leaders were concerned that Christianity not be seen as opposed to the good order of society. So, today's passage pictures Paul exhorting Timothy to lead an upright life.

## 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



## 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.

## 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.

## Remember a Loved One

We still have many weekday Masses available in our 2019 Mass Book.

**We also have the 2020 Mass Book open for your requests.** Come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion. Mass intentions are only \$10.00.

## 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.

## 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*

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## School Scoop

### We are a PERSONALIZED LEARNING School?

Personalized Learning empowers learners to find success at their own pace. We engage and involve our students in their own learning at every stage: from setting their own targets to evaluating their progress. We believe that when students become key drivers in their learning - it becomes meaningful, valuable and personal to them. And they find success!

Do you know of a family looking for a new school? Tell them all about Personalized Learning at St Catherine —St. Lucy School!

## Have you ever dreamed of running your own bar?

St. Catherine-St Lucy needs a bartender, and it could be you...for one night only. One lucky person from our parish will have the opportunity to sponsor the bar at Holy Ghost Bingo during the evening of October 26, 2019. We will be happy to name the bar after you and outfit you in commemorative gear.

You won't have to worry about staffing or setting up the bar: your main job as patron is to have fun! All Sam/Hawkeye/Rick-wannabes are welcome. No previous bartending experience necessary.

If you are interested in being a sponsor please contact Andrea Legatzke or Teresa Melcher. God bless and we look forward to seeing you there!

**"Tickets go on sale October 1st"**



## 2019 Baby Bottle Project is Back!!!

Oct. 6-27

Beginning on these dates, our parish will be participating in the **Baby Bottle Project** benefiting the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and fams. experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the 3 locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on **October 6th**, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **October 27th**

This is a simple, but crucial fund-raising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: *The Women's Center*. Thank you!

### Pray For Our Deceased



*Genevieve Krawchuk*  
May she rest in peace!

*We lift her with our prayers while we embrace her family especially her children in a prayerful embrace.*

*May the angels lead her into Paradise*

## Faith and Fellowship - 40 Years!!

On Sunday, October 20, 2:00 pm, there will be a special Mass celebration *Faith & Fellowship's* 40th Anniversary of ministry with adults with mental illness, with a reception in Maguire Hall to follow. This Mass "counts" for your Sunday obligation! Would you like to help? We need people to work on the publicity, liturgy, and hospitality.

Please contact Connie Rakitan, [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) or 708/383-9276 - and please make it a point to join us in this landmark event!

### Women in Recovery ROCK

Celebrate the women of Sister House 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, IL

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

For more information and tickets: Contact SisterHouse at 773-626-0525 / [www.sisterhousechicago.org](http://www.sisterhousechicago.org)  
SisterHouse is a 501 ©(3) tax exempt charitable organization

## Join Us to Explore Love and Forgiveness....

Next Session: Monday, October 7th  
"Discovering Love for Others"

**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."

We're offering 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 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.

### Food for Thought...

## The Poor Find Courage in God's Love

In the bible, parables are told with a purpose: make our thoughts to higher ground transport. Indication that we heard the message from Jesus, is when we start to feel discomfort.

Francis' "Evangelii Gaudium" speaks of his concern: widening gap 'tween rich and poor in trouble. It's fair to give the guys a break from debt we'd overturn, spoke the master in Luke's parable.

Francis blames the market for imbalance that befalls us; the system devours all in its way. Supreme markets see us ignore the God who calls us to full realization on display.

The Pope says human dignity and the common good Out-value comfort of the privileged. He seems to simply say the proper use of money should be for helping those in deep need wedged.

The prophet Amos speaks of his support for those in need; the psalm sings of God's caring for the poor. Luke states that servants cannot to two masters accede; man cannot serve both God and wealth's allure.

"God lifts up the poor to seat them with princes--the princes of His own people."

—TGL 9/22/19



**Food.....Family.....Friends.....Fun !!!!**

**The 16th Annual St. Catherine — St. Lucy**

## **Walk-A-Thon & Picnic**

**Sunday, September 29, 2019 | 1-3pm**

**Taylor Park in Oak Park (Division & Ridgeland North side)**

~ EVERYONE IS WELCOME ~

**A 5k (6 laps) plus A great Picnic with games and food for everyone**

Come out and walk or just come to support walkers

walk with your family...Walk with Friends...Walk with your Neighbors

There will be games and face painting for the kids as well as fun games for the adults!

Participants will be served BURGERS, DOGS, CHIPS, SODA / H2O & BROWNIES.

The proceeds will go directly to St. Catherine- St. Lucy Parish.

All donations are greatly accepted.

Some Lou Malnati's and Baker Square Gift cards will be raffled off the day of the walk. Tickets can be purchased after masses.

Envelopes will be available every week starting September 8th after each Mass.

Envelopes must be turned in no later than Sunday, September 29th.

**Come & Support Our Parish !!**

