

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

OCTOBER 6, 2019

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

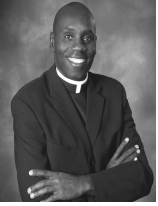
Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

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,

Habakkuk was a prophet who sought answers from God. Troubled by what he observed, he asked difficult questions. These questions were not merely intellectual exercises or bitter complaints. He saw a dying world, and it broke his heart. Why is there evil in the world? Why do the wicked seem to be thriving? He boldly and confidently took his complaints directly to God. The book of Habakkuk provides us one of the most remarkable sections in all of Scripture, as it contains an extended dialogue between Habakkuk and God. The prophet initiated this conversation based on his distress about God's "inaction" in the world. He wanted to see God do something more, particularly in the area of justice for evildoers. The book of Habakkuk pictures a frustrated prophet, much like Jonah, though Habakkuk channeled his frustration into prayers and eventually praise to God, rather than trying to run from the Lord as Jonah did. As the prophet Habakkuk stood in Jerusalem and pondered the state of his nation, Judah, he must have been dumbfounded. So much evil thrived, completely in the open, but God remained strangely silent. Where was He? How long would He allow this mess to continue? Not for long, according to the Lord. Another nation, the Babylonians, would come and execute justice on the Lord's behalf. The wicked in Judah, those who thought they would get away with their evil deeds forever, were soon to be punished. The book of Habakkuk offers us a picture of a prideful people being humbled, while the righteous live by faith in God (2:4). It reminds us that while God may seem to be silent and uninvolved in our world, He always has a plan to deal with evil and always works out justice . . . eventually.

The example of the prophet Habakkuk encourages believers to wait on the Lord, expecting that He will indeed work out all things for our good (Romans 8:28). Brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to encourage you to read the book of the prophet Habakkuk which is only three chapters. While reading this short book, listen to the profound questions that Habakkuk boldly brings to God, and realize that you can also bring your complaints and inquiries to him. Listen to God's answers and rejoice that He is at work in the world and in your life. When God brought the answers to Habakkuk, the prophet responded with the prayer of faith. Habakkuk's example is one that should encourage us to struggle to move from doubt to faith. We don't have to be afraid to ask questions of God. The problem is not with God and His ways but with our limited understanding. Blessings to you all.

—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: Rev. G. Omwando

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

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: Rev. G. Omwando

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.

500 Club Certificates Update

Sunday October 27th is the date of the first 500 Club drawing for the 2019-2020 season and the drawing will be for **\$500!!** Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from October 27th, 2019 through October 18th, 2020. 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 have been mailed to registered members of the parish, and are available in the back of church and at the rectory office. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone, not just members of our parish community. Pass the word. Thank you!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNER

October 6, 2019

KAYLEIGH LOPES,

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Parish Calendar

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7-10 PM - F&F Meeting - RD
7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, October 10

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, October 11

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

Next Weekend—FIRST Fair Trade Sale

The Fair Trade sale is next
weekend after all
of the Masses.

Please support Fair Trade
with your purchase
of Coffees, Teas,
and Chocolates.

Thank you.

Coffee & . . .

After each mass this Sunday, head over to Maguire hall for coffee, treats, and socializing.

Also remember that October is the church count too so bring a friend!



Save-the-Date

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

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!

Sunday, October 27
500 Club \$500 Raffle and Bake Sale!

**Friday & Saturday
November 8-9**
Christmas Bazaar at Maguire Hall



2019 Baby Bottle Project is Back!!!

Oct. 6-27

Beginning **TODAY**, our parish will participate in the **Baby Bottle Project** benefiting the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization assists mothers and families 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 **TODAY**, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **October 27th**



This is a simple, but crucial fundraising 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!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. October 7

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

Tue. October 8

8:30 † **Andrew Grayson (HEALTH)**
By: A Friend

Wed. October 9

8:30 † **Barbara Wyman**
By: Ministry of Care

Thurs. October 10

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

Fri. October 11

8:30 † **Barbara and Ruth Dwyer**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. October 12

9:00 † **Genevieve Krawchuk**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **Rev. John J. Carolan**
By: Era Yee

Sun. October 13

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Joseph Stockinger**
By: Evie Stockinger
10:30 † **William T. Prindiville**
By: Patsy and Tom Nelson

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



September 29, 2019	\$ 2,710.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 957.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -3,641.00

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 — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5-10).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Tuesday: Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) begins at sundown
Wednesday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
Friday: St. John XXIII
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

OCTOBER 13, 2019

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30
Altar Servers		
Michael Giometti	Walter Washington	David Detmer Claire Detmer
Ministers of the Word		
MaryRose Nauss Paul Koko	Wrenetha Julion Ginny Jones	Patricia Long David Geffe
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Chemetha Baker Pat Koko Grace Bishop Susan Kumler	Kevin Kell Annie Rowan Kathy Mortell Thom Schouten Bill Cragg Ginny Jones	Diana Cameron Jan Kieckhefer Doris Brown Terry Sullivan John McGuire Kim McGuire



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Mary G. Ballew, Lillian Bowman, 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 Nancy Staunton and Annette Varga.

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.

OCTOBER 13, 2019 - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Elisha, who lived about 800 years before Christ, was the successor of the great prophet Elijah. Naaman was a pagan army officer from Syria who came to Elisha, seeking a cure for his leprosy. We pick up the story at this point.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

We continue reading from the second letter to Timothy. This letter was written about 30 years after Paul's death to a typical Church leader as represented by Timothy. Today's passage begins with a summary of Paul's teachings about Christ, and concludes with what many be a part of an ancient Christian Hymn.

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: apomaredasclooffice@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

School Messenger Notification System Launch

We launched our new school messenger service! School Messenger will allow us to send out immediate notifications alerting families to emergency situations such as school closings as well as blast reminders of important upcoming events. We are very excited to have this new tool in place allowing us to keep families in close communication with the school.

Questions about the system? contact Jenn Courier at: jcourier@catherinelucy.org.

Confirmation Finale

Last Saturday, September 28, 2019, during 5:30 p.m. mass at St. Edmunds the following Confirmand from St. Catherine/St. Lucy were confirmed with St. Edmunds Confirmand by Bishop John Manz,

Aaron Aquino, Nikolai Azu-Popow, Owen Detmer, Jonathan Delgado, Jacob Diaz, Ava Konecki, Anthony Lazaro, Isaac Lazaro, Natalie Lazaro, and Ella Powers

A total of 23 students were confirmed. It was a beautiful liturgy with the combined choirs of St. Catherine/St. Lucy and St. Edmunds and a big thank you to all the parishioners of St. Catherine/St. Lucy who came to support our students. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their journey as young people in our parish and our world.

It was my pleasure along with Renee Smith-Quinn to walk along with and instruct these young people on this journey and to watch their spiritual growth.

Gratefully,

Christine Wedekind

An invitation to join one of our choirs

The Celebration Choir (Kraig Zeronik, director) sings at 10:30 am mass on the first, third, and if there is one, the fifth Sundays of the month. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 7:30—9:00 pm. Choirs don't rehearse in July or August.

The Praise Choir (Julius White, director) sings at the 5pm mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays 7:30-9:00 pm. There are no auditions, requirements that you be able to read music, or have previous choral experience. Please consider this and see Kraig or Julius if you are interested.



Food for Thought...

Call of our Common Home

Francis of Assisi preached a doctrine of reality:
the world had been created good and beautiful by God.
As His creatures, we are charged to act upon the earth's desires,
inspired as the stewards God appointed to preserve His gifts.

The Season of Creation shines a beacon on what earth desires:
to be admired for her loveliness, and her delicious fruits;
She wants us to embrace the erudition of her teaching;
to care for her---maternal
source from which we came,
and to which we'll return.

Source: Thomas Berry, Ecologist and Theologian.

10/6/19—TGL

Tips for Parents & Guardians

For safety traveling to and from school, walk the route to, and from, school with your children, pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they need help or are being followed. Teach children to identify those people who they can safely ask for help.
— (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children)

Office for the Protection of Children & Youth 312/534-5254
www.archchicago.org/departments/protection/protection.shtm

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, & hospitality.

Please contact Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708/383-9276 - and please make it a point to join us in this landmark event!



Tickets are on sale now for "Holy Ghost Bingo" after each mass in October and also online.

This will be the event of the Fall Season in our very own Maguire Hall on **October 26 at 7:30 pm**.

Tickets are \$30.00 and forms are available in the back of church and by e-mailing:
HolyGhostBingo102619@gmail.com

Tootsie Roll Thank-You

..and the Tootsie (Drum) Roll...

\$ 1,909.99 collected at the intersection, at the Ridgeland Green Line, and at the Farmers' Market! Plus donations at church, checks, etc. still coming in!!

THANK YOU!!!



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*

Optimism

A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

—Anonymous

Messenger of Peace

Produced by Chiesa Nuova,
A Franciscan Ministry for Performing Arts

Performances:

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.
Ascension Church 808 South East Avenue Oak Park, IL 60304

Thursday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.
University of St. Mary of the Lake Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium
1000 East Maple Avenue Mundelein, IL 60060

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....

TOMORROW:

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. 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 is facilitating the sessions and supply the materials each week. You are most welcome to join us when your schedule permits.

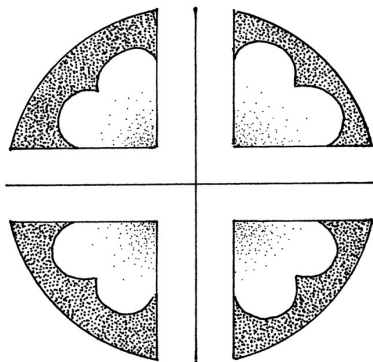
We're offering duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at whichever time suits your life. No need to come at the same time each Monday.

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

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



COMING SOON

St. Catherine of Siena-
St. Lucy Parish

Christmas Bazaar

"Peace On Earth"

Friday, November 8th &

Saturday, November 9th

Friday, Noon to 6 PM

Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM

**Luncheon 1 PM– Saturday,
November 9th**

This year, you can purchase:

- ...# One-of-a-kind handmade jewelry.
- ...# Beautiful hand painted glassware.
- ...# Unique crafts
- ...# Scrapbooks and more.
- ...# As well as fun shopping at the **White Elephant Treasures Booth.**
- ...# And **Children's Booth and Bakery Booth**
- ...# Take a chance on winning at **Pick-a-Prize, Big Raffle, and Jar Raffle.** You can bid on items at the **Silent Auction** (Saturday only) as well.

**There is something
for everyone!**

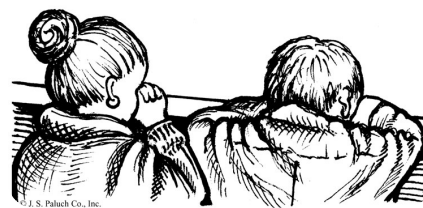
Watch for more information to be sent to your home in early October.

You will soon have an opportunity to purchase tickets for the big raffle as well as reserve seats for the luncheon.

A Little Faith

Today our readings are about faith, frustration, and how much is enough. Habakkuk is a complainer having an argument with God. Timothy is encouraging a community challenged by cowardice and the apostles want more faith than they have. Things aren't happening fast enough for any of them or for us. All of them and we want God to do something sooner rather than later and we want God to give us a reason to believe that it will all work out. What does God do? God puts it back on them—and us—telling Habakkuk to describe the world he wants; telling the apostles to do more than the expected. Doing more with less is a familiar phrase today and a reminder that a little faith may be enough even for the most difficult times.

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Open House at Trinity's

Trinity High School will be hosting its first fall Open House: **Sunday, October 13th at Noon** (last tour leaves at 1PM) and Tuesday, **November 5th at 6:30PM** (last tour leaves at 7:30PM). Students will be offering tours of the campus, which will end in Trinity's Athletic Facility where guests will be able to meet coaches, discover co-curricular opportunities, schedule a Shadow Day, and more! Trinity is located at 7574 W. Division St., River Forest. Please enter through the main entrance on Lathrop, center doors. Parking is available in the school parking lot.



For more information, go to Trinity's website at www.trinityhs.org/ beablazer or contact Mary Beth Lavezzorio, Admission Director at 708.453.8343 | mblavezzorio@trinityhs.org