

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

OCTOBER 13, 2019

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

WHY THE EUCHARIST

‘Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us hold fast to our Confession.’ The letter to the Hebrews is encouraging us to hold on to our Faith. All of us have been set free through the suffering of Jesus. He set us free so that we all may walk in the freedom of the daughters and sons of God. ‘Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father’. St. Paul’s words to the people of Galatia. He reminds us of the great Love God has for each and every one of us. Jesus did not love us because we were perfect or because we loved him. He loved us with unconditional love. Jesus saw us as helpless victims of the evil one. We were prisoners with no ability to save ourselves. Satan possessed our bodies, soul and spirit. He had even convinced us in our mind that we are enjoying captivity and bondage. We were so duped that we looked through our prison bars and mocked those who were free. We were helpless since our birth.

But Jesus saw what we could be through His power to deliver and change us, and change us until we would come into his likeness and image as the Father first intended us to be before the fall. The Father and the Son created the world perfect, then they created man and woman perfect, but they became evil and made the world like themselves.

Jesus came to redeem this evil world and the people in it. Jesus wants to change the whole world and deliver it out of slavery and bondage of sin. For this reason Jesus came, that he can deliver us from every single trait of the bondages of yesterday, that there be no trace of our former life found in us, and we become like Jesus. When we are set free we become like Jesus, consequently we become a blessing to all creation. But we cannot be set free if we avoid the church, the sacraments, the Eucharist. For these the letter to the Hebrews urges us to be confident and approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. The Church, the Eucharist are the source of grace and mercy for all of us, and without these our lives become dry and empty.

October also is the month of the rosary. For those that don’t receive the Eucharist the rosary is a prayer also that helps us to come into the presence of God and receive the graces of God for our lives and our world. When Mary the of Jesus appeared to the three children in Fatima (1917) she said if the rosary is said devotedly many souls will be saved and there will be peace. I know many will remember when growing up how they prayed the rosary in their homes as a family. Today to our world is in need of peace. Let us reclaim that old tradition of reciting the rosary in our homes and with our family for the salvation of souls and for peace.

—Rev. Patrick Wangai

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 13, 2019

GEORGE & GINNY JONES,

498

Save-the-Date

Mondays, Oct 14--Oct. 28

Women Fall Series—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

TODAY Fair Trade Sale

The Fair Trade sale is taking place this weekend after all of the Masses.

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

Coffee & . . .



This Sunday October 13th the coffee hour is sponsored by the religious education parents and teachers.

Please come over to Maguire Hall after each mass and meet our wonderful volunteers and families. Coffee and treats will be served.

Parish Calendar

Monday, October 14

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT

1:00 & 7:30 PM - Women Fall Series - CH

6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD

Tuesday, October 15

10:00 AM - Fundraising Committee Mtg. - RD

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

7:00 PM - PPC-Agenda Meeting - RRT

7:30-9PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, October 16

10:00 AM - Staff Meeting - RDR

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

7-10 PM - F&F Meeting - RD

7:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting - RDR

7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, October 17

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

7:00 PM - Liturgy Committee Meeting - RDR

Friday, October 18

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



2019 Baby Bottle Project is Back!!!

Oct. 6-27

Our parish is participating 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.

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**.



**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
AT 7:00 PM
IN THE RECTORY.**

THANK YOU

The 2019 Walk/ Picnic was another success thanks to ALL of our wonderful parishioners who either donated, walked, or both. A little dampness did not ruin our day. We were able to raise \$1,012. We were especially thankful to see some of the school kids this year.

Congrats to the two winners for the 3 raffle prizes-Bill Holmes and double winner Shelley Sandow. We also are very grateful to those that helped out to make it happen: Fr. George, Fr. Patrick, Amanda Pomareda, Sharon Leamy, Marie and Bern Wheel, Carol and Tom Frank, Pat Nelson, Raul and Scarlett Perez, Kristina King, Krista Konecki, as well as all the folks that brought something to share. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

-J Konecki

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. October 14

8:30 † **Beatrice Giordano**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Tue. October 15

8:30 **Daniel Grayson (HEALTH)**
By: Friend

Wed. October 16

8:30 **Michael Ballew (HEALTH)**
By: SCSL Staff

Thurs. October 17

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

Fri. October 18

8:30 † **Anne Salome**
By: Evie Stockinger

Sat. October 19

9:00 † **Grace Tobin**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **Harry and Mary Koko**
By: The Koko Family

Sun. October 20

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Joseph Schouten**
By: Bill and Barbara Cragg
10:30 **Lucien and Florence Vincent**
(57TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2;
Lk 18:1-8

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sukkot (Jewish Festival of Tabernacles)
begins at sundown
Monday: St. Callistus I; Columbus Day;
Canadian Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday: St. Teresa of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
National Boss's Day
Thursday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Friday: St. Luke
Saturday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and
Companions; Sweetest Day

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

October 6, 2019	\$	5,606.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	580.00
Weekly Budget	\$	7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$	- 1,122.00

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 — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns gratefully to Elisha (2 Kings 5:14-17).

Psalms — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 298).

Second Reading — If we have died with Christ we shall also live with Christ (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

Gospel — Ten lepers are healed by Jesus, but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

OCTOBER 20, 2019

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Altar Servers		
Dan Brown Mark Thomas	Kevin Morgan	Esteban Perez
Ministers of the Word		
Frank Pond Susan Kumler	Ken Blair Thom Schouten	Terry Sullivan Yuna Kim
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Chemetha Baker Grace Bishop Lessie Dean Era Yee	Walter Washington Marge Massarello Kevin Kell Fannie Cooper Marjorie Fields Renee Smith-Quinn	Jeanne Visteen Mary Howard David Geffe Doris Brown Bern Wheel Marie Wheel



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Mary G. Ballew, Mike Ballew, Lillian Bowman, Lillian Czaplicki, Dwayne Evans, Paula Evans, Dave Grayson, Anna Fabach, Kathy Feulner, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Albert Parker, Jr., Scarlett and Raul Perez, 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 reinsert 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 20, 2019 - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

The Book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their journey to the Promised Land. Among the way, they often had to battle local tribes who tried to keep them from passing through their territory. Today we hear an account of one such incident.



Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

In today's reading from second Timothy, the author continues to warn against false teaching. This passage also provides the biblical foundation for our belief about the inspiration of the Bible.

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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Oak Park, IL 60302

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School Scoop

..#There is no school on October 14, for Columbus Day.

..#Big Shoulders is sending a new organization to us on Wednesday, October 16, for a corporate service day. They'll be here from 10am-2pm.

..#Holy Fire, the Archdiocesan-wide retreat for 8th graders, is Friday, October 18. Our kids may be attending, depending on scholarship availability.

..#The Archdiocese is visiting a number of schools to do observations for the accreditation program. There will be no individual rankings – it is a system-wide review. These reviews will be done sometime between October 14-30.

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.

Messenger of Peace

Produced by Chiesa Nuova,
A Franciscan Ministry for Performing Arts

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

Ascension Church, 808 South East Ave., Oak Park, IL 60304

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.

**Faith and Fellowship -
40 Years!!**

Next 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.

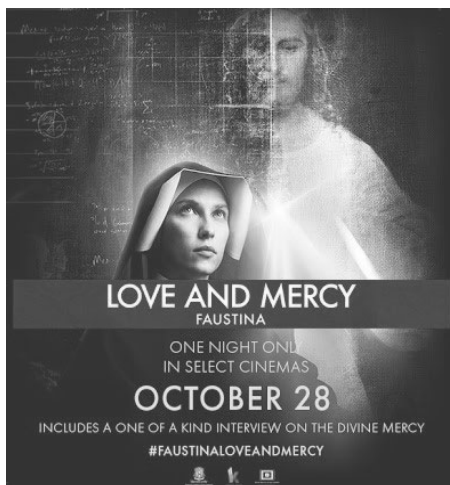
Please contact Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708/383-9276 - and please make it a point to join us in this landmark event!

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

TOMORROW: October 14
"Finding Forgiveness in Our Lives"

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.

**Find a Theater/Watch
Trailer/Order Tickets****Bake Sale**
October 26 & 27

After each Mass enjoy home baked goods! After the Sunday Masses Coffee will be served in Maguire Hall. BAKERS please bring your baked goods to church before Mass on Saturday or directly to Maguire Hall on Sunday. Thank you for supporting this fund-raising effort!

Religious Education

Classes for this month take place:
Sun. October 13 & Sun. October 27
at the SCSL School from 9-10:30AM with Mass to follow. Questions? Call: Fr. Patrick at 312-402-1824 or Chemetha Baker 708-386-8077.

**Holy Ghost
BINGO News**
God Goblins & Games
by Vicki Quade

St. Catherine/ St Lucy parish is presenting "Holy Ghost Bingo" here at our very own Maguire hall and you are invited! It is a Halloween themed interactive comedy play written by Vicki Quade who is the co-author Late Nite Catechism. The night of fun includes the interactive play, a bake sale and a cash bar.

A review from ChooseChicago.com: "The premise is that Mrs. Mary Margaret O'Brien, a former nun, is here tonight to raise money while playing bingo and talking about Halloween traditions, scary movies, condemned board games, and haunted churches. It's a crazy night of Halloween trivia, audience interaction. Add a lot of Catholic humor for a night of entertainment you'll never forget. And in this interactive bingo show, you'll actually play bingo. You'll be laughing so hard, you'll have to be careful watching your bingo cards!"

Holy Ghost Bingo is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 26. Doors and bar open at 6:45. Tickets are \$30 and available at the door or by e-mailing:
HolyGhostBingo102619@gmail.com

"For All That Has Been – Thanks!
For All That is to be – YES!"

Annual Mass Supporting People with Mental Illnesses,
Families, Healthcare Workers, and Friends

Celebrating 40 years of
Faith & Fellowship

*A ministry creating communities of faith
with and for adults with mental illness*

St. Catherine of Siena – St Lucy Parish
38 N. Austin Oak Park

(at Washington & Austin; 3 blocks south of Green Line stop)

Sunday October 20 at 2 pm
followed by refreshments in Parish Hall

People of All Faiths are Welcome!

Church and Parish Hall are Wheel Chair Accessible. Sign Language Interpreted
Sponsored by Faith & Fellowship and the Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness
Info: (708)383-9276 or faith_fellowship@hotmail.com

Food for Thought...Be Amazed

*Stay open to senses of freshness, wonder, awe and gratitude;
the shower of blessings that over us washes can be overlooked.*

*Here we are, as was Francis of Assisi when in his Canticle,
he praised God through Brother sun and Sister moon and all the stars.*

*Like a youngster's delight at a first butterfly, or taste of ice cream, or realizing the stars above are really far away...
Be amazed!*

10/13/19—TGL