

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

NOVEMBER 3, 2019
THIRTY-FIRST 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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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 Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we are celebrating two important feasts All Saints day which is followed by the Commemoration of the dearly departed souls. On the eve of All Saints day, we celebrate Halloween and many of us tend to associate Halloween with candy, costumes, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. But do you know the Christian connection to this holiday? In the Christian calendar, November 1st is All Saints Day, or "All Hallows' Day." The word Halloween" is simply an abbreviated form of "All Hallows' Eve," the vigil celebration in anticipation of the feast day. In the early fourth century, All Saints Day was a way to commemorate the martyrs, but later all of the saints were included in the festival. All Souls Day is our day that we need to remember those that have died in Christ and who weren't officially recognized as saints. St. Augustine reminds us that; *"If we had no care for the dead, we would not be in the habit of praying for them."* We are all weak creatures, and none of us are holy enough to stand before the throne of God. We need the prayers of others and they do need our prayers. All Saints Day and All Souls Day are meant to remind us of the need to be humble before God and each other.

As Christianity moved through Europe, they collided with indigenous cultures and confrontation established customs like pagan holidays and festivals that were so entrenched that converts found them to be a stumbling block to their faith. To deal with this problem, the organized church would commonly move a distinctively Christian holiday to a spot on the calendar that would directly challenge a pagan holiday. This intent was to counter pagan influences and provide a Christian alternative. But most often, the Church only succeeded in the "Christianizing" a pagan ritual-the ritual was still pagan, but mixed with Christian symbolism. That's what happened to All Saints' Eve- it was the original Halloween alternative.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, along with the Feast of All Saints developed the Feast of All Souls. The Church has consistently encouraged the offering of the prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. At the time of their death, these souls are not perfectly cleansed of venial sin or have not atoned for the past transgressions, and thereby are deprived of the beatific vision. The faithful on earth can assist these souls in Purgatory in attaining the beatific Vision through their prayers, good works and the offering of Mass. *Beatific vision is simply seeing God face to face* (as St. Paul says in 1 Cor. 13:12). Let us pray for our brothers and sisters, our departed relatives and friends so that they may join the company of saints and angels in heaven where they will see God face to face. Also during this month of November, in special way, we remember all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died marked with the sign of faith.

Finally, I was impressed with the details and organization that went on to put out our first Holy Ghost Bingo. Our heartfelt gratitude to Teresa Melcher, her family, and all those that assisted in order to make this event so successful. God bless you

—Fr. George

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council
Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Parish Finance Council
Juan Perez

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

Liturgy Committee:

Cantors: Rev. George Omwando
Celebration Choir: Kraig Zeronik
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist & 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.



**NEXT FRIDAY & SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH & 9TH.
HERE AT ST. CATHERINE—ST. LUCY'S MAGUIRE'S
HALL! SEE OUR ADS: PAGE 6-7 OF THIS BULLETIN!
WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US ON THIS BEAUTIFUL
ANNUAL EVENT. COME & SUPPORT OUR PARISH!**

**Religious Education Classes
for the month of November are on
Sundays, Nov. 10 & 24**

At the SCSL School from
9–10:30 AM

Parish Calendar

Monday, November 4

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

8AM-2PM - Christmas Bazaar Set-Up - M
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, November 7

8AM-2PM - Christmas Bazaar Set-Up - M
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, November 8

12:00-6:00 PM - Christmas Bazaar - M
2:30-6:30PM - Day Care - M

Saturday, November 9

9AM—12PM - SisterHouse Qtr. Meeting—RD
10:00 AM-5:00 PM - Christmas Bazaar - M

**FOODFIRST
THIS WEEKEND**
Won't You Please Help?!

500 CLUB WINNER!

**The New Season of the
500 Club has begun!**

**Congratulations to the owner
of Certificate # 259**

SAM NEWBERRY

**are the winners of the First
Week's prize of \$500.00**

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from October 27th, 2019 through October 19th, 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. 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

\$ 25.00

November 3, 2019

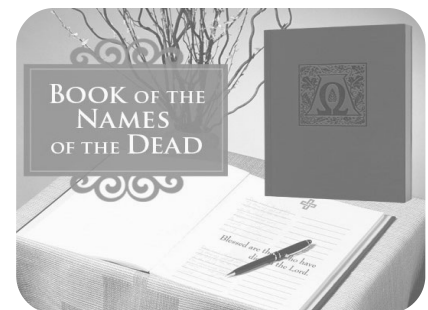
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November All Souls Month

Please remember that during the month of November we invite parishioners to bring pictures of their loved ones who have died, and they can be placed on the window sills in church.

Also during November we will have a book to write the name of your loved ones who will be remembered in all the masses.



Save-the-Date

**Friday & Saturday
November 8-9**

*Christmas Bazaar at
Maguire Hall*

Sunday, November 24
*OPRF Thanksgiving
Program*

*Mount Pilgrim Missionary
Baptist Church, Chicago*

Sunday, December 8
*Family Mass and
Breakfast with St. Nick's
Maguire Hall*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. November 4

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

Tue. November 5

8:30 † **Doris Day**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. November 6

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

Thurs. November 7

8:30 † **Emil Baumbach, Jr.**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. November 8

8:30 † **Tita Hubner**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. November 9

9:00 † **Albert Brion**
By: Dorothy Brion
5:00 † **Rose Cheung**
By: The Yee Family

Sun. November 10

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Danny Jones**
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers
10:30 † **Willie Brown, Jr.**
By: Christine Wedekind

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

October 27, 2019	\$ 4,083.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 752.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -2,473.00

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 — Lord, you love all things that exist
(Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;
Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday: St. Charles Borromeo
Tuesday: Election Day
Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30
Altar Servers		
Michael Giometti	Walter Washington	David Detmer
Ministers of the Word		
Dan Brown Christine Wedekind	Wrenetha Julion Ken Blair	David Geffe Terry Sullivan
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Chemetha Baker Grace Bishop Brenda Fojtik Susan Kumler	Claudia Zinanni Ginny Jones Thom Schouten Kathy Mortell Marjorie Fields Marge Massarello	Diana Cameron Kim McGuire David Geffe Bern Wheel Marie Wheel John McGuire



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Mike Ballew, Lillian Czaplicki, Scarlett Evans, Dwayne and Paula Evans, Dave Grayson, Anna Fabach, Kathy Feulner, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Jennifer Saldukas, Nancy Staunton, Annette Varga, and Jeanne Visteen

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.

NOVEMBER 10, 2019 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

The 2 books of Maccabees describe a period of persecution suffered by the Jews about 150 years before Christ. At that time, they were a nation subject to Syria whose king tried to force them to abandon their religious customs. Today's passage describes the resistance of one family, whose bravery became legendary.



Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

The two letters to the Thessalonians were addressed to a Christian community founded by Paul early in his missionary travels. Thessalonica was located in the northeastern portion of modern day Greece. Early Christians believed that Jesus would return soon; these letters address how they ought to live as they await that coming.



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.

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*

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.

www.catherinelucy.org

708-386-5286

School Scoop

**Refer a Family....
ONE Month Tuition is on Us!**

You are our best voice in the community. Go ahead and Brag about St. Catherine-St. Lucy School!

Be Loud, Proud, and Talk about it!

Refer a family to us.....if they enroll and ATTEND school, we will cover one month of your tuition!

Sign Up! Volunteer Opportunities Around the Corner

We are planning some fun new events! These events will not only be great for the whole family, but also bring in \$. And we will need many hands to help make them happen. Please keep your eyes out for more information and an opportunity to sign up.

Food for Thought...

All About Forgiveness

The psalm sings of the Lord, who lifts up those who are failing. He raises those bowed down. The forgiveness of the Lord.

The dishonest tax collector to see Him climbed a tree; Jesus visited his house, and Zacchaeus did repent. The forgiveness of the Lord.

The Lord's imperishable spirit pervades all of our things.

He overlooks our sins so that we can repent. The forgiveness of the Lord.

11/3/19 TGL

Sources: Today's readings

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



COMING SOON
St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish
Christmas Bazaar
Peace on Earth

Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th
Luncheon – Saturday, November 9thth

Here's what you can do to help make this year's bazaar successful and fun:

Donate	Booth	Notes	Delivery Date/Where
Decorative items, household items, costume jewelry, etc.	White Elephant	Items you no longer use that are in very good condition	Before October 26 (Sat) Rectory
Inexpensive toys (\$1 and up) or cash donations to be used to purchase toys for the booth that have been popular in past years.	Toy Booth	Please write " Carol Frank " on your cash donation envelope.	Before November 2nd (Sat) Rectory
New items valued between \$25-\$75. Theme baskets of consumables (food, wine, restaurant gift certificates) have been very popular.	Silent Auction	Please provide a list of items and the value of the donation along with your name. Arrange items in your container (if there is one) so bidders can see everything.	Before November 2ndth (Sat) Rectory
New household items, toys, and retail gift cards.	Jar Raffle	Please mark donation for Jar Raffle.	Before November 2nd (Sat) Rectory
New items. Fannie May Candy has been popular or small new decorative items.	Raffle of the Day (Pick a Prize)	Please mark donation for Raffle of the Day	Before November 2ndth (Sat) Rectory
Homemade cookies, chocolate covered pretzels, cupcakes & candy are popular, particularly on Friday when the children shop. Saturday, breads and other baked goods are most welcome. We would love to include some gluten free items.	Bakery	Friday items are for our school students looking for something small & sweet to eat! Saturday is for the general public and luncheon attendees. Please bring to Maguire Hall.	November 8th (Fri.) 8:00 to 11:00. November 9th (Sat.) 8:30 to 10:00 Maguire Hall

Please include your name and intended booth for all your most welcome donations.

Questions? Please call Cynthia at 773-379-6326 or Jeanette at 708-771-0626

Christmas Bazaar – TOY BOOTH

The Toy Booth is having a Christmas Shopping Spree, toys from \$1 to \$50. Games, stuffed animals and more! You can do your Christmas shopping early. We will be open on Friday, Nov. 8th | 10AM—6PM. and on Saturday, Nov. 9th | 10AM-6PM.



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.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

Rest in Peace

Please remember to **PRAY** for all of the loved ones in our parish who rest in peace now. These are the names of the people that have died between 11-2-18 – 10-31-19.

† **Ross Tyrell**
† **Willie Brown**
† **Sylvia Lesesne**
† **Christian Robinson**
† **Joanna Vanni**
† **Daniel Mitchell**
† **Robert Schappert**
† **Eva C. Smith**
† **Genevieve Krawchuk**

May they be enjoying the glory
of God !

Gift Cards....soon

Thanksgiving ?? Black Friday ??

It is not too early to think about your Thanksgiving and Black Friday shopping. Gift Cards will be sold at all Masses on November 2/3. Pick-up Nov 16/17. The gift card form will be in the Bulletin on Oct 26/27.

A Great and Glorious God

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the Lord of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Parish

2019 Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 8, 2019; Noon - 6 pm

Saturday, November 9, 2019; 10 am - 4 pm

Luncheon served at 1 pm on Saturday

Luncheon: Adults \$20; Children 12 & under \$11

In Maguire Hall: 34 North Austin Blvd. - Oak Park, IL.

**BOOTHS:**

Toys \$1.00 and up

Baked Goods to Delight

White Elephant Treasures

Crafts by Phyliss Howard & Gail McDonald

"RBC Jewelry" by *Pat Koko*

"Love Your Memories" by Celeste Blackwell (Sat. only)

"ZoraZebra Gallery" by Connie Elazier (Sat. only)

Silent Auction SAT ONLY**RAFFLES:**

Big Raffle — Buyer's Choice — Tickets \$2.00 or 6 for \$10

* Handmade Quilt

* Samsung Galaxy Tablet

* Custom Made Stained Glass Lamp

* Cash Prize \$250

* 1/10 carat T.W. Square Diamond Earrings * 19" black Beach Cruiser Bike

Jar Raffle - Tickets \$.25 or 5 for \$1.00

Pick a Prize Raffle - Tickets \$.50 each

*****RESERVATIONS*** Return by 11/2/19**

_____ Number of ADULT Luncheons @ \$20.00 each

_____ Number of CHILD Luncheons -- age 12 & under @ \$11.00 each

Enclosed is:

\$ _____ for Luncheon Reservations

\$ _____ for Raffle Tickets @ \$2.00 each/6 for \$10

\$ _____ Donation

\$ _____ TOTAL (checks payable to St Catherine/St Lucy Parish)

Signature _____

Phone _____

Credit Cards Accepted (No American Express) Handicapped Accessible. Info call 708-386-8077

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name _____

Phone _____

RESERVATIONS FOR: (make sure to include yourself!)

1. _____ 6. _____

2. _____ 7. _____

3. _____ 8. _____

4. _____ 9. _____

REMEMBER:

5. _____ 10. _____

Discount if you reserve for 8 or more AND payment & names provided at one time. Discounted to \$18.00 Adult, \$10.00 Child