

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

NOVEMBER 17, 2019
THIRTY-THIRD 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 Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our first reading today, comes from prophet Malachi. The book of Malachi forms a bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Malachi paints a stunning picture of Israel's unfaithfulness that clearly shows the people to be worthy of punishment but woven throughout this message is hope-the possibility of forgiveness. Malachi's words reminded the Jews, God's chosen nation, of their willful disobedience, beginning with the priests including every person. He rebuked the people and the priests for neglecting the worship of God and failing to live according to His will. The priests were corrupt and there was no body who could lead God's people. The priest had become a stumbling block instead of spiritual leaders. The men were divorcing their wives and marrying pagan women. The people's relationship was broken because they failed to keep God's covenant and judgement and punishment would be theirs. Amid this wickedness, there was a faithful few-remnant who loved and honored God. God would shower his blessing upon these men and women. If our relationship with God is unimportant, we need to take stock of ourselves by setting aside our sinful habits, putting the Lord first, and giving God our best each day.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, every so often we are confronted with all the uncertainty that arises from the dawn of what seem to be evil days. One hundred years ago people wondered if the fierce battles of World War One represented the Apocalyptic Armageddon. Then came World War Two. At the end of World War Two the newspaper headlines screamed, 'Peace on Earth!' But that, even if it was ever true, was short-lived. In this century, the events of 9/11 seemed to unleash another age of terror – but still I hear the quiet voice of Jesus reassuring us: "but the end is not yet" (Luke 21:9). Remember, there were three new Emperors in Rome in the space of one year immediately before Titus' sack of Jerusalem, and his destruction of the Temple which the disciples had been so recently admiring (Luke 21:5-6). In Jesus' answer to the disciples' question about times and signs (Luke 21:7), He speaks of things which have always been, and which will always be – but the specific timing of all these things is known only to the Father (cf. Mark 13:32). Jesus warned his disciples and he warns us to take, "heed that we are not led astray," warned Jesus (Luke 21:8). Apocalyptic teachers will come and go, some claiming to come in Jesus' name, and some even claiming "I am He!" Dates are set for the end, and those dates come and go – but we are still here, and the end has not come. What we need is not to concentrate on the end of the world but to be faithful to God's promises and to listen to the voice of God, telling us to avoid evil and do good.

I would like to thank all those that worked so hard in making this year's Christmas Bazaar so inspiring and successful. The Christmas Bazaar as you know is our major source of fundraising and budgeting and so much time was spent planning and preparing for it. Even though it is one of our annual sources of fundraising, it is also a great social event. I was so happy to see and meet new friends at the luncheon. The camaraderie is superb and the food was great. It is not just thanking you, but the passion, the countless hours that you spent preparing for our event deserves so much praise and recognition. We are very grateful for all you who provided raffle gifts, those who participated in various sub-committees and for the enthusiasm and dedication shown. May God bless you for making it a reality!

— 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

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

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Servers: Kathy Paoli

Ministers of Care: Rev. G. Omwando

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(RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

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Rev. George Omwando

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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.

Life is hard, but have no fear

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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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.

Next Week Our 2nd Collection is for The Catholic Campaign for Human Development

CCHD is working on the margins to:

- ..# Encounter Christ in the poor
- ..# Amplify voices with vision
- ..# Challenge root causes of poverty and injustice
- ..# Break down walls of indifference
- ..# Transform hearts and communities

Your contribution to this second collection provides direct support to emerging leaders and low-income communities in Cook and Lake Counties. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church.

To donate online or learn more about how to get involved, visit: CCHDchicago.org or [Facebook.com/CCHDchicago](https://www.facebook.com/CCHDchicago).

Parish Calendar

Monday, November 18

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - RD
7:00 PM - RCIA Class - RRT

Tuesday, November 19

10 AM - Fundraising Committee Meeting - RD
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:30-9PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, November 20

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

Thursday, November 21

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
7-9 PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

2:00 PM - Baptism - CH

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

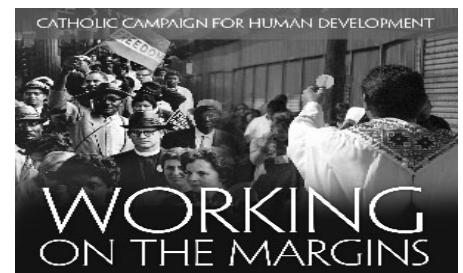
500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

November 17, 2019

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Save-the-Date

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

Sunday, December 15

Anti-Violence Candlelight Vigil here at SCSL Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. November 18

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

Tue. November 19

8:30 † **Mary Cotter**
By: Elaine Stockinger

Wed. November 20

8:30 † **Peter Mayhew**
By: Tom Nelson

Thurs. November 21

8:30 † **Lido Paoli**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. November 22

8:30 † **Anthony Vincent**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. November 23

9:00 † **Rose Lawler and Marge Frank**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **David Butler**
By: Grace Bishop

Sun. November 24

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Roy and Helen Sietsema**
By: Ray Sietsema
10:30 † **Peter Poulos**
By: Ray Sietsema

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the
Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter
and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Cecilia
Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro;
Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

November 3, 2019	\$ 2,766.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,433.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
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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 — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 24, 2019**5:00 PM****8:30 AM****10:30****Altar Servers**

Michael Giometti

Miles Jackson

Ava Konecki

Ministers of the WordMary Rose Nauss
Frank PondGinny Jones
Tom FrankYuna Kim
Patricia Long**Ministers of the Eucharist**Dan Brown
Carol Brown
Susan Kumler
Brenda FojtikWalter Washington
Kevin Kell
Kathy Mortell
Ginny Jones
Annie Rowan
Marjorie FieldsScarlett Evans
Bern Wheel
Marie Wheel
Pat Nelson
Doris Brown
Bill Holmes



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 24, 2019 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

The two books of Samuel describe a time early in Jewish history when the 12 tribes were forming one nation under a single king. After the death of Saul, their first king, the tribes decided upon a successor, as we will hear in this reading.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

In our age of space travel, there is sometimes speculation about Christ's place in the wider universe, particularly if life were found on other planets. Today's passage quotes an early Christian hymn which describes the kingship of Christ in cosmic terms.



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



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School Scoop



CHIPOTLE | Fundraiser
TUESDAY Nov. 19 | 4-8pm
1128 W Lake Street, Oak Park

This is a super easy and delicious way to raise \$ for our school! Bring the flyer or just tell the cashier you are supporting St. Catherine - St. Lucy School and we will receive 33% of the proceeds! Make sure you spread the word!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

are set for Tuesday November 26th from 3:30-7:00pm. School will be closed from Wednesday through Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Attention 8th Grade Boys!

Given any thought yet where you may attend high school next year? Mt. Carmel would like you to consider them! If interested, take a look at and consider attending some of their fun upcoming events.

PERSONAL TOUR NIGHT

Thursday, November 21 from 6-8 PM
Pre-register, please visit:
www.mchs.org/personaltournight2

Attention Young Readers!

We have a new resource for the younger members of our community in the book cart. There are a variety of books at various reading levels but all appropriate for church. Please feel free to take a book during mass and, as always, return it to the cart at the end of mass.

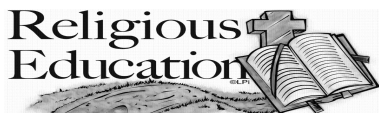
Update Personal Info

Please DO NOT FORGET to update us with your new cell phone number, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net



Advent Candles

Advent Candles will be for sale next weekend of November 23-24 after all masses. They are available for \$5/ set of candles and \$5 for a wreath frame.



A reminder that on Sunday, December 8th, at 10:30 AM there will be a family mass and that the St. Nick's Pancake Breakfast is also this date following 8:30 and 10:30 masses.

Registration is always open. If you have a child/children who you would like to register, contact the Rectory, leave your name and number and someone will call you. It is never too late.

Resemblance

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.

—St. Francis de Sales

Gift Cards Information

« #Gift cards for Christmas will be sold for all Masses on November 30/ December 1 and December 7/8.

« #Pick up is 2 two weeks after the order, December 14/15 and December 21/22.

« #The gift card form will be in the bulletin on November 23/24 and in the back of church.

The Giving Tree



As you shop this season, please remember the children whose wishes go unanswered by bringing a toy or children's book to put under the tree. They will be delivered to Catholic Charities for their toy showers in mid—December. Questions? Please call Linda at 708-386-6389.

—The Peace & Justice Committee

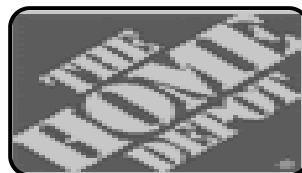
Christmas Flower Sale!



Christmas flowers and plants will arrive the weekend of **December 14-15!** Put Poinsettias, Cyclamen, Christmas

Cactus, Green Plants and beautiful baskets on your gift list. Flowers will be sold after all the masses.

Buy Your Gift Cards At
St. Catherine-St. Lucy
This Christmas
(or cards for your personal use)
In the Church Gathering Area
(See information above-mentioned)



grocery- restaurant - retail - specialty.....Choose from over 200 cards!
Read our Gift Card article on page 3 of this bulletin!

Trinity High School Entrance Exam

(River Forest, IL) Trinity High School will be hosting its 8th grade Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 7, 2019. The test will begin promptly at 8:00AM. Doors open at 7:30AM. Please bring two number 2 pencils and a \$25 test fee payable in cash or a check made out to Trinity High School.

Registration for Trinity High School's 8th Grade Entrance Exam opens Friday, November 22 at www.trinityhs.org/register.

Trinity H.S. is located at 7574 W. Division Street in River Forest. Please enter through the auditorium doors on Lathrop.

For more information, please contact Mary Beth Lavezzorio, Director of Admissions, at 708-453-8343 or mblavezzorio@trinityhs.org.

Food for Thought...

Moses Shows the Way

Moses did rescue the Israelites from slavery in Egypt; led them to Canaan, God's Promised Land. He felt quite unsuited for leading this nondescript group, but he knew it was at God's command.

Harsh bondage was suffered in Pharaoh's captivity, so Israelites embraced the Exodus. To lead and protect them was not his proclivity, yet later he showed them his hightechsodus: Moses was the first person with a tablet, downloading data, from a cloud.

11/17/19 TGL

Treasures of Our Tradition

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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Peace

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

—Thomas à Kempis

BREAD for all who hunger



- an Advent interfaith bread baking day of reflection with Br. Joseph Kilikevice, OP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019, 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

**Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality
708 N. Harvey Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302**

Gifts from the earth - whole wheat, water, honey and yeast are kneaded into loaves bringing us together to wait with all people for hunger to be satisfied. The ancient, sacred task of bread baking invites prayerful reflection on our longing for what is promised to all who wait. The bread we serve to others is a remembering of our call to be inclusive, respectful, generous, forgiving and loving. No one is excluded from a place at the table.

Give yourself the gift of a quiet day away from the busyness and stress of pre-holiday shopping malls. You will bring home the loaf you make to feed those you love.

Your \$40 donation pays for tuition, all bread baking ingredients and lunch. Take a \$10 Discount if registering before.



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