

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

FEBRUARY 9, 2020
FIFTH 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,

Today we celebrate the African-American heritage special Mass, and I would like to welcome everyone to church this morning. During this month we celebrate the accomplishments and African-American milestones in the United States. There are so many things that African-Americans have contributed to the Catholic Church, especially saints. I would like to share with you two popular African-American Saints. But first let us pray for Fr. Augustus Tolton, who worked in Chicago, the first African-American priest of the Catholic Church, who has been granted the title of "Venerable," moving along his cause for canonization. Two saints that I want to share with you are my favorites: St. Josephine Bakhita and St. Peter Claver.

St. Josephine Bakhita

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave, but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed. Born in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery, and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, the Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the Michielis later returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885. Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and by the local citizens. She once said, *"Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"* The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later. [Adapted from National Black Congress].

St. Peter Claver

Saint Peter Claver, S.J., was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary who was born in Verdú (Catalonia) and although not of African descent, became the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Colombia, and ministry to African-Americans due to his devotion and care of enslaved people. During the 40 years of his ministry in Colombia it is estimated he personally baptized around 300,000 people. He is also patron saint for seafarers. He is considered a heroic example of what should be the Christian praxis of love and of the exercise of human rights. [Adapted from National Black Congress].

May God continue to bless us and the work we do every day to bring others to Christ.

— 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

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Peace & Justice Committee:

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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.



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

"AKWAABA! WELCOME"

African-American Heritage Celebration

TODAY AT 10:00 A.M. WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY. **YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO INVITE FAMILY MEMBERS AND NEIGHBORS TO OUR 10:00 A.M. MASS.**

Our annual brunch follows at Maguire Hall

THIS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 9TH
THERE WILL BE ONLY
ONE MASS
AT 10 AM

St. Valentine's Bake Sale

Our annual St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale is next weekend on **February 15 and 16**. All parishioners are invited to "try their hand" at baking something for the sale.

On the weekend of the sale please bring all baked goods to the Rectory on Saturday and on Sunday drop baked goods off at Maguire Hall.

The 500 Club Drawing, for \$500.00 is part of the bake sale. Certificates may be purchased right up until the drawing. Come, enjoy, and be a winner! There will be door prizes for those in attendance.



500 Club Certificates

**The next drawing for a \$500 prize is February 16th
Don't miss it!**

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now 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 are available in the back of church. This is a fun way to support the parish. Pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 10

9:30 - 10:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
1 & 7:30 PM - Women's Spirituality Series CH
2:30 PM - Day Care - M
6:30-9:30PM- F&F Mtg- RD

Tuesday, February 11

1:30-2:30 PM - Rehearsal School Mass - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:30-9PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, February 12

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
12:30-3:30 PM- F&F Mtg - RD
7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

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

Save the Date

**Mondays, February 10
thru- Monday, April 13**

*Women's Winter
Spirituality Series in CH*

Saturday & Sunday

February 15-16

*Valentine's Bake Sale
"500 Club Drawing for \$500"*

Wednesday, February 26

*Ash Wednesday -
Lent Begins*

Friday, February 28

*Alms Meatless Dinner at
Maguire Hall*

*Stations of the Cross
begin in Church*

Saturday, April 25

Four Winds Casino Trip

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

February 9, 2020

Marilyn Young,

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. February 10

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

Tue. February 11

8:30 † **Grace Ernst**
By: Evie Stockinger

Wed. February 12

8:30 † **Paul Albert Nelson**
By: Pat and Tom Nelson

Thurs. February 13

8:30 † **Nancy Price**
By: Grace Bishop

Fri. February 14

8:30 † **Bradley Cousineau**
By: Michelle Darang– Coleman

Sat. February 15

9:00 † **Juan Francisco Martijena**
By: His Aunt
5:00 † **DeJean Ameris**
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

Sun. February 16

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Bradley Cousineau**
By: Donna Kanapes
10:30 † **Alexandre Vincent**
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Monday: St. Scholastica
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick
Wednesday: Lincoln's Birthday
Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 2, 2020	\$ 4,834.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,277.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -1,197.00

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 — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS — FEBRUARY 16, 2020

5:00 PM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Altar Servers		
Michael Giometti	Walter Washington	David Detmer Clare Detmer
Ministers of the Word		
Susan Kumler Frank Pond	Wrenetha Julion Shirley Jones	Christine Diaz Jacob Diaz
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Grace Bishop Dan Brown Lessie Dean Era Yee	Thom Schouten Claudia Zinanni Ginny Jones Fannie Cooper Kathy Mortell Bill Cragg	Terry Sullivan Mary Howard Bern Wheel David Geffe Patricia Long Jan Kieckhefer



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Eloise Brown, Lillian Czaplicki, Scarlett Evans, Dwayne and Paula Evans, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Dee Norman, Kathy Paoli, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Jennifer Saldukas, and Francisco Valentin.

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.



FEBRUARY 16, 2020 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he urges his students to make the right choices in life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul continues to address the Corinthian community, who criticized him because, according to Greek standards, he lacked wisdom. To the Greeks, wisdom meant a certain pattern of logical reasoning that followed fixed forms. In this reading, Paul speaks of a wisdom that is far greater than this.

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.



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.

Remember a Loved One

We 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

Update Personal Info

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

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School Scoop

..# Thank you to those school and parish families who supported us by attending our **Movie Night** last Friday. Thanks for our planning committee for putting this all together. Look for more events to come. Parishioners are always welcome!

..# On February 14th, Valentine's Day There will be an Afterschool Art Club, everyone is invited.

..# We would like to announce that the SCSL-School Girls' Basketball Team is in the play-offs! We are so very proud.

..# The SCSL School will be closed on Monday, February 17th for the President's Day Holiday.

Annual Meatless Spaguetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

"Please join us Friday, February 28th at 5:30 PM in Maguire Hall for the Annual Meatless Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction. Bring your appetite for dinner and then, if the spirit moves you, your favorite dessert for the silent auction. It's a lot of fun with delicious food and wonderful fellowship and maybe just a little competition too. The dinner is a good will offering but the auction is cash or check! If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you. Just show up and we will put you to work!"



Reasons of the Heart

The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing.

—Blaise Pascal



The women of Chicago's west side and of the near-west suburbs are invited to gather for winter spirituality!

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the discussion, and we'll use as a catalyst **In God's Womb**, a spiritual memoir by Edwina Gateley. "I am here because of my journey, which has brought me to this point after more than 40 years of working as a Catholic laywoman in the Church. And I also look back to see where this motivation and passion has come from. It certainly has not come from reading books and studying theology. It has come from my experience of God, something over which I have not had much control, having only been vulnerable to God's call in my life." (p. 1)

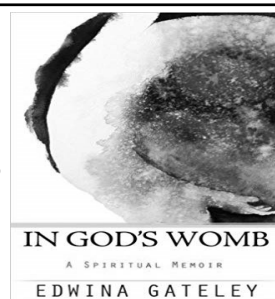
This series will be an introduction to Edwina Gateley whose life has been described by Publisher's Weekly as "fascinating – an exceptional blend of contemplation and action". Edwina is a poet, theologian, artist, writer, and lay minister. She is a single mom and has been described as a modern day mystic and prophet.

Edwina Gateley will facilitate a half-day retreat at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church on Saturday, April 18 beginning at 9 am. It will be a special opportunity...not to be missed...open to all men and women...and may be one of the last mid western US opportunities to hear Edwina speak before she retires to Ireland.

Shelby will supply the books each week for this series. No need to prepare in advance. Shelby will sell the books used during the series at the conclusion of the series. It matters not at all if you miss a week or 2. You are welcome to join as your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged! Bring your female friends, visitors, or relatives. We'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1:00 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. No need to come at the same time each Monday. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

Mon., Feb. 10	The Sahara Desert
Mon., Feb. 24	Moving On; Chicago Theological Union, Chicago
Mon., March 30:	The Streets; Genesis House
Mon., April 6:	Motherhood; The House of Sophia
Mon., April 13:	Public Speaking; The Answer

We meet in the gathering area of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church at 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. The church is handicapped accessible. Only the doors on Austin Blvd. will be open. There are assistive listening devices available. **Questions or concerns? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.**



Archdiocese of Chicago
PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TO
THE 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Come, follow me...
and heal our world**

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to **"Come, follow me... and heal our world."**

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. **For example, Appeal funds support needy students of our school, subsidies to deacon formation among other programs. We are grateful that we have a student from our own parish preparing to be a deacon.**

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Thanks Again!!

The Bazaar wrap-up meeting was held January 27th and the totals are in. Our 2019 Christmas Bazaar raised \$11,914.69 for the parish in addition to the priceless good time and good will that filled Maguire Hall. Thank you again for any part, large or small, that you played in making this happen.

~ The Fundraising Committee

Peace, Power, & Passion After Your Divorce

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 13

St. Giles Parish,

Dore Parish Center Living Room
1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park
For information, contact Chris
Malagoli, cvmalagoli@yahoo.com
708-912-4378 or Olivia Molloy,
livvymolloy51@gmail.com

God's Call

The person who has been "saved," who has "heard the good news of salvation," still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today's readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: "*Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked*" (Isaiah 58:7).

Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the "weakness and fear" of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God's light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don't save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God's presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

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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*

Food for Thought...

Promoting Human Dignity

Dedication and deep faith are needed to respond to pressing challenges both global and domestic:

*We forget the cost of slavery in human dignity;
We must meet the challenge of preserving people's culture;
Communities must be maintained, and inspiration's power.*

*We're witnessing the birth of a new humanism,
where people are defined by their responsibility
to their brothers and their sisters, and to history.
Appreciating our relationship with one another
makes us more aware of the need for a consistent ethic.*

*M.L. King promoted human dignity and justice for all.
Carter Woodson stated that the truth can't be denied,
and reason would prevail over prejudice.
"Only light can drive out darkness; only love can drive out hate."
"Injustice anywhere's a threat to justice everywhere."
"The time is always right to do what is right."*

2/9/20. TGL

Sources: Cardinal Blase Cupich Talk on "Life and Justice for All."
Quotations from Martin Luther King

Pro-Life A Woman's Right to "Choose"?

The word "choice" (as used on the subject of abortion) is probably the most misleading and deceptive term in the English language.

While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable. Some choices are crimes. All crimes are choices.

Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is,

*"How is the baby going to come out?
"Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces? Truly, her choice is between life and death—a live baby, or a dead one."*



WWME is a community of married couples and priests who grow relationships committed to love through ongoing enrichments and fellowship. Experience a private weekend with your spouse to learn practical ways to live in love, and then journey with others as we strive to live out God's call to love one another.

2020 Weekend Dates

February 14-16 (Geneva, IL)

***February 22-23** (Crest Hill, IL)

September 11-13 (Geneva, IL)

October 24-25 (Mundelein, IL)

**No overnight stay*

Visit our website or contact us for more information and event dates:
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