

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

FEBRUARY 16, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. Patrick Wangai, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
Rev. Patrick Wangai, Chemetha Baker
Religious Education Coordinators
Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Director of Music and Liturgy

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Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office 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

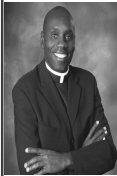
Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

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 Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to express my gratitude to the people that worked so hard to prepare the African American Heritage Celebration Mass and made it look so colorful. Our celebration was great and inspiring. Particularly, I want to thank the Liturgy Subcommittee that assisted in the planning and execution of our liturgy; their dedication, professionalism and sense of cooperation were truly noted. Thanks to the kitchen crew that made sure that there was enough of the delicious food served. Thanks to those who brought food to be shared, all the volunteers, the greeters, those that participated in the liturgy as communion ministers, lectors, gift bearers, the ushers and the elders. Our combined choirs sang beautifully, and I am grateful to them always; as usual, they prepared so well for this special occasion. I was very much pleased that everyone did something in making our liturgy attractive. Thanks to our front office staff for their help in assisting and making sure all relevant information pertaining this liturgy was passed to everyone in timely manner. Last but not least mention must be made about the colorful dresses of African heritage – everyone looked great! I wish we could celebrate this type of liturgy every other Sunday.

This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, follow me... and heal our world,” was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus’ call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contributions to fund ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our parish and our Arch-diocese. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your consideration and response. The excess funds generated will be given to us here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy to offset our budget deficit. For that case, the Annual Catholic Appeal is one of our greatest fundraising tool. Once again, I want you to be very generous as you have been in the previous years to this campaign. Each year, we are summoned as God’s people to reflect on our identity as a Church, a people called and gathered to know in a new and fresh way who we are and what we are called to do and share. You and I are entering into this special time of reflection and generosity. Consider today’s Word of God and how it enlightens us about who we are and what we are called to do and share.

The first reading from book of Sirach reminds that if we keep God’s Commandments they will save from committing anything against God and God will bless us. The Gospel also reminds us the importance of obeying God’s Commandments. Finally, brothers and sisters in Christ, the Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to re-envision ourselves as bonded together as God’s Word. It will also be an opportunity to share the gifts that have been entrusted to us in the Body of Christ. At this altar, we know that we are one in Him who made Himself one with us. From this altar, the gifts of God flow abundantly for sharing with those in need and who long for the fullness of life. 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: Kevin Morgan

Adult 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

(cont’d from pg. 1)

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.

February 16, 2020

President's Day

A reminder that tomorrow, Monday, February 17th the Rectory will be closed due to the President's Day Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 18th.



Akwaaba! Welcome! And Thank You!

On behalf of the AAH Liturgy Subcommittee and the Brunch Committee – a great big thank you to EVERYONE who worked so hard and so lovingly to make Sunday's celebration awesome! Once again, St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish was a place where all felt the welcome of AKWAABA!

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

10:00 AM - Fundraising Committee Mtg.- RD
1:30-2:30 PM - Rehearsal for School Mass CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:00 PM - PPC Meeting - RD
7:30-9PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 AM - Staff Meeting - RDR
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 20

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 21

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

This Weekend
**St. Valentine's
Bake Sale**

Come to Maguire Hall to enjoy a variety of delicious treats! Support this event!

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 WINNER

The \$500.00 winner will be announced next weekend in the bulletin of February 23rd

Save the Date

**Mondays, February 24
thru- Monday, April 13**
*Women's Winter
Spirituality Series in CH*

Wednesday, February 26
*Ash Wednesday -
Lent Begins*

Friday, February 28
*Alms Meatless Dinner at
Maguire Hall*

*Stations of the Cross
begin in Church*

Sunday, March 15
Spring Big Raffle

Saturday, April 25
*Four Winds Casino Trip
OS*

500 Club Certificates

TODAY the \$500 Drawing will take place in Maguire Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

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



Sunday March 15th

**Please Be Our Guest
at the annual
SPRING RAFFLE
gathering!**

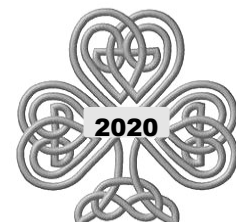
**Sunday March 15th after 10:30 Mass
in Maguire Hall**

*Light refreshments and good company
will be provided.*

This year's **raffle prizes** are cash prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100, an Apple iPad, and gift certificates to the Parish Outing to Four Winds Casino & Oak Park's Trattoria 225 Restaurant.

Raffle tickets have been mailed and will also be available for sale after Masses beginning February 29th. Winner need not be present but it is fun when you are!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. February 17

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

Tue. February 18

8:30 † **Stella Caro**
By: The Yee Family

Wed. February 19

8:30 † **Roberta Raymond**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Thurs. February 20

8:30 † **Guy Colletti**
By: Evie Stockinger

Fri. February 21

8:30 † **Richard Keefe**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sat. February 22

9:00 † **Lionel Thymes, Sr.**
By: Grace Bishop
5:00 † **DeJean Ameris**
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

Sun. February 23

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Sue Miniscalco**
By: Ministry of Care
10:30 † **Melicie Remy**
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day
Friday: St. Peter Damian
Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 9, 2020	\$ 4,169.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 435.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ - 2704.00

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 — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness

(Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS — FEBRUARY 23, 2020

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Altar Servers		
Kathy Paoli	Miles Jackson	Ava Konecki
Ministers of the Word		
Debra Lomax MacLane Lomax	Ginny Jones May Jane O'Brien	Terry Sullivan Yuna Kim
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Dan Brown Carol Brown Susan Kumler Brenda Fojtik	Kevin Kell Walter Washington Kathy Mortell Renee Smith-Quinn Annie Rowan Marjorie Fields	Jeanne Visteen Bill Holmes Marie Wheel Pat Nelson Doris Brown Bern Wheel

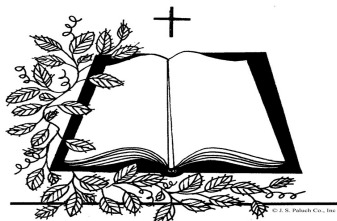


Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

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 23, 2020 - 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 9:1-2, 17-18

We are reading today from the third book of the Bible, Leviticus, which is a collection Jewish laws. Today's passage discusses how to treat your neighbor. For Old Testament people, a neighbor was a fellow Israelite. (When we listen today's *Gospel*, we will hear Jesus take this a step further.)

Second Reading: Corinthians 3:16-23

In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Another group was loyal to Kephas (which is the Aramaic name for Peter). Paul uses an unusual image to explain why such factions don't belong in a Christian community.

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: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286

School Scoop

- ..# The SCSL School will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 17th for President's Day Holiday.
- ..# The 7th and 8th grade students will be attending the Archdiocese-sponsored African-American prayer service on Friday morning, February 28th.
- ..# On Saturday, February 22nd there will be a Black History Competition at Leo High School, 7901 S Sangamon St, Chicago IL 60620



Annual Meatless Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

"Please join us Friday, February 28th at 5:30 PM in Maguire Hall for the Annual Meatless Spaghetti Dinner & 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!"

"This is your chance to show off your creative baking skills if you have been watching *"The Great British Baking Show"* and want to give it a try. Don't worry - we will all be as encouraging as Mary Berry."

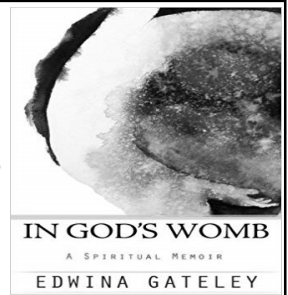
Attention Young Readers!

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.

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. 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.

Housing Forward joins The Economy Shop

The Economy Shop is a three-story resale store in Oak Park that supports local charities. Three to four sale dates are held each month, September to June. All proceeds support seven organizations. *Housing Forward* is honored to be the seventh! Call (708) 383-2449 for information when they are open.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to staff our room at the shop. They will sort and price merchandise, and are the sales staff on Economy Shop sales days, which take place on the second Thursday and the third & fourth Saturdays of the month, September through June. To learn more and to sign up, contact: Cherrell Jackson at cjackson@housingforward.org

Pray For Our Deceased**Renatta Smith**

May she rest in peace!

*We lift her up with our prayers
while we embrace her mother
Rosetta Smith (former school
librarian) and extended family in
a prayerful embrace.*

May the angels lead her
into Paradise

Pray For Our Deceased**Clyde Shoenneman**

May he rest in peace!

*We lift him up with our prayers
while we embrace his children
and extended family in a
prayerful embrace.*

May the angels lead him
into Paradise



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:
applications@wwme-chicagoland.org
(630) 577-0778

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**WWME-CHICAGOLAND.ORG****Food for Thought...****Saints Among Us**

*Mariam Jane and Ariyah Mikayla
were abandoned babies left to die,
in the alleys of Chicago.
Destined for a burial unnamed and unknown,
they'd leave without a final commendation,
until Rest In His Arms got involved.*

*Founder Susan Walker's not-for-profit
provides a funeral commensurate
with children's dignity under God.
Working with the Medical Examiner,
she has a team of many volunteers,
all Saints to help Rest in His Arms.*

*Wedding dresses used to create burial gowns;
A funeral home donating services;
Mass includes a choir and K of C's.
Gravesite and marker are through Catholic Cemeteries.
Mariam and Ariyah bring to thirty five
the little angels sent with love to heaven*

2/16/20. TGL

Note: Under Illinois Safe Haven Laws, babies now can be left at police stations, hospitals or fire stations—no questions asked. More than one hundred babies have been saved by that law.

— Source: Chicago Catholic.

**English Literacy
Volunteers Needed**

Help adult immigrants learn English
at Aquinas Literacy Center!
Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for
just 90 minutes per week at 1751
West 35th Street in Chicago. You do
not have to speak another language;
all tutoring is in English.

Join us for our upcoming next tutor
training 2-day workshop: Friday,
March 13th (6-9pm) and Saturday,
March 14th (9am-4pm). Register in
advance and attend both days to
begin tutoring.

For more information, please contact
the Volunteer Coordinator at
sabrinaaquinasliteracycenter.org
or 773-927-0512.

**Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by
the Adrian Dominican Sisters.**



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 to 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*

Conscience

*Labor to keep alive in your breast
that little spark of celestial fire,
called conscience.*

—George Washington

