

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

MARCH 8, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



PASTORAL TEAM

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

Today's Gospel is similar with the reading from the book of Exodus that narrates the story of Moses when he came down from the mountain top after talking with God. When Moses encountered the people at the foot of the mountain, the people noticed how radiant the skin of his face had become, and they were afraid to come near him (Exodus 34:30). His face was brilliant because he was transformed since he had encountered God who is holy. Likewise, we also get transformed when we encounter our God either through the reception of the sacraments or through prayer. For a Christian to be transformed means that you change the ways of looking at things or treating other people who don't look like you. That is what Christians are called to emulate.

In today's gospel, similarly Peter, James and, John report that suddenly on a mountain, the face of Jesus began to shine like the sun. At the mountain of transfiguration, we are told that Moses and Elijah appeared. Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets that Jesus came to fulfill. In addition to their appearance, God's voice was heard from heaven urging the Apostles that accompanied Jesus to, "Listen to Him!" This clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus as He is the fulfillment of the Law and the countless prophecies in the Old Testament. The purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the "inner circle" of His Apostles could gain a greater understanding of who He was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the Apostles could behold Him in His glory. The Apostles before this encounter had only known Jesus in His human body and now, they had a greater realization of the deity of Christ. Though they could not fully comprehend it at that moment. But this gave them the reassurance that they needed after hearing the shocking news of His impending death.

At the core of the celebration of mass, is the transformation of the species of wine and bread into the real presence of Christ, body soul and divinity. When we eat the body and drink his blood, Christ nourishes and strengthens us. Our faith as Catholics has always cherished this treasure. In St. Paul's own words, he wrote, "I received from the Lord what I handed on to you, namely, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed took bread, and after He had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the last supper, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' Every time then you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes!" (I Corinthians 11:23-26).

We pray that the Lord's transfiguration moment and the drinking of his true blood and eating his body will strengthen our faith especially our Christian journey during this Lenten time. May 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

Liturgy Committee:

Chair: Phil Kroker
Vice-Chair: Joyce Wade
Cantors: Rev. George Omwando
Celebration Choir: Kraig Zeronik
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Parish Finance Council

Juan Perez

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

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

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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.

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Sunday March 15th

Please Be Our Guest
at the annual
SPRING RAFFLE
gathering!

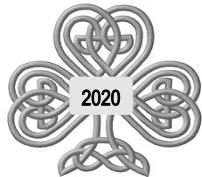
NEXT Sunday March 15th
after 10:30 Mass in Maguire Hall

*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



Save the Date

Monday, March 30, Mondays, April 6 & 13
Women's Winter Spirituality Series in CH

Sunday, March 15
Spring Big Raffle

Sat-Sun, April 4-5
Easter Flower Sale

Saturday, April 25
Four Winds Casino Trip OS



This Weekend: FAIR TRADE

The Fair Trade Sale is scheduled for this weekend after all of the Masses. Please support Fair Trade with your purchase of Coffees, Teas, and Chocolates. Thank you.

Lenten Regulations

(from Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Fasting and Abstaining From Meat

One of our Lenten Practices uniting us with Catholics around the world! Fridays during Lent are days of abstaining from meat. Good Friday is a day of abstaining from meat and fasting.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

St. Catherine—St. Lucy



Palm Sunday—April 5

5:00 PM ~ Saturday
8:30 AM ~ Sunday
10:30AM ~ Palms Procession

Holy Thursday—April 9

7:30 PM ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday— April 10

12 Noon ~ Vigil at the Cross
7:30 PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord

Holy Saturday— April 11

1:00 PM ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 PM ~ The Great Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday —April 12

8:30 & 10:30 AM

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

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, March 13

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - CH

Saturday, March 14

10:00 AM - Set-Up for Hospitality Sunday - M





Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. March 9

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

Tue. March 10

8:30 † **William Prindiville**
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. March 11

8:30 † **Dr. George Williams**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Thurs. March 12

8:30 † **Richard Keller, Jr.**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. March 13

8:30 † **Willie Brown**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. March 14

9:00 † **Johnnie Evans**
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Mary Koko**
By: The Koko Family

Sun. March 15

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

8:30 † **Anthony Vincent**
By: The Vincent Family

10:30 † **Elie Pierre-Pierre**
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
International Women's Day

Monday: St. Frances of Rome;
Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



March 1, 2020	\$ 3,604.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,527.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -2,177.00

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 — The Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS — MARCH 15, 2020

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
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Altar Servers

Michael Giometti	Walter Washington	David Detmer
		Clare Detmer

Ministers of the Word

Paul Knight	Jeanette Cannon	Christine Diaz
Paul Koko	Ken Blair	Jacob Diaz

Ministers of the Eucharist

Grace Bishop	Elaine Podraza	Terry Sullivan
Pat Koko	Bill Cragg	Patricia Long
Susan Kumler	Annie Rowan	David Geffe
Michelle Darang-Coleman	Kevin Kell	Jan Kieckhefer
	Renee Smith-Quinn	Doris Brown
	Claudia Zinanni	Yuna Kim



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

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

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.



MARCH 15TH — 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Their trials during that time, the way they faced them and the way God responded, provided future generations with food for thought whenever they faced difficulties.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community he had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stresses here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are saved not by the Law, but by faith—faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.

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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

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286



School Scoop

- ..# It's not too early to re-register! Use the registration feature on PowerSchool. Students who have re-registered and paid the registration fee by April 1 will receive a school spirit t-shirt.
- ..# We will once again offer Summer Camp here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy School, from June 8 through August 7. Information and sign-up sheets will be out soon.

Signs of Lent Purple Color

The color Purple is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, & is associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's Resurrection and sovereignty.

Reminder

To all organizational leaders and head ministers:

Please let Fr. George know if you have any announcements for the weekend masses at the beginning of the previous week. His e-mail is gomwando@gmail.com. You can also e-mail Amanda at: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net. Thank you.



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

Shelby Boblick is facilitating 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. 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. It matters not at all if you miss a week or 2. Drop-ins are encouraged! We are offering duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1:00 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

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.

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Stations of the Cross At St. Catherine-St. Lucy



The Stations of the Cross is held every Friday at 7:00 PM in Church through Lent. Won't you please pick up your little 30 minute cross and come and pray with us, as we honor Jesus Christ and thank Him for accepting a painful death on His Cross for us.



Change

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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Fasting

"Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. It also means sharing food with those who are hungry."

—Pope Francis

Easter Flowers Sale

Spring flowers and plants will be arriving the weekend of **April 4-5**



Come see what Easter lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils, Begonias, Azaleas and flower baskets can do to lift your spirit and bring color into your life after the grey winter.

Awake now wintry earth!

CRS – RICE BOWL Stories of Hope

Welcome to CRS Rice Bowl 2020. We are so happy to have you join us on this Lenten journey as we travel around God's beautiful world to meet three girls and their families. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, you share your life and your abundance with these families and others like them. Your generosity puts nutritious food on their tables and helps them lead healthier lives.

My name is Trinh.

Trinh is a hard-working, energetic 12-year-old. She lives in the farming community of Binh Dao, located outside of the city of Hoi An, Vietnam with her parents, two older brothers and younger sister. Her country is in Southeast Asia and is surrounded on three sides by water. Trinh speaks Vietnamese.

For Trinh, home is where her family gathers—to play, to eat, to rest. *"My family is the most important thing to me,"* she says.

One way she shows her family love is by doing chores around the house. She helps her family by bathing her little sister, Trang, showing her how to wash her hands and helping her with schoolwork. Trinh likes washing the teapot and cups and collecting eggs from the ducks. Often, Trinh will ride her bike to get medicine for her parents when they are sick. In Vietnam, CRS is working with students like Trinh, helping them to learn ways to protect their home, food and family from destructive storms. Trinh is happy that she can apply what she learned in school to help her family.

Food for Thought...**The Pastoral Provision**

Debates continue flaring about celibacy,
sparkled recently by priestly shortages
in the vast territory along the Amazon.

Services lack for the indigenous;
The issue remains unresolved.

The Catholic Church has married priests in its Eastern Rite,
but lesser known are rules from John Paul II.
His Pastoral Provision for Episcopal priests
Allowed Josh Whitfield and one hundred fifty more
to enter through the John Paul door.

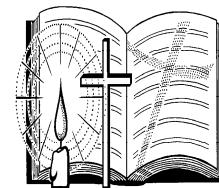
Father Josh administers at St. Rita's in Dallas;
Josh and Alli have four kids under ten.
He does what dads must do, plus all his priestly duties;
He says he's an ecclesiastic zoo exhibit.

In college, Alli prayed to meet a man of some faith.
"I guess God thought this would be funny."

3/8/20 - TGL

Thank you!

Many "thanks to all that helped with and attended the ALMS dinner the first Friday of Lent 2020. We could not do it without you and wouldn't want to! Please mark your calendars for next year, Friday, February 19, 2021.



**Christ Jesus . . .
destroyed death & brought life
and immortality to light through
the gospel.**

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

Prayer Vigil

Now to April 5



Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Family Planning
Associates Abortion Center
4341 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60641

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm - Daily

Please Sign Up and Save Lives in Chicago. Contact: Joe Lazar 847-309-0360 joe@vision2020il.org or Mark Cascia 847-381-6149

**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). Registration needed. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or 773-927-0512.

Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Catholic Charities St. Patrick's Day Celebration – March 12th

The 17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration is at 6:30 p.m. at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The event features great Irish fare, beer, and wine. Entertainment by The Shannon Rovers, The McNulty Irish Dancers, and the Irish Musicians Association-Chicago will be a highlight. For more information contact Mike Waters at: mwaters@catholiccharities.net or 730-329-4022.

Mercy Made Flesh — Encountering God Behind Bars

Sunday, March 15th | 12:15 pm

St. Vincent Ferrer - 1530 Jackson Ave,
River Forest, IL 60305

A fresh look at corporal work of mercy. Guest Speaker: Joshua Stancil, former inmate, Magnificat contributor, and author of '*Shakedowns, Shanks, and Shackles: A Writer's Guide to Prison Life*' Gathering after the 11:00 mass at 12:15 in Kyte Hall, Room 3.

Aid for Central & Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! Our donations as a parish help restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.



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*