



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**JUNE 14, 2020**

## **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**



### **PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. George Omwando, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**  
**Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Director of Music**

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager**  
**Chemetha Baker, Rel. Ed. Coordinator**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

### **CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL**

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**Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Monday through Friday**

**Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM**

**School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**

**Telephone: 708-386-5286**

### **WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Masses: 8:30am**

***Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday -***  
(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**

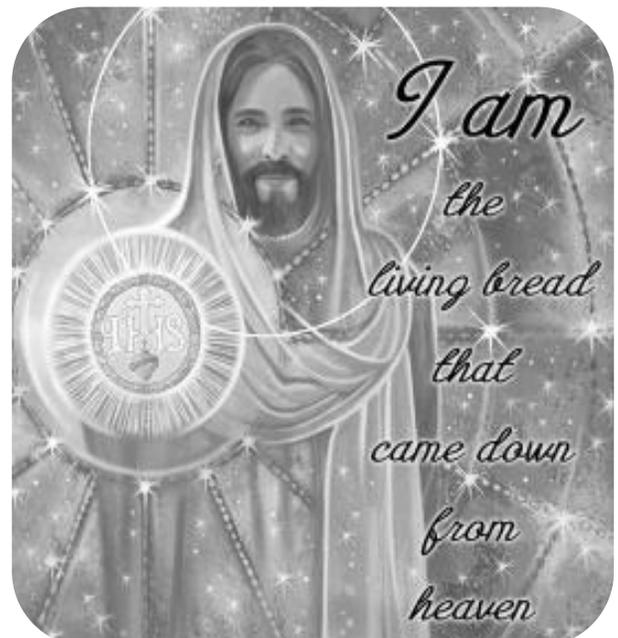
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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 another important feast following the Blessed Trinity that we celebrated last weekend. Today's Solemnity is called the **Most Holy Body and blood of Jesus Christ**. We have been missing the celebration the Body of Christ (Eucharist) that brings us together daily as our community due to the outbreak of Corona virus.

The Solemnity of the Most Blood Jesus is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi is translated from Latin to mean "Body of Christ." This solemnity originated in France during the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This Solemnity calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ: the Holy Eucharist and the Church however the primary purpose of this Solemnity is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. Our opening prayer at Mass today calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this Solemnity is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples (us). This image helps us to keep the focus on the unity and the diversity of the Church. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is sometimes used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions that serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

It is important to note that the Mass not only provides us with the opportunity of offering the sacrificial gift of Jesus to God but also the opportunity to offer the gift of ourselves, our obedience, and love to God together with the perfect gift which Jesus offers. All of us want to offer to God the gift of ourselves as a suitable and beautiful gift in return for all he has given us. All of us, deep down, I think desire manner to worship and thank God and make atonement for our sins in a worthy and acceptable manner. Yet, we feel that we don't have a suitable or worthy gift to return to God, especially in regard to the gift of ourselves, sinful creatures that we are. That's why God has provided us with the sacrificial gift of Jesus, with his holiness and perfect love. By itself our gift to God seems to count for little but, when we offer ourselves to God in and through and with Jesus, our gift and sacrifice becomes truly pleasing and acceptable.

Finally, I welcome you to church this weekend as we begin gradually re-opening the Church for Eucharistic services. Please be patient as together we learn to adjust to changes that pertains Mass attendance in combating the spread of Corona virus. May God bless you always.

— 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:

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

**Weddings:** Please contact Fr. George to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months in advance 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.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Mon. June 15

8:30 Irma Monteverde (in-Hospice)  
By: Amanda Pomareda

### Tue. June 16

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

### Wed. June 17

8:30 † Frank Socora  
By: The Scouts of TWAC

### Thurs. June 18

8:30 † Alice Marshall  
By: Ministry of Care

### Fri. June 19

8:30 † Naomi Petty  
By: Grace Bishop

### Sat. June 20

9:00 † Evelyn Cadematrie  
By: John Cadematrie  
5:00 The Darang Coleman Family

### Sun. June 21

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

8:30 † Joanna Vanni  
By: Ministry of Care

10:30 † Paula Vincent  
By: The Vincent Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;  
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;  
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;  
Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;  
Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

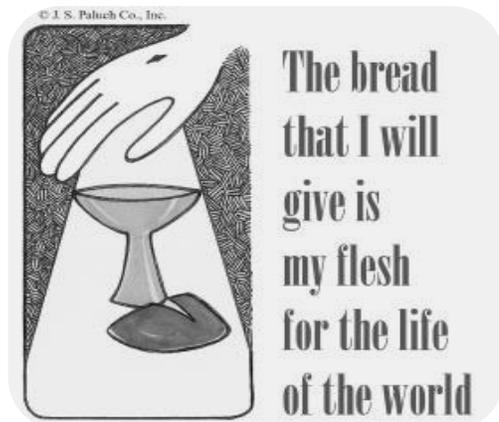
## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ;  
Flag Day

Monday: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day;  
Summer begins



## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Never forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

**Gospel** — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51-58)

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Without our weekly Masses, many families are inadvertently missing their weekly commitment to support our parish. So we recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts – whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check or carrying cash to church each week. You can manage it anywhere you have an internet connection 24/7.

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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to GiveCentral

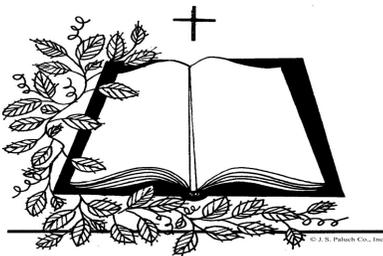


## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Eloise Brown, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Dee Norman, Irma Monteverde, Sr. Maureen Sauer, Dolores Sungail, and Annette Varga.

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.



**JUNE 21, 2020 — 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13**

The prophet Jeremiah lived about 600 years before Christ. He prophesied that Israel, because of its unfaithfulness to God, would be defeated by Babylon. When this began to happen, many of his friends and neighbors denounced him as a traitor and turned on him.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15**

Paul letter's to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. His purpose in this passage is not to teach about original sin, but to contrast Adam and Christ. From Adam we inherited a strong pull toward sin. From Christ (the "new Adam") we received a gift that is comparably stronger: **Divine Grace.**

## 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.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

At this time, we would like to reiterate all our parishioners that we are honoring their requested Mass Intentions by mentioning your loved ones at our daily Masses via Facebook and YouTube.

## 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](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net)



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*[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*

— 1 Corinthians 11:26

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## School Scoop

- « # *Thank you to our parents and guardians*, who have supported the school this year, especially these last weeks when you were asked to add "help with school-work" on top of your other responsibilities.
- « # *Thank you to our teachers*, who changed their instruction overnight, who continued to connect with their students with love, support, and concern. We are truly blessed to have them.
- « # *Thank you to our staff*, who miss our families terribly and who managed to stay in touch despite the shutdown.
- « # Our plan to open our doors for the next school year on **August 19**— and we want you there with us.
- « # We will continue to update you on our progress throughout the summer.

## Pray For Our Deceased



**Lillian Bowman**

*May she rest in peace!*

*We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her niece, Chemetha and her extended family. Lillian Bowman was the aunt of Chemetha Baker, our weekend Administrative Assistant and Religious Education Coordinator.*

*May the angels lead her into Paradise*

## Re-Opening the Parish for Mass

**With the approval of the Archdiocese of Chicago, this weekend of June 13-14 we will be re-opening the doors of St. Catherine of Siena—St. Lucy Parish for the celebration of our Masses. We sincerely ask you to follow the stipulations below. But first, there is the link for parishioners to sign up. When you receive the e-mail, click on the button to SIGN UP, and please review the available slots on this attached link. Do it as soon as you can because the number of people for each mass is restricted to 40.**

We are asking you to please come 15 minutes before mass starts and observe the following:

- ..# Enter the church by Austin Blvd. only.
- ..# Exit the church by Washington Blvd. only.
- ..# Mandatorily wear a mask.
- ..# Your hands will be sanitized once you enter the church.
- ..# Sign-up at the entrance.
- ..# From this weekend on, entrance to Sacristy's bathroom is prohibited.
- ..# You will be assigned where to sit within the church.
- ..# No congregational singing.
- ..# Avoid touching the pews.
- ..# Follow the signs inside the church.
- ..# Please sit on the pews that are marked.
- ..# No Sign of Peace will be exchanged.
- ..# You will receive a Worship Aid, which will be discarded after each mass.
- ..# Communion will be received only on your hands.
- ..# After Mass, sanitize your hands.
- ..# You are NOT allowed to gather or stay in church after mass.

**These guidelines were developed by the Catholic Conference of Bishops of Illinois, based on the State of Illinois and CDC regulations.**

God bless you always,

Rev. George O. Omwando  
Pastor

### Parish Events

Until further notice, all events in the church and school are canceled as a precaution against the spread of the COVID-19 flu.

Our parish office is still closed to the public. However, we will be checking our mail, emails and voice messaging each day. Call or email us if we can be of any assistance to you if you have an emergency.

Our Pastor will observe all health precautions and distancing as we minister to you.

Please call 708-386-8077 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday. For emergencies, call 708-560-6109 after hours.

### Coronavirus Emergency Fund (DONATE)

**Assist those significantly affected by COVID-19.**

The archdiocese has created a Coronavirus Emergency Fund to help alleviate the financial hardship caused by the outbreak. This fund will support ministries serving those in need and members of our community who have been negatively affected by the pandemic including parents of Catholic school students struggling to make tuition payments. Our neighbors down the street and across the archdiocese need our help at this critical moment

### Universal Offertory Program (DONATE)

**Support your parish at this critical time.**

Parishes rely on the generosity of their members to cover expenses related to ministry, maintenance, staffing, community outreach programs and other pressing needs.

Please consider using this link or all 312.534.7959 to make a one-time or recurring gift to your parish and support the vital ministries and services it provides. Please select your parish name from the drop-down menu on the form.

*Food for Thought*

## Jesus as Our Living Bread

*The Body and the Blood of Jesus*

*will sustain us on our faithful journey to eternal life.*

*In Communion we create a bond*

*with Jesus and each other, gaining strength to battle strife.*

*Jesus does describe Himself in John:*

*He tells the Jews He's sent to them by God, their Father, plus*

*He told them, "I am the living bread."*

*With His offer as our bread of life, He's closest to us.*

*God's living in us, and us in Him,*

*results from a profound Communion invitation.*

*This participation helps us become*

*more deeply the person intended with our creation.*

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;*

*Whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51)*

6/14/20. TGL

Source: NCR. Column; John 6:51-58

Archdiocese of Chicago

### A CALL TO PRAYER

**Bringing a light in the midst of darkness**

**Are you feeling overwhelmed by the effects of the pandemic and in need of prayer? We are here to pray with you and ask God for your needs.**

**Who we are:** Volunteers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to accompany through prayer anyone who feels the need for support during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

**What we offer:** A phone line staffed with people from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, as well as 24-hour voice mail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you: opening our hearts to God, asking for His blessings and peace.

312.741.3388

praywithme@calleddtoprayer.org

### Spiritual Options for Summer 2020...

The Well Spirituality Center's Summer Retreats and Programs on Zoom will enable us, like never before, to connect with new people, fascinating ideas, and expansive spirituality from all over the country and around the world.

Here's a link to view The Well's Summer lineup. Please share this with friends! And help out by signing up early...

<https://csjthewell.org/retreats/>

### Archdiocese Chicago Virtual Pre-Cana Meetings

The Office of Lifelong Formation will be hosting virtual Pre-Cana meetings for couples preparing for marriage. You can learn more here: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/virtual-precana>

## Response of Cardinal Cupich on the death of George Floyd: (6/3/20)

The past nights I have watched in great personal pain as the pent-up anger of our people caught fire across our country. I saw the city where I was born, the cities where I have lived, the city I pastor now, catch embers from the city where I was educated and burn. Was I horrified at the violence? Yes. But was I surprised? No.

As the saying goes, if you're not outraged, you're not paying attention. What did we expect when we learned that in Minneapolis, a city often hailed as a model of inclusivity, the price of a black life is a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill? When we added another name to the list of those murdered for being black or for caring about the marginalized?

I will not pretend to speak with any authority about the challenges people of color experience in our society. I do not share the fear they put on when they and their children leave their homes every day. I do not know what it means to be "other." But I know there is a way to fix it. And the fix begins when we stop talking about the proportionality of "their" response and start talking about the proportionality of "ours." Surely a nation that could put a man in space, his safety assured by the brilliance of black women, can create a fair legal system, equitable education and employment opportunities and ready access to health care. Laws do not solve problems, but they create a system where racism in all its forms is punished and playing fields are leveled.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been called a great equalizer. It has been even more a great revealer of societal cancers as deadly as the virus. As others have pointed out, health insecurity kills, and poverty is poison. We can and must make a society that views the soaring of a child's potential with more joy than the soaring of a rocket.

I stand ready to join religious, civic, labor and business leaders in coming together to launch a new effort to bring about recovery and reconciliation in our city. We do not need a study of the causes and effects. Those answers can be found on the shelves of government offices and academic institutions across our burning nation. No, we need to take up the hard work of healing the deep wound that has afflicted our people since the first slave ships docked on this continent. And we need to start today.

—Cardinal Cupich