



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JUNE 21, 2020

TWELVE SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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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

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am

(Please enter the Church by Washington Blvd. 2nd door to the West)

NO Thursday Communion Service until Further Notice

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00 am

Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am

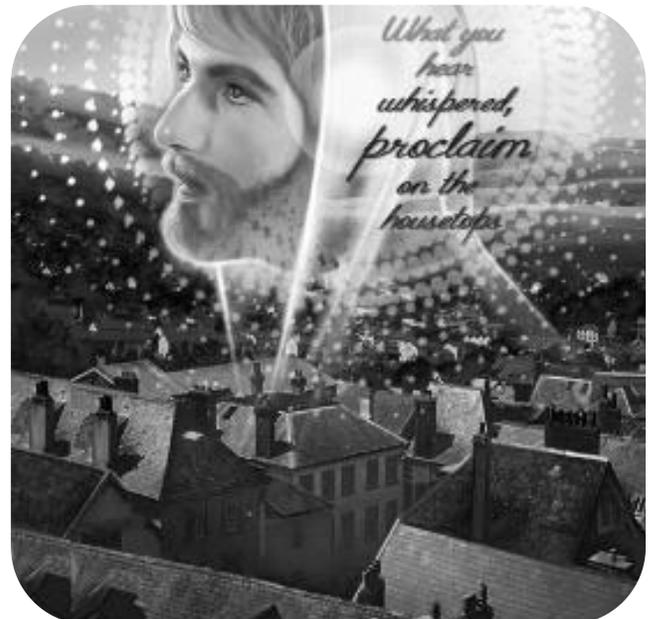
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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,

Over the past month we have celebrated some of the most significant feasts in the Catholic Church that begun with **Ascension of Christ, Pentecost, Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ**. In these feasts, we have come to learn and deepen our understanding of who God is to us and what has He done for to us in the past centuries. He sent his own Son to come and live with us and redeem us from the yoke of sin. Whether we like it or not, Jesus died for everyone. After Ascension to heaven, the Father and His Son sent the Holy Spirit to us. All the gifts given to mankind by God, there is none greater than the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence in the hearts of believers (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

God gave us the Spirit as a “compensation” for Christ’s absence, to perform the functions toward us which He would have done if He had remained personally with us. Among those spiritual functions is that of the revealer of truth. The Spirit’s presence within us enables us to understand and interpret God’s Word for instance, Jesus told His disciples that; “When He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13). The Spirit reveals to our minds the whole counsel of God as it relates to worship, doctrine, and Christian living. The Spirit is the ultimate guide, going before, leading the way, removing obstructions, opening the understanding of the bible, and making all things plain and clear. The Spirit leads in the way we should go in spiritual things. Without such a guide, we would be apt to fall into error. The Spirit convinces us of Christ divinity and Incarnation, His being the Messiah, His suffering and death. His resurrection and ascension, His exaltation at the right hand of God.

Finally, in today’s Gospel, Jesus assured his disciples not to fear anyone. Fear brothers and sisters is a key issue in our everyday lives. “What will the doctor find in this test? Will I be okay after surgery? Will I have enough money to get to the end of the month? Will I be able to retire?” There are many fears and we call them by many names: worry, tension, anxiety, or stress. We fear the present corona virus, terrorism, crime, cancer and the list just goes on and on but as Jesus continues the training of the disciples for His mission by sending them out to two by two to teach, preach, heal and minister in his name. He warned them of what to be aware and what they can expect because the Lord will be with them. Life as a follower of Christ in this world is not an easy one. It wasn’t easy for Jesus. We can expect the same as one of His disciples. So, let us not be worried the way we are treated or punished simply because we are followers of Christ.

Lastly, as we gradually start re-opening the church, I ask for your patience as we learn to follow the guidelines pertaining on how to minimize the chances of spreading the Corona Virus. I would like to thank our parish re-opening team: Lynne DesLauriers, Kevin Morgan, Emilia Merchen, Chemetha Baker, and Pat Pomykalski for their hard work in helping to make sure that our parish is ready and comfortable to resume the celebrations of daily and Sunday masses. Also, my sincere gratitude goes to Michael Stryczek and Darrick Allen for making sure that the church is cleaned and sanitized before after every mass. 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:

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 22		
8:30	†	Albert Parker By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bower
Tue. June 23		
8:30	†	Mary Martha “Cokie” Roberts By: Tom Nelson
Wed. June 24		
8:30	†	Marie Stockinger By: Evie Stockinger
Thurs. June 25		
8:30	†	Luke Podraza By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
Fri. June 26		
8:30	†	Lloyd Tuttle By: Tom and Pat Nelson
Sat. June 27		
9:00	†	Carmen Moscoso By: Ministry of Care
5:00	†	Ruth Connery By: Paul and Pat Koko
Sun. June 28		
8:30		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30	†	Rev. John Carolan By: Ministry of Care
10:30	†	Walter Joseph Fague By: Larry Russo

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day
Monday:	St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
Wednesday:	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Saturday:	St. Cyril of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

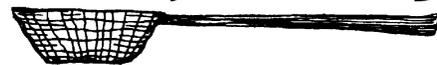
Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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Weekly Offering



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Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to “make up” your regular offering another weekend.



We understand that every one is not ready to attend Mass directly in the Parish. But 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.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

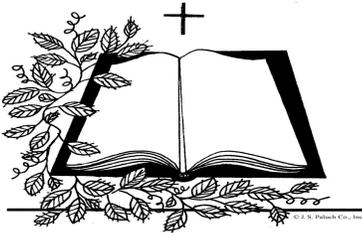


Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

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 28, 2020 — 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Elisha, who lived about 800 years before Christ, succeeded the great prophet Elijah, and was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed in gratitude for the hospitality given to him and his servant Gehazi.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

In a previous section of his letter to the Romans, Paul taught that we sinners are reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now Paul notes that we experience this dying and rising when, in the immersion form of baptism, we are symbolically "buried" in the water and emerge to new life.

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.

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.

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

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/>

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School Scoop

Summer Hours

- ..# The School Office is open for limited hours this summer.
- ..# Parents may come in to register or pay fees, Mondays through Thursdays, from 9am-1pm.
- ..# **All who enter the building must wear masks** and are asked to use the closest stairway when going to the second floor.
- ..# Please visit only the office; classrooms are being cleaned over the summer and are not open.

Pray For Our Deceased



Bill Dwyer

May he rest in peace!

We lift him up with our prayers while we spiritually embrace his daughter, Margaret Sabatino, and his extended family.

May the angels lead him into Paradise



Re-Opening the Parish for Mass

St. Catherine of Siena—St. Lucy Parish is open 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.

- ..#Please come 15 minutes before mass starts.
- ..#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.

Parish Events

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

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 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday. For emergencies, call 708-560-6109 after hours.

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

Food for Thought

The Reign of Fear

*Jesus said: "Be not afraid," thus His hard warning springs.
But what of: "Hide me in the shadow of your wings?"
Avoiding consequences, we go with the crowd—fear thrives;
It finally becomes the background music of our lives.*

*The way that Jesus lived interpreted the way he spoke;
Deep integrity was grounded in the Father He'd invoke.
He warned the disciples about people and powers whose goal
was to tempt them with damages that can destroy the soul.*

*"You live in a fragile body: do not let fear reign—your guide;
You'll have transitions, even death, with life on the other side."
What He's really asking us, which is not so very odd:
"What if you just lived in the freedom of the children of God?"*

6/21/20. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Matthew 10:26-33; Psalm 17:8.

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.

500 CLUB UPDATE



Greetings Community of Parishioners, Alumni, and Friends of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy,

THANK YOU for the great response to our mailing on June 3rd regarding the 500 Club, the only fundraiser we have not had to cancel and one that will continue to provide a cash prize drawing every weekend through October 19, 2020. When we wrote to you we still had 126 certificates left for sale for this season. **WE NOW HAVE ONLY 18 CERTIFICATES LEFT TO BE SOLD FOR THE CURRENT 500 CLUB SEASON!!!** This would be a great time to purchase one, two, or more certificates to help sustain and support the Parish Community we all love from the comfort and safety of home. Please consider doing this for yourself, as a gift for someone else, or in lieu of a gift for a special occasion.

The weekly drawing is for \$25 with the exception of the three weekends when the prize was \$500. **There are only 18 certificates remaining. If we sell them, we will have reached our goal of selling 500 certificates this 500 Club season and we will have a 4th drawing for \$500 before the season ends.** If there are requests for more than these 18 certificates, monies will be applied to certificates for the 2020-2021 season which begins October 26th. The mailing for that season will be in August.

Certificates are \$25 each. You can send in the required information (see the form below) and your payment to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish, 38 N. Austin Blvd, Oak Park IL 60302. Make checks payable to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish. You can also purchase certificates through Give Central on the parish website, www.stcatherinestlucy.org. Donations are also welcome.

Together with you we have been blessed to help sustain and enliven our parish community. We are guided by the opening prayer we recite at our regular Fundraising meetings, part of which says, **"Bless us with wisdom and creativity...to sustain our Parish and to support our Faith Community...To do this requires resources."** Your support will continue to help us through the present and into the future. Let's "keep the balls rolling"!

Many thanks!

Reverend George Omwando and Colleagues in Faith and Fondness for the Parish of St. Catherine-St. Lucy

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Number of certificates requested _____ Amount Enclosed (Please enclose \$25 for each certificate requested)

_____ Certificate Numbers requested (if available)

I am not interested in certificates but am pleased to enclose a donation of _____ for St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish