

**ST. CATHERINE**



OF SIENA    **ST. LUCY**

**JUNE 28, 2020**  
**THIRTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

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

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**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
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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,

Two Sundays ago we read about how Jesus commissioned His twelve apostles to go out and spread the Good news of the Gospel. Last Sunday we heard some of Jesus' instructions and warning to them to be careful while spreading the Gospel News. This week we hear the conclusion of those instructions.

In the commissioning of the disciples, Jesus advised them to offer no resistance to one who is intending to do harm to them. He told them not to be afraid of anyone when proclaiming the word of God especially to the one who can destroy the body but not the soul. The message of Jesus' is still applicable to us and the world we live in today. Again, and again, we have heard about the persecutions of Christians that are a minority especially in countries where Muslims are a majority. In these countries, the Christians have been targeted because of their faith; they have become soft targets to Muslim extremists who continue to kill them even as I write this article.

Towards the end of the second century, Tertullian, said that, "*the blood of the martyrs is the seed of Christianity*". This means that as more and more followers of Christ were killed, the church continued to grow and expand. One will think that the opposite, will be true, i.e. the persecution of Christians will halt the spread of Christianity. It wasn't the case during the time of Apostles or Tertullian, and I will think it is not the case even today to stop Christianity by killing or persecuting Christians. No effort of any human being, who wants to destroy the Church, will ever succeed. Jesus assures us that whoever loses his life for his sake will find it. This is the reason why I think summertime is a wonderful time when our busy-ness is not so demanding even though we are not certain whether the vaccine for treating Corona virus will be discovered to a read a spiritual book. Summertime can be good for recreation as well as time for reflection. May be this summer time is a time that you can spend reading a book/s, especially the ones that turn your thoughts toward God. What about some quiet time spent in reflection about God's presence in our lives?

In case you have some time to spend, do it thoughtfully, quietly, and reflecting in which way you can pay attention to God and what He has to say to you. Ask yourself what's important in your life and how important God is to you. After all, He made you to know Him, love Him and serve Him, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven. That is why today's Gospel is challenging us to do, to love Him always. Being Jesus' disciple is not an invitation for glory. It is an invitation for sacrifice and suffering in the presence of powerful opposition. Jesus never promised us an easy life if we become his disciples. In fact, being Jesus' disciple is one of the hardest things we can do. We are not to fear the power of our opponents. They can kill our physical bodies (which will die anyway), but they can't kill our souls. Only God can kill our souls. We must fear God. God will have eternity to right the wrongs people inflict. Evildoers will be punished for all eternity. 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.



## Christian Hospitality

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too

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## No Mass on Thursday

A reminder that on Thursdays there is no mass or communion service at the little Chapel in Church. But we have resumed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m. masses. Please enter the Church by Washington Blvd. 2nd door to the West.

## 500 Club Certificates

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

We are delighted to let you know that we have sold all of the 500 Club certificates available for the 2019-2020 season. All 500 certificates are eligible to be the winner in each weekend drawing through October 18th, 2020. The prize each weekend is \$25 except for the July 19th weekend when the prize will be \$500!!! This is possible because we sold all 500 of our certificates. Thank you for your enthusiastic response to our recent mailing.

In August we will do the mailing for the 2020-2021 season which begins October 25th of this year. In the meantime, you are always welcome to make a straight donation to the 500 Club which would help offset our postage costs or to the parish to use toward general operating expenses.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~ The Fundraising Committee



## Today's Second Collection

This week, we will take the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. For more information, contact: [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence). Please be generous.

## Faith and Fellowship

Well, it's Monday afternoon and normally it would be time to start setting up the Rectory basement meeting room for the evening's Faith and Fellowship session. Three large tables against the walls for supplies and materials to be displayed; three tables, four chairs at each, where people will assemble puzzles, work with clay, create art, be at peace with quiet music, simply chill together. Then the far end of the room: chairs arranged in a circle around a small table with Bible, plants, and candle. Just the right number of chairs for the number of participants. Lamps positioned for soft ambience. Kitchen organized: pop chilled; water heating for warm beverages; snacks ready; place mats, plates, and mugs counted out. It takes a couple of hours, and it's a pain in the neck.

But now that we no longer fill that space with Faith and Fellowship – Monday afternoons seem sad, and we're looking forward when we can once again have that sweet pain in the neck!



## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>June 29</b>	
8:30	†	Luke Podraza By: Jim & Elaine Podraza
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>June 30</b>	
8:30	†	Romie Gregus (12 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIV) By: Pat Nelson
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>July 1</b>	
8:30		Mike Ballew (HEALTH) By: SCSL Rectory Staff
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>July 2</b>	
8:30	†	Warnetta Grays By: Ministry of Care
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>July 3</b>	
8:30	†	James Trusclair By: Grace Bishop
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 4</b>	
9:00	†	Sue Vanek By: Ministry of Care
5:00	†	Marge Kottkamp By: Ministry of Care
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>July 5</b>	
8:30		<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH</b>
8:30	†	Harold J. Davis By: Grace Bishop
10:30	†	Marguerite Weaver By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers

## Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20: 24-29
- Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
- Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

## Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Wednesday: St. Junípero Serra; Canada Day
- Friday: St. Thomas; First Friday
- Saturday: Independence Day; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

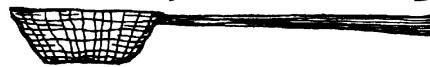
**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

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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. Bit 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 be used for special events and other collections.

You can go directly to our website: [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

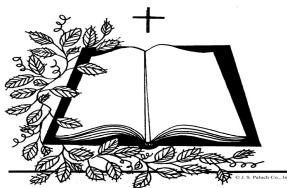


## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Eloise Brown, Vivi De-Leon, Blanca Diaz, Gladys Evans, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Irma Monteverde, 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.



**JULY 5, 2020 — 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10

In the last centuries before Christ, the Jewish people hoped for a triumphant Messiah king. The prophet Zechariah spoke instead of a Messiah who would come not in splendor and glory with horses and chariots, but rather in meekness and peace, riding a common work animal. All four evangelists will later apply this passage to the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem several days before his arrest.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:9,  
11-13

Today we will begin five Sundays of readings from chapter eight of Paul's letter to the Romans, a chapter which emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit. Paul wants us to remember that the Spirit who will raise our bodies on the last day is the same Spirit who inspires us to holiness every day. Today Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning life prone to sin) and life in the Spirit.

## 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: [apomaredascslofice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascslofice@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

- ...# Parents may come in to register or pay fees, Mondays through Thursdays, from 9am-1pm.
- ...# The School Office is open for limited hours this summer.
- ...# **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



**Sister Maureen Sauer**  
*May she rest in peace!*

*We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her cousins with abundant love. A Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, Sr. Maureen was our Choir Director for many years and was loved by many. She was also Music Director at St. Luke's Catholic Church.*

*May the angels lead her into Paradise*

## Freedom

*Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.*

—Abraham Lincoln

## Re-Opening the Parish for Mass

St. Catherine of Siena—St. Lucy Parish has opened for the celebration of 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.**



## Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

O God of compassion, your people are anxious in this time of pandemic. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel our fears.

We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us. Strengthen and sustain those who are ill, and be with those who care for them.

Help us to travel this road in solidarity with our neighbors, with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and Resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

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## Parish Events

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

Our parish office is still closed to the public. However, we are checking our mail, emails and answering your calls.

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

Please contact or email us if we can be of any assistance to you at 708-386-8077 Monday-Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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.

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[praywithme@calledtoprayer.org](mailto:praywithme@calledtoprayer.org)

**Food for Thought****The Reality of Our Mission**

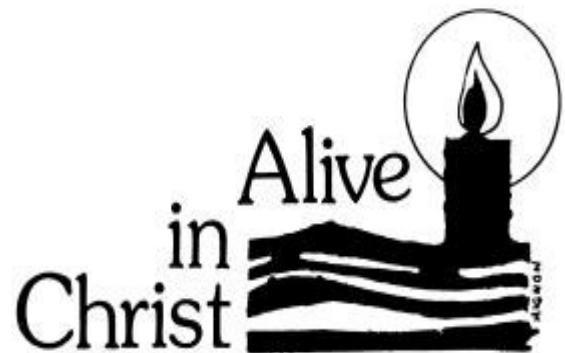
As the disciples got prepared to undertake their mission, individually they wondered: "Am I ready for this task?" They would go out on their own, sharing the good news, souls gleaning, to communicate the gospel message. Nothing's more important than to bring its goal to fruition. "But Lord, are we ready, capable and worthy?" they would ask. You are, and it will cost you your life, but give you life's meaning. "You must take up your cross, and follow me."

Jesus said to His chosen disciples they can like Him be:  
 Work to show alternatives to ways that things have always been.  
 Our mission is to prove that forces working against life are doomed;  
 Act on this gospel truth, and it becomes real.  
 Our dedication will lead people to see Christ's love as key.  
 Jesus said: "Who receives you, receives me," and quiets evil's din.  
 The wounds and divisions of the world must be healed...hatred's ballooned.  
 Love fits our mission, and there's no limit.

"Whoever gives these little ones a cup of cold water to drink...shall not lose his reward."

6/28/20. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Matthew 10:37-42

**Pro-Life**

The Pro-Life Action League invites you to join the upcoming "Face the Truth" Tour, and annual pro-life public education initiative that reaches tens of thousands of people with the reality of abortion.

From July 10-18, pro-life volunteers will hold signs at major intersections across Chicagoland, depicting the beauty of life in the womb as well as the horrible injustice done to the unborn victims of abortion.

The Face the Truth Tour changes hearts and minds, guides post-abortive women and men to healing and peace and saves babies from abortion. For more information on this powerful pro-life campaign, including the complete Tour schedule, visit [ProLifeAction.org](http://ProLifeAction.org)

**Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department**

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.

**Black Lives Matter Oak Park—River Forest Community of Congregations**

At this time we are asking for your continued support for the hunger relief ministries of our neighboring Westside congregations **New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church** (4301 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60624) and for **Greater St. John Bible Church** (1256 N. Waller Ave., Chicago IL 60651), who are working to meet the food insecurity needs of their communities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and recent destruction of local grocery stores.

Please contact Katie Avalos with questions at 312-560-3968 or [oprfcoc@gmail.com](mailto:oprfcoc@gmail.com)

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If you know or suspect someone is a victim, please check on them! If they are in immediate need, help them call 911, the National DV Hotline: 800-799-7233, the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline: 877-863-6338, or another reputable DV resource to help them connect with support and services.