

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JULY 12, 2020
FIFTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

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

SUPPORT STAFF

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Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager
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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 Mass until Further Notice

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 8:30 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 know that we are living in a difficulty time when we are worried whether a vaccine for the Covid-19 can be found. I want to assure you that it is a matter of time. My faith tells me that our God and with the help of our scientists a vaccine will be discovered very soon.

In today's bulletin, I want to share with you a brief history of our Maguire Hall. Our Hall was planned and begun by Msgr. Robert. C. Maguire who was going to call it Siena Hall. During construction, unfortunately Monsignor died, and Fr. Harry Reynard was named pastor. Fr. Reynard followed through with the Hall construction and it was his decision to call the Hall, not Siena, but Maguire Hall. Fr Reynard had an oil portrait painted of Msgr. Maguire and had it hung in the vestibule. The parishioners were very pleased with this gesture, as Msgr. Maguire was dearly loved and was a holy priest. Prior to becoming the Pastor of St. Catherine, Msgr. Maguire was also the Chancellor of the Archdiocese, an important position. Msgr. Maguire also taught at Quigley Seminary. I believe this was in 1938. You may also be wondering like everyone else's as to who a Chancellor is. I think every diocese in the Catholic Church especially in USA has a Chancellor. A **diocesan Chancery** is the branch of administration which handles all written documents used in the official government of a Catholic diocese. It is in the diocesan chancery that, under the direction of the bishop or his representative, all documents which concern the diocese are drawn up, copied, forwarded, and a record kept of all official writings expedited or received. The official charged with the execution of these duties is known as the **diocesan chancellor**. You can see that Msgr. Maguire was a great priest who did so much to the parish and the Archdiocese at large.

Today, we are enjoying the many sacrifices of those that have gone before us and their leadership. It is our responsibility to continue that legacy by supporting our community. It is not strange to see that in many churches across this country, the number of mass attendance continues to decline; our churches are growing relatively old and extremely expensive to maintain. But who will fill the empty spaces that we are used see in our churches before the Covid-19 outbreak? The answer to this question is not all that difficult, because it is an answer that must come from us! That we need to share our faith openly and without being afraid of any repercussions, that we must inspire the young children in our families, in our communities on the need to attend Mass regularly. That we must tell our children that religion is not something private, that religion is a way of life, that religion is what defines us and that we should not be afraid to tell others who we are. I wonder what happened to the era of wearing rosaries, wearing medals around our necks, rosary groups, to the devotions. Has this not contributed to what we are witnessing currently? I think, it is our responsibility to recover some of our past practices and it is not too late to reclaim them.

In today's first reading, Isaiah tells us that God's Word is full of power; that it will not return to Him empty. God's Word will accomplish His desires and God's purposes but also His Word has irresistible power. It is the Word of God that prompted those that have gone before us to build the beautiful premises that we currently use. When Jesus was on the earth, He taught with words and His words had a very strong effect on people. They angered some and broke others. But when Jesus spoke, things happened. 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.

God's Words

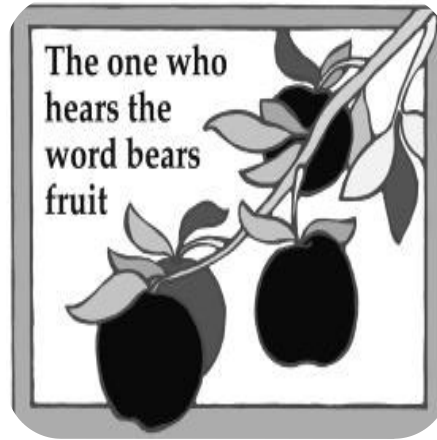
Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us “good-night,” our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God’s words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God’s word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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Faith and Fellowship

We Miss the Kids!

Over the years, Faith & Fellowship and our the kids from St. Catherine St. Lucy School have enjoyed opportunities to spend time with each other. We have fond memories of cheering at the basketball games; of coming to church to pray the Living Stations of the Cross led by the 8th Graders; of an afternoon of crafts with 7th Graders. We remember the Easter cards created by a 2nd Grade class – and having them as our guests at a Thursday afternoon meeting, sharing prayer and cupcakes. We remember honoring a class of graduates with a prayer service and snacks, and having one of the them pronouncing the blessing over the food. We remember their help setting up for the Big Shebang dinner, complete with flower centerpieces for our tables. We remember the ones who came and sang with the Festive Choir last October when we celebrated our 40th Anniversary. We remember all of this and more - with deep gratitude – and can't wait for life to return to normal and we can all hang out together again.



Mass Times

Please note that all public liturgies in the Archdiocese of Chicago are limited due to the COVID pandemic. To attend one of the open Masses at St. Catherine—St. Lucy you must pre-register through our SignUpGenius reservation system. A new link to the sign-up page is sent out each week for the next weekend's Masses. To receive this link, please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 during office hours or via e-mail at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

Expand your love

Open Wide Our Hearts The Enduring Call to Love

(a pastoral letter against Racism)
United Conference of Catholic Bishops

Please find it at: [http://usccb.org/
issues-and-action/human-life-and-
dignity/racism/index.cfm](http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm)

The document *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism* was developed by the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of bishops as a formal statement of the same at its November 2018 General Meeting and has been authorized for publication by the undersigned.

Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield General Secretary, USCCB

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

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

July 12, 2020

KEVIN & PEGGY KELL,

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Live Today

*Live today the way you will wish
you had lived when you stand in
judgment before God.*

—Anonymous



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. July 13	†	Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
Tue. July 14	†	Max Von Sydow By: Tom Nelson
Wed. July 15	†	Deborah Brown By: Ministry of Care
Thurs. July 16	†	Jean Whalen By: Pat Nelson
Fri. July 17	†	Joseph Schouten By: Ministry of Care
Sat. July 18	†	Carmen Moscoso By: Ministry of Care
5:00 (HEALTH)		Gerald Darang By: Michelle Darang-Coleman
Sun. July 19		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30	†	Wanda Orlowski By: Evie Stockinger
8:30	†	Bradley Cousineau By: Ministry of Care
10:30	†	

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Henry
Tuesday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Wednesday:	St. Bonaventure
Thursday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday:	St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

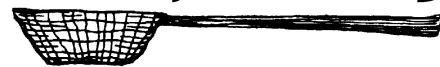
Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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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, Vivi De-Leon, Blanca Diaz, Gladys Evans, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Irma Monteverde, Sr. Maureen Sauer, Dolores Sungail, Annette Varga, and Bern Wheel.

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that you will have to call us again to re-instate 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 19, 2020 -- 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

The book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ. In a lengthy section of this book, the author looks back to the wonderful things God did for the Jewish people during the exodus. In today's passage from that section, the author speaks directly to God with words of praise.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

We continue today to read from the eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans, in which Paul discusses the role of God's Spirit in our life. Today's brief reading gives us a remarkable insight into prayer.

Remember a Loved One

We have the 2020 Mass Book available with weekend and weekdays masses. Please call us 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

- ..# 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.



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@calledtoprayer.org

Re-Opening the Parish for Mass

As you know, 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. **NOTICE:** We wanted to let everyone know that if you sign-up for Mass after Friday, they will not be on the sign-up sheets.

- ...#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 is permitted.
- ...#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 & CDC regulations.



Prayer for Unity

Lord Jesus, as you were about to lay down your life for us, you prayed to the Father:

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us ..."

Today, as we are faced once again with the division and strife caused by the sin of racism, we join our voices to your voice, and we pray:

*That all of us be one—
All nations and races,
Young and old, near and far.*

*That all of us feel as one—
Loved, not feared. Safe,
not insecure.*

*Valued, not scorned. Uplifted, not
beaten down.*

*That all of us work as one—
Not to tear down, but to build up.
Not only to stop violence, but also
to promote peace.*

*Not only to restore order, but also
to ensure justice.*

*Not to favor few, but to defend the
dignity and rights of all.*

May we all be one.

*May we all recognize each other as
one family, as sons and daughters of
God.*

*May we be united, here on this
earth, and may our bonds of charity
and love lead us to the eternal life.*

Amen

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.



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Vocations

To speak about your thoughts and your calling. Speaking with a priest you admire is an important part of the vocation process, so please feel free to contact your Pastor or preferred Priest. Or in our area contact:

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Food for Thought

A well deserved and beautiful Tribute to the late Sister Maureen Sauer, dedicated to the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Choir members.

Maureen

*"Music expresses beauty, which is God's goodness."
So spoke Sister Maureen, whose gifts of voice, keyboard and direction,
set our hearts and minds afire with a burning love
for the music she embraced with inspiration and affection.
Mary Therese Sauer, becoming a Sister of Notre Dame,
at her first Profession was named Sister Maureen.
The parish time she spent with us was like a gift of golden sun,
whose rays gave our music program a glist'ning sheen.*

*Maureen seems to have taught everywhere Notre Dame had a school;
Music was her focus—she hit every level.
Teaching vocal technique she was strict: vocal chords stood at attention.
Eighth grade showed her boys have a pact with the devil.
Maureen did love working with young people, 'specially the children.
As a school bus driver, she'd have a choir-a-rollin' deal.
She was helpful with her fellow sisters, providing voice lessons.
Who teaches them to see with their backs turned, and with zeal?*

*Our Good Nun directed choirs almost forty years at two parishes:
St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Luke both were blest.
She could have fun too, as with her nun pal Teresita they sang
Rossini's Duet for Two Cats, meow-possessed.
Maureen sang Neapolitan at an Italian restaurant,
With her jar, was likely the first nun lounge lizard.
She sang with Lyric Opera's chorus, and Dmitri Hvorostovsky,
in Eugene Onegin, by Tchaikovsky, Russian wizard.*

*"Music is a way for me to pray; can there be a greater gift?"
Spoken by Maureen, who as our gift did inspire.
Embraced with appreciation, admiration and affection,
she now is whipping into shape the Seraphim choir.
When we sing, we do pray twice, lifting hearts and voices in God's
praise.
Celebrating Maureen with youthful zest of girl and boy:
"You make me jubilant, Lord, by your deeds, at the works of your
hands;"
For the gift of your servant Maureen, "We shout for joy!"
(Psalm 92:2-5)*

6/19/20. TGL

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

God Within

*In everything, be it a thing sensed
or a thing known, God is hidden
within.*

—St. Bonaventure



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.