



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JULY 26, 2020

SEVENTEEN 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 Mass until Further Notice

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 8:30 am

Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am

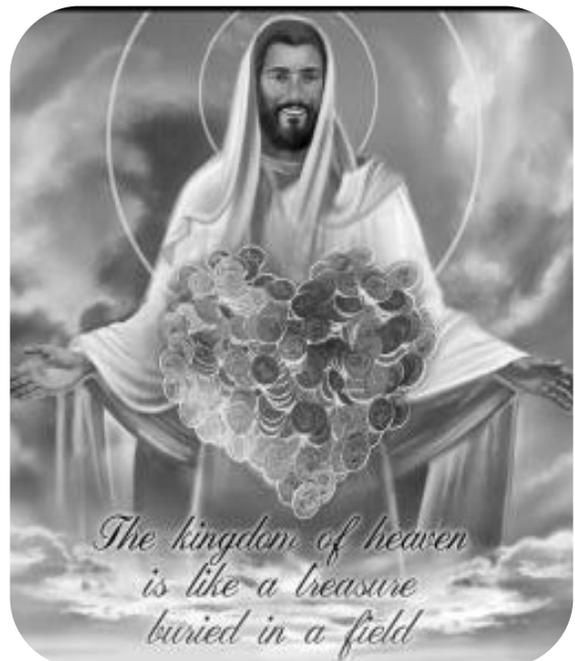
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

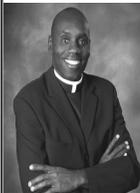
Baptisms

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,

If you were to make one wish to God, what will you wish God to grant you? Some of us will ask God to grant us a good health and prosperity, some of us will ask God to give us an extra cash to spend and some of us will ask God to assist us win a lottery. Our wishes are many and sometimes our wishes depend on what is going on with our lives.

In our first reading today, 1 Kings 3:5-12, King Solomon could have asked for riches, but rather he asked for the ability to fulfil his God given calling - to be a fair and just governor in Israel. Solomon wanted the things of God ahead of any riches and honor for himself. What was most important for him at that time was to be able to walk God's ways – in a corrupted world. So he chose a discerning heart to be able to be a good governor of God's people. In the Gospel of Luke Jesus told his disciples that; "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Lk 12:34). That is so true! If you are a billionaire businessman/woman or a rich person most likely all the times you are thinking about your business, how to maximize the profits etc. There is a saying that goes like this, "You cannot burn two rods at the same time; meaning one will burn better than the other. Serving God involves a bit of detachment from the world possessions. It is possible to find a very rich person who is detached from the world possession, but it is also possible to find a poor person who is very poor but attached to the little world possession s/he owns.

The key word that I want you to think about is: DETACHMENT. Detachment enables us to have room to pray and thank God for what He has given us and continues to do for us. As human beings, we are all depended on each other for our existence. As I thought about this passage today, I wondered WHY Solomon made such a good and wise choice in response to God's question: "What can I give you? Ask." (1 Kings 2:5). One of the reasons that led to Solomon's choice was his father's influence, the mighty King David. We read in 1 Kings 2:1-3 of David giving Solomon a solemn charge "I am about to go the way of all earth" (David) said "So be strong, show your-self a man and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in his ways and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and his requirements ..." (2 Kings 2: 2-3). Parents/guardians have also a strong influence of their children, they are the first teachers. Parents can have a real influence on their children – for good and for evil. Following Solomon's example, what one thing will you ask God to do for you at this time of your life?

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

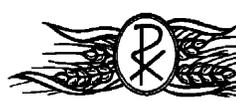
Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

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. July 27

8:30 †

Luke Podraza
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Tue. July 28

8:30 †

Katherine Johnson
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. July 29

8:30 †

William Prindiville
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. July 31

8:30 †

Robert P. Arnoldt
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sat. Aug. 1

8:30 †

Eddie Brown
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 †

Nelly Baker
By: Era Yee

Sun. Aug. 28:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

8:30 †

Courtney Williams
By: Evie Stockinger

10:30 †

Nina Silva (2ND ANNIV OF DEATH)
By: Amanda Pomareda

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-
27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 14:1-12Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. Martha

Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

Today's Readings

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom

(Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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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 and under Steward & Giving tab you will be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

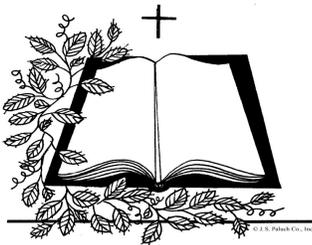


Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Eloise Brown, Blanca Diaz, Gladys Evans, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Irma Monteverde, 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 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 26, 2020 -- 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3

Today's reading is from a part of the book of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is a glorious finale to this "book of comfort": Poor people are being invited to a sumptuous banquet.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Today's reading concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. This chapter reflects on the salvation brought about by God in and through Jesus. Paul concludes this chapter with a jubilant hymn that celebrates the love of God expressed in Christ.

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*

Food for Thought

Wisdom of Solomon

A promise of good things requires a price. Whether one comic or terrible, we find we must review what our life inspires, as in King Solomon's parable, where he chose wisdom, then fell to power and desires. Be careful—you may receive what you wished for.

St. Ignatius of Loyola was a champ, using desires to grow closer and know God's will. We allow petty cravings to entice us from the great desires God placed in our hearts to fulfill. Let us seek the wisdom and the faithfulness, so that we can achieve our great potential for good.

7/26/20. TGL

Sources: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7- 12; NCR Column by M. McGlone
Note: St. Ignatius of Loyola feast day July 31st.

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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.

We will be open for our First Day of School on Wednesday, August 19th.

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



The Parish is Open for Masses

As you know, St. Catherine-St. Lucy has passed certification by the Archdiocese of Chicago to begin offering public Masses on a limited basis. SCSL parishioners are encouraged to update us with your current e-mail in order to receive the weekly notifications of our reopened Sunday Masses and other liturgies as they are scheduled. Each email will contain the link that is needed to sign up in our reservation system on *SignUp-Genius*. **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



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 *Sign-up Genius* 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: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

Pass the Link to your Friends!

By just forwarding to friends who may not be on the church email list, particularly if they haven't seen them in church since we reopened. Sometimes people have updated their email addresses and not updated all their contacts.

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Go

Go forth and set the world on fire.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

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.

Faith and Fellowship

As we move further into Covid Quarantine, the Catechists from Faith and Fellowship have been connecting via Zoom to meet, chat, inspire and uplift each other during this challenging time. We find these meetings keep us moving forward in our commitment to our Partners.

In addition to our weekly letter-writing campaign, we are working to initiate Zoom meetings with the Partners, to facilitate the sharing of our faith between the Catechists and our Partners. Columbus Manor is currently using Zoom for the residents to speak with their family and doctors, and we hope to do the same. We are also planning to do this with Central Plaza.

The enthusiasm is virtually universal. The meetings will start this week and we will share the feedback with the parish. We believe that this additional tool will enable us to better share God's message of kindness and love with our Partners, and provide them with feelings of belonging, and partnership.

Sharon Paluch
(Wednesday Night Group)

Counseling Support Line

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312-948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.



Legal Assistance Dept.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for volunteers to serve throughout our more than 150 locations helping improve the lives of the people we serve. For more information, visit us at ccofchicagovolunteer.com, e-mail: volunteer@catholiccharities.net, or call the Volunteer Relations Dpt. at 312-655-7322.

Backpack Drive

Help Catholic Charities get backpacks on the backs of needy children in your community!

Drop-off donations between
**Now and August 10th at:
Catholic Charities,
1400 S. Austin Blvd.,
Cicero, IL 60804**

Suggested Donations:

- ...#New backpacks
- ...#Pens and pencils
- ...#Notebooks
- ...#Glue, scissors, and erasers
- ...#College-and-wide ruled paper
- ...#Rulers
- ...#Folders
- ...#Crayons and marks

Backpacks will go to children from low-income families served by Catholic Charities.

For more information contact:
Mike Waters at 708-329-4022
mwaters@catholiccharities.net

Thank you for supporting our children and community.

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

Domestic Violence Outreach Update

Save the Date for the annual ACDVO Mass scheduled at Holy Name Cathedral on September 26, 2020 at 5:15 pm.

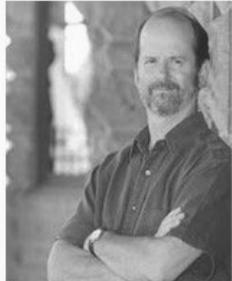


AUGUST 3-7
THE SENSE OF WONDER:
Learning to Thrive
in a time of Pandemic

Among all the uncertainties facing us lies a greater certainty, one rooted in the deep & inviolable beauty of this life. Develop simple practices of attentiveness during this retreat, listen to poets & artists to sharpen your capacity to wonder, & learn to find mystery in the midst of where—and who—we are.

Online

csjthewell.org/retreats/



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