



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**AUGUST 2, 2020**

## **EIGHTEEN 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**

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

**Rectory: 38 N. Austin Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**

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**Web: [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org)**

**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:**

***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**

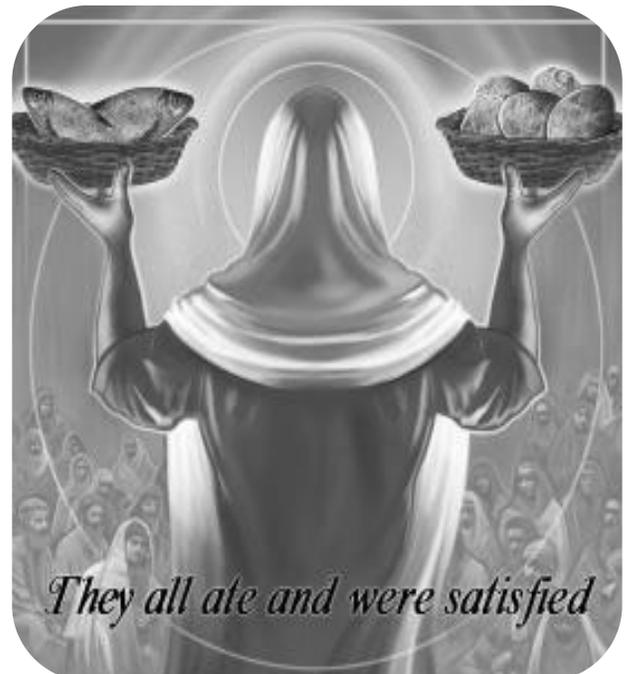
#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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



*“Slowly He rose, and the crowd fell silent. Those at the back leaned forward, straining to hear. The atmosphere was electric. He spoke, and his carefully chosen words flew like swift arrows and found their mark. The great man, a spokesman for God, was warning-and condemning. The crowd became restless-shifting positions, clenching fists, and murmuring. Some agreed with his message, nodding their heads and weeping softly, but most were hungry, and they began to shout back insults and threats.”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's first reading comes from prophet Isaiah. The office of The Prophet was instituted during the days of Samuel, the last of the judges. Prophets stood with the priests as God's special representatives. The prophet's role was to speak for God, confronting the people and their leaders with God's command and promises. Because of this confrontational stance and the continuing tendency of people to disobey God, true prophets usually were not very popular. But though their message often went unheeded, they faithfully and forcefully proclaimed the truth.

Our first reading today comes from the book of Isaiah. It is the first of the writings of the prophet in the Bible, and prophet Isaiah is generally considered one of the great prophets. Isaiah called the people to turn from their lives of sin and warned them of God's judgment and punishment. But, like most prophets, he soon became unpopular because his messages were so difficult to hear. Isaiah had an active ministry for 60 years. In our first reading today, the prophet invited those that were thirsty to come and drink even those who had no money. All are invited to the Lord's Table because at the table of the Lord, God offers us free nourishment that feeds the soul. God's salvation is freely offered, but to nourish our souls we must eagerly receive it. We will starve spiritually without this food as surely we will starve physically without our daily bread.

In our Gospel today, Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed over 5,000 people. What He was originally given seemed insufficient, but in his hands it became more than enough. We often feel that our contribution to Jesus is meager, but he can use and multiply whatever we give him, whether it is talent, time or treasure. God invites everyone to come to Him, rich or poor are invited unconditionally to share God's graces. If we can heed this unconditionally invitation to God, then He gives grace that can transform our lives. In God, this grace is superabundance and freely given. Jesus does the same, in today's Gospel; he is moved with pity and compassion to the crowd which is hungry not only for physical food but spiritual nourishment. Jesus has left us the Eucharist to nourish our souls. All are invited to come to church to share God's meal. 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. Aug. 3**8:30 † **Daniel and Eliza Hawkins**  
By: Grace Bishop**Tue. Aug. 4**8:30 † **Lee P. Bell**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson**Wed. Aug. 5**8:30 † **Beverly Tillsen**  
By: Michael Stryczek**Fri. Aug. 7**8:30 † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza**Sat. Aug. 8**8:30 † **Barbara Wheel**  
By: Ministry of Care  
5:00 † **Harry Koko**  
By: Paul and Pat Koko**Sun. Aug. 9**8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
8:30 † **Ethel Reedus**  
By: Karen Weed  
10:30 † **Timothy M. Brown**  
By: Dorothy Brown & Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36  
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9  
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28  
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Tuesday: St. John Vianney  
 Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major  
 Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;  
 Hiroshima Memorial Day  
 Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan;  
 First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Dominic

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

**Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

**Gospel** — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

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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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) and under Steward & Giving tab you will be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

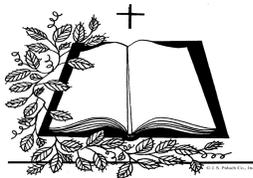


## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Blanca Diaz, Gladys Evans, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Irma Monteverde, 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.



**AUGUST 9, 2020 — 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 11-13**

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). As you listen to today's passage, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake, and fire were traditional Old Testament expressions of God's presence.

**Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5**

In chapters 9 to 11 of Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses the painful question of why the majority of Jewish people failed to accept Christ. These were Paul's own people and he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old Testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

## 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

### *Nourishment for Body and Soul*

*God's generosity's designed to satisfy our greatest needs. His miracle of loaves and fish is tied to promises made deeds: "Ask anything in my name, and it will be given you;" "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do..."*

*A contented life requires nourishment of body and of soul; Receiving both as gifts from a generous God's our worthy goal. God will always sustain us with food and love, Isaiah writes; To the table, the hungry, thirsty and the poor the Lord invites.*

*Paul states that from the love of Christ we can't be separated. Not even by the evils that can be enumerated: Not by anguish or distress; by neither famine nor by flooding. "You open your hand—satisfy the need of every living thing."*

(Psalm 145:16)

8/2/20. TGL

Sources: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matt 14:13-21 || NCR Column, M. McGlone.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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.**



*All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!*

— Isaiah 55:1a

## 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 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 Thoughts After a Catechist Meeting

I am glad we have taken time to reconnect and acknowledge that in our ways, we are managing to cope with our reality in these times affected by the pandemic. It was encouraging to hear that there are possibilities of how to reach out to the Partners. There are some Catechists who can be more flexible in meeting with the Partners and in arranging virtual meetings or conference calls, but there must be a multi-pronged approach, if we are to make the most of our current situation. The letters and packages are appreciated by both the Catechists and the Partners. The Parking Lot Social Distanced get-together enabled one group of Catechists to collect their letters and snacks into packages so that they could be delivered without having to worry about actually spending money to mail the packages to the Partners.

It is important to continue meeting virtually. Sometimes other commitments may make it difficult for all of us to come together, but it is noticeable how it sustains us for days even after the meeting was held.

May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

*Marcial Gomez – CSU Intern,  
Wednesday Night Group*

## Grief Support Group

St. Giles Parish

*Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend*

### Contact Us Today -

Mondays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.  
September 14—December 7, 2020  
McDonough Hall  
1101 Columbian Ave., Oak Park

**GriefShare** is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

To register, contact 708-223-4912 or [griefshare@stgilesparish.org](mailto:griefshare@stgilesparish.org)

## Prayer and Humility

*Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.*

—St. Dominic

## Catholic Charities 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.

## 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](mailto: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@calledtoprayer.org](mailto:praywithme@calledtoprayer.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/](http://csjthewell.org/retreats/)

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