



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 16, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

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

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Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager
Chemetha Baker, Rel. Ed. Coordinator
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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,

Today's first reading comes from the book of Isaiah and talks about God instructing the prophet to tell His people to do what is right as His salvation was about to come. God's message to prophet Isaiah was universal in nature because it involved foreigners that had joined themselves to God, ministering to Him; loving His name and becoming his servants were as well invited to participate in the salvation that was offered. The foreigners that are mentioned in this reading were non-Jews speakers. Both the Jews and non-Jews were encouraged to come to God's holy mountain, the dwelling place of God on earth.

Similarly, my brothers and sisters in Christ, every day we come to Church as a community gathered to listen to God's teaching coming to us through His inspired Word and share the Eucharistic meal. It is God who nourishes our souls and His salvation is universal. Everyone is invited to participate at the Table of the Lord, and no one should be left behind. When we gather inside the physical building to pray, and share other sacraments, the Church is not merely a building, but an assembly of people gathered to listen to God's teaching and doing his will. The Church is a place of prayer and should be Sacred. When we go to Church, we must go with an attitude of prayer. We must take all our burdens to the Lord in prayer. We must learn to present our petitions to Him as there is great power in the united prayer of the Church. In "Matthew 18:20", we learn that the Church is a place where God dwells spiritually. Wherever two or three are gathered in His name, the Lord will be in their midst. We must go to Church longing to enjoy and experience the presence of God. God must be the focus of our attention and without the presence of God all our activities will be in vain. We must go to Church primarily to experience the presence of God which brings the deepest satisfaction to our hearts. All other attractions of this world are secondary. We must not go to Church merely as a required tradition or just to enjoy music or to meet friends etc. The Church is not an entertainment venue. We must go to Church with a longing to experience the fullness of God's presence.

In the 18th Sunday in Ordinary time, prophet Isaiah told us that all are invited to come freely and enjoy a meal at the Lord's Table. Even those who have money were not invited. God's house is not just for a select few. God tells those who are among His family and those who are outside that He still intends to add still more to His people than those already gathered; people of every nationality and race, social status etc. are all welcome. I know that during this corona pandemic, it is not possible that we can come together and worship, but I think it is a matter of time before the vaccine is found. Once the vaccine is found, we are going to come together and worship normally. Meanwhile, let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died due to Covid-19, those that are sick and most importantly those that are working in the care industry. My prayer for you today is that you continue to invite those that are outside to come and worship with us. 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. 17
8:30 †

Kay Kinkela
By: Evie Stockinger

Tue. Aug. 18
8:30 †

Lillian Czaplicki
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. Aug. 19
8:30 †

Mary Ann Matysik
By: Evie Stockinger

Fri. Aug. 21
8:30 (HEALTH)

Raul and Scarlett Perez
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. Aug. 22
8:30 †

Edward & Charlotte Moreth
By: Joyce McGuinness

5:00 †

Thomas Connery
By: The Koko Family

Sun. Aug. 23
8:30

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

8:30 †

Mary Foreman
By: Ministry of Care

10:30 (HEALTH)

Phillip Jones
By: Ministry of Care

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: St. John Eudes
 Thursday: St. Bernard
 Friday: St. Pius X
 Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — Thus says the Lord: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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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, Blanca Diaz, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Tito Lopez, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Irma Monteverde, Raul Perez, Charles Scott, 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 23, 2020 — 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

In Jerusalem eight centuries before Christ, God spoke through the Prophet Isaiah who told to address a problem. The 'master of the palace' — the equivalent of a secretary of state — was a man named Shebna. God says that he is to be demoted because he used this office for his own advantage. We will hear a description of the investiture of Shebna's successor, Eliakim.

Second Reading: Romans: 11:33-36

Today's reading concludes a part of Paul's letter to the Romans in which he agonizes over the fate of Jewish people we have not accepted Christ. Paul simply leaves the matter in God's hands, and closes with a hymn that talks of the mysterious ways of Divine Providence. You will notice that the ending of this hymn is similar to the way we end every Eucharistic 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.

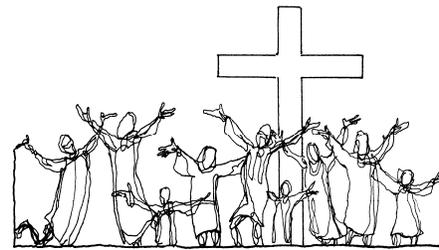
Bequests

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: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net



*Observe what is right,
do what is just; for my
salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be
revealed.*

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286

School Scoop

Welcome to St. Catherine - St. Lucy School!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to our Catholic school located in Oak Park serving the Austin and Oak Park neighborhoods for 129 years. We are really proud of our teachers, staff, and students that have maintained a legacy and foundation in Catholic education that has spanned fourth generations. Our grammar school offers Common Core curriculum-based programs beginning at 3 years old with our nurturing, all-day pre-school academy through 8th grade.

What makes St. Catherine's unique?

We are a family, we are student-centered, and we are committed to the whole child. Our entire curriculum is steeped in the Catholic faith and develops our students both academically and spiritually. We are thrilled to welcome new and old families alike to our school. Feel free to come by our school, take a tour, meet our staff and see our wonderful children in action!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sharon Leamy
Principal



Pray For Our Deceased



Jill Hawkes

(RIP 8/5/20)

May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her sister, Joyce, and her extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

May the angels lead her into Paradise

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 *SignUp-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: apomaredascsoffice@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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Gratitude

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

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

What We Are/What We're Not

Faith and Fellowship is.....

- ..# Social and spiritual community
- ..# Positive, and conducive to good emotional/spiritual well-being
- ..# Scripture-based and liturgically expressive
- ..# Structured, orderly, secure, comfortable
- ..# Focused on religious interests and human dignity
- ..# Opportunity for inclusion
- ..# Accompaniment

Faith and Fellowship is not

- ..# Group therapy
- ..# Ministry of healing
- ..# Religious instruction
- ..# Support group focused on mental illness
- ..# 12-step group
- ..# Substitute for inclusion
- ..# Charity



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 your through the difficult days ahead.

To register, contact 708-223-4912 or griefshare@stgilesparish.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.

Food for Thought

All are Welcome

Today's readings make it clear that God's house will welcome all. Requiring only faith sincere, to His table comes the call.

Paul and Matthew both agree that God's love knows no limits, nor hold-backs for His mercy. Faith brings blessed benefits.

O God, may the peoples praise you; May your face shine upon them. On salvation's avenue, light our way with love's bright gem.

8/16/20. TGL

Sources: NCR Column, M. McGlone; Isaiah 56:6-7; Psalm 67:8.

Vocations

VIRTUAL Benedictine Discernment Retreat

Friday August 28th 7:00 PM to Sunday August 30th 3:00 PM

“Listen” is the first word of the Rule of Benedict and listening is at the heart of discernment. Join other single women, ages 18-45 and Benedictine Sisters from across the midwest for a weekend of exploring how the vows and Benedictine values of community, hospitality, prayer, and service can help us hear and understand where God is moving in our lives.

When: Friday August 28th 7:00 PM to Sunday August 30th 3:00 PM
Where: Virtual
Learn more: osbchicago.org/discernmentretreat
Register: Please contact Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, by email or phone: vocation@osbchicago.org or 773.338.7063.



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

Saint Pius X (1835-1914) August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Taking as his motto “To restore all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called “modernism,” yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter’s Square—“I bless peace, not war!”—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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