



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 23, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST 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
Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office 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 Mass until Further Notice

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 8:30 am

Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am

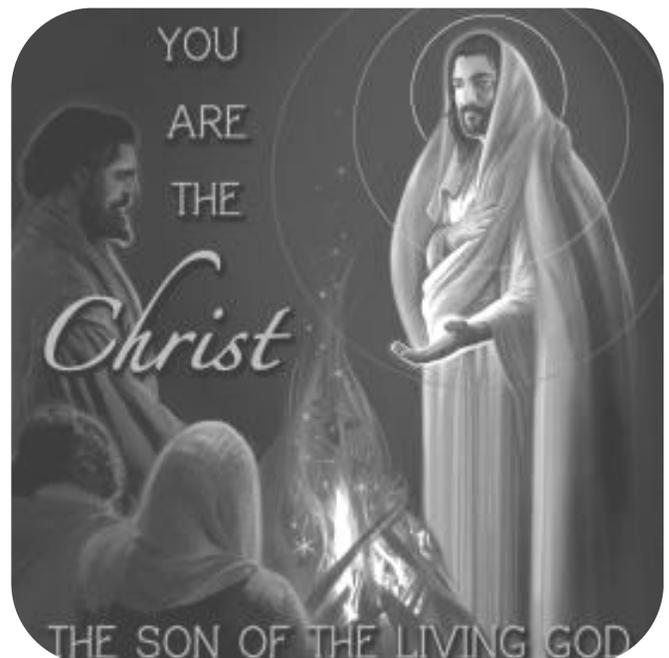
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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,

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, with his message, nodding their heads and weeping softly. But most were angry, and they began to shout back insults and threats. Such was the life of a prophet. The office of prophet was instituted during the days of Samuel, the last of the Judges. Before Israel had a king, it had a series of tribal leaders called Judges. God used these men and women to save the Israelites from the enemies and lead them back to him. Prophets stood with priests as God's special representatives. The prophet's role was to speak for God, confronting the people and their leaders with God's commands and promises. Because of this confrontational stance and continuing tendency of people to disobey God, true prophets were not very popular. But though their message often went unheeded, they faithfully and forcefully proclaimed the truth.

Our reading today, comes from prophet Isaiah. Isaiah was considered to be the greatest prophet. In the beginning of his ministry, he was well liked. But like most prophets, he soon became unpopular because of his messages were so difficult to hear. He called the people to turn from their lives of sin and warned them of God's judgement and punishment. Isaiah had an active ministry for 60 year. In our reading today, prophet Isaiah warned Shebna that the Lord will remove him from his office, and he will install his servant Eliakim who was the son of Hilkiah to be leader of his people. Shebna was a high court official who was materialistic as the rest of the people in Jerusalem. He may have been in the group favoring an alliance with foreigners thus ignoring Isaiah's advice. The Lord revealed that Shebna would lose his position and be replaced by Eliakim. Similarly, in today's Gospel Jesus knew that the time of his physical presence on earth was limited. He wanted to find whether the Apostles were ready to continue his ministry by asking them who they think he was. Among the twelve apostles, Peter's answer satisfied Jesus as he told him that He was Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. We learn from today's Gospel in which Jesus asked his apostles who the people or they thought He was. The people thought that he was either Elijah or Jeremiah or John the Baptist but only Peter knew that He was the Son of God.

Who is Christ for you? Do you know him? If you know Christ, you will allow Him to come to your heart and He will transform you to be a better Christian. We need to ask the same question when we are electing our political leaders or representatives that Christ asked His Apostles. Unfortunately, most of our leaders these days are driven by opinion polls not what they hold in their hearts. May you continue to be the light of the world especially during these challenging times that we are in. 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. 24
8:30 †

Luke Podraza
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Tue. Aug. 25
8:30 †

Harold Davis
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. Aug. 26
8:30 †

Noreen Brodzik
By: Amanda Pomareda

Fri. Aug. 28
8:30 HEALTH

Raul & Scarlett Perez
By: Fundraising Committee

Sat. Aug. 29
8:30 †

Marlies Brion
By: Dorothy Brion

5:00 †

Maria Bay
By: Era Yee

Sun. Aug. 30
8:30

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

8:30 †

Katie Walker
By: Ministry of Care

10:30 20TH †
DEATH ANNIV.

Josef Fabach
By: Anna Fabach

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bartholomew
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday: St. Monica
Friday: St. Augustine
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Today's Readings

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

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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*

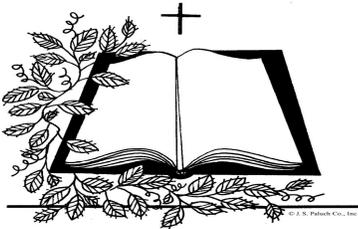


Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Blanca Diaz, Marcial Gomez, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Tito Lopez, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Irma Monteverde, Raul Perez, Chuck 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



AUGUST 30, 2020 — 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah often anguished over the difficulty in being a prophet. Proclaiming God's message made him very unpopular. Today we hear why he still felt compelled to do it.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Toward the end of Paul's letter to the Romans, he deals with the moral demands made on those who follow Christ. In today's reading, Paul remind us that living a Christian life — which so often includes sacrifice — is like an act of liturgical worship in which we offer ourselves to God.

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

Help End Hunger. Join Our Community

Catholic Charities W. Suburban
1400 S Austin Blvd.
Cicero, IL 60804
708-329-4046

CONTACT: Angela Christian
HOURS: Mon & Tues: 9:30 am-11 am; 12:30 pm-2pm; Thur: 2:00-6:00 pm
SERVICE AREA: West Suburbs

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286



School Scoop

Lives are changed each and every day at St. Catherine - St. Lucy School!

Personalized Learning School

- ..# Teacher recognition as leaders in personalized learning
- ..# We meet individual learners where they are and help them map their own journey to success

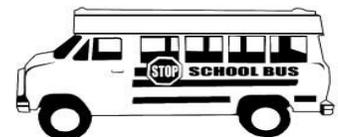
Student Honors

- ..# Honor Roll- A and B Honor Roll recognition program
- ..# National Junior Honor Society opportunities

Extra-curricular activities

- ..# Flag football- went to the championship
- ..# Boys' Basketball – 4th place in the league; won the Walther championship
- ..# Girls' Basketball – largest team size in three years
- ..# Girls' Volleyball – two teams this year
- ..# Choir – asked to perform at Rush-Oak Park and Big Shoulders downtown event
- ..# Chess Club – new this year
- ..# Dominican University Philosophy Class
- ..# Test-Taking Prep Class for junior high

Back To



School

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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Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.

312-337-1962
888-456-HOPE

projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

Faith and Fellowship

Who We Are

We are a motley crew. We come from all over the place – St. Catherine-St. Lucy, Immaculate Conception (Elmhurst), Ascension, St. Bernardine, St. Domitilla, St. Fabian, Central Plaza, Columbus Manor, Oasis, Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Catholic Theological Union, and Brazil. We are racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse. We are multi-faith. We are young and not-so-young – 20-something, 70-something, and everything in between. We are a lawyer, a biker, a teacher, a Marine. We are conservative, liberal, independent.

And when some of us recently thought about what gifts each one of brings to the group, a random list emerged: comfort with quiet...empathy...dedication...love...leadership...carry a tune...adaptability...connection with the guys...peace...musical resources...treats...companionship with the women...fully present...listening...friendship...helping hand...drawing people in...

A motley crew, for sure! Like disparate pieces of a puzzle – we come together to create a picture of oneness – of beauty – of faith – of fellowship!



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.

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.

Pro-Life — Quick Facts

Since 1973 there have been:

- #Homicides vs. Abortions in Illinois
44,567 Homicides in Illinois
2,247,479 Abortions in Illinois
- #38,382 unborn children's lives were ended due to abortion in 2016.
- #75,481 abortions were performed on young girls 17 years old and younger from 1995 – 2016.
- #At least 8,889 of those abortions were on girls who were not residents of Illinois.
- #82,670 abortions have been performed on non-Illinois residents from 1995 – 2016.
- #There are approximately 32 abortion clinics in Illinois.
- #There are over 125 pregnancy resource centers in Illinois, of which 21 are live-in facilities.

Food for Thought

Practicing Christianity

Matthew tells us of those most important moments: Jesus placed His earthly kingdom into Peter's hands. He told Peter He would build his church upon him, and gave him the keys to His kingdom. The actions established the priestly ministry, binding people to hope and losing them from failures, spreading the gospel through the forgiveness of sins: Jesus was son of the living God.

Liturgy today reminds us Christianity demands a lot of practice, as we humbly accept that we won't do it perfectly; we will slowly learn humility and audacity.

The great resilience of the gospel is that it exists in every heart that welcomes it. In these nasty times, Jesus is the center that is holding us together.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

8/23/20. TGL

Sources: NCR Columns by M. McGlone, P. Marrin; Matthew 16:13-20 Psalm 138:1,3.

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 mid-west 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.



Our
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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