

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 30, 2020
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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,

What is success for you? Most definitions include references to achieving goals and acquiring wealth, prestige, favor and power. "Successful" people enjoy the good life-being financially and emotionally secure, being surrounded by admirers, and enjoying the fruits of their labors. They are leaders, opinion makers, and trendsetters. Their example is emulated; their accomplishments are noticed. They know who they are and where they are going, and they stride confidently to meet their goals.

By these standards, Prophet Jeremiah was a miserable failure. For 40 years he served as God's spokesman to Judah or the southern part of Israel. Consistently and passionately he urged them to act, but nobody moved. And he certainly did not attain material success. He was poor and underwent severe deprivation to deliver God's prophecies. Jeremiah is commonly known as the "Weeping Prophet," and for good reason. During his faithful ministry, Jeremiah was the lone voice of truth and righteousness among a people who had no desire for righteousness. The book of prophet Jeremiah was written to urge God's people to turn from their sins and back to God. During the prophecy of prophet Jeremiah, the nation was sliding quickly toward destruction and was eventually conquered. In our reading today, Jeremiah cried out in despair. He had faithfully proclaimed God's word and received nothing from God in return but persecution and sorrow.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, have you ever felt as if your efforts were in vain, and questioned if you were making a difference in this life. We find ourselves questioning God, and tempted to abandon the work that we are doing. We are not the first to feel this way. God is able to provide the strength we need and he will never abandon us. While we are not prophets, called to warn a rebellious people of judgment to come, I am sure we have all experienced seasons in life when we could relate to Jeremiah's feelings. As we strive to serve the Lord and live for Him, we face opposition, often from those we least expect. If you have served the Lord for any length of time, you have likely been tempted to abandon the work, questioning if the effort was really worth it. If you are walking in a valley of doubt and despair, I hope the message today will bring the comfort and encouragement you need to continue for the Lord. Jeremiah honestly felt as if he had been deceived by the Lord. He revealed his displeasure with his current situation. He felt as if the Lord had not revealed unto him the great difficulty he would face. He had hoped for better success, and yet he faced one defeat after another. He was saying, "Lord, why have you brought me to this place; this is not what I expected when you spoke to me about preaching unto the people. This is not what I signed up for. I hope you understand that if the Lord is pursuing you, He will prevail. The enemy can plant seeds of doubt, but our Lord is more than able to overcome.

May 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: Craig Zeronik

Praise Choir: Julius White

Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Parish Finance Council

Juan Perez

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

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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.

It was our make-shift way of staying connected, and as we continued through the evening, it was Kimberly who set the tone as we made plans for our next outreach.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Aug. 31		
8:30	†	Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
Tue. Sept. 1		
8:30	†	Fannie Scott By: Tom and Pat Nelson
Wed. Sept. 2		
8:30		HEALTH Raul and Scarlett Perez By: Ministry of Care
Fri. Sept. 4		
8:30	†	Deceased Members of the Coleman Family
Sat. Sept. 5		
8:30	†	Kailey & Christian Andrade By: Shelley Sandow
5:00	†	Rev. John Scott By: Brenda Fojtik
Sun. Sept. 6		
8:30		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30	†	Sister Nadine Hargadon By: Thom and Pat Nelson
10:30		HEALTH Raul and Scarlett Perez By: Fundraising Committee

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Thursday:	St. Gregory the Great
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — The name of the Lord has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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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

Colletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Joan Creedon, Kathy Feulner, Marcial Gomez, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Mary Kolbasa, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Marian McCurry, Nancy McKinnis, Irma Monteverde, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Jeff Nesbitt, Sunny Okoeguale, Scarlett & Paul Perez, Jennifer Saldukas, Chuck Scott, Lawrence Tabichi, 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



SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 — 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. In this passage, the speaker is God who uses the image of a watchman to describe a prophet's role. In those times, a watchman was someone who stood on a hill or in a tower to watch for invaders.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In the concluding section of his letter to the Romans, Paul writes about the moral demands of Christian life. This letter was written some years before the Gospels, yet these words will sound very much like words we hear in the Gospels. Clearly, Paul is drawing upon a pre-Gospel tradition about what Jesus said.

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

Welcome Back!!!

- ..# We have officially started school—although it is year unlike anything we have ever seen.
- ..# Our youngest children—Preschool and Kindergarten—are doing in-person learning.
- ..# All other grades—1st through 8th—are doing remote learning. This is not the way school should be, but it is the world we live in, for now. This, too, shall pass, and we will be together again soon.
- ..# Remember that our doors are open for any child needing a place to do their schooling. We will provide Chromebooks; students should bring their own supplies, including earphones and a water bottle. Breakfast and lunch are provided.
- ..# Students both at home and in school are to wear a school shirt—uniform shirt, gym shirt, spirit wear shirt. Students in school should wear gym shoes every day.

Traits of a Teacher

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz



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

News from The Well, Spirituality Center

The Overstory book study
Wednesdays, Sept. 2, 9, 16
1-2:30 PM (CDT)

Have you read the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Overstory* by Richard Powers and been looking to discuss it? Called "a gigantic fable of genuine truths" by Barbara Kingsolver, *The Overstory* blends environmental fiction with human drama. Jan Kieckhefer and Shelby Boblick will co-facilitate 3 sessions to discuss this epic. Combining spiritual, scientific and literary insights, they'll focus on characters in the first session, the environment in the 2nd, and civil disobedience last. It is best to have completed the novel ahead of the conversations.

THIS PROGRAM IS ON ZOOM. REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE ZOOM SIGN-IN INFORMATION VIA EMAIL UPON REGISTRATION + A REMINDER THE DAY BEFORE THE PROGRAM.

The cost of this series is \$45 (does not include the book). Scholarships and payment plans are available for those who need them. We invite those of you who may wish to do so to support the work of The Well with an extra donation.

For more information and to sign up go to: <https://csjthewell.org/programs/the-overstory-book->

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 you through the difficult days ahead.

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

The Women's Center

Seeking Family Room Donations:

We need 4 car seats for 20 to 40 lb., plus 3 infant car seat/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old), 4 high chairs, 5 strollers, 3 baby carriers, 4 pack n plays, 3 toddler beds, 3 cribs, and 4 baby swings. We have a great need for baby food and all brands of baby formula (especially Enfamil Formula-the yellow box). All baby food must be in date. Also needed are diapers in sizes 5 and 6 only, and receiving blankets, all sizes of pull ups, new pacifiers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, and breast pumps. These items cannot be picked up unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive them are grateful for your generosity.

For our address where you can deliver them to us or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.



Food for Thought

What burns in our hearts?

Communities of voices all over the globe are shouting from the margins against injustices. Despite pandemic dangers, they are in the streets, in solidarity against the many horrors they see in racism and police brutality. The margins have had enough.

In making their presence known, they spoke truth to power; They will not accept being silenced, pushed aside, nor either bullied or discounted any longer. In our readings, Jeremiah said to not speak out makes it become a fire burning in his heart. The margins had had enough.

Paul said be transformed as we work against oppression; He states that a renewal of minds is required. Matthew invites us to become uncomfortable, as Jesus challenges the structure of the day. Acts of injustice today "crucify" people on the margins every day.

8/30/20. TGL

Sources: NCR Column, C. Dempsey; Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27.

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UP
SPEAK
OUT**

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.

Archdiocese of Chicago Human Dignity & Solidarity

Keep Hope Alive— 2020 Immigration Benefit

Mark your calendars, October 29, 2020, for the virtual KEEP HOPE ALIVE Benefit "15 Years United for Immigrant Justice", hosted by Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago. This **online event** will take place at 6:30 pm. CST, 7:30 pm EST, 4:30 pm PST and support the *Archdiocese of Chicago's Immigration Ministry* and its local and national programs, including the immigrant leadership ministry *Pastoral Migratoria*. Contact Mark Goebel at 312-534-8383 or via e-mail mgoebel@archchicago.org for more information about sponsorship and event updates.

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