



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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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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

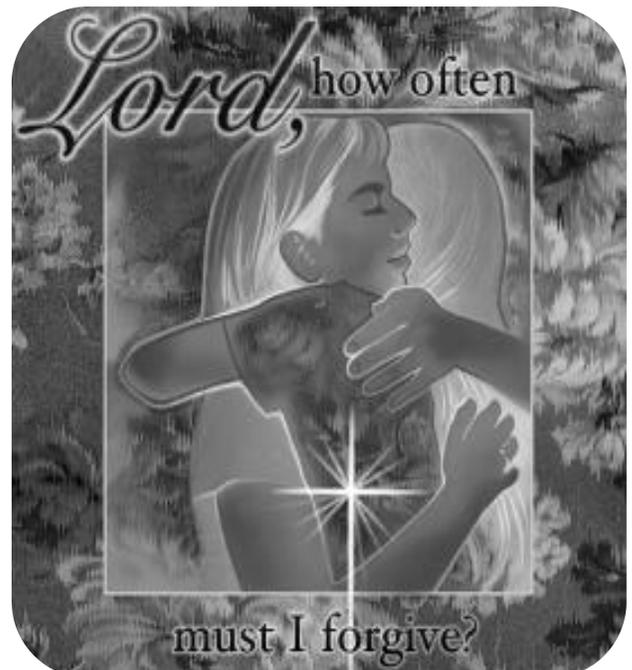
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Father Valentine Anaweokhai

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My name is Fr. Valentine Anaweokhai, a priest of the Diocese of Auchi, Edo State, Nigeria. I was ordained on the 24 September, 2005. I am on a one year sabbatical leave here in the United States and a student at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. I participated in the Hesburgh Sabbatical program in Spring, January – April. By March, the corona virus pandemic interrupted the program and my entire plans for the sabbatical leave, especially plans to travel and visit family members and friends, before my return back to Nigeria. I have been in Chicago all this while and it has been an interesting experience so far, both pleasant and otherwise, staying far away from family members, friends and acquaintances. This pandemic, no doubt has affected everyone in one way or the other. It has changed the normal course of events and activities, including ways of worship, studies, relationships and everything. Even though it has posed some serious challenges, it has also been a blessing in disguise, particularly to me. It has afforded me ample opportunity to do a lot of writing, studies/reading and trying to keep in touch with friends and relatives. It has made me to be further convinced that things happen for a good purpose. It all depends on our perception and attitude towards them. I feel God is using this avenue to call us to a better and deeper relationship with Him and with our loved ones, especially those we have been too busy to pay attention to and spend some time with. It has also afforded me an occasion for sober reflection about this life and the after life. I realize that each one of us has been really affected and impacted by this pandemic. I empathize with you and will continue to have you in my prayers.

Let us keep up the faith and the good fight to the end. To those who have lost their dear ones, may you find consolation in Christ. For the dead, may they Rest In Peace. To those infected, may Christ heal them and may they recover soon. For all those stuck and separated from their loved ones, may they soon be happily reunited with their families, friends and loved ones. Through the unfailing intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, may this pandemic soon become a thing of the past. And may God hear and grant all our prayers and petitions. Amen

I'm glad to have accepted the invitation of your pastor, Fr George, who has asked me to relieve him for last week. I feel honored and appreciate your kindness, warm reception and hospitality since I came and left St Catherine— St Lucy Parish. God bless you all. Thank you!

— Fr. Valentine

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. Sept. 14 8:30	†	Louise Heath By: Evie Stockinger
Tue. Sept. 15 8:30	†	Luke Podraza By: Elaine & Jim Podraza
Wed. Sept. 16 8:30	†	Theodore Iannantuoni By: Tom and Pat Nelson
Fri. Sept. 18 8:30	†	Aline Darang By: Michelle Darang-Coleman
Sat. Sept. 19 8:30	†	Deceased Members of the Darang-Coleman Family
	†	Ameris Family By: Michelle Darang-Coleman
Sun. Sept. 20 8:30		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30 (HEALTH)		Raul & Scarlett Perez By: Ministry of Care
10:30	†	Rev. Edward Kucera By: Donna Kanapes

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday:	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday:	St. Robert Bellarmine
Friday:	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781
Saturday:	St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

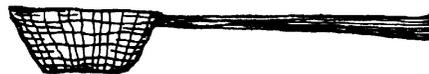
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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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, Kathy Feulner, Marcial Gomez, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Mary Kolbasa, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Deborah Lorence, Jimmy Lorence, Marian McCurry, Nancy McKinnis, Irma Monteverde, Coralie Morgan, Georgine Mullen, 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 20, 2020 — 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

The prophetic words in today's reading were spoken during the Israelites; exile in Babylon. Earlier, the prophet had proclaimed that God was looking mercifully upon them and would soon free them. In today's reading, the prophet points out that they now have a window of opportunity and should take advantage of God's willingness to forgive.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

For the next four weeks, our second reading will be taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians. When Paul wrote this letter, he was in prison for preaching the Gospel, and he faced the possibility of execution. A person in those circumstances tends to think long thoughts about death, and death is what Paul is wrestling with in today's passage.

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.

2021 Mass Book Open

If you have a loved one who is ill or has passed away ... or any special occasion or petition you'd like to bring before the Lord ... consider offering your prayers at a Mass.

Our book is open for personal intentions for the remainder of this year and for the 2021 year.

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

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286



School Scoop

- ..# What a busy few weeks! Hopefully everyone is falling into a good routine and things are beginning to feel as "normal" as they can be.
- ..# Health Protocols from the school are posted on the landing page of our school website. Please be familiar with them if you are sending your children into the building.
- ..# The St. Catherine-St. Lucy Spirit Shop will open very soon—and will offer the hugely popular tie-dyed shirts. Watch for details from Ms. Courier.
- ..# There is much to get discouraged about these days—but there is also much to appreciate. We are so grateful for our St. Catherine-St. Lucy family our children, our parents, our teachers, our staff, alumni, our parishioners and last but not least our volunteers. The world is a better place because of you.
- ..# As always - our doors are open! If you'd like to stop by and say hello, we'd love to see you!



Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

—Sirach 28:2

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: 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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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-11am; 12:30 pm-2pm; Thur: 2:00-6:00 pm | SERVICE AREA: West Suburbs

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.

Catholic Charities

Legal Assistance Department

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.

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 any-time 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.



Grief Support Group

St. Giles Parish

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

News from The Well, Spirituality Center

The Overstory book study

Wednesdays, Sept. 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-study/>

St. John Chrysostom

(c. 344-407) - September 13

“Speaking truth to power” may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John “the Golden Mouth” (Chrysostom) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. “Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering” (Sacramentary), John’s scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to “God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same.” Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the Liturgy of the Hours not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: “Would you honor Christ’s body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ’s altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!”

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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.

Food for Thought

The Inhumanity of Selfishness

*God forgives our faults and failings;
How can we deny forgiveness
to one another?*

*Merciless people’s unveilings
of meanness and selfish excess,
will the soul smother?*

*Jesus sent His disciples the call
to cultivate a loving heart,
and be forgiving.*

*Gratitude’s emotion from all
brings us heaven’s realm for our part
in thoughtful living.*

*The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger,
and rich in compassion.* Psalm 103 refrain

9/13/20. TGL

Sources: NCR Column, by
M. McGlone; Matthew 18:21-35

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.

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praywithme@calleddtoprayer.org