



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

## **TWENTY-SIXTH 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**

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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**

**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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A computer is programmed to respond to your command. By conditioning a dog with rewards and restrictions, you can teach it to obey. But as every parent knows, children are not so easily taught. People have wills and must choose to submit, to follow instructions of those who have authority over them. Surely discipline is part of the process—boys and girls should know that they will reap the consequences of disobedience. God's children must learn to obey their heavenly Father. Created in his image, they have a choice, and God allows them to choose.

Our first reading today comes from prophet Ezekiel who was a younger contemporary of Jeremiah. While Jeremiah ministered to the people still in Judah, Ezekiel prophesized to those already exiled in Babylon. Ezekiel was a man who chose to obey God. Although he was a priest, he served as a Jewish street preacher in Babylon for 22 years, telling everyone about God's judgment and salvation, and calling them to repent and obey. Babylon lies in the modern day Iraq. Ezekiel was called to prophesy to the nation of Israel. At this time, Israel did not agree with the judgments of the Lord. They were saying that the Lord was not being just in His judgments. It is blind and foolish for anyone to say that their ways are right and God's ways are wrong! Yet, we find that is exactly what many are saying today, just like in Ezekiel's day. Our Father in Heaven is not sitting on his throne just waiting with a bolt of lightning to strike those who allow sin to separate them from his presence. He is ever reaching out; always desiring that every one of us should go to him and seek forgiveness.

God actually wants you to make it; and he does everything he can to give you that chance; but you have to make your own choice. What is God going to remember about you? What will he have recorded about your life when you stand before him in the judgment? Will he remember only your days spent in pursuit of the things of the world? Will he remember that everything else; and everyone else, was more important to you than God? I hope this is not the way your record reads! If you once knew the Lord, worked in the ministry, fed the hungry, clothed those in need, preached the gospel, led souls to Christ, sang in the choir, played your music for the Lord, taught a class – no matter what you did; if you turn away from God none of it will be remembered in the judgment. All that will be recorded is that you sinned against God – nothing else. I pray that God will remember only the good things that we have done in this life when that day comes!

If we put Jesus first above all else, and live according to the will of God, forsaking those things that would separate us from God, then God will only remember the things that we have done in faith. 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

<b>Mon. Sept. 28</b>	†	<b>Luke Podraza</b> By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
<b>Tue. Sept. 29</b>	†	<b>Domicilla Sakowicz</b> By: Tom and Pat Nelson
<b>Wed. Sept. 30</b>	†	<b>Deceased Mbrs. of the Sandow, Suldoy and Calderon Families</b>
<b>Fri. Oct. 2</b>	†	<b>Alfred and Isabella Bishop</b> By: Grace Bishop
<b>Sat. Oct. 3</b>	†	<b>James E. Sheedy</b> By: Tom and Pat Nelson
<b>5:00</b>	†	<b>Mary Cotter</b> By: Era Yee
<b>Sun. Oct. 4</b>		<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH</b>
<b>8:30</b>	†	<b>Bernice Weed</b> By: Karen Weed
<b>10:30</b>	†	<b>Gertrude Fabach</b> By: Donna Kanapes

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalm** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Migrants and Refugees; Priesthood Sunday; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Monday:	St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Tuesday:	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday:	St. Jerome; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Thursday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Friday:	The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



## Autumn

*Listen! The wind is rising,  
and the air is wild with leaves,  
We have had our summer evenings,  
now for October eves!*

—Humbert Wolfe



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

Colletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Kathy Feulner, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Mary Kiolbasa, Paul Koko, Harvie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Marian McCurry, Nancy McKinnis, Coralina Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett & Paul Perez, Charlene Pour, Jennifer Saldukas, Chuck Scott, Lawrence Tabichi, Annette Varga, Sister Teresita Weind, 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



### OCTOBER 4, 2020 — 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7**

Today's reading begins with Isaiah singing a song to the people. He uses this song as a parable so that he can then speak to them about God's disappointment. God had lavished his loving care upon them... and their response was sin.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9**

We continue our series of readings from Paul's letter to the Christian Community of Philippi in northeastern Greece. Of all the communities founded by Paul, Philippi was his favorite. While he was in prison, he wrote them a letter of gratitude and encouragement. In today's passage, we will hear Paul present a list of classical Greek virtues, and remind the people that he not only taught these virtues, but he lived them.

## 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: [apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net)

27 W. Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286



## School Scoop

- ..# The Oak Park Fire Department conducted a fire drill here last Friday, and we passed with flying colors.
- ..# Watch for information on our first fundraiser. We're hosting another Krispy Kreme sale, since we had so much success last spring. Call the school office at 708-386-5286 if you wish to participate.
- ..# Monday, October 12 - No school Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

## Pray For Our Deceased



**Mr. Sonny Okoeguale**

*RIP 9/18/20*

*May he rest in peace!*

*We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his wife Monicya, his son, Omosoria and his extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.*

*May the angels lead him into Paradise*

## Impossible

*Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

## 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](mailto: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.

## Pro-Life

### Let's Vote Pro-Life In November

We Americans have shared many years of pride for our country and accomplishments. We have also suffered pain in the loss of thousands of our military who died to keep us safe. We have survived the Great Depression and many, many storms such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and earthquakes through the years.

But we still have the biggest hurdle of all. We need to abolish abortion once and for all! It is the killing of tiny innocent babies in the womb of their mothers. Babies are a precious gift from God. And no one has the right to kill them! They used to be safe in their mother's womb. But since 1973 when abortions were made legal it has become the most dangerous place for a baby to be. All the baby wants is to be loved and cherished.

With the November 3rd election coming up, we have the means to right this terrible wrong.

Abortion has already killed over 62 million babies in the USA since 1973. We could help save the lives of millions of babies.



## Fair Trade

### Are you yearning for coffee or chocolates?

Please contact Marge Massarello  
email: [micamafi@yahoo.com](mailto:micamafi@yahoo.com)  
phone: 708-383-7032

Coffee - Columbian - bean, ground  
Mama Tierra - ground Chocolate chips,  
minis, bars, hot cocoa

## Grief Support Group

### St. Giles Parish

Mondays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.  
**September—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](mailto:griefshare@stgilesparish.org)

## Archdiocese of Chicago

### A Call to Prayer

Bringing a light in the midst of darkness

#### 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)

## Food for Thought

### The Parable Question

Jesus' parables don't end in punch lines that resolve a situation.

They're gifts that keep on giving, like fine wines, stories that will pose a question.

Society applies, we are agreeing:  
Which son shares his dad's commitment to the family's health and its well-being?  
Which son acted most like God would?

Today we're called in our society, to confront racist jokes and articles, and folks who act with impropriety. Change won't happen 'til we call out people.

Listen to Pope John Paul's call to be all pro-life, unconditionally. eradicating every form of racism. What do you think?

9/27/20. TGL

Sources: NCR Column, M. McClone; Matthew 21:28-32; Phil 2:1-11.



## 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](mailto:mgoebel@archchicago.org) for more information about sponsorship and event updates.

## The Well Spirituality Center

Register for programs online: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of Covid-19.

Whiteness, Anti-Racism and Repair  
Thursdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22  
7 - 9:00 PM

The norm of whiteness and the racist structures of white privilege and power have been invisible to many of us. Once we grasp the truth about systemic racism we must show solidarity with and be accountable to people of color. Learn about structural racism and the foundations of anti-racism in this 3-session workshop led by Rev. Smash. Cost of series: \$60.