

**ST. CATHERINE**



OF SIENA    **ST. LUCY**

**OCTOBER 4, 2020**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH 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**  
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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,

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a parable about farming. I was raised in the farm and I know how difficult it is to grow crops or keep animals. Farming requires a lot of patience because some crops take a long time to mature. Have you ever been in the farm? If you have ever been in the farm, you realize how labor intensive it is. You realize how smelly it could be! No wonder Jesus was called the Good Shepherd. The true shepherd knows how difficult and challenging is in raising animals. The Shepherd risks his life daily. Pope Francis wants the leaders of the church to spend more time with the flock until they begin to smell like the flock.

Today's parable is obviously an allegory. Each character in this parable story represented someone real. The Jewish leaders knew that Jesus was talking about them. The immediate meaning of this parable is simple, and I am assuming that you are aware of this parable or you have read it. The parable is found in (Matthew 21:33-43): In the parable, the landowner refers to God. (2) The vineyard represents the nation of Israel. All the Jews were familiar with the passage from Isaiah 5 in which God planted a vineyard, which symbolized Israel. (3) The wicked tenants represent some of the Jewish religious leaders—the priests and people. (4) The servants sent by the owner represents the Old Testament Prophets. And God sent dozens of prophets to Israel to warn them of their sin, but the Jews mistreated the prophets and killed many of them. (5) Of course, the owner's son represents Jesus Christ. The Bible says that; "Christ came to that which was his own (meaning the Jewish people), but his own did not receive him." (John 1:11) (6) The new tenants to whom the owner gave the vineyard represents the rest of us, the Church. When the time for harvest came, the landowner sent servants to collect his share of the produce, but the tenants beat up the servants, killed one of them, and tossed out the rest. Now, at this point, a sensible landowner would call the police and have the tenants evicted or, better yet, put in jail. But this landowner sends his son, assuming that the tenants will respect his son. The son was Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this isn't really a story about a rental property. It's a story about God and God's people—and God is not your typical landowner. God is far more generous—more prodigal—more lavishly wasteful—more forgiving—than anyone could expect. God is never tired of us instead we are the ones who get tired of Him. Again, and again, when the Israelites drifted from the covenant, He did not abandon them. He even sent His Son, Jesus who they also killed but He continued to love them. He has chosen us to be stewards of His divine Word. Let us strive to be faithful stewards always.

Finally, as I mentioned at Mass last week, we are having our First Communion on Saturday evening Mass. It is a great joy as we welcome these four new communicants. 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.

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## 20120 Baby Bottle Project is Back!!!

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Beginning with next Sunday, our parish will participate in the **Baby Bottle Project** benefiting the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the 3 locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on **October 4th**, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **October 23rd**

Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: *The Women's Center*. Thank you!

## NO Christmas Bazaar this Year

It is with great sadness that we officially announce the beloved Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon will not take place this year due to the restrictions surrounding the Corona Virus. As a result of this cancelled event, we will NOT be able to accept any donations of physical items for the booths, in particular, for the White Elephant Booth. If you have 'treasures' you were hoping to donate, consider holding them until next year, or bring your donated items to Brown Elephant in Oak Park, or any Salvation Army store, or the Goodwill Store located on Harlem Avenue just north of 22nd Street.

GOING FORWARD, WE HOPE TO RELISH SOME FOND BAZAAR MEMORIES OF YEARS' PAST.

~ *The Fundraising Committee*



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## Faith and Fellowship

### Would You Like to Be a Pen Pal?

As we continue to muddle through the pandemic, social distancing, and quarantine, Faith and Fellowship has maintained its sense of community with cards, letters, care packages, phone calls, and even Zoom. Not as ideal as our regular get-togethers at the parish; still, "better than a sharp stick in the eye."

There are, however, people living at Central Plaza and Columbus Manor, who are not members of Faith and Fellowship and who are feeling especially stressed during these difficult times. As Howard Schultz has said, "People have a longing for human connection." It would be great if members of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy could reach out by writing a short note every few weeks to one or two people, letting them know that the church is with them. Sound like something you might want to try? We can make it happen! 708-383-9276 or [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com).



### Food for Thought

## The Joy of Our Hope

*"Those wretched men should meet a wretched death—an eye for an eye." Jesus had asked listeners what the vineyard owner should do to the people who mistreated his servants and killed his son. But Jesus wanted no part in promoting a wretched end; God's plan would continue in people who produce His fruit: The stone the builders rejected would become the cornerstone of something wondrously new, with the people of God transformed.*

*It's no coincidence the liturgy calls for these readings, on the feast of Francis of Assisi, and the final day of worldwide observation of the Season of Creation. Jesus had warned His critics time was short to embrace God's plan. Today Pope Francis is giving the world an urgent message: "Sister Earth cries out because of the harm we have inflicted; We need an approach to ecology that hears all the cries."*

*So Francis calls us all to embrace the exciting drama of our history, that our struggles and concerns for this planet will never take away the joy of our hope.*

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Sources: NCR Column, M. McGlone; Isaiah 5:1-7; Matt 21:33-43



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Mon. Oct. 5

8:30	† Jim McGuinness By: Joyce McGuinness
<b>Tue. Oct. 6</b>	
8:30	† Sandi Lee By: Evie Stockinger
<b>Wed. Oct. 7</b>	
8:30	† Denis Moran By: Tom and Pat Nelson
<b>Fri. Oct. 9</b>	
8:30	† Luke Podraza By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
<b>Sat. Oct. 10</b>	
8:30	† Courtney Banner By: Shelly Sadow
5:00	† Harry and Mary Koko By: Paul and Pat Koko
<b>Sun. Oct. 11</b>	
8:30	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH</b>
8:30	† Sister Nadine Hargadon By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers
10:30	† Paulette and Rollin Bredy By: The Vincent Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 1 1:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday:	Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
Tuesday:	St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher
Wednesday:	Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday:	St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

## First Holy Communicants

Congratulations to **Natasha Nyaboke Bosire, Norbert Nyabuti Bosire, Simon Oliver Perez and Fernando Rome Perez** who are going to receive their First Holy Communion this weekend.

First communion is very important for Catholic Children because they are receiving, for the first time, the body and blood Jesus Christ. By continuing to receive Holy communion for the rest of their lives, Catholics become one with Christ and believe they will share in His eternal life.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

**Psalm** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

**Gospel** — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

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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, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Marian McCurry, Nancy McKinnis, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett & Raul Perez, Charlene Pour, Jennifer Saldukas, Chuck Scott, Donna Solome, 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 11, 2020 — 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The mountain dreast oto the people of Israel was Mount Zion, the place upon which Jerusalem's temple was built. The prophet Isaiah, preaching during a time of political upheaval, foresees a day when God will gather on Mount Zion all the people of the world for a great banquet.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

On his missionary journeys, Paul took pride in supporting himself as a leather-worker. Now it's different. Paul is in prison and dependent upon his beloved Philippians. They generously sent him help, the only Christian community known to do so. As he now concludes his letter to them, Paul thanks them for their support and encouragement.

## 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)

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## School Scoop

- ..# Welcome to our new families! We are happy to have you here and look forward to the time when all of us can be together.
- ..# Information is out for our first fundraiser of the year—we're selling Krispy Kreme donuts! Ms. Courier sent out details last Friday; reminders will be out this week as well. You may order online or send your order into the school. The sale will be open through October 23. Fundraising is critical to keeping our school running; every family's participation counts.

- ..# As cold and flu season approach, we ask parents to keep their children home if they are sick. Children who have symptoms here at school will be sent home. Refer to our health protocols on the school website.

- ..# Next week will be the halfway point of our first trimester, and teachers will be sending progress reports via email. These reports are a reflection of grades on PowerSchool, so there should be no surprises. Reach out to the teachers with any concerns.

- ..# We are still refining our remote learning plan, as we receive feedback from our students and our parents. We are in this together to offer the best we can for our children.

- ..# Students in our STARS program have been given headphones from Superior Chicago Tutoring. Please stop in the office to pick them up if your child is doing his/her learning from home.

**Fair Trade** (Coffee - Columbian - bean, ground Mama Tierra - ground Chocolate chips, minis, bars, hot cocoa)

**Are you yearning for coffee or chocolates?** Please contact Marge Massarello, email: [micamafi@yahoo.com](mailto:micamafi@yahoo.com) phone: 708-383-7032

## 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: [apomaredacsloffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredacsloffice@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.

## Renew My Church

As I announced last week, due to the COVID-19 pandemic our *Renew My Church Initiative* is going to move faster than the date that we were scheduled to start (January 2022). I do not have the time when this is going to happen, but I will let you know as soon as we are notified.

Remember that because of the changing church attendance patterns over many decades has left many parishes heavily burdened by operational and financial concerns that limit their ability to have expansive ministry programs around evangelization and discipleship formation and a decreasing number of priests available to serve at parishes creates a need to rethink our leadership model to include a stronger lay leadership core team with proper governance structures for accountability.

The Oak Park parishes of St. Giles, St. Edmund, Ascension and our parish St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy will be involved in the process of discernment when the course of action begins. Please continue to pray for all the parishes that will be on the team in this process.



## 500 Club Update

October is almost here which means the 2020-2021 season of the 500 Club will be starting soon. **The weekly drawings for the new season begin the weekend of October 25<sup>th</sup>.** The prize each weekend is \$25, except for the first weekend and two additional weekends when the prize is \$500. **We hope you are, or will be, among the certificate owners during the new season if you want to be.** All certificates purchased for the 2020-2021 season are eligible to win each and every weekend from the time of purchase through October 17th, 2021. **NOTE: Purchases must be made by Oct 23, 2020 to be included in the first drawing which will be held on Oct 25, 2020.**

We are hoping to again sell all 500 certificates during the course of the season to maximize our profit since we have already had to forego our Donut Day at the Farmers' Market, the White Sox game outing, the Night at the Races, and the Walk-a-Thon fundraisers in just the last few months alone. The 500 Club is a socially distant way for us to financially support the parish and to have some fun as well. If we sell all 500 certificates as we did for the current season, we will again replace one of the \$25 prizes with a fourth \$500 prize. **Certificates can be purchased for yourself or as a gift for someone else for any occasion or for no occasion at all!!!**

**Applications for the 2020-2021 season of the 500 Club have been mailed. For additional applications, please contact Elaine Podraza at 708-524-1461 or see the back page of the bulletin. Certificates are \$25 each. You can also purchase certificates using Give Central on the parish website, [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org). Thank you again for your enthusiastic participation.**

**Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!**  
~The Fundraising Committee

### 500 Club CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of certificates requested

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed (Certificates are \$25 each. Make checks payable to St. Catherine - St. Lucy Parish)

\_\_\_\_\_ Certificate Numbers requested (if available)

**THIS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCT 23, 2020 TO BE IN THE FIRST DRAWING WHICH TAKES PLACE ON OCT 25, 2020.**

**MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO ST. CATHERINE – ST. LUCY PARISH, 38 N AUSTIN BLVD, OAK PARK IL 60302  
OR PLACE THEM IN THE COLLECTION BOX AFTER MASS. THANK YOU!!!**