

**ST. CATHERINE**



OF SIENA    **ST. LUCY**

**OCTOBER 25, 2020**  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. George Omwando, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**  
**Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Director of Music**  
**Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director**

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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  
**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**

**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,

Get up...leave...takeoff...these words are good one for those trapped or enslaved. Some resist their orders however, preferring present surroundings to a new, unknown environment. It is not easy to trade the comfortable security of the known for unnecessary future. But what if God orders you to move? Will we follow His lead?

The book of Exodus from which our first reading comes on this 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year describes a series of God's calls and the response of his people. The word "exodus" means departure. In God's timing, the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt marked the end of a period of oppression from Abraham's descendants (Genesis 15:13), and the beginning of the fulfillment of the covenant promise to Abraham that his descendants would not only live in the promised land, but will also multiply and become a great nation (Genesis 12:1-3,7) The purpose of the book of Exodus may be expressed as tracing the rapid growth of Jacob's descendants from Egypt to the establishment of the theocratic nation in their promised Land. The book of Exodus begins more than four hundred years after Joseph, his brothers, and the pharaoh he once served have all died. The new leadership in Egypt-feeling threatened by Jacob's descendants, who have increased greatly in size-embarks on a campaign to subdue the Israelites, forcing them into slavery and eventually decreeing that all Hebrew boys must be killed at birth in the Nile River. The Hebrew women resist the decree, and one woman opts to save her newborn son, by setting him afloat on the river in a papyrus basket. Fortunately, Pharaoh's daughter discovers the abandoned child and raises him after he has been nursed naming him Moses. Moses being aware of his Hebrew roots, and one day, he kills an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite worker. Moses flees in fear to Midian, a town near Sinai, where he meets a priest named Jethro and marries the man's daughter, beginning a new life as a shepherd. God however, is concerned for the suffering of the Israelite, and he appears to Moses in the form of a burning bush. God speaks to Moses, informing him of his plan to return the Israelites to Canaan-to "a land flowing with milk and honey" (3:8)-and to send Moses back to Egypt to accomplish this task. Moses becomes timid and resists, citing his lack of eloquence and abilities, and refuses to go. God is angered but encourages Moses, presenting him with a staff for performing miracles and instructed Moses to take his brother, Aaron, with him as an aid. When Moses asks God what his name is, God replies, "I AM WHO I AM" (3:14).

In today's reading God gives the Israelites the Ten Commandments at the foot of Mount Sinai. The Israelites had just come from Egypt, a land of many gods. Because each god represented a different aspect of life, it was common to worship many gods in order to get maximum number of blessings. Today, we allow many things to become gods to us. Money, fame, work, or pleasure can become gods when we concentrate too much on them for personal identity, meaning and security. Letting God hold the central place in our lives keeps these things from turning into Gods. 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  
Secretary: Andrea Legatzky  
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):**

Vacant

#### **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: Vacant

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.

October 25, 2020



## 500 Club Certificates

This weekend begins the 2020-2021 season of 500 Club drawings. The winner of the first drawing will be published in next weekend's bulletin. Certificates can be purchased online by using GiveCentral at stcatherinestlucy.org or by completing an application and mailing it to the rectory with your payment of \$25 for each certificate. If you need an application, call Elaine Podraza at 708-524-1461.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~ The Fundraising Committee

## Gift Cards

It is not too early to think about the HOLIDAYS and Holiday shopping. Gift Cards are very versatile. They can be used for your personal shopping at grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants (for take-out) and wherever you shop.

The Gift Card Order Form is enclosed with the paper bulletin. The Order Form will also be emailed to all parishioners. *We will not be taking orders in church.*

Please return the form with a check to the rectory or drop it off at church. You can also pay for your gift card order through Gift Central.

### Orders Received by:

November 2 .....	.....November 14/15
November 9.....	.....November 21/22
November 30.....	.....December 12/13
December 7.....	.....December 19/20

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Visteen, 708-383-2068.



Sunday, November 1  
Mass at  
8:30 & 10:30 AM



Monday, November 2  
Mass at 7:00 PM  
at Church

## Return Baby Bottles TODAY

Today is the *Women Centers of Chicago* deadline to return the Baby Bottles you took home at the beginning of this month to be filled with your spare change. If you forgot you can still bring them to the Rectory during office hours. Thank you!

## Dining Giveback at Eastgate Thursday, October 29th

**Eastgate Café**  
102 Harrison Oak Park  
12:30 – 7pm  
708-660-9091



### PICK-UP ONLY

Call and preorder menu items below by Wednesday Oct 28 by 8pm  
Eastgate Café will give us 20% of food sales.  
Mention St Catherine-St Lucy Parish when ordering.

Lasagna (spinach)	14.95
Harvest Chicken – veggies & potatoes	13.95
Chicken Parmesan – veggies & potatoes	15.95
Eastgate Cheeseburger - potatoes	12.95
White Fish – veggies & rice	19.95
Pulled Pork - potatoes	14.95
Avocado Pontchartrain Salad	10.95

All Entrées include house salad and bread  
\*\*desserts available for 6.25

For questions please contact Cynthia Weaver at 773-379-6326 or by e-mail at cynthia.weaver@comcast.net

Next Weekend

## Do Not Forget to Turn your clocks BACK

Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States on **Sunday, Nov. 1st at 2 a.m.**

Please set your clock back one hour. The "extra" hour gives you a chance to catch up on the sleep you lost since March.



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon. Oct. 26**

8:30 † John & Katherine Sandow  
By: Shelley Sandow

**Tue. Oct. 27**

8:30 † Aline Darang  
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

**Wed. Oct. 28**

8:30 † Lisel Mueller  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Fri. Oct. 30**

8:30 † Frank Dent  
By: Cynthia Weaver &  
Jim Bowers

**Sat. Oct. 31**

8:30 † Robert Fuller  
By: Donna Kanapes  
5:00 † Deceased Members of the  
Yee Family

**Sun. Nov. 1**

8:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
8:30 † Deceased Members of the  
Darang Coleman Family  
10:30 † Joseph Darang  
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
 Lk 13:31-35  
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;  
 Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;  
 Mt 5:1-12a



## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Halloween

## Parish Events

Until further notice, all special 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.

## Born to Love

*We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.*

—Joseph Cafasso

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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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, Elizabeth Cotter, 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 McNinis, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett & Raul Perez, Charlene Pour, Lillian Sakowicz, Jennifer Saldukas, Chuck Scott, Donna Solome, Lawrence Tabichi, Annette Varga, and Sister Teresita Weind.

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 31, 2020 — 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Malachi 1:14- 2:2, 8-10

The book of Malachi was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. The prophet expresses God's displeasure because, once the people returned to their homeland and enjoyed better times, they grew lax in their religious practices. Today's passage is directed to the Jewish priests in the temple, scolding them for their carelessness and indifference.

#### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Thessalonica was a city in northeastern Greece, where Christians were being persecuted. So Paul wrote them a friendly and encouraging letter. In today's passage we will hear him use a touching image to describe his relationship with these people whom he loves.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

**How do you ask? Wording can be simple and straightforward...**

This is an incredibly challenging year for our families and we need help! We had hoped to host a gathering to share in person more about our school - but are unable to do so because of Covid 19 restrictions. Instead, I'm sharing a little video to give you a peek into our school and the lives of our families.

THANK YOU in advance for any support you're able to provide! Donations may be made online or mailed directly to the school.

A Day in the Life:

<https://vimeo.com/467405566>

Donation link:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/27426>

## St. Catherine - St. Lucy School

See address above | Attention:  
**Friends of SCSL School Fund**

## Opportunity for Participation in Northwestern University Research Project on COVID-19

Researchers at Northwestern University recently launched the Screening for Coronavirus Antibodies in Neighborhoods (SCAN) study that aims to determine how many people in specific areas have been exposed to COVID-19 and developed antibodies to the virus.

Many questions remain unanswered about the spread of COVID. To successfully answer some of these unknowns, we need the support of our local communities and volunteers like you.

If you are interested in joining the SCAN Study, please click on the link below to fill out our survey and see if you are eligible for a free at-home COVID-19 antibody test. You will answer a few questions so we can find out if you are eligible. Your responses are voluntary and confidential. [https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/s=FXNLW7E79E&url\\_link=12](https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/s=FXNLW7E79E&url_link=12)

## 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**

## Pray For Our Deceased



**Joseph Paulus**

**RIP 10/18/20**

**May he rest in peace!**

*We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his daughter, Polly Grimes, and his extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.*

**May the angels lead him into Paradise**



## 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: apomaredascsloffice@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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## Faith and Fellowship

Archdiocese of Chicago Commission on Mental Illness and Faith & Fellowship

## TODAY

**Annual Mass Supporting People with Mental Illnesses, Families, Friends, and Mental Healthcare Providers – Virtual Presentation on Sunday, October 25 | 2:00 PM**

Today's Mass will open with comments from Cardinal Cupich followed by the Mass, and then have a time for informal conversation. All via Zoom!

Please register in advance by using the following Zoom link and we will send you the "log on" link to the mass:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIcOuhqjMiE9226fZcBwwAUJkpsuiGdik6>

## Month of the Rosary

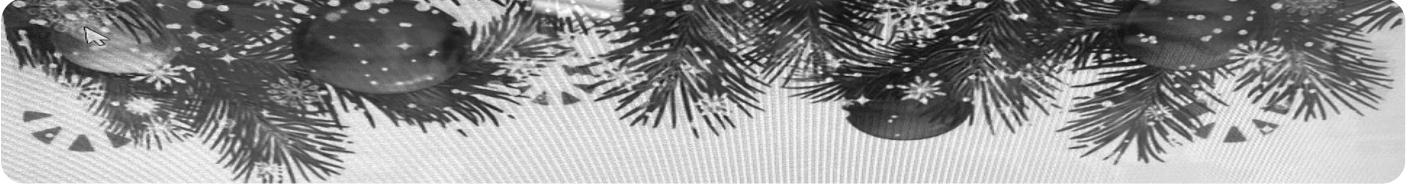
During these challenging times in our Parish, our Country, and our World, we invite you to pray the Rosary during the month of October. Please join us for the Rosary from the comfort of your home.

**Topic:** Friday night Rosary @7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

**Time:** This is a recurring meeting for the Month of October.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86588957490?pwd=WGQ4QUZWVWczczhzOFExUkxrOU9aZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490  
 Passcode: 634955



## MATCHING Bazaar MEMORIES 2020

63 years ago, St. Catherine of Siena held the first Holiday Luncheon & Bazaar and one has occurred every year since. There may be a few parishioners who recall attending the first one and many of them after. It is an occasion to meet friends, both old and new, and share fellowship with each other. For many of us, the decorations, theme, and booths were the introduction to the holiday season.

We cannot deny that fundraising is an important feature of the Bazaar. This year, unlike any other year, that feature is just as important. For just this one year, we will not have a physical event, but will have a fundraising event. A generous donor has offered a gift of matching funds up to \$5,000 to achieve our fundraising goal. A letter explaining more about this fundraising venture has been mailed to all on our mailing list.

Favorite memories for many of us are the stage settings to coordinate with the annual theme. Remember the peaceful Nativity setting, the enormous boxes gift-wrapped around the Christmas trees, the lovely, reminiscent winter scenes. There have been so many. Perhaps you have a favorite. If you've not attended, we hope you will learn more about cherished memories as the weeks progress in images and words.

This year's event will begin on October 18th and run through November 22. If you have attended in the past, you have likely donated by contributing and spending at the many booths and silent auctions, purchasing sweets at the bakery, sharing lunch with family and friends, purchasing raffle tickets. Perhaps you can donate that amount this year. We know how generous all of you are so whether this is one of your holiday traditions or not, we look forward to your support of MATCHING Bazaar MEMORIES 2020. It is a wonderful opportunity to help the parish reach its goal of \$5000 which will bring \$10,000 or more to the parish.

