

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

NOVEMBER 8, 2020
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Rev. George Omwando, Pastor

Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal

Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Director of Music

Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director

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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

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,

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the ten virgins to teach the people and us about what will happen in his final coming. Notice that in this story, that it is the groom who is the center of attention. In the male dominated society of Jesus' day, that was the way of life. Not anymore. Now it's the bride who is the center of attention.

Everyone waits for her arrival. Everyone stands when she enters the Church. Everyone stares at her beautiful dress. The groom is just the guy sweating next to the priest. Personally, I like it our way. But in Jesus' day, it was the groom for whom everyone waited anxiously. Part of the wedding celebration was a feast that followed the actual wedding ceremony. That is what Jesus speaks of here. It was traditional for the bridesmaids to wait at a home together for the bridegroom to come and bring them to the wedding feast. Another part of the tradition was for the bridegroom to negotiate with the bride's family about a gift to give them in return for their daughter (down in my previous country). Often, the negotiations would be delayed by the bride's parents as a way of communicating that they thought their daughter was worth much more than the groom had gestured by his initial gift. That would cause a delay in the wedding feast. In Jesus' story, the bridesmaids are waiting through just such a delay. In such a delay, they were to be ready at any moment for him to arrive and escort them to the feast. Five of them, however, were not ready. They had time to get the extra oil they needed, but they did not feel the sense of urgency to do it right away. Their procrastination caused embarrassment when the groom came, and they had to run to the store for more oil. The problem was that when they returned and sought entrance to the feast, they were considered no different than other uninvited seekers. The feast had begun, and the doors were locked. It was too late. And Jesus says His return will be like that.

Jesus used the parable of the ten virgins to catch some people off guard, just as the bridegroom caught some of the bridesmaids off guard. In this parable, the bridegroom stands for Jesus. The wedding feast stands for eternal wedding feast of heaven when Jesus will return in to claim his church as his eternal bride. The five wise bridesmaids are the Christians that are prepared for Jesus coming while the foolish bridesmaids stand for those people who are not prepared to meet Jesus when he comes. Brothers and sisters in Christ, what does it mean to be prepared? What does the oil in the bridesmaids' lamps stand for? The oil stands for good deeds. In the parable, Jesus is warning all of us that there are certain things in life that we must do now and cannot be borrowed like faith and that there are certain things in life that we can't put off to the last minute, as the bridesmaids put off buying oil to the last minute. For example, we can't put off studying for a board exam until one hour before we take it otherwise, we are likely to fail. We should stop putting things off, we could be caught off guard, as the bridesmaids were.

Finally, brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to thank you generously for we have exceeded our Annual Catholic Appeal this year by \$12,557 even with the COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak and so much sufferings that has been inflicted by this disease. Our 2020 Catholic Annual appeal goal was to raise \$21,843 but we exceeded that goal by raising \$34,685. We have received 100 % extra amount that you donated. The extra that you raised will go in a long way of assisting us in our balance sheet which has been elusive by the circumstances that we are in. 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.

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

Gift Cards Available by:

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

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

November 8, 2020

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500 Club Certificates

It is the 2020-2021 season of the 500 Club. Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in the weekly drawings through October 17th, 2021. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weekends when the prize is \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. We did so last season and are hoping to repeat that success.

Purchase forms have been mailed to registered members of the parish and are available in the back of church. You can also call Elaine Podraza for a form at 708-524-1461 or use Give Central on the parish website, www.stcatherinestlucy.org. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone over 18, not just members of our parish community. Pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee



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November All Souls Month

Because of Covid-19 regulations this year we will NOT have the *Book of the Dead* available in the back of the Church. Also, this year we are asking you NOT to bring pictures of your loved ones who have died for the church's window sills because they will be removed.

During the month of November, if you wish to add the name of a loved one who has passed away to our masses, please send an e-mail to Christine at: Christine.wedekind@aol.com so she can notify the Fr. George.

Thanks for your understanding!

TODAY

Our Second Collection is for Priests' Health & Retirement

Our Promise to our Priests / Our annual collection benefitting health-care, wellness and retirement for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This collections supports the health-care and wellness needs of our active priests as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

Our priests depend on your generosity!

Your gift is tax deductible. Thank you and God bless you. If you wish to send it directly to: PRMAA, 1400 South Wolf Rd., Building 2, Floor 2, Hillside, Illinois 60162

Volunteers Needed to Register Mass Attendees for Saturday / Sunday / Holy Day Masses

If you are looking for a way to help out during this challenging time, we are looking for parishioners who can register people who have signed up for one of the three weekend Masses (Saturday 5PM, Sunday 8:30 and Sunday 10:30). It would require arriving at church 15 minutes before the service and check those registered on-line or those who attend without prior registration. The registrant is asked to greet people, spray hands with the sanitizer and hand out the bulletin and liturgy sheet. To be clear, it would not be every week, but each week an email would be sent to those on the list asking someone to sign up for each Mass.

If you would be interested in being added to the list, please email Miles Jackson at miles.jacks6@gmail.com or Jeanette Cannon, at patnette@comcast.net

We are also looking for someone who is slightly tech-savvy to take on the role of creating the weekly signups on (signupgenious.com) and copying the results to a word file which is printed on Saturday and taken to the parish office.

Thank you!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Nov. 9

8:30 † **Albert Brion**
By: Dorothy Brion

Tue. Nov. 10

8:30 † **Steven Eaton**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. Nov. 11

8:30 † **Kathleen Lane**
By: Tom Nelson

Fri. Nov. 13

8:30 † **Patrick Hargadon**
By: Jim Hargadon
† **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Sat. Nov. 14

8:30 † **Deceased Members of the
Boswell and Sandow Fams.**
Diana Gordon
By: Donna Kanapes

Sun. Nov. 15

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **James Kell**
By: Jim and Barbara Cragg
10:30 † **Anthony Vincent**
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;
Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18;
Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Tuesday: St. Leo the Great
- Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
- Thursday: St. Josaphat
- Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

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

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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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 and under Steward & Giving tab you will be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

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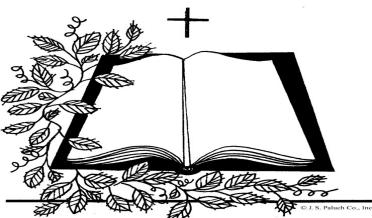


Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Karla Alegria, Colletta Ali, Elizabeth Cotter, Kathy Feulner, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Russ McCaughey Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett & Raul Perez, Charlene Pour, Lillian Sakowicz, Jennifer Saldukas, Chuck Scott, 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



NOVEMBER 15, 2020 — 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The book of Proverbs is a collection wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Today's passage is part of a lengthy poem which praises the virtues of a good wife and mother.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul and the early Christians expected the immediate Second Coming of Christ. Today, as he concludes his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds them to be prepared for this. His message is encouraging, not frightening.



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: apomaredascsls@comcast.net

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School Scoop

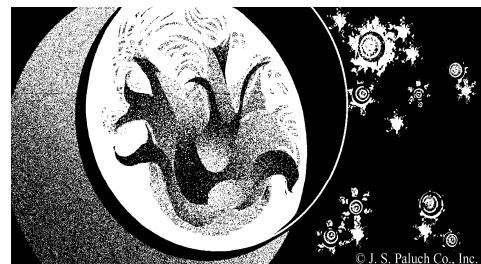
- ...# We are in school on Veterans' Day, November 11. On that day, students may dress in clothing to honor our veterans (camo dress, red/white/blue/etc).
- ...# The first trimester ends on November 12. Conferences will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 24, from 3-7pm, and are required for all families.
- ...# A heartfelt thank you to all the families and staff that participated with the 2020 Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. We could not have done it without your support.

Grief Support Group St. Giles Parish

Mondays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
Until 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, please call 708-223-4912 or contact via e-mail at: griefshare@stgilesparish.org



Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

— Matthew 25:13

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**

Faith & Fellowship News

Kimberly Says "Hi"

The Monday Night Catechists Zoom meeting included a phone call with our Partner Kimberly who does not have Internet access, nor a phone of her own. But she does have words of her own, and here they are: *"Hi!...I miss you guys!...I miss the [prayer] circle! ...I wish I could come to church. I liked the little bags you send with the can of pop and the snacks...I like the cards and letters, and I keep them in a box. I can't wait to see you!"*



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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Food for Thought

Gateway to Heaven

In the paschal process, death's a step, reminding us we are not in control. To "fall asleep" is all part of the prep for resurrection, to transform our soul.

Paul writes that when we die, we feel thus: unto the Father we'll be brought; hence, the gift that gives us hope, consoling us, is Wisdom, the perfection of prudence.

We'll always be one with the Lord, aglow as His pain and new life we employ. "You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy." (Psalm 63)

11/8/20. TGL

Sources: NCR Column, M. McGlone; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Wis 6:12-16; Psalm 63:7-8

Catholic Charities 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 anytime Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

Project Rachel

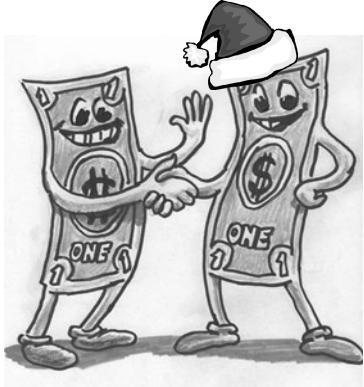
A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.

312-337-1962
888-456-HOPE
projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

The Foundation

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand.

—St. Ambrose

MATCHING BAZAAR MEMORIES 2020***October 18, 2020 - November 22, 2020***

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Make your donation now***



Donate on line at Give Central: (<https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/27459>)
OR Complete form and mail as show below

Please PRINT and return with your donation for *Matching Bazaar Memories 2020*

Name: _____

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\$ _____ Amount Enclosed - Check Memo line: *Matching Bazaar*



RETURN this form and your donation to: ***MATCHING Bazaar MEMORIES 2020***
St. Catherine - St. Lucy Parish, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. 60302
Many Thanks!!!