



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director

SUPPORT STAFF

Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
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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

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 8:30 am

Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am

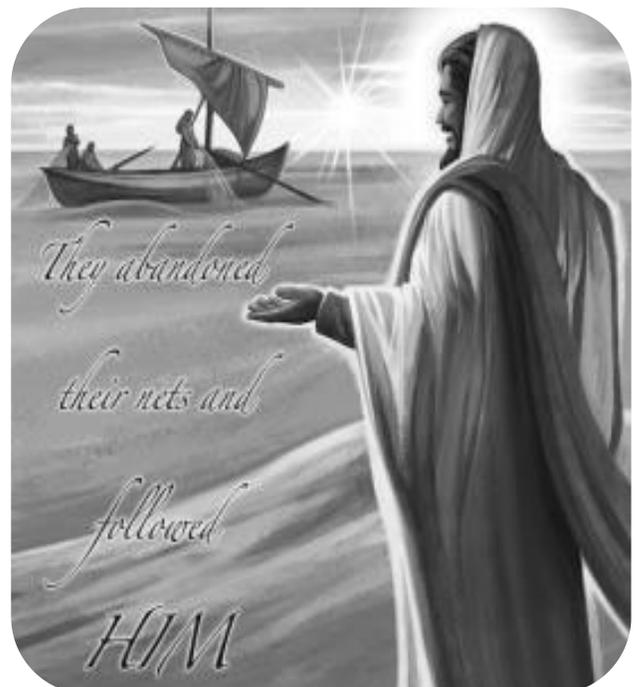
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

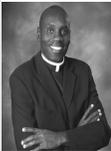
Baptisms

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)



From Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sin runs rampant in society-daily headlines and overflowing prisons bear dramatic witness to that fact. With child abuse, pornography, serial killings, terrorism, anarchy, and ruthless dictatorship, the world seems to be filled to overflowing with violence, hatred, and corruption. Reading and hearing about these tragedies-perhaps even experiencing them-we begin to understand the necessity of God's judgement. We may even find ourselves wishing for vengeance by any means upon violent perpetrators. Surely, they are beyond redemption. But suppose that in the midst of such thoughts, God told you to take gospel to the worst of the offenders-how would you respond?

Jonah was given a task. Assyria-a great but evil empire-was Israel's most dreaded enemy. The Assyrians flaunted their power before God and the world through numerous acts of cruelty. So when Jonah heard God tell him to go to Assyria and call the people to repentance, he ran in the opposite direction. The Assyrians are a people who have lived in the Middle East and since ancient times and today can be found all over the world. The book of Jonah tells the story of this prophet's flight and how God stopped him and turned around. Disobedience God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh. Jonah did exactly the opposite of what God said to do. Jonah did not want God to forgive Nineveh, for Nineveh was an enemy to Israel. Jonah knew something about God's grace and figured He would forgive Nineveh if they repented. Jonah didn't want to do what God said to do - so he didn't, and he paid the price. Jonah cared more about feeling good than about obeying God. The danger in this is that what feels good and what is good is often different. You know the difference between right and wrong - between good and bad. While wrong and bad might feel good for a moment they lead to a lifetime of consequences. Sin might feel good for a moment but ask Jonah and he would tell you that "Sin always takes you farther than you want to go, keeps you longer than you want to stay, and costs you more than you want to pay. The scripture says the "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Jonah disregarded the spiritual war that was raging around him. Satan had a plan for Nineveh (the thief comes but to kill, steal, and destroy). God had a plan for Nineveh (Ch. 3:5 "Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them.") What Jonah failed to realize was that he had the opportunity to be the servant of God or the servant of the enemy, but he was going to be one or the other.

Folks you cannot live your life with no regard for spiritual matters - they are life. Jonah knew that God would change Nineveh and he didn't want Nineveh changed. He wanted them destroyed. We get into major problems when we think we know better than God what should be done. Jonah's story is a profound illustration of God's mercy and grace. No one deserved God's favor less than the people of Nineveh, Assyria's capital. Jonah knew this. But he knew that God will forgive and bless them if they would turn from their sin and worship him.

Finally, brothers and sisters in Christ, we are approaching closer to our Annual Catholic Appeal and I wish to request you to pray for the success of this appeal. 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: TBA

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: TBA

Religious Education of Children: TBA

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.

A New Day Dawns

Today we hear how Jonah sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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This Weekend’s Second Collection is for: The Church in Latin America

The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) is this weekend. The 2021 campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to share faith with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

Support the collection, and help young people grow as leaders of our Church! For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america



500 Club Certificates

The second \$500 drawing of the current season of the 500 Club will be February 15th, 2021. All 2020-21 season certificates purchased through February 12th will be included in this drawing for \$500 instead of \$25. Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in the weekly drawings through October 17th, 2021. The prize each week is \$25 except for the three weekends when the prize is \$500. **We have now sold 420 of our 500 certificates!** If we sell all 500 certificates as we did last season, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Certificates may be for you, but they also make great gifts. **We have had one \$500 winner and a number of \$25 winners whose certificates came to them as a gift. How nice was that!!!** If you need a purchase form, they are available in the back of church and at the rectory office. You can also call Elaine Podraza for a form at 708-524-1461 or you can use Give Central on the parish website, www.stcatherinestlucy.org. The 500 Club is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone over 18, not just members of our parish community. Please pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

Thank You - December Give Backs

Thanks to everyone who shopped at Ten Thousand Villages and ordered food from Eastgate Café!

We had 22 shoppers at Ten Thousand Villages and we will be receiving \$231.09. According to TTV we had one of the highest turnouts! Eastgate Café gave us \$200. We had 27 people ordering.

Stay tuned for another Eastgate Café Eat Out in February.



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The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— Mark 1:15

Save the Date

Sunday, February 14-

\$500.00 drawing for the 500 Club

Tuesday, February 16

Eastgate Café Give Back

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

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 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
 ★ **\$ 25.00** ★
 ★ **January 24, 2021** ★
 ★ **Lynetta Myles,** ★
 ★ **# 54** ★
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Jan. 25	†	Luke Podraza By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
Tue. Jan. 26	†	Albert Parker, Sr. By: Tom and Pat Nelson
Wed. Jan. 27	†	Katherine Rodgers By: Fannie Cooper
Fri. Jan. 29	†	Sister Nadine Hargadon By: Donna Kanapes
Sat. Jan. 30	†	Albert Ernst By: Evie Stockinger
5:00	†	Katherine Hlavacek By: Tom Nelson
Sun. Jan. 31		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30	†	Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
10:30	†	Bruce Jackson By: Donna Kanapes

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday:	Ss. Timothy and Titus
Wednesday:	St. Angela Merici; Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset
Thursday:	St. Thomas Aquinas

2020 Statement of Contributions

Starting this week, you can **request** a list of your Sunday contributions for the past year. Please call or write to Amanda at 708-386-8077, via e-mail at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net. Thank you.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

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Central

We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts – whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check or carrying cash to church each week. You can manage it anywhere you have an internet connection 24/7.

Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org and under Steward & Giving tab you will be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Erin Arellano, Elizabeth Cotter, Kathy Egan, Kathy Feulner, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Cache Lane, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett & Raul Perez, Charlene Pour, Vince Saunders, Chuck Scott, Tom Sterr, Lawrence Tabichi, Annette Varga, Sr. Teresita Weind and Paul Winterhalter. 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 all of us



JANUARY 31, 2021 — 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The events in today's reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses is near death and is giving final instructions. He promises that after his death, God will still be with them through another prophet. Both Jewish and Christian readers have seen this as referring to the future Messiah.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul is responding to their question about whether it is better to remain single or become married. Paul's belief was that when you became Christian, you shouldn't take on a new state in life since he expected Jesus would return in glory very soon.

Parish Calendars

We still have the new Parish 2021 Calendars. They are available in the gathering area after all Masses.

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

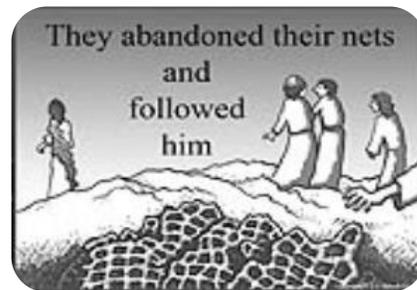
Please DO NOT FORGET to update us with your new phone numbers, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

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School Scoop

- ..# Monday, February 1st, is the 100th day of school.
- ..# Black History Month: The Archdiocese is creating a virtual prayer service for every Friday in February. They will send me a Zoom link, and I will forward to you. Each service lasts about 20 minutes; there are also class resources included for you.
- ..# In February we will begin with the re-Registration Process for the 2021-2022 School Year. Families that complete process before February 28, will receive a gift.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

A Conversation with Faith and Fellowship Tuesday, January 26, at 7:30 pm

Faith & Fellowship provides pastoral outreach and inclusion opportunities with our sisters and brothers disabled by severe and persistent mental illnesses. We cordially invite you to join a Zoom conversation on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:30 pm. Come and hear the stories of members whose ministries and lives have been changed by their encounters with God's people. To register and be sent the Zoom link. For more information, please contact Connie Rakitan at 708-383-3816 or via e-mail: faith_fellowship@hotmail.com



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

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: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

Pass the Link to your Friends!

By just forwarding to friends who may not be on the church email list.

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Parish Events

All special events in the church and school remain canceled as a precaution against the spread of the COVID-19.

Our Pastor keeps on observing 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.

Joy

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

—St. Julian

Grief Support Group

St. Giles Parish—

Mc Donough Hall

1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park

Beginning February 3, 2021

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

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. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

To register, please call 708-223-4912 or contact via e-mail at: griefshare@stgilesparish.org



The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. Your gift will provide inspiration, education and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an annual fundraising campaign that supports the parishes, schools, ministries, programs and agencies that serve the educational, physical and spiritual needs of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Through Catholic Relief Services, the Appeal also serves people around the world, regardless of religious affiliation, whose lives are devastated by natural disasters, illnesses, wars and famine.

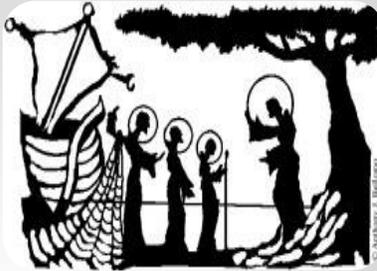
Food for Thought

The First Four

“I will make you fishers of men.”

*Abandoning their fishing nets,
they followed him.*

(Mark 1:17-18)



*With chaos in the Capitol still shocking us,
a new Cabinet Team was being chosen.
That group will have a major chore:
Their leader’s plans to implement.
These words provide a parallel that’s locking us
onto Mark’s Holy Gospel: Jesus posin’
discipleship to his first four,
to bring his Word to nations sent.*

*So Peter, Andrew, James and John, were all tough and strong,
soon to be joined by a group of quite wide range.
All gave up everything to follow him.*

*For Jesus’ ministry they set the stage.
He and his disciples began the journey long,
a drama scope of life-and-death destined to change
history’s direction from light so dim,
creating for the world a bright new age.*

*This is the time of fulfillment:
The kingdom of God is at hand.*

(Mark 1:15)

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Sources: NCR, P. Marrin; Mark 1:14-20

Coordinator of Music – *part time*

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We are looking to hire a Coordinator of Music who would be responsible for facilitating the musical worship life of the parish community by coordinating the activities delineated below:

- #Select and prepare sacred music for all church liturgies including Sunday and Holy Day Masses, civil holidays, and special liturgies.
- #Arrange for musical coverage for weekend Masses (accompanist and cantor).
- #Prepare cantors for Sunday Mass.
- #Work on sacramental celebrations in conjunction with school and religious education staff.
- #Meet with grieving families and offer guidance with regard to music selections for funerals.
- #Meet with engaged couples to provide guidance in selection of sacred music for their wedding liturgies.
- #Prepare worship aids for Weekend Masses, Triduum, Christmas, etc.
- #Assist in liturgy planning.
- #Demonstrate ability to play both piano and organ.
- #Demonstrate the ability to play instrument and sing at the same time when necessary.

There is also an interest in discussing potential candidate’s knowledge of technology as related to video streaming and YouTube.

For additional information, please contact Fr. George via email above. Please note that this position is **open immediately upon qualification** and it carries no benefits. Typically, at this time, the position covers 8-10 hours per week. There is no choir involvement during this time of COVID restrictions. Previous experience in participation and leading parish music ministry is mandatory. Please send a resume and reference(s) from previous assignment(s) to the pastor.



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2021 February 4, 11, 18,
25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
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For more information
call 630-577-0778 or to
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[www.wwme-
Chicagoland.org](http://www.wwme-Chicagoland.org)

