

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

APRIL 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

*Tuesday, and Wednesday- 8:30am - Main Church
NO Thursday Mass*

At St. Edmunds: Monday, Friday- 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

*Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm
Sunday Morning - 9:00 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)

PASTORAL TEAM

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

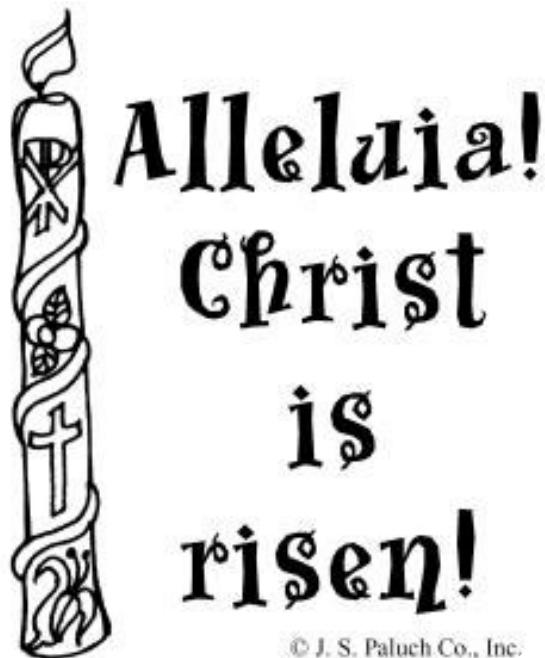
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From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Some 2000 years ago, Mary Magdalene exclaimed: "The Lord has been taken from the tomb! We don't know where they have put him." Precisely from that historic moment, Christians have lived lives of faith and hope. In fact, Mary's arrival at the tomb of Jesus is the first accounting of resurrection hope in our world. Today, we cry "Alleluia, he is risen," bridging the millennia with this self-same resurrection faith and hope.

In today's Gospel passage from St. John the Evangelist, again, we learn, that it is only with the eyes of faith that we can understand and experience something of the resurrection of Jesus. We are told that John "saw and believed."

Though our Lord's resurrection was God's merciful gift of love for all people of all times, on this joyful Easter Day, we awoke to a world where, for many, this is a gift far removed from their experiences. Who do I mean? Most obviously, there are those of us who are struggling in a variety of ways due to this pandemic that continues to grip our world. Some are grieving. Others have lost their jobs. Still others have been separated so long now from their loved ones, that the past year has led to a depth of sadness and depression. This day in the world, there are also men, women and children who are yet experiencing the ravages of war. There are people who suffer physical, social, spiritual, emotional, ethnic, racial and gender-related injustices. For them, and for so many others, these are very real obstacles or challenges to people's faithfulness and hopefulness. For them and for all who live without hope, the stone has yet to be rolled away.

Admittedly, I am new to your faith community, but those of you who make up this wonderful community of St. Catherine/St. Lucy, though perhaps not strangers to some of life's hardships, are also a people who awaken each morning to many of life's gifts. For most of us, resurrection faith is more easily come by than for so many others in our world. Of course, to whom much is given, much more is demanded. As we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus this Easter, let us remember that the resurrection of our Lord is a gift given to us all. Let us remember, too, that the degree to which we share this gift with those who feel the burden of the stone that has yet to be rolled away, is the degree to which the resurrection truly is ours.

May the peace of our Lord's resurrection be with you this Easter and always, and may we ever share this gift with those who suffer and find life burdensome, so that they too, with the eyes of faith, may see and believe.

Happy Easter.

— Fr. John McGivern

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 CONCERN 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

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.



The Rectory will be closed on Monday, April 5, due to the Easter Holiday

It will re-open on Tuesday, April 6

We Remember You

*We remember you, O risen Lord,
firstborn of the dead.
Your resurrection destroys the power of death
and changes tears of agony into cries of joy.
Blessed are you!*

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 163

EASTER ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please consider making a donation to help support our always beautiful Easter altar flower display in honor of a loved one. Special envelopes are available in today's bulletin or at the doors of the church. Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.

How Much for the Easter Offering?

Sometimes people will ask, 'What is a good Easter Offering when I go to church at Easter?

'What do people give?' A fairly good guidepost from the past, similar to Christmas offering, is an offering equivalent to what you might put in the collection over the period of a month. So for example, if you usually offer ten dollars each week at Mass, a nice Easter offering is forty dollars.

500 Club Certificates

Our weekly drawings for the 2020-2021 season of the 500 Club through October 17th. Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in each weekly drawing. The prize each week is \$25 except for the three weekends when the prize is \$500. We have now sold 422 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

New Weekday & Weekend MASS Schedule at St. Catherine—St. Lucy

Please be aware that the weekday Mass schedule has changed to:

« # **Tuesday and Wednesday** - 8:30 AM, here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy.

« # **Monday and Fridays**- 8:30 AM will be celebrated at St. Edmund's Parish, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL. You are encouraged to attend these.

« # There will be **NO** 8:30 AM Mass on Thursday and Saturday at either location.

« # **Weekend Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM, both masses at SCSL.**

Weekday Mass intentions will be consolidated between the two Masses at SCSL. If you have any questions, please call Amanda, at the Rectory 708-386-8077.



*I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works
of the LORD.*

— Psalm 118:17



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. April 6
8:30 Health

† Bern Wheel
By: Fundraising Committee
† Frank Muriello
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. April 7
8:30

† Trayvon Martin
By: Donna Kanapes
† Rosemary Hoelting
By: Era Yee

Sat. April 10
5:00

† Rosemary Hoelting
By: Era Yee
† Marlene Polsek
By: Evie Stockinger
† Luke Podraza
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sun. April 11
9:00
9:00

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
† Robert Vernon
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
† Angelique Eugena
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:
13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
- Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter;
Julian Calendar Good Friday
- Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter



Today's Readings

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or

Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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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 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



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

1st & 2nd Readings for the upcoming Sunday are offered to help all of us.



APRIL 11, 2021 — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume One was his Gospel; Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Today and for the remaining Sundays of the Easter Season, our second reading will be taken from the first letter of John. It was written about 100 A.D., and is one of the last New Testament books to be composed. This letter was written in the tradition of the apostle John and thus bears his name. Today's passage from near the end of this brief letter treats the fundamentals of Christian life: faith, love, and the commandments.

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: apomaredascslsoffice@comcast.net

April 4, 2021

Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Gigi Bridges, Gianna Calderon, Jeanette Cannon, Betty Graf, Dave Grayson, Kathy Feulner, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez Elias Rojas, Vince Saunders, Chuck Scott, Katie Shoenvin, Tom Sterr, Sister 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.



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.

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School Scoop

...#Grades 5 & 8 – are coming back on April 12; Grades 1 & 4 – April 19; Grade 3 – April 26; Grade 2 – May 3. Detailed emails will be sent out to families in each grade about the return.

...#Easter Break began on Friday, April 2 and continues through the following week. Students return to school on **Monday, April 12**. There are **travel restrictions** and quarantine guidelines in place; please stay informed: <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html>

...#If you have not yet **registered for next school year**, you will be getting a call soon from Mrs. Cooper. Let her know of any problems you may be having or anything we can do for you.

...#Construction has officially started on **Maguire Hall!** Expected completion date is June 1.

...#St. Catherine-St. Lucy will offer a **summer program** this year, beginning on **Monday, June 14**. The program will be a combination of games, crafts, and academics. Details on times and registration will be out in a separate mailing.

*We wish our parish family a
Blessed Easter.*

From all the School Faculty

Easter Welcome to All

Happy Easter! Alleluia! To all who are celebrating Easter this weekend at St. Catherine-St. Lucy, may you all know the joy of the presence of the Risen Christ in your hearts. For all who may be returning to our parish or are visiting this weekend, we warmly welcome you. Welcome home also, to all our college students; make sure you go back to school with full Easter Baskets!

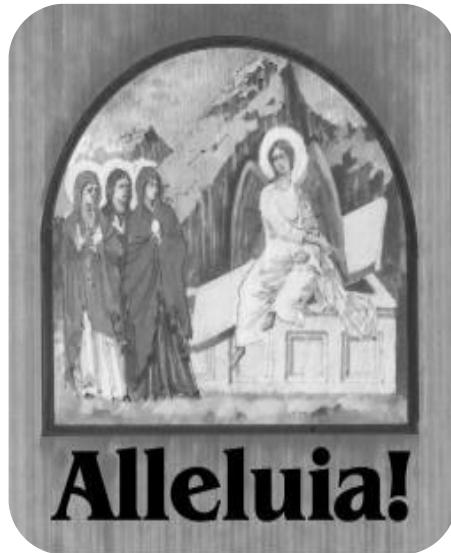
The Parish is Open for Masses

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



"How Come We Didn't See Anyone Baptized or Received into the Church At the Easter Vigil?"

This is a question which may be on your mind and, like most questions, it is a good one. It is because it means that our Faith Community is aware of what we do as a sacramental people. But also we are seeing the results of all the restrictions we have had because of COVID 19.

It's also a great question because it helps make us conscious of another aspect of our role as the People of God: to share the Good News of Jesus. Let's look at both "goods." Sometimes folks come to us to find out what to do to "become" Catholic, sometimes they don't. This is one of those years in which folks didn't! The working of the Holy Spirit "blows where it will" in God's good time. But we (and here is the second "good") as a Faith Community are privileged to be able to "assist" the Holy Spirit. When we invite folks to meet us for our weekend Liturgies, when we talk to them about their experience afterward, when we invite them to join us at parish events or when we encourage conversations about "inquiring" about the Church, we are doing our part in assisting the Holy Spirit.

Easter Time

Easter is a good time to recommit ourselves to a simpler lifestyle – concentrating more of our efforts on what God wants from us and less of our efforts on what we want for ourselves. Jesus sacrificed everything for us. What can we sacrifice, not just at Lent, but every day, so that we can better serve Our Lord?

Rejoice and Be Glad

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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Food for Thought

The Mind of Christ

*This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad. (Psalm 118:24)*

*Paul grew gradually into understanding
and integrating what Jesus' resurrection
meant to him, to Jesus' friends, and for mankind.
Midst glowing candles, ringing bells, and Alleluias,
the readings say there's more for us to comprehend;
Saints say it's a lifetime for Christ's resurrection to unbind.*

*Paul says baptism conveys an irrevocable writ
of freedom and vision, with no expiration date.
It is a seedling growing into life's beautiful chord.
Paul invites us to a whole new way of thinking and acting;
Our way of perceiving life colors all we do.
Paul calls this putting on the mind of the Risen Lord.*

*Jesus' gospel called people to a faith-based life:
The reign of God is near. Putting on the mind of Christ
is a further step: open oneself to a gentle prod
from the unique vantage point of the Risen Lord,
the Historical Jesus who is now at the right hand of God.
Transformed, he knows himself as the Risen Son of God.*

*"They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day and God
granted that he be visible ...to us,
the witnesses chosen by God."* (Acts 10:39-41)

4/4/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Colossians 3:



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Easter 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Once again this year we celebrate Easter in the midst of a pandemic, in a time of social unrest, and in a period of natural disasters that seem to be consequences of climate change. So, our mood may be somber or even sad. Still, there are reasons for hope and optimism. The vaccines are addressing the pandemic. Our commitment to justice for all people can reshape our life together. And each of us can do our part in making a difference to forestall climate change. But there are even stronger foundations of hope for us as people of faith and followers of Jesus.

In the Resurrection of Jesus, we begin to share in the victory of life over death, grace over sin, and hope over despair. In faith, we know the direction of our future. Although we cannot and ought not to deny our struggles, we move forward through them with a resilient confidence rooted in the power of the Risen Lord Jesus.

At the Easter Vigil during the lighting of the Paschal candle from the new fire, I pray in your name: "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." And I will continue to raise that prayer to God for all of us in this holy season. Join me in that same prayer and lift up your petition with a confident and trusting heart.

May God bless, keep, and protect you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

Exploring the Diaconate — Spring 2021

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue. Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. They take place on **Thursday Evenings:** April 8, 15, 22, 29 7:30-8:30PM via Zoom RSVP REQUIRED. Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM 847- 837-4563 or conuoha@usml.edu

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, bpuhala@usml.edu or 847.837.4564 or visit us at www.usml.edu.

Application Deadline for the 2021–2022 Aspirancy Path is June 1, 2021.