



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**APRIL 11, 2021**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. George Omwando, Pastor**  
**Rev. John McGivern, Administrator**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**  
**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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**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)**



*From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel passage recounts the story of Thomas, the one who doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead. I must admit that I would probably have come to the same conclusion as Thomas. I know that I would have likewise demanded to see Jesus before believing in his resurrection. It is the only reasonable thing to do.

Of course, to remain reasonable about the resurrection of our Lord is a contradiction in terms. The resurrection of Jesus is completely unreasonable. You and I have not seen Him. We aren't about to place our own fingers into the holes of his nail-driven hands. We have not had our Lord enter our houses or apartments through locked doors.

During Lent, many heard the story of the "woman at the well" who thirsted for the true living waters. Many also listened to the stories of the "man born blind," and the "raising of Lazarus." These stories, all from the Gospel of John, challenge our understanding of thirst and hunger, of seeing, and ultimately, of believing. They are stories which challenge us to understand truth in ways we are unaccustomed to and uncomfortable with understanding it. They are stories which challenge us to consider that spiritual truth will never be grasped by an empirical or pragmatic method of reasoning.

Last week, on Easter Sunday, we retold the story of the empty tomb and Mary's worry that the body of Jesus had been taken away. Today Thomas doubts in the resurrection of our Lord. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe," said Thomas. Thomas, like you and me, would love to know for sure. Jesus responded to Thomas (and likewise, to us): "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." In other words, Jesus asks that we abandon our reason. Yes, to have faith is to act irrationally. It is unreasonable.

To believe or to trust in a spiritual truth, is a movement of the heart. The woman at the well, the man born blind, the relatives of Lazarus, and Thomas who doubted, were all challenged to put aside their very rational fears and doubts. You and I, like the characters in the Gospel, are asked to do the same. When it comes to faith, we may continue to struggle casting aside all our rational doubts, but should we allow the stirrings within our hearts to be the true gauge for believing, we may be quite surprised at who or what we might see.

— *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. John McGivern

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.: Rev. John McGivern

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.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tue. April 13**

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza  
† **Michael Jennings**  
By: Necitas Pineda

**Wed. April 14**

8:30 † **Hank Aaron**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson  
† **Mike Brown**  
By: Donna Kanapes

**Sat. April 17**

5:00 † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza  
† **Virginia Benjamin**  
By: Donna Kanapes

**Sun. April 18**

9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
9:00 † **Charles P. Planek**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson  
† **Olga Vincent**  
By: The Vincent Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);  
Julian Calendar Easter  
Monday: Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins at  
sunset  
Tuesday: St. Martin I  
Thursday: Income Tax Day



## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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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](http://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 18, 2021 —  
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

Chapter three of the Acts of the Apostles describes how Peter and John healed a lame man who sat begging each day at the gate of the temple. The people were astonished at this miracle. Peter used the opportunity to give a sermon encouraging the people to believe in Jesus. We hear a portion of that sermon now.

**Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5**

Each Sunday during this Easter Season, we are reading from the first letter of John. It was written for the community from which the fourth Gospel emerged. At the time, this community was seriously divided. Some members believed that as long as you had faith in Jesus, it didn't matter what you did in daily life. Today's passage deals with that issue.

**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 John McGivern



 **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 Shovelin, 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.

**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: [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)

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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.

..#Students return to school on **Monday, April 12** from Easter break.

..#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.

**Pray For Our Deceased**

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*Annette Varga*  
May she rest in peace!



*Please pray for the eternal rest of Annette's soul who passed away last Thursday, March 25th. She was the mother of Andrew. Annette worked at the Rectory's front office for over 25 years and was also a faith-filled parishioner of SCSL for over 60 years. We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.*

**May the angels lead her into Paradise**

## 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 *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](mailto: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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## It's Easter!!

### We're On Our Own Road to Emmaus as a Faith Community—But What Does That Mean?

Our Faith Community is made up of 5 parts: identity, listening, affirmation and confrontation (in love!), mission, and celebration. You may want to add more, or even question these. But during this Eastertide (season) let's look at each part. This week we reflect upon IDENTITY.

We begin with a simple question: who are we as a people? What binds us together? Jesus helped people to find their identity in a community. We cannot find ourselves in isolation! Who do we tell others we are? Jesus said "Come and See." Service to and a deep involvement in each other's lives as a source of healing of brokenness ought to be part of who we are. We can do this by gathering the people, telling the story, breaking the bread. Sound familiar?

Yes, we strive to do this each week at our liturgies. The question for us now is: how sure are we of our identity?

## Virtual Crop Walk

CROP Walk: Hunger Walk West is again a virtual walk this year.

**The date is Sunday, May 2, 2021.**

As always, 25% of funds raised go to local food pantries in Austin, Oak Park, and Forest Park. There will be no donations solicited after Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you wish to donate do one of the following:

1. Send a check made out to CWS/ CROP to : Bill Cragg, 317 North Taylor Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302
2. Go to [crophungerwalk.org/oakparkil](http://crophungerwalk.org/oakparkil)
3. At this CROP Walk website
  - a. Go to donate
  - b. Find Team St. Catherine-St. Lucy
  - c. Click on this
  - d. Go to make a donation under St.Catherine-St. Lucy, follow prompts to donate using Credit Card

Thank you,

Bill Cragg,  
CROP Walk Team Leader

## Faith & Fellowship

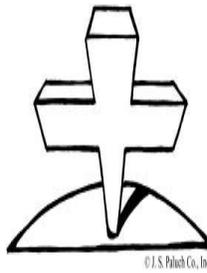
Zoom at Columbus Manor is imperfect (noisy room conditions, four Partners on one computer, and scheduling glitches) but when Artrelle (new Partner), Mahogany, Sam (who looks like a new person with his haircut and shave), and Bryan got together with the Catechists, the group shared memories of having a good friend. Reflections included childhood friends and family members. This led to an awareness that God is also a good friend, based on Jeremiah, "I will be their God, and they will be my people." Even via Zoom!



Food for Thought

*His Mercy Endures Forever* (Psalm 118:2)

*That moment at supper was Jesus' most painful,  
when he says that one of them will betray him.  
Physical torment would be less strainful,  
than his knowledge of Judas' action so grim.  
Realizing he'd sold out his Master,  
in the dark depths of despair he took his life.  
Jesus knew his redemptive death's disaster  
would claim a beloved disciple who in strife  
would still not escape God's infinite love and mercy.*



*The fate of Jesus was foretold in scripture,  
with poignancy and sorrow unthinkable.  
Jesus knew what horrors he was to endure,  
but for all mankind he was unsinkable.  
He knew he was laying down his life for friends,  
but also his enemies, and disciples  
who abandoned and denied him; all born-again  
when Jesus died for all the prototypals.  
And so we learn the real meaning of unconditional love.*

*Note: Each of us bears witness to Christ's resurrection,  
an event that transforms our lives, and gives us  
the power to transform our world.*

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Source: NCR, Pat Martin; Acts 4:32-33.

**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](mailto:conuoha@usml.edu)

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, [bpuhala@usml.edu](mailto:bpuhala@usml.edu) or 847.837.4564 or visit us at [www.usml.edu](http://www.usml.edu).

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

**The Foundations and Future of Ministry**

All Oak Park parishes are invited to join Father Bob Hutmacher, OFM and Vicky Tufano online or in-person at **Ascension parish** for three evening sessions on **Thursdays, April 22, 29, and May 6 at 7:30 pm** on serving God's people through ministry in the Church.

The sessions will cover our understanding of the Church where we minister, scriptural foundations for our conceptions of ministry today, ways to view ministry in our post-Covid future, and new ways of being the Church, as we begin a process of transformation through Renew My Church. How can we best revitalize ministry today for the Church of tomorrow?

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register, please send an email to [laffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:laffc@ascensionoakpark.com) and put "Ministry Series" in the subject line. In the body of the email, put whether you would prefer to attend online or in-person, or if you have no preference. If you don't indicate a preference, we assume you will attend online. Those attending online will receive an email before the first session with a link to the online livestream. In-person sessions will be held at Ascension Catholic Church, 808 South East Avenue, Oak Park at 7:30 pm.

For more information, go to <https://www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome>.

The first session will review scriptural foundations for service to God's people and will provide a broad understanding of ministry in the Church. The next two sessions will address the future of ministry and offer new, revitalized ways to view service in ministry.

Father Bob Hutmacher, OFM, a Franciscan Friar at St. Peter's in the Loop, has been part of the Ascension community since 2012. Vicky Tufano previously served as Pastoral Associate and Director of Liturgy at Ascension.