



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

**APRIL 18, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



PASTORAL TEAM

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

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Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
Mr. Ludwig Weiss, School Operations Director
Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager
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Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Monday through Friday

Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

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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)



FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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*You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.*

— Psalm 4:9

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 20

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

Wed. April 21

8:30 † **Michael McCaskey**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
† **Anthony Charles Clark**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sat. April 24

5:00 † **J.C. Fields**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sun. April 25

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
9:00 † **Eliza Mathews**
By: Tom and Carol Frank
† **Katie Walker**
By: Fannie Cooper

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26,
28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Wednesday: St. Anselm;
Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday: Earth Day
Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen



Today's Readings

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

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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 25 2021 —
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Early in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John healed a lame man who sat begging each day at the temple gate. This miracle led to their arrest, and they were brought before the Sanhedrin. In today's passage, we hear Peter speaking boldly about Jesus to these Jewish leaders. In these few sentences, Peter presents the very heart of the Christian message.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

During this Easter Season, we are reading from the first letter of John. Today's passage remind us about something both John and Paul emphasized: Jesus had made it possible for us to be God's sons and daughters, not just in some future life, but here and now.

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*

Nature's Lessons

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



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

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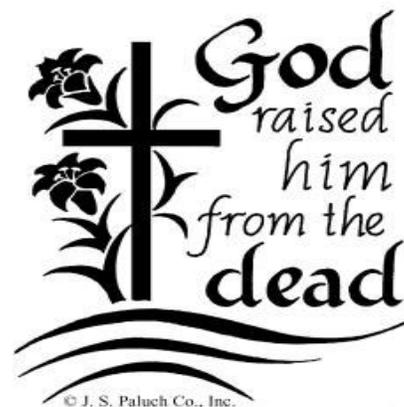


School Scoop

Contact SCSL School Admissions Office
Mon-Fri 8am - 4pm
708.386.5286 x 105
jcourier@catherinelucy.org

Please visit: <https://www.catherinelucy.org/>

For any additional questions or concerns you may have. We are here to assist you!



CRS Rice Bowl Update

If you have not returned the Rice Bowl you took at the beginning of Lent, you still have time to do it, just bring it to the Rectory, by calling 708-386-8077 to arrange a time to drop. E-mail Amanda at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net.

Thank you to all who participated in CRS Rice Bowl with us throughout Lent! Given the realities of COVID-19 and that communities are unable to physically collect CRS Rice Bowls, you can submit your CRS Rice Bowl gift online, by phone (1-877-435-7277) or mail:

Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl—P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

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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Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

Eva is doing all she can to raise her grandchild alone on a limited income. She called Catholic Charities when she couldn't afford to fix her plumbing. We made the home repair, and invited her to our caregiver support group. She was one of the 398,078 seniors we helped last year.

Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day to help seniors live in comfort. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

"People have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things." - Pope Francis



Martyrdome

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

—English proverb

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
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

Bill Cragg,
CROP Walk Team Leader



Faith & Fellowship Alleluia !

So what if we couldn't have our usual Palm Sunday & Good Friday services at Central Plaza? So what if the coming of April had not brought the annual question, When is the Big Shebang? So what if we couldn't sit together at the Agape table and stuff ourselves silly with Peeps? The Easter greetings to every single resident of Central Plaza and Columbus Manor from the students of St. Francis High School in Wheaton, and the delivery to our "regulars" of chocolate bunnies and hand-designed cards by CTU intern Erlison, made sure that "ALLELUIA" is still a vigorous, unshakable watchword for Faith and Fellowship!

Food for Thought

Reinterpretation—Task of Every Age

Luke's version of Jesus' appearance to his disciples differs from John's. Luke reports they thought he was a ghost; Their faith in hopefulness was fading. Luke writes Jesus transformed the disciples' frightened depression into one of hope. He opened their minds to grasp the Scriptures

not from their perspective, but rather his. The disciples began to reinterpret not only their faith, but their way of living.

Reinterpretation is the task of every age. While Scripture consistently offers transformation, each time and culture tend to make God in its image. We'd do better thinking of God from what Jesus says: We begin with an image of the Father, who longs to draw us and all humanity into the realm of his glorified pure love. God sends Jesus as Advocate to sinners; he takes the worst that could happen, and transforms it into an offering of salvation.

*O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into our hearts. (Psalm 4:7-8)*

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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 22, and 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.

**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 llaffc@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.