



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

MAY 2, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTORAL TEAM

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Rev. John McGivern, Administrator
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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

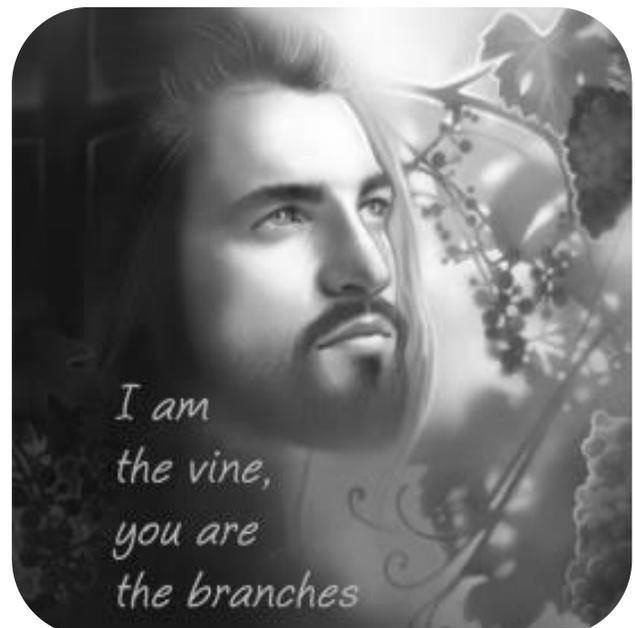
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Parishioners,

Throughout the Easter Season, the first reading at our masses is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles consists of the written history of the Church at its inception, immediately after the resurrection of our Lord. It is in the Acts of the Apostles that we are first introduced to Saul of Tarsus, whom we more familiarly known as St. Paul. He is considered the great apostle to the Gentiles.

Originally, Saul was a Jew and a persecutor of Christians until his encounter with the Lord Jesus. He was thrown to the ground, was blinded and, as the story goes, spoke directly to the Lord. “Jesus asked him: Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” (Interestingly, most people think that Saul was thrown from his horse, although there is no evidence of this.) In the passage from the Acts of the Apostles that we hear today, Saul’s conversion to the Faith had already happened. His former zeal to persecute Christians had been transformed into an even greater zeal to preach the Good News of Jesus to everyone he encountered. We seldom hear of such dramatic, 180-degree turns in people’s lives. When such a transformation takes place, we tend to sit up and take notice all the more. Though there are few stories that hold the drama and capture the attention as the story of St. Paul’s conversion, the stories do exist. For example, throughout the world there are men and women who have recently received the Easter Sacraments, making significant changes in what they believe, and subsequently, in their self-identities, as they relate to what they now believe.

As a priest, I am privileged to be welcomed into the lives of individuals at their most joyful and most sorrowful times, and at moments of upheaval and confusion. What I have learned is that these are usually grace-filled times. In fact, I think of them as threshold moments. They can feel larger than life, and in these big moments (whether they last a day, a week or several months) people often begin see their world with new eyes. These are times when people may question who they are and what they thought they knew or believed. These are also times when people’s self-identities and beliefs may be strengthened and re-affirmed, and only completely unreflective individuals remain relatively unchanged. These types of events happen every day to people all around us, and when they happen, they do not typically happen in a vacuum. When we least expect it, you and I will become witnesses to these events and will have the holy privilege to accompany these others at such pivotal moments of life, if only fleetingly. It is our sacred responsibility to be prepared to play our roles. Really, it only requires a measure of kindness, compassion and understanding—a bit of warmth when one is feeling so cold, alone, confused, frightened or uncertain. These are the more ordinary stories about people who may have their faith shaken, who may be encountering the Lord in a new way, and who may be at the onset of making some extraordinary changes in their lives. These, too, are the Acts of modern-day Apostles, if you will. They will not be chronicled in the Scriptures, but for those of us who have encountered such individuals, we have been humbled by their stories of faith and in them, have experienced our own renewed faith and hope.

Of course, on occasion, you and I are not the witnesses, but the Sauls whose lives have been upended, and likewise, we hope that there will be others to accompany us into our new way of being.

— *Rev. 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 Com. 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. May 4**8:30**† **Officer Brian Sicknick**

By: Donna Kanapes

† **Wilson Jerman**

By: Ellen Doyle

HEALTH

By: Kate Boulay

Wed. May 5**8:30**† **Eugene and Jeanette Kenny**

By: Maureen Shoevlin

† **Luke Podraza**

By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sat. May 8**5:00**† **Pat Hargadon**

By: Judy & Dennis DesLauriers

† **Tom Connery** (39th death Anniv)

By: The Koko Family

Sun. May 9**9:00****FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH****9:00**† **Eliza Mathews**

By: Cynthia Weaver

† **Harry and Gladys Michaels**

By: The Vincent Family



Today's Readings

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17
or Jn 17:11b-19

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday: Ss. Philip and James

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday: First Friday

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.



MAY 9, 2021 — 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26,
34-35, 44-48

Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. Then one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. The result, as we shall see is the first recorded conversion of Gentiles to Christianity.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

The tradition of the apostle John's teachings is expressed in what is called the first letter of John. There is a legend that John in his old age would simply repeat over and over to his people, "Love one another." Today's passage from that letter particularly illustrates this story.

Faith & Fellowship It Was the Day!

Hands sanitized, temperatures taken, Covid tests performed, vaccination records filed, masks on.....and away we go! For the first time in more than a year, several Faith and Fellowship Catechists were able to enter Central Plaza and visit the residents. The radiance on Spring's face when she saw us! The joy when Margie told us how much she loved every gift, letter, and snack she had received! Regina's eagerness asking when we'll be going to church again! Nathaniel looking spiffy in a suit! The warm welcome of the staff! And the socially distanced gathering in the lobby when we prayed Psalm 23, sang "This Is the Day," and proclaimed the Scripture: "We exult and we rejoice that God has saved us" (Isaiah 25:9).

Yep – that was the day, and we rejoiced to be back.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Gigi Bridges, Gianna Calderon, Jeanette Cannon, Betty Graf, Dave Grayson, 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 Shoevlin, 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

Calendar Dates May – June 2021

- May 21
8th Grade Honors Ceremony
1:00pm – Church
- May 28
8th Grade Luncheon
11:30am – Location TBD
- June 1
Completion date for Maguire Hall
- June 2
8th Grade-last day
- June 3
8th Grade Graduation
5:00pm – Church
- June 4
Kindergarten Achievement Ceremony
Last day for Preschool and Kindergarten
- June 8
Last Day of School
Honors Assembly – TBD
- June 14
Summer Program begins

SUMMER PROGRAM

Although June seems a long way off, we are already making plans for our summer program. Do not miss it!

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*
Administrator

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

Pray For Our Deceased



Kathleen Feulner
May she rest in peace!

Please pray for the eternal rest of Kathy's soul who died Friday, April 23rd. She was sister to Terry and Joyce. Kathy was a faith-filled parishioner. She was a member of the Fundraising Committee, sang with both our choirs for many years, and was a joyful and enthusiastic volunteer.

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

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

Pass the Link to your Friends!

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

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Holiest Flower

Mary is the lily in God's garden.

—St. Bridget of Sweden

Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

During this month of May...month of Mary, we continue to have the Friday night rosary.

Please join us for the Rosary from the comfort of your home.

Friday night Rosary @7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490

Passcode: 634955

Hopefully, we will see you there!

Kevin Morgan



Mind Your Mental Health May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. This health observance highlights the importance of mental health and wellness.

- **Get your body moving.** When you exercise, you release endorphins that trigger positive feelings and increase emotional well-being. It can be as simple as a short walk a few days a week.
- **Surround yourself with supportive people.** Your way of thinking is influenced by those around you. Find people who make you feel good about yourself.
- **Put your needs first.** Make sure to take care of yourself so that you can be there for others.
- **Cut out bad habits.** Look at your lifestyle. If you see habits that don't work well for you, come up with a plan to stop them. Consider whether short-term gratification is worth the long term consequences.

Visit www.MagellanHealthcare.com/About/MYMH

Food for Thought

The Vine and the Branches

*The Christians of Jerusalem did not show warmth to Paul,
Remembering the fearful treatment when he reigned as Saul.
But reliable Barnabas did him record
as a disciple who had seen the Risen Lord.*

*John's first letter tells us not just to love in word acclaim,
but in deed and truth, as Paul boldly spoke in Jesus name.
John clarifies what motivates our activity:
It's our belief and love, fueling connectivity.*

*The Gospel gives us Jesus' greatest "I am" pronouncement,
t'was his seventh and last self-describing announcement.
"I am the Vine, you are the Branches; this last crowns the rest.
The image explains we're intimate with Jesus—our quest.*

*By all this we are lured to explore our connection
with the God of Life, and bear fruit to show affection.
We are invited to be the Branches, God's flock who seek the light,
know from whence comes our life, and continuously grow in love.*

5/2/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; 1John 3:18; Acts 9:26-31; John 15:1-8



FEAST OF FAITH — The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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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 **Thursday, 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 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.