

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

**MAY 30, 2021
TRINITY SUNDAY**



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Rev. John McGivern, Administrator
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
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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

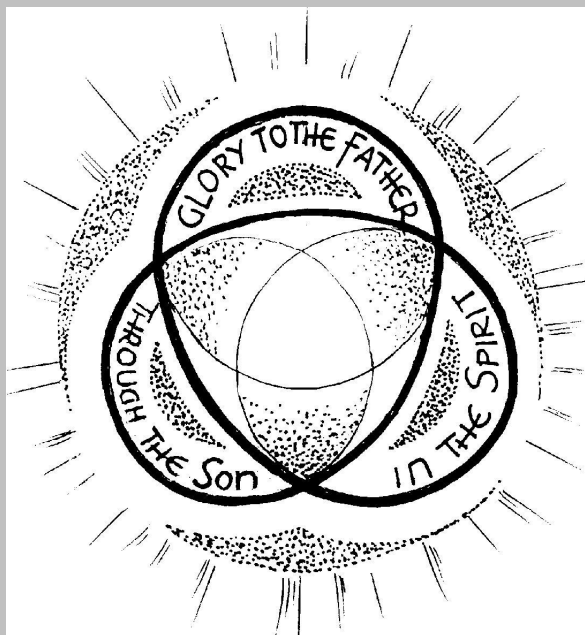
Sunday Morning - 9:00 am

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,

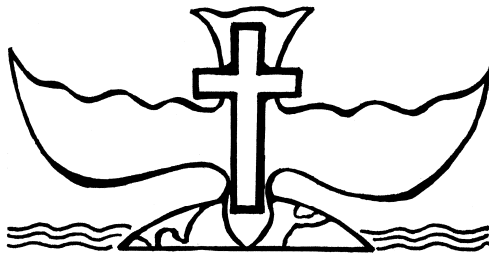
Today is Trinity Sunday. It is the first Sunday after Pentecost, and as such, it marks our return to the Sundays of Ordinary Time. Perhaps to some, it seems rather far from ordinary to be celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. For the Trinity is nothing less than Christianity's most sublime belief that God is absolutely one in nature and essence, and relatively three in persons.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity offers us an opportunity to consider our relationship with our Triune God. How is it that we understand God, not as the most beautiful, but as Beauty itself? How can we talk of God not as the most truthful, but as Truth itself? To ask such questions is to begin to understand that everything you and I strive to become is rooted in the very being of God. Ultimately, the best that we can ever do to try and fathom the nature of God, is to understand God as not merely a loving god or the most loving being, but to speak of God as the source and the ground of Love—even better, to understand God as Love itself. At the end of the day, even this falls short, for God is beyond every limit and boundary, and certainly beyond every human attempt to grasp the fullness of God.

Nonetheless, when we try to understand the truth and reality of God, we turn to our own personal experiences of love. In every personal experience of love that we have, what we always uncover is the realization that our love is not static. It is a living and dynamic reality. Love is not a thing so much as it is an activity of the truest and purest part of us. It is the greatest gift that we can give to another. Love is a self-emptying gift of ourselves to another or others, and in that self-emptying of ourselves, mysteriously, we become even more filled with the gift we have given away.

Our God who is Love, desires to share with us God's very self. In other words, the dynamic relationship of love that is Father, Son and Spirit is precisely the mystery we share whenever we love another. We, who have been created through, with and in this trinitarian relationship of love, through, with and in God, will never fully understand the unfathomable and inexhaustible mystery of God. Of course, in this world, ours is not to understand fully, ours is to believe and love in return.

— Fr. John McGivern



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**The Most Holy Trinity
May 30, 2021**

Go . . . and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

— Matthew 28:19

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.



500 Club Certificates

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR A \$500 DRAWING!!!

Our weekly drawings for the 2020-2021 season of the 500 Club continue through October 17th. The prize each week is \$25 except for the three weekends when the prize is \$500. **OUR THIRD DRAWING FOR \$500 WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 6TH.** ALL CERTIFICATES THAT HAVE BEEN PURCHASED THROUGH JUNE 4TH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAWING FOR THIS PRIZE. Certificates are \$25 each and are included in each weekly drawing for the remainder of the season.

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 this link to Give Central, <https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132>. 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!!

Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

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

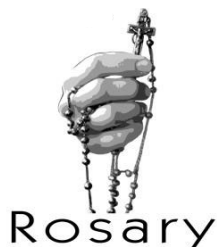
Time: This is a recurring meeting

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490

Passcode:

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*Kevin
Morgan*



Rosary

COWARDLY

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice.

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

These are our updated Mass schedules

- « # **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. entrance/exit on the northwest side off the parking lot area. 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.**

PLEASE NOTE: for the **TUESDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** weekday 8:30 morning Mass at **SCSL, ONLY** the Austin Blvd. door will be open for entrance and exit; worshippers sign in and sanitize hands just inside the Austin Blvd. door. Please sit in a pew #1, and leave your kneeler down following Mass, so it is obvious where to sanitize.

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

May 30, 2021

SHERYL BLACKWELL,

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The Rectory will be closed Monday May 31 for the Memorial Day Holiday



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. June 1

8:30

- † **Luke Podraza**
By Elaine & Jim Podraza
- † **Mychael Johnson**
By Donna Kanapes
- † **Annette Varga**
By Sam Newberry

Wed. June 2

8:30

- † **Cicely Tyson**
By Tom & Pat Nelson

Sat. June 5

11:00

**Funeral Mass for
Marion Houston**

5:00

- † **Joseph Hollins**
By Grace Bishop
- † **Gene Solome**
By Evie Stockinger
- † **Pat Hargadon**
By Cynthia Weaver &
Jim Bowers

Sun. June 6

9:00

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

- † **Lucille Short**
By Tom & Carol Frank
- † **Nellie Vincent**
By The Vincent Family
- † **Elizabeth Wrigley**
By Larry Russo

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;
Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;
Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8;
Mk 12:38-44
- Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;
Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

Gospel — Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

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Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity;
Julian Calendar Pentecost
- Monday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
Memorial Day;
Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Justin
- Wednesday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
- Thursday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: St. Boniface; First Saturday

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



JUNE 6, 2021 — Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Exodus 24:3-8

Today's passage from the book of Exodus describes the covenant between God and the Israelite people. A covenant is a solemn agreement made between two parties and was usually sealed in blood. In ancient times, blood was considered the source of life. To sprinkle two people with the same blood bonded them as closely as if they were blood relatives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15

On Yom Kippur, the high priest sacrificed a goat on the altar in the temple. Then he took some of the blood into the holiest place in the temple sanctuary where only he was allowed to go. There, he sprinkled that blood as a renewal of the covenant made at Mount Sinai, and prayed that God would forgive the sins they had committed during the previous year. This ritual is the backdrop for today's reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Gianna Calderon, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Betty Graf, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Elias Rojas, Chuck Scott, Katie Shoefflin, Tom Sterr, Howard Visteen, 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: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

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School Scoop

- ..# New information has come out regarding **mask-wearing**. We will continue to wear masks in the school, as directed by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Illinois School Board.
- ..# A reminder to 8th Grade parents – students are asked to come to school to take their **Constitution test on May 27**. This test is required for graduation by state law. Students *cannot* miss the date for this test.
- ..# Our Summer Reading books are in! Packages will be assembled; we'll be passing them out the first week in June. The Community Resource Board is offering a scholarship for the best bookreport in each grade, along with a small incentive for all students who do a book report .
- ..# Farmer Dan was building the pre-school garden. The dirt is on its way!

Calendar Dates June 2021

- 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

Information on the Summer Camp was sent home or emailed to families who completed our survey request. Once completed, return registration forms to Mrs. Cooper.

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: apomaredascsoffice@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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□ Liturgy and the Holy Trinity

The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. We believe that God is one, yet three: total unity and rich diversity. God is not a monolith, but a dynamic community of persons, a perfect, loving harmony of three. And the liturgy is the work of the Trinity. We begin all our liturgical celebrations with the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Trinitarian baptism, and the simplest of all professions of our faith. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather in the name of this triune God.

Throughout the Mass, we address our prayers to God the Father, through Christ our Lord, in the Spirit's power. And the Father hears our prayer, transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son by the Holy Spirit. The Church is "the sacrament of trinitarian communion" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16). It is the Trinity who holds us together as well. In the words of

Faith & Fellowship

Seeking the Lost – Part I

When Faith & Fellowship Partners relocate, we try to keep in contact with them. Bryan recently moved from Columbus Manor to a group home on the far north side, and through regular calls on his cell phone the friendship has continued. After his phone stopped functioning, we discovered him on a medical unit at a suburban hospital where electronic interference prevented our calls from going through. A flurry of greeting cards ensued, and one of our Catechists who knows the chaplain at that hospital arranged for Bryan to be visited.

Occasionally Partners are transferred to a skilled care facility; sometimes we are informed about their whereabouts but not always. John had been moved a number of times and we had lost his thread until coincidentally we encountered his brother – formerly living at Central Plaza but now at Columbus Manor – who was able to help us find John.

Next week we'll tell you some stories that don't have such happy endings.



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

Food for Thought

We Are Consecrated

*In his writings, Paul recounts his many sufferings,
 undergone while spreading the Gospel:
 beaten, flogged, imprisoned, stoned, shipwrecked, and gone hungry:
 his greatest worry were the churches.
 As he continued his mission of fidelity
 to the truth, he knew he'd done his best.
 But human effort, even from the apostle Paul,
 would not prove sufficient to sustain
 the mystery of the Church.*

*Only the Holy Spirit, within the Trinity,
 can shape the culture and inspire
 all civilization to proclaim Christian Ideals.*

*We're consecrated in the Gospel
 with Jesus' critical message to the disciples
 to embrace the mission he hands them.
 His commission is to make disciples, baptize and teach.
 That's a call to us to holiness
 and power to do as asked.*

*Consecrated in truth, reading the scriptures and praying,
 the Holy Spirit as the Word
 makes a home in our hearts.*

*"Behold I am with you always,
 Until the end of the Age. (Matt 28:20)*

Sources: NCR, P. Marrin ; We Celebrate, p 150.



The women of Chicago's west side and the near-west suburbs are invited to gather this summer to reconnect.

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the meetings, and we'll use as a catalyst the title of book, HEALING THE DIVIDE: Poems of Kindness & Connection. We need to heal, rekindle kindness, and connect.

Shelby will supply the poem(s) for each session and not all will be drawn from that book. **No need to prepare in advance.** If you'd like to bring a poem, prayer or reflection, you are most welcome.

We'll meet in person *outside* on the covered porch of Shelby's River Forest condominium. The building has elevator access. 9 women can participate in each session (plus Shelby). Only fully vaccinated women are invited. Please e-mail a copy of your vaccination card or bring it with you. We'll be seated 6 feet apart. BYO beverages. Face masks are required to enter the building & unit but are optional once outside on the porch.

Because attendance is so limited, you must e-mail or call Shelby to **request** any individual session(s) or the entire series. Shelby will follow-up by e-mail or phone to notify who is registered to attend which sessions. Every effort will be made to include everyone interested in at least 1 session, if not more.

We'll focus on different subjects each week. To accommodate a variety of schedules, we'll offer **duplicate** sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please request whichever time suits you and your life. No need to request the same time for each session.

..# **Monday, June 7: "Shoulders" by Naomi Shihab Nye**

..# **Monday, June 21: "Change Sings" by Amanda Gorman**

..# **Monday, July 26: "Small Kindnesses" by Danusha Lameris**

..# **Monday, Aug. 9: "Summer Kitchen" by Donald Hall & "To Be of Use" by Marge Piercy**

When Shelby confirms your registration, she will provide you the address, parking instructions, and electronic building access information.

Please join us! Questions or requests to participate, please ...e-mail shelbyboblick@outlook.com or call Shelby Boblick @ 630-240-2765.

