



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**JUNE 13, 2021**

## **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### **PASTORAL TEAM**

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

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
**Mr. Ludwig Weiss, School Operations Director**  
**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

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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)



## Parish Renew My Church Groupings Begins to Meet

Dear St. Catherine / St. Lucy Parishioners,

The heart of our Renew My Church effort is the parish grouping process—the goal of which is to ensure that all parishes across the archdiocese have the vision, leadership, resources, and operational foundation necessary to create an effective culture of evangelization that makes disciples, builds communities, and inspires witness.

Changing church attendance patterns over many decades has left many parishes heavily burdened by operational and financial concerns that limit their ability to have expansive ministry programs around evangelization and discipleship formation. A decreasing number of priests available to serve at parishes creates a need to rethink our leadership model to include a stronger lay leadership core team with proper governance structures for accountability. There is a need to ensure that we have a common understanding of proven evangelization programs and processes that are rooted in Catholic teaching.

All 344 parishes in the diocese have been joined into 98 groupings. Within these groupings, parishes will determine opportunities for collaboration and unity following a structured process for discernment, transition, and building a future together.

Many of today's challenges require looking and working beyond our individual parish. The only way to make sustainable change in our communities is to work together in new and bold ways. Groupings are called to greater collaboration to take on these challenges with bold vision.

Our grouping consists of the 4 Oak Park parishes. Grouping parishes together allows for local-level ownership and planning to take place and ensures that local feedback is present within the process of renewal. Grouping allows for assessment of new parish models. Additionally, parish groupings help strengthen relationships between parishes,

provide a better evaluation of the current realities within their community, make for a clearer discernment of what configuration would be best for their community, and more effectively identify what they each have to share and what the spiritual renewal in their community will look like.

A set of parishes is considered a good grouping if they: are reasonably close geographically, serve the same broader community (e.g. the parishes serve the same public-school district), have obvious commonalities and affinities (e.g. parishioners occasionally attend mass at more than one parish in the grouping).

Here at St. Catherine / St. Lucy Parish, after much consultation and consideration with the Parish Pastoral Council and input from Fr. George Omwando, the 5 members of our parish grouping are: Grace Bishop, Miles Jackson, Virginia Jones, Carolyn Kiolbasa, and Kevin Morgan. All 5 of the individuals have demonstrated leadership and wisdom in a variety of ways in the parish and also the local community.

The first meeting took place on Tuesday, June 8th. There will be several gatherings throughout the course of the next several months. Our goal is to create a few scenarios for what the new Catholic footprint will be in the Oak Park area. Once submitted, Cardinal Cupich will make the final determination as to what changes will actually be made.

I will continue to update you with information when it is made available. Please pray for the success of these proceedings and that they will indeed serve to make a more vibrant, healthy and sustainable Catholic community for everyone who currently worships at the 4 Oak Park parishes.

—Fr. John McGivern  
Administrator

### 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. June 15**  
8:30 † **Vera Berger**  
By: Donna Kanapes  
† **Homer Lindsay**  
By: Era Yee

**Wed. June 16**  
8:30 † **Paul Grimes**  
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers

**Sat. June 19**  
5:00 † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza  
† **Naomi Jackson Petty**  
By: Grace Bishop  
† **RUTH CONNERY** BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
By: The Koko Family

**Sun. June 20**  
9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
† **Lucille Short-Sheridan**  
By: Donna Kanapes  
† **Eddy Jean**  
By: The Vincent Family

## God's Time

We either pay attention to or ignore “clock time” as we play in the summer sun and note the earth’s tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like supertime and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of “saving time,” that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday’s readings alert us to the reality and the import of God’s time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the “harvest” time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

**Gospel** — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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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*

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

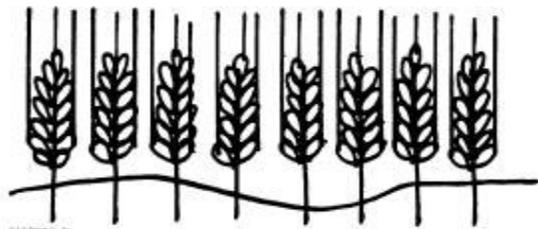
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;  
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41



## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Flag Day

Saturday: St. Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary

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



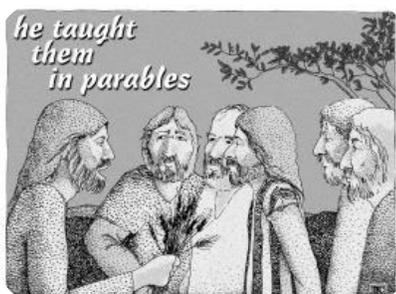
**JUNE 20, 2021 — TWELVE SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11**

The book of Job is a long parable which grapples with the questions of why bad things happen to good people. In today's passage, God responds to Job and in effect says, "I created and sustain the whole universe, including the mighty oceans. So answers to questions like why people suffer are beyond your limited knowledge."

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17**

Some members of the Corinthian community found it hard to accept Paul's teachings. They challenged his credentials as an apostle because he was not an eyewitness to the earthly life of Jesus. In this passage, Paul defends his ministry as an apostle.



**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, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Betty Graf, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Chuck Scott, Katie Shoevlin, Howard Visteen, and Sister Teresita Weind.

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

**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](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net)

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**School Scoop**

...# **We made it!** This was a difficult school year, to say the least. But we did it; our teachers worked together and found a way. Congratulations to Arnette, Gina, and Marie for the beautiful ceremonies they put together. And thank you to everyone who watched our graduates.

...# **Summer Camp** begins on Monday, June 21 and runs through Friday, July 30. We will be using Rooms 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, and 18. There will always be a staff member in the room; students will not be unsupervised. These rooms will be cleaned after camp has ended.

...# The School Office will be open in the summer from 9am-1pm,



**Faith & Fellowship**

**Nathaniel Garrett – RIP**

We grieve and mourn the sudden and unexpected death of our long-time Partner in the Thursday Afternoon Faith and Fellowship group. We will miss his presence at all of our get-togethers, but we cherish our memories of Nate.....

...jigsaw puzzle expert...flag bearer at parish AAH celebration...always carried his F/F schedule in his wallet...such a sweet soul...followed the news attentively, and always included current events in his prayers...dishwasher at parish potluck...avid fan of Chicago sports teams...artist and designer of posters...colorfully characteristic of the spirit of F/F...a great person and a wonderful part of our F/F family...passionate for justice (George Floyd's death: "That's unacceptable!") ...burger flipper at cookouts...and nobody sang "Amen" like Nate!

Shalom, dear friend.

## 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.
- ...#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.



## Congratulations Graduating Class of 2021

Congratulations to our class of 2021! They officially graduated in a beautiful ceremony last Friday, June 4th. We will miss their smiles, their enthusiasm, their joy. Although they are no longer our students, they will always have a special place in our hearts.

*Damarion Brockman  
Jameia Campbell  
Louie Galmore  
Kaniyah Gordon  
DeAsia Johnson  
Samaya Martin  
Kylie Nelson-Gray*

*Adonia Owens  
Lonya Pointer  
Jaylen Rempson  
Ethen Stampley  
Za' Noviah Tenard  
Laila Walker*

## 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 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.

**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.

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us*

*to hear you clearly  
to listen to each other attentively  
to imagine our future boldly  
to discern your direction wisely  
to persevere in your holy will courageously  
to stay together in charity  
to surrender our own plans readily  
to embrace the greater good  
to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

*May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen*

**A Prayer For  
"Renew My Church"**

## Food for Thought

*Who's in Charge?*

*The words of Jesus about giving  
to Caesar and to God what is theirs,  
to this day, complicates our living,  
with arguments that get us nowhere.*

*Endless debates about church and state;  
The difficulties that we all face,  
keeping spiritually focused weight  
in a world of narcissistic pace.*

*There's also effort to politicize  
certain aspects of the church we love.  
As with Caesar, no image can symbolize  
the majesty of our Creator above.*

*This dilemma can benefit our daily lives:  
The interlocking of secular and diverse  
systems, causes opportunities to rise,  
as they hold together the world of commerce.*

*Our challenge in this church and state contention  
is to remember with whom we choose to ride,  
and to whom we owe unqualified attention;  
The coin we flip has God on either side.*

*As with a seed, the shape of God's Kingdom,  
incredibly, can meet even more wonderful needs;  
It must have our nurturing love for growth to come.  
Carrying the gospel in our hearts and on our lips,  
means we're no longer dormant seeds.*

6/13/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, P. Marrin; We Celebrate, p.18;  
GIA Quarterly, p.17; Matt 22:22.

**Heartfelt**

*I would rather say five words devoutly with my  
heart than five thousand which my soul does not  
relish with affection and understanding.*

—St. Edmund the Martyr



*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 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](mailto:shelbyboblick@outlook.com) or call Shelby Boblick @ 630-240-2765.