



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JULY 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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:

This weekend, proud Americans celebrate our independence. After a more subdued year due to the pandemic, fireworks will again emblazon the sky in many places, (though not yet in Oak Park), and local communities will listen to the heart-swelling sounds of patriotic music that praises American independence. Friends and families will gather again to barbeque, to raise a glass, and to revel in our unique brand of freedom.

The dictionary on my office shelf defines the word “independence” as being “free from the influence, control, or determination of another or others.” On this 245th anniversary of the birth of our democracy and as people in this country confronts the sad and frightening reality of continual gun violence and mass murder, perhaps there is value in considering anew what it means to live in an independent, democratic society. The following are simply my thoughts and I do not purport to have the answers, as the problem of gun violence in America is so complicated. While I do understand that the right to bear arms is constitutional, can anyone really argue that what is happening in our cities and streets is in any way a fundamentally American right?

Actually, the ideals upon which America is founded are similar to those which sustain our own Christian faith. To celebrate our nation’s independence, and thus, every citizen’s inherent sharing in the fundamental right to be free, is to understand, as our Christian faith demands, that independence is something to be cherished only as it fosters human dignity and potential, and the building up of the community. Jesus was a pacifist. Oh, we are aware that he expressed emotion, even anger, but he never responded to evil or hostility in like fashion. He confronted evil with love, truth, and the possibility of a new way. Jesus is our model when it comes to fostering human dignity and potential. He was welcoming to all, but never coerced anyone to follow him. It was always an invitation.

We need not look past the previous weekend to be reminded that Chicago and its surrounding areas is plagued by ongoing shootings and murders. Of course, were we to look into the past just a bit further, we would bring to mind the recent mass shooting in Boulder, Colorado and in El Paso, Texas. Remember too, Orlando, FL, Blacksburg, VA, Parkland, FL, Newtown, CT, Killeen and Ft. Hood TX, San Ysidro and San Bernardino, CA, Edmund, OK, Aurora and Columbine, CO. The sad truth is that the list of such barbarous activity in the United States could fill this entire bulletin. These acts of unimaginable terror are savage attempts to rob us of our freedom in the most extreme way.

Gun violence isolates individuals one from another. We do not feel safe in our streets and even in our homes. We have begun to think that nowhere are we truly safe. How, then, are we free, and what, this weekend, do we really celebrate? I am aware that I may be verging on hyperbole, but I do so only to make us think. Yes, we have much to be grateful for in this country, but until we can address and heal this grave sin of American society, we will never fully experience the freedom that, supposedly, sets this country apart.

So, this weekend, as we celebrate our nation’s independence, let us also recognize the work that is yet to be accomplished so that all Americans may really and truly experience the freedom that is our birthright, not simply as Americans, but as children of God.

-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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Beginning with Saturday, July 10th, St. Catherine of Siena—St. Lucy Parish will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly before the Saturday evening mass.

Reconciliation will go from 4:00 PM -4:30 PM in the church



500 Club Certificates

The 500 Club keeps on rolling...

It would be fantastic to sell ALL 500 of our certificates again this year, especially since we've had to cancel almost all of our usual fundraisers for the last 15 months! Certificates can be purchased at any time and are \$25 each. Once purchased, they are part of every weekly drawing through October 17th, 2021. The prize each of the remaining weeks is \$25.

IF we sell all of our remaining certificates, one more weekend will have a \$500 prize! We hope to do that, just as we did last year!!! We currently have 65 certificates left.

Certificates may be for you, but they also make great gifts. We have had two \$500 winners and several \$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 use GiveCentral at www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132 or you can call Elaine Podraza at 708-524-1461 for a form. The 500 Club is a fun and pandemic-safe 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 for your continued participation and generosity in our fundraising efforts.**

~The Fundraising Committee



Special Independence Day Liturgy Monday July 5th at St. Edmund's

St. Catherine/St. Lucy and St. Edmund parishioners now worship together for their weekday morning masses. **On the official Independence Day holiday of Monday, July 5th, there will be a special mass at 9am at St. Edmund's.** Consider starting this special day with prayer and thanksgiving to God for the blessing of freedom that this country affords us. Please note that the start time is 9am and not the usual 8:30am. Thank you.

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

July 4, 2021

PHIL AND KATE KROKER,

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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.

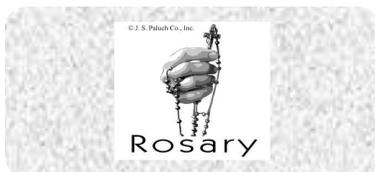
Friday night Rosary @7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

This is a recurring meeting

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490

Passcode: 634955

Kevin Morgan



Weekly Offering



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SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.

PLEASE
Check the guidelines for Phase V implementation for our Parish on page 6 of this bulletin

SAVE THE DATE!!! Sunday, July 25, 2021

Father George will complete his sabbatical and return to the Chicago area about the middle of July.

On Sunday, July 25, 2021 he will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Catherine-St. Lucy at 9 am. This will be followed by a reception for him in McGuire hall. Watch your email and the bulletin for more details.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. July 6

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
† **Charles & LaVera Priestley**
By: Jenn Courier

Wed. July 7

8:30 † **Betty Seifert**
By: Donna Kanapes
† **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sat. July 10

5:00 † **Pat Hargadon**
By: Mary Sim
† **Diana Rigg**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
† **Ruth Connery (38TH DEATH ANNIV.)**
By: The Koko Family

Sun. July 11

9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Jim McGuinness**
By: Joyce McGuinness
† **Tanger Zahra**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

SCSL and St. Edmund's Worship Together for Weekday Mass

St. Edmund and St. Catherine/St. Lucy parishioners now worship together for their weekday morning masses. At 8:30am on Monday and Friday, mass takes place at St. Edmund Parish church, located at the corner of Oak Park and Pleasant Avenues. On Tuesday and Wednesday, mass is offered at here at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish church, also at 8:30am.

« # 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:

TUESDAY and **WEDNESDAY** weekday 8:30 morning Mass at SCSL, **ONLY** the Austin Blvd. door will be open for entrance and exit.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti
Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalms — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6a).

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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.



JULY 11, 2021—

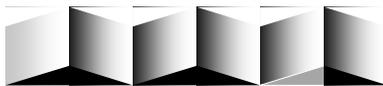
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amos preached about 759 years before Christ and was the first prophet whose words were put into writing. At that time, the Jewish people were split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. God sent Amos from the southern kingdom of Judah to preach to the people of the north. So he faithfully went there, to a place know as the shrine of Bethel. As soo often happens to prophets, the priest was not pleased that he came.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Today and for the next few weeks, we will reading from the letter to the Ephesians. Ephesus, a major seaport on the western coast of what is today Turkey, was a center for early Christians. Today’s passage is the beginning of the letter and is a prayer praising God for the good things God has done for us.



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, Patty Goeb, Betty Graf, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Alonso Mejia, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Chuck Scott, Katie Shoevlin, Donna Sobotka, 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 parish office during office hours. Thanks

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: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

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School Scoop

The School Office is open in the summer from 9am-1pm, Mondays through Thursdays. Parents may come in to register or pay fees.

Summer Camp News - Wonderful to know that Summer Camp Love is doing great seeing so many Wildcats back in the building! It lasts until July 30th.

Faith & Fellowship Snacks, Waves, & Pizza

For health reasons, Jeff has had to move from Columbus Manor to a nearby skilled care facility. He didn't have Internet access, which prevented him from participating in the Zoom meetings, but the Catechists kept him in the loop. Besides letters and phone calls, we made sure that he received the regular Zoom prayer sheets and Agape snacks. We became recognized by facility receptionists who smiled when they saw us coming – and often said, “Oh, yes, Jeff just came down to see if you had been here.” Once in awhile Jeff himself would happen to be in the lobby and we enjoyed socially-distanced smiles and waves. One Catechist even ordered pizza to be delivered for Jeff at the facility. Our new motto: *Where there’s a will, there’s a way!*

The Shape of Things

We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

—St. Francis de Sales

Re-opening the Parish

- ..# **Registration is no longer required.**
- ..# **There are no capacity restrictions.**
- ..# **There is no longer any need to do screening for COVID.**
- ..# **Masks will be strongly encouraged for individuals to continue to wear.**
 - ☒ We will have masks and hand sanitizer bottles available at the church entrances.
 - ☒ We will have signs that will state something like “For the safety of everyone, masks are strongly encouraged to be worn while inside church”.
 - ☒ Greeters will NOT sanitize hands upon entering church and before Communion, but we will have containers for self-sanitizing at the Communion station, as well as at church entrances.
 - ☒ In time, there will be changes to the pew arrangements, continuing to offer and encourage a small amount of social distancing.
- **Pews might be re-numbered 1 – 2, or every other pew might be roped off.**
- ..# **Sanitizing church after every function is no longer necessary.**
- ..# **Austin Blvd. and Washington Blvd. entrances may be used for entering and exiting.**
- ..# **At this time, the receptacle for the collection of donations will remain at the front of the pews.**
- ..# **Congregational singing may return though this will inevitably conflict with mask wearing. (We will use hymnals again, and Worship Aids will no longer be printed)**
- ..# **For the time being, we will continue to have the gifts of bread and wine already at the altar and not brought forward by others in the assembly.**
- **For Communion, 2 lines may process forward. There will continue to be no distribution of the consecrated wine.**



SCaN PROGRAM SERVICE COORDINATION AND NAVIGATION



SCaN serves youth ages 14-24 in Austin who have a history of interactions with the justice system or have been directly involved in or impacted by violence.

Youth work with a Navigator to identify and accomplish individualized goals and connect to the services that can support these goals.

SCaN increases a youth's stability in their current environment, helps them improve their self-efficacy, and assists in their transition to adulthood.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

One required from each column

CRITERIA #1

Active Street Engagement*
Historical Justice Involvement
* A family of activity also qualifies

CRITERIA #2

Previous Victimization
Disconnected from School or Work
Violent Online Behavior

Contact (312) 863-0855 or scangroup@catholiccharities.net

Catholic Charities does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, familial status, or age.

Food for Thought

A Prophet's Life

*“Power is made perfect in weakness...
When I am weak, then I am strong.”*

(2 Cor. 12:7-10)

*At Baptism, a child is anointed
to be Christ-like, as priest, prophet and king,
which is an awful lot to expect
from nine-pound bundles of humanity.
What's it mean for them to be Catholic?
Numbers show collections lost their ping
in our support prioritizing.
Survival's springboard is our vanity.*

*Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus all
say a prophet's life is not secure.*

*Ezekiel reports the spirit
entered him, meaning that's all he could conceive.*

*The three endured silencing efforts,
as people tried to make them obscure.*

*All three encountered this; even God
gives only what folks are open to receive.*

*The prophets reminded the people
of God's hope for them in his domain.*

*Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus called all
to faith in God and self, with piety
and the great power of love.*

*Jesus preached audacious faith: the reign
of God is at hand; we're invited
to co-create a just, loving society.*

*The ultimate joy of life is to live
in union with God and one another.*

7/4/21. TGL

Source: NCR, M. McGlone

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

..# **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.

Feast of Faith Little Mysteries

Two small rites—or, as one liturgist has called them, “little mysteries”—accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter-of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his hands!

But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ's divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action.

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Waiting

Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep the sinner waiting one instant.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

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