



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JULY 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH 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

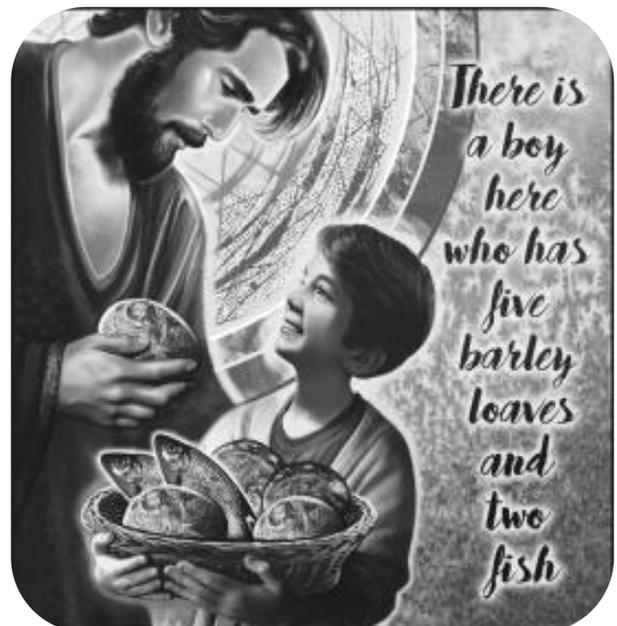
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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)



From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel reading from the evangelist John begins the great narrative from which the Church has developed much of its eucharistic theology. The multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle story which appears in all four of the Gospels. This fact alone underscores the importance that the Gospel writers placed on this event in the life of our Lord. In the Johannine account we heard today, however, the initiative to feed the people comes from Jesus himself.

As one strips away the specifics of place and time, we are left with this: Jesus sees the hunger of the people; he responds to their need and, putting himself at the service of the people, he distributes the bread which nourishes them.

The Gospel of John is working on two levels as it relays this story. First, it is a miraculous event by which our Lord is able to feed his followers. It is a messianic story in that God has once again provided abundantly for God's people. Just as God had showered the Israelites with manna from heaven, and just as God had miraculously fed the throng of people who listened to the prophet Elisha, (today's first reading), God continues to provide abundantly through the ministry of Jesus.

On a second and deeper level, the bread is symbolic of Jesus himself (and of his paschal mystery). The Christian community believes that Jesus is the one who fulfills the will of the Father by responding in love to the hunger of his Father's people. Understanding that human hunger is only fully sated through loving union with God, Jesus chooses to offer his very person to be broken (on the cross), poured out and distributed that all people may once again share in the unifying feast of God's love.

In the following four weeks, we will continue to read from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel reading is a prologue, of sorts, to the narrative on the bread of life which will now follow.

The time has now come that we bid farewell to Fr. George Omwando. For more than 9 years, Fr. George has been your spiritual leader and guide. He has presided over most of the parish liturgies and all of the parish baptisms, weddings and funerals. He has immersed himself into your lives, and done so with faithfulness, love and total commitment.

I hope that Fr. George know that he shall always be welcome here at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish. In fact, he is welcome to come and stay in the parish rectory whenever he likes—perhaps on his day off or whenever he needs to get away.

Fr. George, your spirit and your kindness is embedded into the life of this community. We are forever grateful. Know that our doors and our arms are always open to you. Thank you, and may our Lord bless you.

Fr. 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.

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 60 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.**

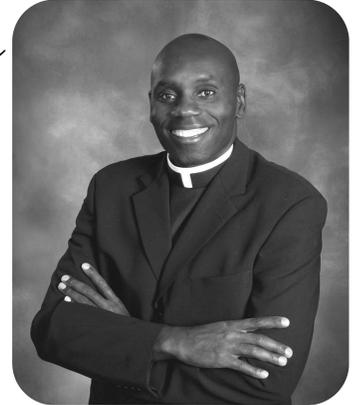
~The Fundraising Committee



T O D A Y—9:00 AM

MASS OF THANKSGIVING & RECEPTION for Fr. George O. Omwando

Please join us as Father George celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception in Maguire Hall to wish him well as he moves to his new assignment at Our Lady of Grace/St. Sylvester Parish.



Come and say good-bye to Fr. George who for more than nine years has been our faithful Pastor and has guided us through our journey of faith. Let him feel your gratefulness and appreciation for everything he has done. To reassure him that he will be missed and that he will always be a part of our hearts and our community.

God bless Fr. George with wings of hope and success.

—Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager

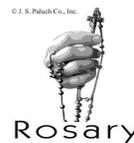
Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

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



Save-the-Date

Mondays, July 26 & Aug. 9
Women's Group - OS

Sat. & Sun. August 7-8
Summer Mission

Wednesday, August 18
*Parish School and Day
Care Start*

Friday, August 2
Night at the Races - OS

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. July 27**8:30**

- † **Rev. Paul McCardle**
By: Tom Cademartric
- † **Albert Brion**
By: Dorothy Brion
- † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Wed. July 28**8:30**

- † **Armand Andry**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sat. July 31**5:00**

- † **Courtney Williams**
By: Evie Stockinger
- † **John Cox**
By: Tom Nelson
- † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sun. August 1**9:00**

- FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
- † **Paul Grimes**
By: Mary Sim
- † **Pat Hargadon**
By: Donna Kanapes

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;
Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;
Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**Saints and Special Observances**

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- Monday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
- Thursday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
- Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus
- Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

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

Today's Readings

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

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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.

**AUGUST 1, 2021—
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelite’s escape from Egypt and their journey to Mount Sinai some 1200 years before Christ. The bread described in today’s reading is called *manna*, a word derived from the ancient Hebrew words for “what is this?”

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

In our series of readings from the letter to the Ephesians, we have come to a part of the letter which gives advice for daily living. Today’s reading describes the effect of baptism. In the water of baptism, we symbolically die to one way of living and rise to a new way of life.



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.

Fr. John McGivern, Administrator



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Juan Bravo, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Patty Goeb, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Walter Lamacki, Alonso Mejia, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Chuck Scott, Katie Shoefflin, Donna Sobotka, and Howard Visteen.

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

2021-2022 Mass Books 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 books are open for personal intentions for the remainder of this year and for the 2022 year.

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.

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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708-386-5286



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.

We will be open for our First Day of School and Day Care on Wednesday, August 18.

Religious Education

Classes Start on September 12, 2021 at St. Edmunds!

It is time, then, also to reinstate your children’s Religious Education. To that end, Fr. John McGivern is inviting you to become a part of the Religious Education program and community at St. Edmund Parish. As you know, he’s not just the administrator of St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish; he’s also the pastor of St. Edmund Parish. **RE classes for Pre-School through Eighth Grade are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-10:45am.** After class, you would be welcome to worship at 11 AM at St. Edmund’s, or you could also plan to worship as a family at the Saturday 5pm mass at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish church. Should you choose to enroll your children in this religious education program.

Please be assured that your already being parishioners at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish would be fully respected. As the local Church has now entered the Renew My Church process, this outreach is simply to be welcoming, inclusive, and to find ways to become unified as a local Catholic community.

There are a two ways to contact Mrs. **Janet Bennick**, St. Edmund’s Coordinator of Religious Education. E-mail: jbennickstedmund@gmail.com Or by phone at: 708-848-7220.

Faith & Fellowship

Gearing Up – Needing Help

Faith and Fellowship is called to follow the example of Jesus by bringing an awareness of God’s presence and care to people who experience mental illness, and to provide for them a welcoming sense of belonging through the formation of communities of faith.

Two of our groups need help –

Wednesday evenings, 7:00—9:30 pm. NEED 1 driver and 1 catechist

Thursday afternoons, 1:00—3:30 pm. NEED 1 driver and 1 catechist

Details:

faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276



One Lord, One Faith

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today’s first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God’s power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today’s passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

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A Night at the Races

IT’S BACK!! & it’s FUN!!

St. Catherine/St. Lucy Night at the Races
Hawthorne Park Race Course fun DINNER and HARNESS RACING package

Friday, August 20 ~ 6pm – 11pm

Beautiful First Turn Tent with Screens, Tellers, Cash Bar, Buffet Delicious Dinner ~ Comradery ~ Exciting Harness Racing Live & On-Screen ~ \$2 free Chips ~ Free Program

\$35 Tickets for Adults 19 Years old and Up ~ \$20 Tickets for ages 6-19, children under 5 Free.

Tickets will be on sale just two week-ends following Masses - July 31/August 1 and August 7/8

Also available in rectory through Friday, August 13

Mark your calendars! Tell your friends!

Get your tickets starting next week-end!

Masks required upon admission and during event while moving about facility. Frequent handwashing & social distancing are all guidelines required for *guests*.

Our Group will **have reserved First Turn**
Tent



The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.
— Psalm 145:15

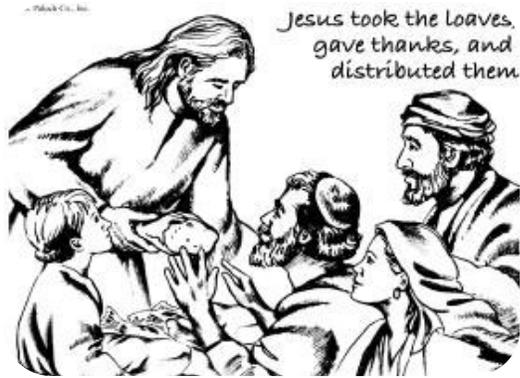


Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions 4:00—4:30 PM Church

Every Saturday from 4:00—4:30 PM
St. Catherine of Siena —St. Lucy Parish is again offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly before the Saturday evening mass.





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.
 - Ë We will have masks and hand sanitizer bottles available at the church entrances.
 - Ë We will have signs that will state something like "For the safety of everyone, masks are strongly encouraged to be worn while inside church".
 - Ë 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.
 - Ë In time, there will be changes to the pew arrangements, continuing to offer and encourage a small amount of social distancing.
- Pews 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 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.

A Farewell to Summer

In William Shakespeare's gloriously beautiful sonnets, he humanizes winter and summer. Summer acts warm and welcoming; Winter's behavior is cold and harsh. When Fr. George Oruko Omwando initially joined our faith community, he came with summer his companion. As he leaves us, the sun's incandescent, reassuring rays holding his hand, our enclave will be enveloped in the chill and darkness of winter's clouds.

In stock market terms, such a move is termed bearish: A pastor transferred with surprise from his parish, with loss by the faithful of eternal summer. Not sure of Swahili, but here we say "bummer." Our favorite reign has adjourned.

It's nine years ago that our Fr. George started. With engaging smile, and profoundly good-hearted, George the First became our pastoral royalty, showing us love and unshakable loyalty, which his community returned.

Thoughts of our man can be framed by a triangle; Obvious talents leave no room for wrangle. Character, leadership, spirituality, Spanish emersion expands bilinguality. In priestly life, nothing's unearned.

Fair, kind and true would the great Bard describe him; Sensitive, humble, informed, we'd ascribe him. A smile to captivate, brightening the room, he'd learned how to excise the darkness and gloom, an energy level well-turned.

A comfortable leader, he wants the right option. (could we keep him on if we signed for adoption?) He honors leadership from the Archdiocese; Much that we see there is hypochondriasis. In that office, it comes well-learned.

He's dependably strong, like a tall mighty oak; But soft with our children as laughter he'll stoke. His kindness With Fr. John Carolyn showed enough love to create a spiritual ode. That candle unendingly burned.

Our Father's deep faith calls us each to be witness; For pastoral challenge, he just was all fitness, as he would square up to handle his crucible, and show shining faith that was never reducible. "God will show me the way."

In today's second reading, St. Paul says to Christians in Ephesus: "I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all the humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing on one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." Our priest, our pastor, our friend, lives in a manner worthy of his call.

Finally, who can top Shakespeare, where he writes: "For summer and his pleasures wait on thee, and thou away, the very birds are mute, or if they sing, 'tis with so dull a cheer, that leaves look pale, dreading the winter's near."

7/25/21. TGL

Sources: Shakespeare Sonnets CV, LVI & XCVII; Ephesians 4:1-6