

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

AUGUST 8, 2021
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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)

PASTORAL TEAM

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

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Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager
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Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
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Narcissism or Nourishment: You Be the Judge

Dear Parishioners,

From time to time, I'll write to you about how my heart and my mind attempts to understand truth and reality, which, of course, is always beyond my/our actual abilities. Sometimes, it can become an exercise in futility; but other times, it can help me to dive deeper into the mystery of God. I invite you to join me in taking this dive today. Let's see where it may lead and what we may discover...

Jesus tells us plainly in today's Gospel passage that:
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Imagine the people within your immediate circle hearing *you* make such a claim. They would think you were making (a bad) joke, had fallen and hit your head, or they would consider such self-aggrandizement as indication of your narcissism.

We can imagine, then, the rejection that Jesus experienced not only from many people at large, but from the people who knew him the best, and presumably, the people he loved throughout his life.

How doubly heartbreaking it must have felt for him: first, on a human level, how could the people who knew him best not realize and accept the full truth of who he is? Secondly, in his self-awareness as God's Son, how heartbreaking it must have been for Jesus to realize that they are not simply turning away from him, but also choosing to deny the God who is in their midst.

A brief definition of narcissism is: It is a disorder in which a person has an inflated sense of self-importance. It is more commonly found in men and symptoms include an excessive need for admiration, disregard for other's feelings, an inability to handle any criticism, and a sense of entitlement.

There may be one or more individuals whom we have encountered for whom this definition is revelatory, but as we look at the life of Jesus, we quickly learn that apart from his qualification as a man, the definition simply does not fit.

As the perfect manifestation of God in humanity, Jesus, by his very nature, has not inflated his value, but he has emptied himself of divine countenance in order to be like us in every way (but sin). Jesus never discarded another person's feelings, but embraced them. Jesus provided comfort and afforded self-worth to the sick, the lonely,

the sinner and the outcast.

Jesus does challenge us in many ways. Yes, his very nature challenges us to think beyond finite human categories—one of them being that, as much as he is like us and has embraced humanity, there is something undoubtedly more about him—something deeper, more pure, kinder, more forgiving, more loving about him. In fact, we may begin to think that he is really and truly the perfect human being. Perfection, of course, is being used not to describe physical attributes, but an overflowing abundance of all that is good and right.

In describing Jesus as the perfect human being, which, of course, he was, we are very near to the complete truth. Most precisely, only the perfect human being could be the incarnate manifestation of God. Conversely, only God could become the perfect manifestation of humanity.

The people wonder how Jesus can become food for them, but many of them have already seen his mighty deeds. In this very same chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus has been seen walking on water and feeding thousands with five loaves and two fish. Clearly, he can do all things. If he can feed multitudes of people with so little, is it really a stretch to understand that it isn't actually the bread and the fish that were the nourishment, but it was Jesus himself?

Finally, and before we too harshly remand people who struggle to accept the fullness of Jesus' identity, let us realize that often, we, too, show an amazing lack of faith.

Rather than cast aspersions at the doubts of others, let us simply attempt to deepen our faith in the one who is our ultimate nourishment and allow our example to be the witness that welcomes others among us.

It is up to us to help them understand that belief in Jesus and the Eucharist is anything but a fairy tale. Why: because Jesus is God, because God is good, and because God is love. Nourishment indeed.

500 Club Certificates

The 500 Club keeps on rolling...

The current season of the 500 Club continues until October 17th, 2021. 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 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. Information about the 2021-2022 season will be coming soon!

Thank you for your continued participation and generosity in our fundraising efforts.

~The Fundraising Committee



Peace and Justice News

Food First Sunday will resume next month, the weekend of September 4-5.

"U-Can" collection of household items for young adults aging out of foster care and moving into independent living – upcoming!

Social Justice Morning of Reflection — Saturday, August 21 for parishioners of Oak Park parishes to discuss what we are doing and how we might work together. More details next week!



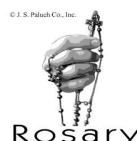
Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

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
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Passcode: 634955

Kevin Morgan



A Clear Conscience

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

—French proverb

T O D A Y

A Second Collection will take place for the:

Mission Cooperation Plan

This weekend we hold the summer Missionary Cooperation Plan collection, a chance to offer prayer and financial support to missionaries who minister all over the globe. This summer, due to the pandemic, we cannot have an in-person visitor, so our mission appeal is virtual. [Look in the bulletin, on our website or social media for more information about the missionary groups who will benefit from this collection.] If you are able, please place a donation to support the 104 participating mission causes in the collection basket (with checks made payable to the parish), or you can make a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/give.

Save-the-Date

**Monday Aug. 9
Women's Group - OS**

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

**Friday, August 20
Night at the Races - OS
Hawthorne Park Race Course**

**Sunday, September 26
Walkathon and Picnic
OS—Taylor Park**

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. August 10

8:30 †

David Butler

By: Grace Bishop

Bernie Kouri

By: Evie Stockinger

Marlies Brion

By: Dorothy Brion

Wed. August 11

8:30 †

Christopher Plummer

By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Luke Podraza

By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sat. August 14

5:00

Marie Koko (BIRTHDAY)

By: The Koko Family

Sun. August 15

9:00

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**Annette Varga**

By: Gene and Louise Newberry

Eliza Mathews

By: Donna Kanapes

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6;
Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,
9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Tuesday: St. Lawrence
- Wednesday: St. Clare
- Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
- Friday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
- Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

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.

Today's Readings

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

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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 15, 2021— THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



First Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Here, the author personifies Wisdom as a woman. She offers guidance on how to live a life pleasing God. This is symbolized as a banquet at which she serves fine food.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Today's passage from the letter to the Ephesians continues reflections on how to live as a Christian in everyday life. In the world in which the author lived, two things particularly kept people from living a dignified life: ignorance and addiction to alcohol. The first-century author sets forth high expectations for Christians.

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

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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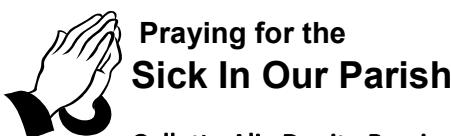


Classes Start on September 12, 2021 at St. Edmunds!

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 11AM 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 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.



Colletta Ali, Danita Bowie,
Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry
Evans, Juan Fernandez, Kelly
Harrington, Bill Holmes, William
Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna
Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler,
Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall,
Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Chuck
Scott, 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

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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.

New Uniforms Simplifying things, we are introducing a new school uniform! During the transition, students may continue to wear the uniform from the previous years. See the Family Handbook for more details on the uniform code.

First Tuition Payment Due 8/16
Re-Registration
PowerSchool and FACTS

Just a reminder, your first tuition payment is due by August 16th .

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

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

It is a new start!

Our Communion Ministers are ready to go into personal visits again after COVID restrictions have lifted.

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.

2021-2022 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.

Faith & Fellowship Gearing Up – Still 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 pm – 9:30 pm – need 1 driver and 1 catechist

Thursday afternoons, 1:00 pm – 3:30 – need 1 driver and 1 catechist

Questions and details:

faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276



Civil Discourse

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation?

The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!

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St. Catherine/St. Lucy *Night at the Races*

Hawthorne Park Race Course

3501 S. Laramie Avenue, Stickney, IL

BUFFET DINNER and HARNESS RACING Package

Friday, August 20 – 6pm – 11pm

Tickets: \$35 - Adults 19 and over; \$20 - Ages 6 – 18;
Children 5 and under – Free

Cash or Checks only, payable to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish

Buffet Service 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Reserved First Turn Tent with Screens, Tellers,
Cash Bar & Buffet Dinner
Free – Parking, \$2 Wagering Chips & Program

Tickets on Sale in Rectory through August 13 and
Following Masses August 7/8 ~ August 14/15

Questions: Scarlett Evans-Perez 773-790-6309 or Pat Nelson 708-218-8600

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



PHOTOS Fr. George's Farewell

Pictures of the July 25 Mass of Thanksgiving and reception have been uploaded to the parish website To enjoy them, simply go (<http://stcatherinestlucy.org>) Under the Special Events tab, you will find a tab for Community pictures. Select the one called **Fr. George's Farewell**.

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.



Pray For Our Deceased



Walter Lamacki
May he rest in peace!

Please pray for the eternal rest of Walter's soul who passed away last Tuesday, July 27th. He was the father of Kimberly McGuire who is a faith-filled parishioner and active member of SCSL. We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

May the angels lead him into Paradise

Pray For Our Deceased



Katie Shoevlin
May she rest in peace!

Please pray for the eternal rest of Katie's soul who passed away last Saturday, July 31st. She was the sister Maureen who is a faith-filled parishioner and active member of SCSL. Katie, along with her family always put her heart and soul creating and constructing glorious Christmas displays on the stage for our Bazaars

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

May the angels lead her into Paradise

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade, Co-Chairs

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Secretary: Andrea Legatzky

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Praise Choir: Julius White

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Food for Thought

Allowing Space for God

"Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ." (Ephesians 5:1)

In John's gospel comes the message straight from Jesus, that he was the bread come down from heaven. The people would not believe that someone well-known like Jesus would be sent to them by God. He called on people's memory that he was sent as a sign of God's love and providence. Jesus tells doubters that perceiving God's actions does demand openness and discernment. Should they live as God's children?

Those who rejected Jesus murmured, complaining and avoiding responsibility. They did not accept the challenge of believing that the God who sustained their ancestors was now, by sending Jesus, reaching out to them. Paul, as God's chief salesman and strategist, grasped the moment. Reaching out to them: "You could become imitators of God in his kindness and his love."

Both John and Paul remind us that the God of Jews, God of Israel, never stops calling to reveal himself to us. Jesus invites us to be so nourished by his message and his life, that we do what Paul said, and we become imitators of Christ, and give ourselves to God. Murmuring is easier than behaving. But the Living God will answer prayers in life-giving mind- and soul- transforming ways.

When we allow space for the possibility of a different perspective from ours, God can teach us something new.

8/8/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; *gia* Quarterly, p45; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51.

Weddings: Please contact Fr. John McGivern to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months in advance for preparation.

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 Parish Office during the week