

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John McGivern, Administrator

Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal

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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)



Dear Parishioners,

I watched quite a bit of the Olympic Games this summer, observing how perfectly fit young people effortlessly leapt through the air and gracefully swam through the water. I sat and watched in amazement. These are the world's best athletes at the peak of their physical abilities. They are young, strong, energetic, carefree and still at an age when they feel they can accomplish almost anything. In fact, Olympic athletes *have* accomplished most everything about which they have dreamed. All of this and many of them still not even twenty-one years of age.

So many of us love to watch the Olympic Games, I think, because these athletes symbolize the power and beauty of youth. Most of us look fondly on our earlier years. Life was uncomplicated. We ran for the sheer joy of running. We enjoyed life in a free and easy way. It is a wonderful time of life—the time when we begin to set our sights on even greater heights and plan for adult successes. After all, it is what our parents have prepared us for—to be healthy, happy and productive members of society.

As I sit in my office chair, and remember the days when I was a competitive swimmer who dreamt of being an Olympian, the here and now comes back to me all too quickly as the pain in my back intermittently shoots down my right leg. I am grateful, too for the reading glasses I'm wearing which brings this computer screen into clearer focus. You get the picture.

When we are young, we accumulate knowledge, strength, friendships, appetites, abilities... In our adulthood, we accumulate more knowledge, perhaps along with some measure of prestige, responsibility, real estate, cars, and we may also accumulate things, lots of things.

As the sand slowly passes through the hourglass of our lives, we begin to realize that nearly everything is transient. We let go of our youth, our perfect health, our hair, and many of our loved ones begin to be called home to God. We become more acutely aware that just as we come into this world with nothing, so shall we leave this world in exactly the same way.

This, I think, is part of the process of attaining wisdom and spiritual maturity. By accepting the reality that just as life freely and easily flows, there is a time when life as we knew it also begins to ebb, we may be able to experience peace and serenity with what is. We learn that our real needs are few, but for companionship and love. At the end of our lives, none of it will matter except for the faith that we have lived and the love that we have shared.

For those of you who are young, enjoy this wonderful time of life. For those of us who are at a more nostalgic age, let us not merely lament what once was, but amid our sore backs and weakening eyesight, embrace who we are today, for the inevitable loss that comes our way will only ever weaken our bodies and minds. Perhaps this is the process by which our souls evolve and our spirits learn to leave go of their external shells, all in preparation for the fullness of life with our God of Love, which, finally we understand, is all we ever really and truly desired or needed.

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. John McGivern 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...

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 55 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



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 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

Tootsie Rolls

After days of thinking things through, and in light of recent increases in COVID rates and Oak Park's masking mandates, we have decided to cancel this year's Tootsie Roll project. An additional (though peripheral) factor is the new traffic patterns at our intersection of Madison and Ridgeland. We are right now working on a "Plan B" which will hopefully be announced next week.

(And by the way – an “Ice Cream Social” verbatim follow-up letter from one of our Partners: *“I enjoy seeing you at the ice cream social I ate a lot of vanilla ice cream with sprinkles on it and it made me happy...thank you for thinking of me and caring about my well-being. Sincerely, Sam.”*)



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!

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.

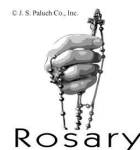
Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

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



The Way

*It's hard to train a child in a way
the parents don't go themselves.*

—Anonymous

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. August 24

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Wed. August 25

8:30 † **Paul Grimes**
By: The Berggren Family
† **Nelly Baker**
By: Era Yee

Sat. August 28

5:00 † **Mary Ann Matysik**
By: Evie Stockinger
† **Christopher Protz**
By: Christine & Edward Wedekind
† **Mercedes Cook**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sun. August 29

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
Officer Eric Talley
By: Donna Kanapes
† **Kathy Feulner**
By: SCSL Fundraising Committee



Master,
to whom
shall
we go?

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Rose of Lima
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Friday: St. Monica
Saturday: St. Augustine

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 — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

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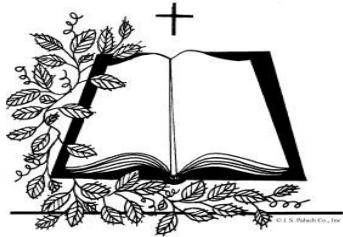
We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts -- whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check 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 29, 2021—
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy farewell speech of Moses as the people prepared to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Today and for the next four Sundays, we will read passages from the letter of James. Two points will be helpful background to today's passage. First: In the Jewish law, the first fruits of the harvest are given to God. This expresses the truth that the whole harvest ultimately belongs to God. In the Old Testament, widows and orphans were classic examples of poor and defenseless people.



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

**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.



**Praying for the
Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Danita Bowie, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Anita Evenson, Juan Fernandez, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, AnDonna Sobotka, Joann Taylor, and Howard Vistein.

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

**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.



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School Scoop

Lives are changed each and every day at St. Catherine - St. Lucy School!

Personalized Learning School

- ..# Teacher recognition as leaders in personalized learning
- ..# We meet individual learners where they are and help them map their own journey to success

Student Honors

- ..# Honor Roll- A and B Honor Roll recognition program
- ..# National Junior Honor Society opportunities

Extra-curricular activities

- ..# Flag football- went to the championship
- ..# Boys' Basketball – 4th place in the league; won the Walther championship
- ..# Girls' Basketball – largest team size in three years
- ..# Girls' Volleyball – two teams this year
- ..# Choir – asked to perform at Rush -Oak Park and Big Shoulders downtown event
- ..# Chess Club
- ..# Dominican University Philosophy Class
- ..# Test-Taking Prep Class for junior high



A conference to be offered via Zoom....

We live in a time when polarization pits people against one another in very destructive ways. The 2020 US elections and the subsequent violence in the US Capitol were not the beginning, nor are they the end. Yet there are people on all sides of issues and ideologies that yearn to be able to sit around the Thanksgiving table without rancor. People who have come to realize that camps of "us versus them" mean we all lose. Perhaps people much like you.

The Congregation of St Joseph (CSJ) - and our partners - want to be part of a solution. Together we are convening a slate of nationally recognized speakers who are visionaries in their approach to understanding and bridging aspects of our fractured culture. In addition to speakers, there will be workshops that share practices for holding the tension of these times in healthy ways.

Mark your calendars to take part in this exciting work, but don't stop there. We are made for community, so share this conference announcement with others being sure to include those good-hearted friends and family who may not see things as you do, but are willing to explore.

Here is a link for information and registration: <https://one.bidpal.net/bridgingdivides/welcome>
Seats are limited, and the cost is on a sliding scale



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24-25, 2021**



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**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

**Caldwell Woods
6350 W. Devon Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60646**

Prizes for the winning wiffleball team and best decorated stroller (in person and at home)

For details and registration, please see our website at:
www.GoTWC.org

Feast of Faith Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" Eucharistic Prayer III).

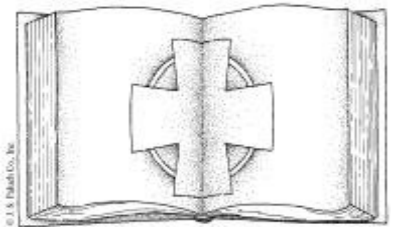
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Decisions

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

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THE WORDS OF
ETERNAL
LIFE



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:

apomaredascscsloffice@comcast.net

Archdiocese of Chicago



SAMUEL GROUP

DISCERNMENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Do you ever wonder how to make a good decision according to God's will? Join us for a discernment group specifically geared toward young adults (ages 19–35). Here you will discuss all kinds of discernment—if you are called to consecrated life, married life or single life, to a certain career or city, and more. The goal of this group is to help you, and in some cases your significant other, know yourself, Jesus and your role within the Church. These discernment groups will take place monthly over the course of seven months.

At each session, you will listen to talks, have time for small group sharing, and have the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director while doing this course.

St. John Paul II Newman Center (UIC)

Fr. Tom Byrne 2021: Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14 2022: Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 Meetings: 3 – 7 p.m., Mass: 7 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Parish (Wellington Ave)

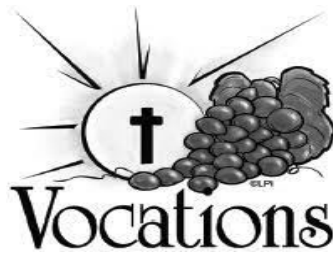
Fr. Tim Monahan 2021: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 7 2022: Jan. 16, Feb. 27, Mar. 20, Apr. 24 Meetings: 1 – 5 p.m., Mass: 5 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per person - Register at: bit.ly/3xUOA5A

Blessed

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous



Vocations

Food for Thought

Forgiving the Trespassers

*"Forgiveness is the fragrance," said Mark Twain,
"the violet sheds on the heel that crushed it."*

*When we cut through a restrictive chain,
scented air flows to that relationship.*

But what does this forgiving really mean?

Some say it helps us to move forward;

It could lead to beginning a beguine,

or at least keep from being consumed.

It can work in reverse, so saith Shakespeare:

"Nothing emboldens sin like mercy does."

Oscar Wilde blows in from another sphere:

"Forgive enemies—nothing annoys them as much."

Forgiveness doesn't make the past go Poof!

Nor dismiss the harm done by or to us.

But the forgiven will smile like Tartuffe,

You'll find you free yourself, and soar with angel's wings.

"The role of love," states Maya Angelou,

"is that you can't forgive without loving."

Without forgiveness, love will not accrue;

and without love, there is no forgiveness.

Forgiveness needs a life-long effort driven,

In trying to live in the world with grace.

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven,

while dwelling on it separates close friends.

*If you forgive those guilty of transgression,
your Heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

*The world's most powerful expression
of forgiveness happened on a wooden Cross:*

*"Father, forgive them,
for they know not what they do."*

8/22/21. TGL

Sources: NY Times, J. Boylan; L. Smedes; B. McGill;
Proverbs 17:9; Matt 6:14; Luke 23:34

*As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.*

—Joshua 24:15b

