

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

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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,

Many, many years ago when I was a newly ordained priest and serving as the associate pastor of St. Clement Parish in Lincoln Park, I had an experience that was life-shaping and so important for my continued growth as a priest and a human being.

St. Clement's is a beautiful church and it has a large parish population. Much like Old St. Patrick's Parish, St. Clement's has a huge young adult population. For the most part, the young adults are college graduates in the early stages of their careers. As you can imagine, we were overrun with weddings. It was not unusual to have 3 and sometimes, even 4 weddings on a weekend.

On this one Saturday afternoon, it was roughly 25 minutes before I was to preside at a wedding. It was an especially fancy wedding, and I recall that the father of the bride was a CEO from one of Chicago's most successful and well-known corporations.

In the back of church, quietly praying was a man named Harold. Harold attended daily mass at St. Clement's. He also served as a lector. Harold was always disheveled as he owned only the clothing on his back and he did not have a home. On this occasion, my pastor, Fr. Joe O'Brien, (who, by the way, was born here in Oak Park,) happened to be walking through the church. Fr. Joe was stopped by the father of the bride, and seeing this, I quickly made my way over to join them, at which point I heard the man say: "Will you do something about him? He doesn't belong in here, and especially not at my daughter's wedding?"

Fr. O'Brien responded: "Sir, the gentleman you refer to is one of our own. He is a well-loved parishioner and he certainly belongs here. In fact, this is his home. I would never ask him to leave his home. You, sir, on the other hand, are our guest. You are our most welcome guest, but a guest nonetheless." Though he had a disgruntled look upon his face, the man quietly walked away.

I was dumbfounded. In all honesty, I was grateful that Fr. O'Brien was the one to address this. I was too new and inexperienced, and would have been too intimidated by a powerful individual who was accustomed to people jumping at his command, to have responded with similar grace, dignity and truth. This lesson has stayed with me all 30 years of my priesthood, it has informed my priesthood, and it is one among many lessons that I am so grateful to have learned from Fr. Joe O'Brien.

I am reminded of this experience when reading today's Second Reading from the Letter of Saint James. He wrote:

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

In sharing this story with you, today's First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah also comes quickly to mind.

"Thus says the Lord: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared..."

Fr. Joe truly spoke as a prophet on this Saturday afternoon many years ago. Through his fearless and gracious response, God broke through. Eyes were opened. Hopefully, the father of the bride's eyes were opened that day, but I was referring to my own.

Fr. John McGivern

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

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ADULT EDUCATION COMMISSION

Baptism Com.: Rev. John McGivern

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson, and Cynthia Weaver

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

500 Club Certificates

500 Club UPDATE

We have completed the mailing for the 2021-22 season of the 500 Club! If you are a registered member of the parish or a current certificate owner, you hopefully received all the information about the next season of the 500 Club within the last week. The new season begins October 31st, 2021 and continues through the end of June, 2022. It is a shorter "season" this time to align it with the fiscal year. The weekly prize, however, will be larger.

The cost of certificates remains at \$25 each and they are eligible to win a prize every weekend in the season that you own them. In the 2021-22 season the prize each weekend will be \$35 except for three weekends when the prize is \$500. The drawing on the first Sunday of the season, October 31st, will be for \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates that are available during the season, we will have a fourth drawing for \$500 replacing one of the \$35 drawings.

Just a reminder, **our current season of the 500 Club continues with weekly drawings through October 17th, 2021.** We can't thank you enough for your continued support of the parish through this fun and socially distanced program. We have raised \$10,733 during the 2020-2021 season with the sale of 445 certificates.

Thank you again for your enthusiastic participation, especially as we are not able to resume some of our previous and helpful fundraising events at this time. Proceeds will be put toward the general operating expenses of the parish.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee



Tomorrow, Monday

September 6th

**The Rectory will be
Closed for**

LABOR DAY



**Labor Day Mass at
St. Edmund Parish
on Monday,
September 6th
at 9:00 AM.**

The Value of Labor

*Heaven is blessed with perfect
rest but the blessing
of earth is toil.*

—Henry Van Dyke

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

September 5, 2021

SHELLEY SANDOW,

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Important Reminder

For parishioners attending Masses and liturgies throughout all arch-diocesan churches.

..#Masks are required inside church, regardless of the individual's vaccination status.

..#Please do not to linger inside Church after Mass is ended.

**This is First Food
Weekend!
Be Generous!**



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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. September 7

8:30	†	Melissa K. Rendon By: The SCSC Community
	†	Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
	†	Caroline McGivern By: Don Giannetti

Wed. September 8

8:30	†	Annette Varga By: Sam Newberry
	†	Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Sat. September 11

5:00	†	Felix Brown, Sr. By: Grace Bishop
	†	Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
	†	Ruth Ginsburg By: Pat and Tom Nelson

Sun. September 12

9:00		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
9:00	†	Annette & Michael Varga By: Kristen & Carl Crawford
	†	Kathy Feulner By: SCSL Celebration Choir
	†	Triva Bean

Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or,
for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass
“For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos.
907-911

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day; Rosh Hashanah
(Jewish New Year 5782) begins at sunset
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Peter Claver
Saturday: Patriot Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship **St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church**



August 29, 2021	\$ 1,510.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,258.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ -4,540.00

***Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-
St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org***

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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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.

SEPTEMBER 12 , 2021—

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile to Babylon. Several times, the prophet speaks out about a "Servant of God" who will one day deliver God's people and face many sufferings in doing so. Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with this "suffering Servant".

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Among the New Testament letters, the letter of James is the one most attentive to social justice. Today's passage offers practical advice about how to put our faith into action.



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

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, Juan Bravo, 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, Donna Sobotka, Joann Taylor, 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

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

..#Our first full week went so good and everyone is starting to settle in to the routines and schedules of school life. Having children in the building creates one of the best sounds in the world.

..#Tuition can be paid in the office or on-line through factsmgt.com. If you have questions about tuition, please reach out to our Finance department at: finances@catherinelucy.org.

..#Sunday, September 26, we are planning to host an Ice Cream Social on the school playground from 1-3pm. We'll also be offering tours of the newly renovated gym. More details will be out soon.

..#There is no school on Monday, September 6, in honor of the Labor Day holiday.



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.

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

Food.....Family.....Friends.....Fun !

17th Annual St. Catherine— St. Lucy

Walk-A-Thon & Picnic **Sunday, September 26, 2021** **11:00 AM — 2:00 PM**

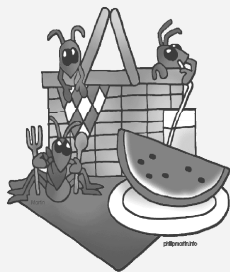
Taylor Park in Oak Park
(Division & Ridgeland North side)

~ EVERYONE IS WELCOME ~

**A 5k (6 laps) plus A great Picnic with
games and food for everyone**

Come out and walk or just come
to support walkers... Walk with
your family... Walk with Friends...
Walk with your Neighbors...

There will be games and face
painting for the kids as well as
fun games for the adults!



Participants will be served
**BURGERS, DOGS, CHIPS,
SODA / H2O & BROWNIES.**

All proceeds will go directly to
St. Catherine- St. Lucy Parish.
**All donations are greatly
accepted and appreciated.**

Gift cards will be raffled off the day of the Walk.
Tickets can be purchased after masses starting
this weekend. Envelopes will also be available
every week starting this weekend after each
Mass. They should be turned in no later than
Sunday, September 26th.

Come & Support Our Parish !



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Food for Thought

The Saving Love of Christ

“Ephphatha!”

“Be opened!” (Mark 7:34)

Jesus heals the deaf man so he can hear and speak,
not just for the man's ears needing to be opened,
but for most folk's closed minds as well.

Too many found in Christ an aura of mystique,
while too few saw in him their expectations met.

Even for Jesus, a tough sell.

As usual, Isaiah gives us all the best of clues
on the Messiah's presence, by telling to the people
they all should cast away their fear.

God was coming with “divine recompense;” spread the good news
about cures for the needy: the blind see, deaf hear, mute sing,
and thirsty grounds spring water clear.

The Gospels were written to be read as reflection;
It was one single event that transformed believers'
understanding of everything.

The brilliance of the light of Jesus' resurrection
lit the way for believers to decipher the signs missed
by disciples not attending.

The healed man represents us all; t'was Jesus' touch
on the ears and tongue, in an intimate encounter,
just as with the Communion Host.

Mark used the story to help us grasp it ever much:
Friends brought the man to Jesus, seeking divine recompense;
from Isaiah, prophet foremost.

The readings remind us faith is a communal affair;
Others need us, as we also need them, to find
faith through Christ's blossoming limb.
Our lives explain God's saving love, better than words so bare.
“God chose us to be rich in faith and heirs to the Kingdom
he promised to those who love him.” (James 2:5)

9/5/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, M.McGlone; Isaiah 35:7a; Mark 7:31-37.

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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**SEPTEMBER
24-25, 2021**

Faith & Fellowship UpDATES

- ..# Tootsie Rolls – September 10/11 (unless new Covid restrictions are imposed) - a down-sized version at a new intersection (Oak Park & Lake); to schedule a shift, contact Faith & Fellowship.
- ..# Virtual Tootsie Rolls – September 10-24 – details are still being finalized.
- ..# "What's It's All About?" – September 15 (7:00 – 9:00 pm), repeated September 16 (1:00 – 3:00 pm) in the Rectory – a chance to experience first-hand what you've been reading about in the bulletin all these months. Covid precautions will be observed.
- ..# ...and please remember – each of our groups (Monday evening, Wednesday evening, and Thursday afternoon) is still looking for Catechists and drivers.

faith_fellowship@hotmail.com
or 708-383-9276



Archdiocese of Chicago

SAMUEL GROUP Discernment for young adults



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

Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

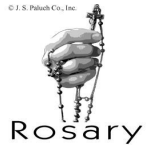
Please join us for the Rosary from the comfort of your home.

Friday night Rosary @7:00 pm Zoom Meeting This is a recurring meeting

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490

Passcode: 634955

Kevin Morgan



PHOTOS Night at the Races

Pictures of Night at the Races Outing on August 20th 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 album called **2021 Night at the Races**

St. Catherine—St. Lucy and St. Edmund's Worship Together for Weekday Mass

St. Edmund & 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.