

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
TWENTY-FOURTH 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

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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Dear Parishioners,

In today's passage from the Gospel of Mark, St. Peter proclaimed to Jesus: "You are the Christ." Peter's response to Jesus' query, "Who do you say that I am," was the right answer, but not at all in the way that Peter intended it.

All the people of Israel expected their long-awaited Messiah to save them from their captives and make them politically and militarily superior to all their enemies. They expected it, as we say today, in "real time," and not in some too-distant-to-imagine future.

Of course, Jesus rebuked this improper notion of his "Messiah-ship," and in response to Peter's misunderstanding, he explained for the first time that being the "anointed one," the "Messiah," the "Christ," was very different than what they were taught to expect. It was a moment of raw emotion for Jesus. "Get behind me, Satan," he scolded Peter.

In the Marcan Gospel passage proclaimed at mass today, Jesus makes a prediction of his passion. Next Sunday, he will make this prediction a second time, and he will ask his disciples this question: "What were you arguing about on the way?" The disciples remained silent for they were wondering who among them was the greatest.

The response from the disciples in both today's and next week's passages makes it clear that they were hard-pressed to let go of their own desires for power and prestige, and while they may have been compelled by his person and his teaching, they also hoped that Jesus was their ticket to the good life—in this world!

Throughout the course of his public ministry, Jesus not only preached his gospel message of peace, forgiveness, humility and love, his behavior and activity was an overwhelming demonstration, an overwhelming model of how to live the words he proclaimed. And still, the disciples refused to understand.

As the story continues, in what could be understood as his frustration, Jesus placed a child in the midst of the disciples and said: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

This is a loaded sentence with a lot to unpack. The child is represented differently than we are accustomed to thinking. We look at children and think how precious and precocious they are. At the time of our Lord, while this perspective may have been true, the child was also considered the lowest of the low. A child had no power, no status even as an individual. Understood in this light, Jesus is challenging his disciples to love even the lowest and least powerful, and seemingly least worthy among them. This alarming statement flies directly in the face of their attempt to claim the prize of greatest among them. For if one with no status or earthly value holds the opportunity to "receive not [only Jesus] but the One who sent [him]," then the disciples would have no choice but to understand the identity of Jesus as the "Christ" in a new, albeit, radically different way.

We know that the disciples had much to learn; ultimately, it took a cross to be raised above them, before they would understand. True though this may be, let us be careful not to judge the disciples too harshly.

Like the disciples, you and I listen to the words of Jesus; and like them, we have been witness to his peace, forgiveness, humility and love in action. Why, then, do we continue to find ourselves overwhelmingly drawn to the lure of this world's fleeting joys? Why is it that we can hear the voice of God in our midst and still lust after the empty desire to be the greatest among others? Like the disciples before us, it is only when we choose to place ourselves at the foot of the cross can we begin to understand who Jesus is, and what it actually means to call him "the Christ."

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade, Co-Chairs

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Chair: Phil Kroker

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Secretary: Andrea Legatzky

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Praise Choir: Julius White

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School Board Chair:

Natasha Lee

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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!

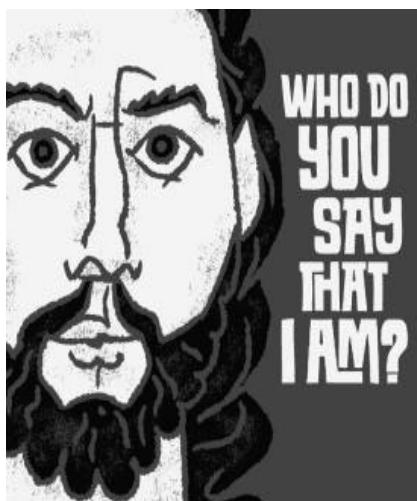
~The Fundraising Committee



Walkathon Raffle Tickets On Sale Today

After Mass you can buy Raffle tickets for the Walk-a-thon on Sunday, September 26 today and the next two weekends!

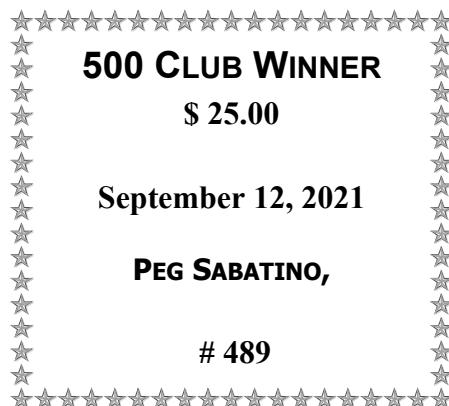
See our ad on page 6 of this bulletin



Important Reminder

For parishioners attending Masses and liturgies throughout all archdiocesan churches.

- ...#Masks are required inside church regardless of the individual's vaccination status.
- ...Please do not linger inside Church after Mass is ended.



Next Week our Second Collection is for Seminarian Education

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps cover the cost of educating our seminarians as they proceed through the stages of formation before ordination as priests.

Your generosity supports these men answering God's call to a life of service for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please give today at archchicago.org/seminarianfund

Thank you!



at St. Edmunds!

Is not too late to register for RE classes for Pre-School through Eighth Grade are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-10:45am.

Thank you to all who joined us at registration on Sunday for St. Edmund Religious Education program. We currently have twenty-one (21) new or returning Families enrolled at this time. This number includes three families from St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish. We are very pleased to be able to share the Faith with the young children from both parishes for 2021-2022. Registration is still open to any family from St. Edmund parish or St. Catherine/St. Lucy parish. There are openings in Grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Please call 708.848.7220 or email jbennickstedmund@gmail.com



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. September 14

- 8:30 † Mary Cotter
 By: Era Yee
 † John R. Ludwick
 By: Jim Hargadon
 † Luke Podraza
 By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Wed. September 15

- 8:30 † Gale Sayers
 By: Tom Nelson
 † Luke Podraza
 By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Sat. September 18

- 5:00 † Bruce Kusenda
 By: Brenda Fojtik
 † Louise Heath
 By: Evie Stockinger

Sun. September 19

- 9:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
9:00 † Rosemary & Frank Scola
 By: Tom and Carol Frank
 † David Grayson
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or
 Lk 2:33-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3;
 Mk 9:30-37

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Grandparents Day
 Monday: St. John Chrysostom
 Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows; Yom Kippur
 (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
 Thursday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
 Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine;
 St. Hildegard of Bingen
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



September 5, 2021	\$ 2,540.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 758.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -4,010.00

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 — The Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:27-35).

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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.

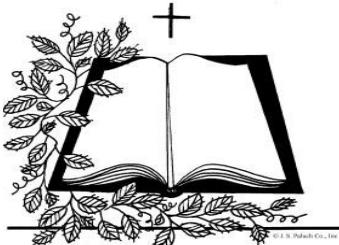
Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

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 19 , 2021—

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ, and was addressed to a group of Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. In this pagan environment, some were tempted to abandon their religious beliefs and practices. In today's passage, an unidentified person, referred to as the "just one", challenges them to remain faithful to their traditional values. Early Christians thought this person sounded a lot like Jesus.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

Today we continue a series of readings from the letter of James. This part of the letter deals with sins that threaten harmony in a Christian community.



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, Charlene Pour, Donna Sobotka, Joann Taylor, Ana Teullet, 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.



27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302
708-386-5286



School Scoop

...#St. Catherine-St. Lucy uses the I-Ready program in grades K-8 for both reading and math. During the week of September 20, students will take a diagnostic test to determine strengths and levels. Help us reinforce the importance of these tests.

...#Thank you to everyone who submitted book reports for their summer reading. The teachers are reading through the entries; winners will be announced next week.

...#At the end of September, we will implement weekly co-vid testing for all unvaccinated individuals. We will send program details and permission slips home next week.

...#Curriculum Night will be virtual again this year. The teachers are working on their presentations. We are planning for a video release on Thursday, September 16.

...#Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 26. Plan to join us on the playground between 1-3pm for some friendship and some ice cream. We're also giving tours of the new gym and the Fenwick Tutoring Center.

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: apomaredascsloffice@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

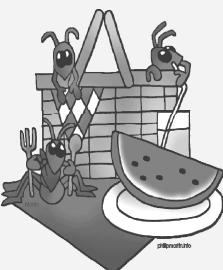
Taylor Park in Oak Park
(Division & Ridgeland North side)

~ 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 !



Food for Thought

James the Apostle

As a boy in my religion class,
facts were pounded into us by those Good Nuns.

Much of what we still know to this day,
was taught in a Master Class: Learning by Rote.

One clear lesson is in James today:
"Faith itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

I never liked it...sounds so final.

The Second Readings this month are all from James.

His entire letter is brimming
with solid advice for all Christians. Let's look.

James sent the letter about 50 AD,
to all Christians outside Palestine.

He warns of temptations from paganism,
and speaks on proper Christian living.

In his introduction, he states the trying
of a person's faith begets patience,
which, as it works, helps make us perfect and whole.

In Chapter 1, a familiar phrase greets us,
when he states that all who seek wisdom
should ask God for it without hesitation,
and that "he who hesitates is lost." (6)

Blessed is the one enduring temptation;
When tried, he'll receive the crown of life. (12)

The Father of Light gave us the gift of life;
We are the first-fruits of his creatures. (17)

Cast aside all uncleanness and malice;
With meekness receive the word of God.

And as doers of the word, you'll save your soul. (25)

Perfect religion is to give aid
to orphans and widows, and stay unspotted
from this world. (27)

Chapter 2 begins with messages about
Impartiality. We are told
not to join our faith in Jesus with showing
unkindness to those who are in need.

But you are fulfilling the law of Scripture
when you thus honor "love thy neighbor." (8)

For those men about to be judged by the law
of liberty, judgment is without
mercy if they have not shown any;

But mercy triumphs over judgment. (12&13)

We come to the section on Practical Faith,
the best known in his entire letter:

Can a man be saved if he only has faith,
or must he also claim he has works to show? (14)

James states that faith, unless it has works,
is dead in itself. "Faith without works is dead." (17&18)

James believed that his works showed his faith.

If you believe there's but one God, you've done well. (19)

By good works, your faith is made perfect.

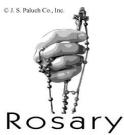
Just as body without the spirit is dead,
so also faith without works is dead. (22&26)

To be continued...

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

Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gap **Conference, on ZOOM**

Sep 24, 12 PM – 7:30 PM, and Sep 25, 8:30 AM – 5 PM

The Congregation of St. Joseph and its Spirituality Centers (including The Well), in partnership with the Fetzer Institute, is sponsoring a national, virtual conference that will bring together people of diverse faiths cultures, ages, and spiritualities who are longing to interact respectfully with people with whom we disagree and to heal divisions within our fractured world. The captivating lineup of speakers includes Helen Prejean, CSJ (death penalty activist), Dr. Vernice Solimar (Spiral Dynamics teacher), Diane Benscoter (deprogrammer and former cult member, appeared Aug. 29 on 60 Minutes), Maka Akan Naja Black Elk (descendant of boarding school survivors), Dr. Arlie Hochschild (author, Strangers in Their Own Land), and Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (atmospheric scientist). Participants can choose from 32 inspiring breakout sessions. Find out more, and register here: <http://bidpal.net/bridgingdivides>



Faith & Fellowship Looking for Help

The mission of Faith & Fellowship is the creation of small communities of faith in which adults with severe and persistent mental illness can experience the loving presence of God. Volunteers meet weekly to provide accompaniment and inclusion with those whose illness is debilitating and disabling.

We are offering an opportunity to learn more about this ministry at an Information/Orientation session on

Wednesday, September 15 (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
and repeated on Thursday, September 16 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)

at St. Catherine St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Blvd. Parking is available south of the Rectory, and Covid precautions will be carefully followed.

Details: Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276.



Night at the Races Photos

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**

Grief Support Group **ST. GILES PARISH**

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people that have experienced grief and want to help you get through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts and we want to help you.

Contact us Today!

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
September 15 - December 15, 2021
St. Giles Parish, McDonough Hall
1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park
Contact Geri Tapling, 708-223-4912
griefshare@stgilesparish.org



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