

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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)



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Dear Parishioners,

I am writing this letter both to the people of St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish and of St. Edmund Parish.

There is evidence nearly everywhere we look of the great divisions among people in our world and our country. It strikes me that we hold up our diversity as something to be celebrated, and I agree that it is, but it is that same diversity that oftentimes seems to be the reason for our division.

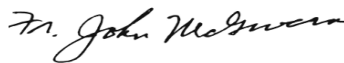
This, of course, is not a new social ill, for as we hear in both the first reading and the Gospel reading from today, that even the elders of the Jewish community and the disciples of Jesus, respectively, were attempting to make distinctions between them that were unnecessary, unhelpful and short-sighted. In response to the division-making among them, Moses responded: "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!" Jesus said: "...whoever is not against us is for us. Any-one who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

These are important and helpful messages to hear and to internalize. We can all become creatures of habit. We do things over and over again in the ways that become comfortable and reassuring. We worship in our respective parish churches and that is how we like it. Now, even the local Church of Chicago is exacting change upon us. We bristle. We shake our heads. We resist.

I do believe that Renew My Church is an important and necessary process for us. We cannot afford to keep so many parishes afloat what with their ever-increasing costs to maintain. We have fewer and fewer priests who are able to administer the sacraments and offer pastoral ministry. Even more importantly, as the Body of Christ, the living, breathing presence of Christ in the world, it is necessary that we gather not in our relatively empty churches, but as a united community of faith. This is both a practical challenge as well as a spiritual challenge for us, and we must confront the challenges and begin to forge a more vibrant and more united Catholic community.

To that end, I strongly encourage all parishioners to attend the upcoming All-Parish Meeting, at which the parishioners who make up the Renew My Church grouping will share with us the new scenarios regarding all the Catholic parishes located in Oak Park. Change is coming and it is important that you attend this meeting with an open heart and a discerning mind. We want your input. For St. Catherine/St. Lucy parishioners, our meeting will take place **on Sunday, October 3rd at 4pm in St. Catherine/St. Lucy Church**. For St. Edmund parishioners, our meeting will take place on Monday, October 4th at 7pm in St. Edmund Church.

The time for "this is how we have always done it" is past. Please come to your parish meeting, listen to the information to be shared and consider how this might actually be an opportunity for growth, for diversity, for greater vibrancy and for a deepening of one's faith. Thank you.



Pastor/Administrator

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

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Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

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Peace & Justice Committee: Kevin Morgan

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—
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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

Renew My Church – 4pm Sunday, October 3

Parish Meeting for All Adult Parishioners in St. Catherine/St. Lucy Church

Dear parishioners, we need your input!

As part of the Archdiocese's Renew My Church initiative, the four Oak Park parishes (St. Catherine/St. Lucy, St. Edmund, Ascension, and St. Giles) have been asked to consider various scenarios for their future organization. Each scenario considers how parishes might unite to become stronger together, or what would allow a parish to stand alone given relationships between parishes, and our obligations regarding the best and most efficient stewardship of our parish resources. Each is meant to bring to the table creative possibilities to best use buildings and ministries for making disciples, strengthening and building communities, and inspiring witness to faith in Jesus Christ.

The scenarios under consideration will be published in the near future, and there will be a meeting on **Sunday, October 3 at 4pm**, in the church, at which members of the parish "grouping team" will provide an overview of the scenarios and seek input from parishioners concerning them. **All parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend and share their thoughts.** This is a unique opportunity to be heard on the future of the Oak Park parishes.



Religious Education classes started at St. Edmund's on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 and we had six families from St. Catherine/St. Lucy join with the St. Edmund's students. **It's still not too late to register.**

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.

***Laudato Si'* Action Platform: How U.S. Catholics Can Participate**

Are you wondering about the Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform (LSAP)? *What is it? When does it get started? How do we participate?*

Join us on Wednesday, September 29th at 2 p.m. (Eastern) for a virtual presentation on the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

Link to **REGISTER:: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)**



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NOTE: The webinar will be recorded and a link to the recording sent to all who register.

The U.S. leads for the LSAP sectors of Parishes and Dioceses, Religious Orders, and Colleges and Universities will answer:

- Breaking News: What is the latest information on the LSAP launch?
- How can my community get started with the LSAP and the seven-year journey to sustainability?
- What is my sector doing in the U.S. and how may I get involved?
- Where do I find sector specific information/resources?

Please email Paz Artaza-Regan (paz@catholicclimatecovenant.org) if you have questions about this online discussion.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. September 28

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
† **Fr. John V. Mankowski, S.J.**
By: Tom Nelson

Wed. September 29

8:30 † **Annette Vega**
By: Gene & Louisa Newberry

Sat. October 2,

5:00 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
† **Rev. John Scott**
By: Brenda Fojtik

Sun. October 3

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Jack Tierney**
By: Tom & Pat Nelson
† **Mike Ballew**
By: Jim Hargaden

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5,
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Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
Monday: St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus
Wednesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
Thursday: St. Jerome
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Saturday

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.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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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.

OCTOBER 3, 2021—

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading:

Genesis 2: 18-24

The first 11 chapters of Genesis have very little historical foundation but they teach religious truths in parable form. In Chapter One and Chapter Two, there are two quite different accounts of creation. Today we hear a part of the second account

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2:9-11

Today and for the next six Sundays, our second reading will come from the Letter to the Hebrews. The section from which today's passage is taken is perhaps the New Testament's most profound commentary on the implications of Jesus

**FOOD FIRST!!
NEXT WEEK END—
OCTOBER 2-3**

**CANNED SOUPS, VEGTABLES,
FRUIT, TUNA, PERSONAL HY-
GENE ITEMS, PASTA, OH — SO
MANY POSSIBILITIES!!
PLEASE HELP**

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, Jeanette Cannon, Juan Fernandez, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Juliana Kankam, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Charlene Pour, 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.

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



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School Scoop

- Our Fenwick tutoring program will begin next week. Specific information will be sent home from the teachers.
- Weekly co-vid testing for all unvaccinated individuals begins on Thursday, September 30. Information was sent home last week.
- Plan to join us **TODAY** 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.
- This year, St. Catherine-St. Lucy School purchased school supplies for our families, to give them one less thing to worry about in this crazy year. Unfortunately, we underestimated the amount of paper towels we need. If you are able to bring in towels, we would so appreciate it.
- 10/1 – Due date for Daniel Murphy Scholarship app

S.M.A.R.T.

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child?

*Are you interested in becoming a tutor?
Do you need service project hours?*

Catholic Charities West Regional Office in Cicero is currently looking for volunteers for the 2021-2022 SMART Program.

S.M.A.R.T. (Students Making A Real Transition) is an after school homework assistance program for middle school students in Cicero. SMART offers homework help and safe, fun, and educational activities. SMART will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Saint Frances of Rome Catholic School across the street from our office. The program will begin Monday, October 18, 2021.

Volunteers are needed to assist students with homework and provide positive encouragement and support. This is a great opportunity for any person age 16 or older (high school, college, or adult) looking to mentor a child or in need of service hours. The first volunteer orientation will take place Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering or receiving more information, contact Gillian Fitzgerald, Program Coordinator, as soon as possible at (708) 329-4027 or at gfitzgerald@catholiccharities.net

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

17th Annual St. Catherine— St. Lucy

Walk-A-Thon & Picnic TODAY

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

Promoting the Reign of God

Again we have that gospel that's from Mark,
the one about the evil-causing hand.
But we've become attached to both of them;
We're thankful he spoke in hyperbole.
His purpose was to toughen up his crew;
The job that lies ahead's formidable.
The folks he worked with wanted to achieve;
But often they just tried too hard,
and ended focused on themselves.

The disciples portrayed their jealousy
when once a stranger spoke in Jesus' name.
They displayed competition misguided,
because the person was not orthodox,
nor was he in good standing with their group.
Attachment to their rank did contradict
the very goal they wanted to promote.
But to exclude folks from their mission
was not a simple one-time act.

There was a time the Church excluded men
from ordination who had physical
impediments, also including race,
with Martin de Porres an example.
This still is so in Church hierarchy,
with one black American Cardinal.
Disciples blocking of "unqualified"
caused Jesus to remind them of
the purpose of discipleship.

In Luke 8, the group surrounding Jesus
was the twelve "and some women." The role played
just by the women who were witnesses
to both Jesus' death and resurrection
would seem to make it hard to exclude them.
And yet today gender disqualifies
half of humanity from their serving
in particular Church ministries,
despite early-Church women deacons.

And so the Church continues to defend
it's model of all-male governance,
which has stymied evangelization,
and deprived it of credibility
it could have as the vanguard of justice
for women. Jesus calls us to forget
labels like progressive or liberal,
and abandon placing restrictions
on folks who are fully capable
of promoting the Reign of God.

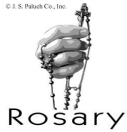
Tom Lynch, SCSL, 9/26/21

Sources: NCR: M. McGlone, P. Marrin;
Mark 9:38-48; Luke, 8:1-3.

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

2021 Baby Bottle Project is Back!!!

Oct. 2-31

Beginning next week, October 2, 2021, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicago-land. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on October 2nd, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of October 30-31, 2021.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note: the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. *Thank you for helping defend life*, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you! You can also go directly to their website at: GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

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. 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 \$10,758 during the 2020-2021 season with the sale of 446 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



Faith & Fellowship

Tootsie Roll – You Can Help!

It's not too late! Faith & Fellowship is still recruiting volunteers to be part of our weekly meetings of faith sharing! And – Tootsie Rolls are still available at the entrances of the church, for any donation you wish, cash or checks payable to St. Catherine-St. Lucy, with "Faith & Fellowship" in the memo line.

And here is something new: Faith & Fellowship is now part of the parish's "Give Central Page" by clicking the F/F box! For details, contact Connie Rakitan at faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708/383-9276.

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.

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

500 CLUB WINNER
\$ 25.00

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Thank you!*