

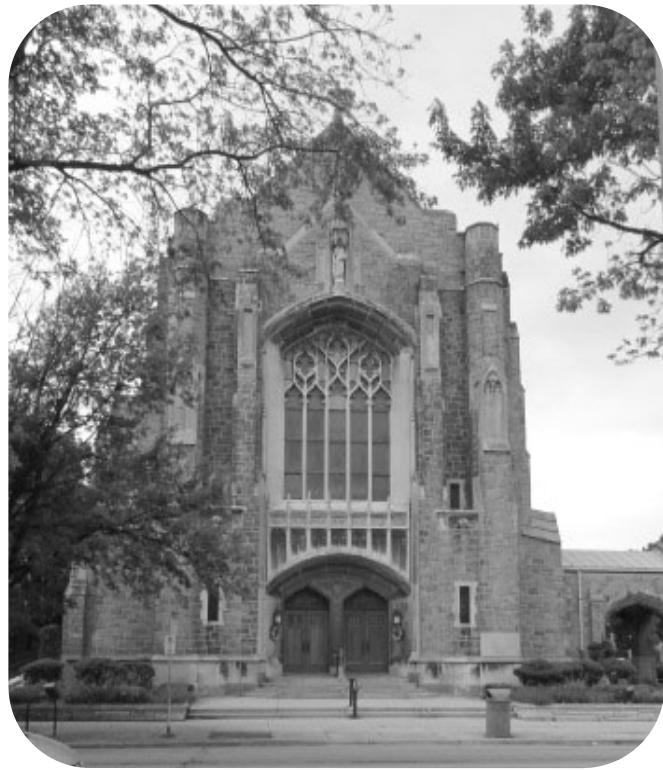
**ST. CATHERINE**



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

OCTOBER 3, 2021

## TWENTY-SEVENTH 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**

### CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL

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**Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Monday through Friday**

**Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM**

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**Telephone: 708-386-5286**



## Staff Notes

Today marks the beginning of *Respect Life Month*. This brings to mind an experience from several years ago when I was standing in the cold rain on Ogden Avenue with a sign in my hands that read "Abortion Kills Children." I was accompanied by a handful of brave and faithful Catholics who felt the need to take a public stand against abortion. I had never stood in such a Life Chain before and I was very uncomfortable. The size of the placard I carried was approximately 2 feet wide by 2 feet long and there were moments when I wished that the sign had been significantly larger. It wasn't that I disagreed with the message. I didn't and I don't.

Did I like the idea of standing on a busy street corner carrying a sign with words that confronted motorists and their passengers? Absolutely not. Who could enjoy such a thing? I'm not even sure that a Life Chain is an altogether persuasive means for changing the hearts and minds of abortion proponents. What I am sure of, however, is that it is never good enough merely to believe in a worthy cause. The belief must become evident.

Christians fool themselves when we think that our faith can remain separated from the issues and concerns of the secular world. We fool ourselves when we think that a separation of church and state removes our culpability from taking public stands on the moral, social, economic, and political issues of the day. We fool ourselves because the person and the message of Jesus must be placed at the very heart of the concerns of the secular world. To keep Jesus comfortably locked within our church walls and our comfort zones is to miss his message. It makes a sham of the celebration of the Eucharist where we are nourished precisely to become and share his presence outside of our church walls and comfort zones.

The abortion issue raises the questions of human potential and value and I do not know how to have such a discussion apart from the truth of the God who became one of us and one with us. In Him, every human life has become priceless.

Our faith also challenges us, however, to have compassion for those persons in whose shoes most of us have not walked: our sisters, (and brothers, too), whose lives have been affected by abortion. It is precisely here that I find, in part, the source of my discomfort. I do not know if I was helpful when I held up a sign that incites both outrage and loyalty. Did I really further the cause? I do not know.

What I do know is this: God alone is the author of life. In God alone, then, rests the authority of deciding who lives and who dies. What I also know is that it is never good enough to offer mere lip service to a cause and believe that we have done our part. Our faith must be acted upon and shared.

On this Respect Life Sunday, let us begin anew to share this message. Let us share it with people who, for perhaps some very serious reasons, are considering abortion. Let us share it with individuals whose own lives have experienced discrimination, as well as with those who perpetrate human violence. Let us share the message to a society that, for centuries, has determined a human being's value based upon skin tone, facial features, countries of origin, spoken language, geographical dialect or socioeconomic status. This list merely scratches the surface of ways that human beings exclude, devalue and separate one from another.

I loved and respected Cardinal Joseph Bernardin very much, and I still look to this holy man today for guidance and wisdom. He taught that there must be a *consistent ethic of life* which equally values the life of every human being, from the moment of conception until natural death. To adopt this consistent ethic is, in part, how we live in a world that truly values every human life. Of course, it may also require that we speak up and act upon these values of life, even when they make us uncomfortable on cold, rainy afternoons along Ogden Avenue.

### 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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Faith & Fellowship: Connie Rakitan

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Jeanne Visteen

Kathy Paoli

#### Ministers of Care: Rev. John McGivern

#### Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

#### HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

#### 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-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

## **RENEW MY CHURCH – 4pm TODAY—Sunday, October 3 Parish Meeting for All Adult Parishioners of 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 were distributed via email on 9/24/21 and at church on 9/25 & 9/26. This 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.

The meeting **TODAY** will be live streamed via YouTube. The link will be distributed on 10/3 **AFTER** completion of the 9 am Mass.

If you need/want help with transportation to the meeting, please reach out to Madonna Sloan 773-921-4246, [sloanmisc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sloanmisc@sbcglobal.net).

**SCSL Renew My Church team can be reached through email at [RMCSCSL@gmail.com](mailto:RMCSCSL@gmail.com).**

**Questions or feedback on this weekend's meeting can be sent to the above address.**



### **2021 Baby Bottle Project is Back!!! Oct. 2-31**

Starting this weekend, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. 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.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. October 5

8:30 † Annette Varga  
By: Sam Newberry  
† Jim Marshall  
By: Bob Nix

Wed. October 6

8:30 † Annette & Michael Varga  
By: Kristin & Carl Crawford

Sat. October 9

5:00 † Luke Podraza  
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza  
† Anne Solome  
By: Evie Stockinger

Sun. October 10

9:00 † FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
Kate Shoeylin  
By: Donna Kanapes  
† Michael Ballew—1 year Anniv  
By: Tom & Pat Nelson

## Readings for the Week

- Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;  
Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;  
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

## Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
- Wednesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
- Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Saturday: St. Denis and Companions;  
St. John Leonardi; Blessed Virgin Mary



## Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



September 26, 2021	\$ 1,777.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,508.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>D E F I C I T</b>	\$ -4,023.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)

Thanks for your continued financial support!

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’ ” (Genesis 2:18-24).

**Psalm** — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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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](http://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 10, 2021— 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

When Solomon, one of Israel's greatest kings, began his reign, God invited him to pray for anything he wanted. He prayed only for wisdom, and it was granted to him. In today's passage from the book of Wisdom, the author portrays Solomon speaking of this gift.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13

A unique feature of the Letter to the Hebrews is an extended reflection on selected Old Testament texts. This is because both Jews and Christians believe that the Scriptures are not a dead letter but are always spoken "live" to us by God. Using the image of the sword, the author describes how God's word cuts right to the heart of our daily lives.

### Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

*Fr. John McGivern, Administrator*

### Update Personal Info

Please DO NOT FORGET to update us with your new phone numbers, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

### 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, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Juliana Kankam, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Charlene Pour, 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

...#Progress Reports go home the week of October 4.

...#Fenwick High School has started their after-school tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. We are starting out slowly, but will be ramped up to full capacity in a couple weeks.

...#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.

...#As cold and flu season approach, we ask parents to keep their children home if they are sick. Children who have symptoms here at school will be sent home.

### 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 is currently looking for volunteers for the 2021-2022 SMART Program. (Students Making A Real Transition) is an after school homework assistance program for middle school students in Cicero. 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 contact Gillian Fitzgerald, Program Coordinator, as soon as possible at 708-329-4027 or at [gfitgerald@catholiccharities.net](mailto:gfitgerald@catholiccharities.net)

# 500 Club Certificates

## 500 CLUB UPDATE

The next 500 Club season runs from October 31st – June 26th. The shorter “season”, to align it with the fiscal year, means a larger weekly prize. How does it work?

Certificates numbered from 1 to 500 are sold for \$25 each. The numbers on all the certificates purchased are placed into a drawing every weekend until the season ends. The owner of the certificate whose number is drawn wins \$35. Three weekends, however, the prize is \$500 instead of \$35. IF all 500 certificates available for the season are purchased, there will be a fourth weekend with a prize of \$500 instead of \$35.

The proceeds of this program will go toward the general operating expenses of the parish and every weekend there is a happy winner. During the current season the proceeds have almost reached \$11,000. The certificates are great for yourself and they also make fun gifts for others. This season, several winners received their certificates as gifts, including two of the \$500 winners. Imagine the delight! The new season begins October 31st with a drawing for \$500.

We can't thank you enough for your continued support of the parish through this fun yet socially distanced program. Thank you again for your enthusiastic participation, especially as we aren't able to resume some of our previous and helpful fundraising events at this time.

Applications and information about the upcoming season of the 500 Club are available in the gathering area of the church and at the rectory. They have also been mailed to registered parishioners and current certificate owners.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

*~The Fundraising Committee*

## FOOD FIRST!!

This Weekend  
October 2-3

CANNED SOUPS, VEGETABLES,  
FRUIT, TUNA, PERSONAL  
HYGENE ITEMS, PASTA,  
SO MANY POSSIBILITIES!!

PLEASE HELP

## SAVE-the-DATE

Wednesday, October 13th  
11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Lou MALNATI'S FUNDRAISER



### 500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

October 3, 2021

CHRISTOPHER REBSTOCK,

# 323



Rel. Education classes started at St. Edmund's mid-September. We had several families from St. Catherine/St. Lucy join with the St. Edmund's students.

### It's still not too late to register.

Please contact Janet Bennick, St. Edmund's Coordinator of Religious Education. E-mail: [jbennickstedMund@gmail.com](mailto:jbennickstedMund@gmail.com) or by phone at: 708-848-7220.



## Faith & Fellowship

...and a Good Time Was Had by All!

Once again, Faith & Fellowship enjoyed the pleasure of being part of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Family. Connie, Eric, Jeff, Juan, Mahogany, Marcial, and Sam all had a wonderful time at the Cook-Out/Walk-a-Thon, and the fact that Jeff and Juan were raffle winners made it all the better! Eric and Juan were happy to once again see Raul Perez and speak Spanish together; and sitting and visiting with parishioners was fun for all of us. Many thanks to the committee who worked so hard to make it happen; and many thanks to this parish where – for sure! – all are welcome!

## 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

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Meeting ID: 865 8895  
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Passcode: 634955

*Kevin Morgan*

## 2022 Mass Book 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.



## Are you wanting to expand your spiritual life?

The offerings of The Well will stir your imagination and animate your sense of wonder.

*Our Offerings - The Well Spirituality Center ([csjthewell.org](http://csjthewell.org))*

*You'll even see a 2-part program I'm offering, which has the characteristic "no homework" required.*

Join us on whichever programs appeal to you. There are field trips as well as Zoom offerings. Prayer times with folks across the globe as we enter this season of creation. These are opportunities to enrich and explore.

## CCHD 50th ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
Building Communities of Justice

**Thursday, October 7, 2021 | 2 – 4 p.m.**

Join us for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, an organization that began right here in Chicago! Throughout the event, we will learn about the history of CCHD, hear from former grantees, see how this organization has branched out throughout the country and have a panel discussion with folks who are directly involved with social justice work.

Keynote speaker Brother Ernest J. Miller, FSC, vice president of mission, diversity and inclusion at La Salle University will speak about the intersection of racial justice, poverty and Catholic social traditions. For more information, please contact us at [ohds@archchicago.org](mailto:ohds@archchicago.org).



Illinois Right to Life Action cordially invites you to its 48th annual banquet which will be held on Friday, November 12th, 6:00 pm, at The Carlisle in Lombard. Rep. Avery Bourne will serve as master of ceremonies and former Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Thomas will be our keynote speaker. Thomas was also with the Chicago Bears for 10 years and was the fourth leading scorer in Bears history. He is currently a partner with the prestigious law firm, Power and Rogers, in Chicago. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://illinoisrighttolifeaction.org/actionbanquet/> or call (312)-422-9300.

## Food for Thought

### Created for Each Other

*"The Church as a vanguard of justice for women would bring it credibility. Jesus calls us to forget placing restrictions on people fully capable of promoting the Reign of God." (From last week's readings.)*

Now Jesus once again this week reminds us that God created us for one another; to be dismissed or marginalized or rejected diminishes the entire order of creation. So Jesus in daily teachings supplanted the patriarchal male-dominated mindset of the Pharisees with an approach that honored the equality of the sexes.

On man's creation, Genesis 2 teaches us the Meaning and Truth of God's fashioned creatures. In Genesis we're told that we're God's crowning image; That Adam and Eve realized they were created for each other; that learning to love, they grew in likeness and image of their Creator.

Jesus' teaching accorded women the same dignity and responsibility as their male counterparts. Defending the inalienable dignity of all people, he states we're made for one another. In testing by the Pharisees, he turns hypocrisy Inside out; trapped in narrow vision, they get broader views.

We trust that today's readings will help people experience the grace of humanity's potential for union with God and neighbor, and be challenged by Jesus' invitation to esteem each person as a unique gift from God.

10/3/21. Tom Lynch, SCSL  
Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Genesis 2:18-24; Mark: 13-16.

