

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

OCTOBER 10, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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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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)



Thoughts from Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

Today's First Reading is from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom (Chapter 7, verses 7-11). Wisdom is defined (from a quick Google search) as: "the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise." Interestingly, however, in the Book of Wisdom, wisdom was not simply a quality to obtain. Wisdom was personified. Today, we heard:

*I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded,
and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter
and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,
nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold,
in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.
Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,
and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.
Yet all good things came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.*

Wisdom was female and she was with Yahweh from the beginning. She had all the attributes that we acknowledge as belonging to one who is wise. In addition, Wisdom was a very appealing being. A close read of the Book of Wisdom will easily demonstrate that Wisdom herself possessed some of the very attributes of God.

If while contemplating about this person called Wisdom, you begin to think of Jesus, you are not alone! There is a school of theological thought called Wisdom Christology which unites the two distinct studies of Wisdom and of Jesus. Has not Jesus been with the Father from the beginning? Is he not wise, understanding, loving and appealing?

The Wisdom tradition is rich and varied, and not exclusive to the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Read the Koran, the holy book of Islam. You will find Allah's gift of wisdom there too! Consider also Sophia, (Greek for Wisdom), and her personification in Hellenistic philosophy and religion.

Today, we understand that it is precisely in the mystery of God—Father, Son and Spirit that the attributes of wisdom are fully realized; and through the mystery of this God who so humbled himself as to enter into the human state, we, too, are given "understanding hearts" that we may share and know and love as people of Wisdom.

Fr. John McGivern

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Liturgy Committee:

Chair: Phil Kroker
Vice-Chair: Joyce Wade
Secretary: Andrea Legatzky
Celebration Choir: TBA
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Juan Perez

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Faith & Fellowship: Connie Rakitan

Ministers of the Eucharist & Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

Servers: Kathy Paoli

Ministers of Care: Rev. John McGivern

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Kevin Morgan

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

Peace & Justice Committee: Kevin Morgan

ADULT EDUCATION COMMISSION

Baptism Com.: Rev. John McGivern

Religious Education of Children: Janet Bennick's

St. Edmunds Rel. Ed. Coordinator

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

PARISH DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMISSION

Facilities Com. Jim Podraza, Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

Weddings: Please contact Fr. John McGivern to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months in advance for preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut-Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Funerals:

Please call the Rectory to set-up arrangements with the Christian Burial Mass.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

FLU 2021

With flu season upon us and COVID-19 variants spreading through our community, it's more important than ever to be fully vaccinated.

The vaccines for COVID-19 and the flu do not interfere with one another, nor is one a substitute for the other. Every six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season.

For more information about the flu vaccine visit archchicago.org/flu.

**Altar Servers Needed !!**

Altar servers assist the priest at Mass as well as enhance the celebration

by leading the various processions: entrance, gospel, and recessional. Some servers also serve as thurifers who handle the incense on solemn occasions.

If interested, please e-mail Kathy Paoli at yoooper1965@att.net.

We need YOU! Please come forward.

FUNDRAISING

*Raise a slice
for a GOOD CAUSE*



**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA—
ST. LUCY PARISH**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Time: 11:00 am- 11:00 pm

Location:

Lou Malnati's: Oak Park
1038 Lake Street — 708-358-0800

SUPPORT

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA—
ST. LUCY PARISH
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FOR QUESTIONS:

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—jvisteen@yahoo.com
708-828-4272

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St. Lucy Church (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol)
from every order received. **Dine in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone).**

*** Includes Online and APP Ordering, Use Code: FUNDSTCA21 ***

Make sure to mention the flyer of fundraiser during your phone order.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ..# Must Mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser
- ..# Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see it on your receipt, please see or call a manager. Online orders will indicate at when entering the promo code.

2021 Baby Bottle Project is Back!! 'til Oct.31st

Since last week 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, 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 12

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
† **Ana Teullet**
By: Amanda Pomareda

Wed. October 13

8:30 † **Joseph Stockinger**
By: Evie Stockinger
† **Annette Varga**
By: Sam Newberry

Sat. October 16

5:00 † **Gunter Hashida**
By: Donna Kanapes
† **Harry and Mary Koko**
By: The Koko Family

Sun. October 17

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Rev. Joseph E. Auer**
By: Pat and Tom Nelson
† **Walter Mondale**
By: Donna Kanapes
† **Dion T. Skinner**
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John XXIII; Columbus Day
Thursday: St. Callistus I
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus;
National Boss's Day
Saturday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
Blessed Virgin Mary; Sweetest Day

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



October 3, 2021	\$ 3,684.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,007.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
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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 — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—OCT. 2021

<u>Oct. 09-10</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Min</u>
Sat	Paul Knight	Pat Koko
Sun	Renee Smith-Quinn	Diana Cameron
<u>Oct. 16-17</u>		
Sat	Christine Wedekind	Lessie Dean
Sun	Kevin Morgan	Mary Howard
<u>Oct. 23-24</u>		
Sat	Paul Knight	Lessie Dean
Sun	Shelley Sandow	Fannie Cooper
<u>Oct. 30-31</u>		
Sat	Christine Wedekind	Pat Koko
Sun	Pat Nelson	Kathy Mortell

1st & 2nd Readings for the upcoming Sunday are offered to help all of us.



OCTOBER 17, 2021— 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11

Our first scripture reading contains the message of a prophet who spoke to the Jewish people during their exile in Babylon. In four different places, this prophet speaks about a “*Servant of God*” who will one day deliver God’s people and make them great again. Because the Servant is frequently portrayed as suffering, Christians have applied this to Jesus. Today’s reading is a small portion from the last and longest of these four passages. (On Good Friday we read the entire passage.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

The Jewish high priest was responsible for entering the holiest place in the Jerusalem temple to make sin offerings on behalf of the people. Several times, the Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus is superior to any high priest because he has entered the *heavenly* temple, and thus has given us access to God’s “Throne of Grace”.

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: apomaredascsoffice@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, Katherine Fisher, Bill Holmes, William Johnson Phillip Jones, Juliana Kankam, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Hilda Luciano, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Charlene Pour, Joann Taylor, and Howard Vistein.

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the parish office during office hours. Thanks

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions 4:00—4:30 PM Church

Every Saturday
from 4:00—4:30 PM
St. Catherine of Siena
—St. Lucy Parish is
again offering the
Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly
before the Saturday evening mass.



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



School Scoop

- ..# There is no school on Monday, October 11, in honor of **Columbus/Indigenous People’s Day**.
- ..# For all tuition questions or concerns, families must reach out *Candice at finances@ catherine-lucy.org*.
- ..# The Fenwick tutoring program started last week in our third floor library. Due to the size of the room, we are limited with the number of participants. As soon as we move to the tutoring center, we can expand to many more students.



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 gfitzgerald@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

Thank you...

... to the SCSL parishioners who took time on Sunday to attend the parish community meeting about Renew My Church and shared their views and concerns about the scenarios being discussed about the future of Oak Park's Catholic community. We truly appreciate and need parishioner input as we work through the remaining RMC sessions to produce the Oak Park report to the Archdiocesan RMC Commission and the Cardinal. You can still share those views and concerns with us. If you have questions or want to submit your feedback, please reach out to the SCSL Renew My Church (RMC) team through the temporary email at **RMCSCSL@gmail.com** or drop the feedback form off at the Rectory by this weekend.

The SCSL Renew My Church Team

500 CLUB WINNER
\$ 25.00
October 10, 2021
FRANK & MARY GRACE GIUDICE,
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Religious 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** or by phone at: 708-848-7220.



Faith & Fellowship

A Question...And an Answer

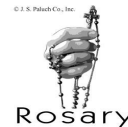
Ray John, a seminarian studying at Catholic Theological Union, is doing an internship with Faith and Fellowship. During his orientation he and a Catechist visited two residential facilities where many of our Partners live and where he will be doing part of his ministry. As soon as the Partners saw them, they asked “When we goin’ to church? You pickin’ us for church?” They were disappointed to hear, “Not today” but excited that “We’ll be getting together next week.”

At the recent Renew My Church meeting, when Connie Rakitan said: *"This parish is well known for its inclusive and welcoming acceptance of everybody, and Faith & Fellowship is an important part of that,"* the audience burst into spontaneous applause. And that applause said it all **the answer to we goin' to church?**

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

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.

Very Grateful

A huge thank you to all of those that came out to the **2021 Walk-a-thon & Picnic** as well as those who donated but could not make it. The weather was beautiful and the camaraderie and fellowship was delightful. A special thank you to all those that helped set up and put on the walk especially Marie and Bern Wheel, Raul Perez, Scarlett Evans, Pat and Tom Nelson, Jean Detmer, Jean Visteen, Ava, Aaron and Krista Konecki, Kristina King, and Chemetha Baker. Between the raffle and walk donations we raised \$1405 for the Parish. The winners of the raffle prizes were: Marie Wheel and Jean Detmer both won the \$10 Lou Malnotis Gift Cards. Juan Martinez and Jeff Nesbitt won the \$25 Walgreens gift cards. The grand prize of the \$100 Rosebud Gift card was won by Dave Bauleke. Thank you again and we'll look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Stay Together Friends – A Male Spirit Zoom Retreat

Saturday, October 23, 2021

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

With retreat guides, Joe Kilikevici and Steve Miller

You need to register first. Once a registration is received, further information about the retreat with a private and protected Zoom link will be sent. Here is the registration page for the October Male Spirit retreat.

<https://shemcenter.org/male-spirit-retreat/>

Friendship among men is a sacred endeavor. It is also a formidable one. It is sacred because it is necessary for the lifelong male spiritual journey, and is formidable because it is fraught with the dangers of rejection and abandonment.



**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)*

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.

Food for Thought

Baby Voices

*The candle's flame flickers and dies.
A spotless little baby angel
has left us much too soon...
much too soon.*

*Opinions on abortion are like the wind,
flying in multiple directions,
but unlike a summer breeze,
they don't refresh.*

*What's missing is what matters most:
Those heart-breaking voices begging
that they please be heard;
Seems they never are.*

*But listen...listen in the silence,
and hear their tiny voices crying out:*

*I want to be born.
I want to be a baby
for my mommy.
I pray she will want me,
but if not, give me
to someone who does.
I want to be held,
and rocked,
and fed,
danced with,
and sung to.
But most of all,
I just want to be loved.
Please, please,
don't let me
be torn out
and thrown away.
I'm just a baby angel
who wants
a mommy to love.*

Just listen...hear them.

Tom Lynch, SCSL, 10/10/21
Note: Honoring Respect Life Month



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. 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*