



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

OCTOBER 24, 2021
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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, we heard the prophet Jeremiah prophesying:

Thus says the Lord: Shout with joy...exult...proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel...I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. or I am a father to Israel..."

Historically, Jeremiah wrote this in the 7th century BC, after Israel (referred to as Ephraim in today's reading) had fallen to the Assyrians. He was offering comfort and hope to a defeated people and reminding them that if they belong to the Lord, they are never lost. The Lord will always triumph and they shall again experience peace and security.

In the year 2021, as the pandemic continues to infect the entire world, like Israel of 7th century BC, people the planet over have been scattered and hidden in their homes. Yes, vaccinations have helped to improve the current life-situation, but life has dramatically changed for all of us, and we cannot yet begin to fathom how/if life as we knew it shall ever return.

Will we again sit in crowded restaurants without fear

of contagion? Will we ever enjoy live cultural and sporting events again? Will masks ever stop being a necessary part of our wardrobe? Will travel ever become something with which we feel safe? Will people feel safe enough to return to their places of worship and give public expression to their lives of faith?

The questions are endless, but perhaps the message that Jeremiah has prophesied for the Lord can become our own message of hope and faith and trust. Like the people of Jeremiah's time, we also trust that God never abandons us. We believe that though we have been laid low by this infectious disease, in God's time and way, even this period of distress, illness and death will somehow be used for good. As people of faith, we believe that though we may not be able to change or eradicate all the evil in the world, our decision to remain faithful to God in the face of this evil is how we keep hope alive and trust that God indeed remains present among us.

Isn't this precisely what Jesus did on the cross? When evil encroached all around him, Jesus remained faithful to his Father and even when the seeming finality of death squeezed life from him, something more powerful than death perdured. What is more powerful than death? Only love. Only Love. Only God.

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.

500 Club Certificates

NEXT WEEKEND

The new season of the 500 Club begins October 31st and continues through June 26th, 2022. 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. **The drawing next Sunday is for \$500!** Eventually, 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. During the season that just ended, the proceeds reached \$10,758. This was a great benefit to the parish as a whole and every weekend there has been a happy winner. It could now be you!

The certificates are great for yourself And make fun gifts for others. This past season, several winners received their certificates as gifts, including two of the \$500 winners. Imagine the delight!

Applications and information about the 500 Club are available in the gathering area of the church and at the parish office. They have also been mailed to registered parishioners and current certificate owners. **Certificates may also be purchased in Maguire Hall next Sunday before the drawing using cash or a check. To make a purchase with a credit card, use GiveCentral by October 29th . . .**
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132>.

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

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee

October Count

YOU COUNT! During the month of October, we count the number of people attending week end Masses and provide this information to the archdiocese. The archdiocese uses this information in various decisions. So, make yourself count!!! Maybe you know someone thinking of coming to church. Now would be a good time to ask them to join us!



500 CLUB WINNER

The new 500 Club season begins October 31st with a drawing for \$500. More details are in this bulletin.



Bake Sale October 31



After 9 AM Mass enjoy home baked goods! After the Sunday Mass, coffee will be served in Maguire Hall.

BAKERS please bring your baked goods to the Parish Office on Saturday October 30th, or to Maguire Hall before Mass on Sunday, October 31st.

Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort!

This Week Second Collection



Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis tells us, “as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church’s evangelizing mission finds outward fulfillment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.”

The collection today, which supports both the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, supports missionaries and the most vulnerable faith communities in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific Islands. Let us transform our world and care for all of creation. Please pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary efforts and give generously. Place your donation in the collection basket or you can make a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/wms.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. October 26

- 8:30 † Adam Toledo
 By: Donna Kanapes
- † Luke Podraza
 By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
- † Elizabeth “Betty” Burns
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. October 27

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

Sat. October 30

- 5:00 † Kathy Feulner
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson
- † Michael Digilio
 By: A friend

Sun. October 31

- 9:00 † FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
 Deceased Members of
 The Yee Family
- † Paulette and Rolin Bredy
 By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;
 Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a,
 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28;
 Mk 12:28b-34

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 World Mission Sunday
- Thursday: Ss. Simon and Jude
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



October 17, 2021	\$ 1,302.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,123.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ -4,883.00

*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 — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—OCT. 2021

	Lector	Communion Minister
Oct. 23-24		
Sat	Paul Knight	Lessie Dean
Sun	Shelley Sandow	Fannie Cooper
Oct. 30-31		
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 31, 2021—
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

The events in today’s reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. In a lengthy farewell speech, Moses stresses that they are to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land. The final words of this passage are especially dear to Jewish people who recite them several times a day, attach them to their doorposts, and wear them on their person.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

There were daily sacrifices of animals in the Jerusalem temple. These were offered by many priests who, when they died, were replaced by others. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews contrasts this with Jesus whose one sacrifice on the cross was for all people of all times.

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, Irvin Quarles, 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.



27 W. Washington Blvd.
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School Scoop

- ..# We had a fire drill with the Oak Park Fire Department last Wednesday, October 20th. Everyone worked in a very satisfactory way together and everything was fine.
- ..# Picture Day is scheduled for tomorrow October 25. Students may come out of uniform that day.
- ..# Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, so we will celebrate on Friday, October 29. Please watch for information regarding Halloween activities. Each grade will have different guidelines and events.

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.



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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.

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 Red. Ed..** E-mail: *jbennickstedMund@gmail.com* or by phone at: 708-848-7220.

Truth and Healing for Racial Justice

On Thursday evenings, October 28, November 4, 11, and 18, the people of the four Oak Park Catholic parishes are invited to gather in prayer and join small group discussion leaders in considering how we can use truth about racial injustice in order to promote healing among peoples and create racial justice. Our Catholic Bishops remind us that Christians must respect and honor the dignity of each individual, yet racism persists. How can we respond? How can we promote and defend racial justice?

The program will begin with an in-person & live-streamed prayer service on October 28 at 7:00 pm at St. Giles Catholic Church, 1045 Colombian in Oak Park. This service will feature Sr. Anita Baird, the founding director of the Chicago Archdiocese's Office for Racial Justice and a national speaker. After the service, participants will break up into small groups for discussion, either in-person or on Zoom.

On November 4 and 11, at 7 pm, the small group discussions will all be held online, using Zoom. The final session together on November 18 at 7 pm will be both in-person and live-streamed at Ascension Parish, 801 S. East Avenue in Oak Park, and will also include small group discussion time, either in-person or online.

These small group discussions will use the peace circle format, which gives everyone an opportunity to share in response to questions and helps to build a community of caring and listening.

The hybrid approach of in-person and on-line will give everyone a chance to participate as they wish.

Registration is required to participate in the small group discussions. Please email laffc@ascensionoakpark.com to register; include "Racial Justice" in the subject line of the email. Also, please specify whether you want to participate entirely online (through live-streamed prayer services and Zoom discussions) or in-person for the October 28 and November 18 prayer services and Zoom for November 4 and 11.

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 to linger inside Church after Mass is ended.

Return Baby Bottles TODAY

Today is the *Women Centers of Chicago* deadline to return the Baby Bottles you took home at the beginning of this month to be filled with your spare change. If you forgot you can still bring them to the Parish Office during the week between 9 AM—4PM. Thank you!



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we are reminded in two ways to be persistent missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. In his message for World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father encourages us, "As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church's evangelizing mission finds outward fulfilment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation." At the same time, with the opening of the Synodal Process around the world, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium" (Address for the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, 17 October 2015).

We celebrate World Mission Sunday with the Universal Church on October 24, offering prayer and reflection on our mission to proclaim the gospel to all the nations. The collection taken this day supports over 1,000 mission dioceses through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. These local churches are the poorest in the world and yet they joyfully share the Lord and provide hope amidst struggles in Africa, Asia and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. The collection also provides for mission dioceses in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Also, during this time, The Church of God is convoked in Synod. Today, the Archdiocese of Chicago is celebrating the opening of the process for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, in October 2023. The theme of this synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" and so is intimately tied to our celebration of World Mission.

This global pandemic has highlighted the peripheries of our world and the importance of widening our circles to reach out to neighbors both nearby and far away. Let this celebration of World Mission Sunday and the opening of the Synodal Process be an opportunity for pause and prayerful solidarity with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world. May we give thanks for their witness and recommit ourselves to our own call to be missionary disciples. With every wish, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cardinal Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



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



**Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association
Chicago's Got Sisters
Virtual Event (Zoom)**

**Fall 2021 - Saturday October 30, 2021
2:00-5:00pm**

Registration: https://bit.ly/CGS_Fall2021

The Fall 2021 "Chicago's Got Sisters Virtual Event" will take place via Zoom on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 2-5 PM CST. The brief schedule will include a short talk on the theme of "Discerning with the Saints," time for prayer & reflection, brief introductions to a diverse group of communities and charisms, and breakout room time for Q & A. This event is for single Catholic women ages 18-40. Register here: https://bit.ly/CGS_Fall2021 or contact Sr. Jess Lambert for more information at jlamb.illinois@gmail.com.



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
Look for God's Gaze

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, then come follow me." (Mark 10:21)

*Faith is no transactional relationship with God;
It is built on freedom, love and generosity.
like a 'quid pro quo' where giving's done so as to get.
Salvation Is a gift;
It's free and can't be bought.*

*Often we will settle for doing just enough,
but Jesus expects us to do the maximum.
The God who give us life asks for passion in return.
He wants us all to show an attitude of loving
and of freely giving;
Faith is not limited.*

*In Mark's gospel, Jesus gave the man the look of love,
the true face of God; that's where faith's born and reborn,
not from duty, but from a welcoming gaze of love.
If faith tires, look for God's gaze in adoration.
Stand before the beautiful one,
and let yourself be loved by him.*

" A faith without giving, without gratuitous ness, without works of charity, makes us sad in the end."
(Pope Francis)

10/24/21. Tom Lynch, SCSL
Note: Adapted from the Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis.

