



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**OCTOBER 31, 2021**  
**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. John McGivern, Administrator**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**  
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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,

Tuesday, November 2nd is Feast of All Souls. It has been celebrated on November 2 since the eleventh century for the purpose of aiding deceased Christians that they “may rest in peace.” We can, however, look as far back as the third century to the Church writer named Tertullian for the earliest thoughts which would later develop into this feast. Tertullian and other early Church fathers had begun to write about an intermediate place of rest where deceased Christians awaited the parousia, or the final judgment of God. During this same time of Christianity, there was a growing belief that a period of purification may be necessary for some deceased Christians prior to their full entrance into heaven.

The Encyclopedia of Catholicism [HarperCollins Publishers, Inc.] writes that “the feast involves several beliefs: that some Christians while dying in peace with Christ might still need some purification, that the prayers and good deeds of the living help those who have died, and that there is an intermediate place between heaven and hell.”

What I have quoted and paraphrased above give us the nuts and bolts of the Feast of All Souls. What remains missing, however, is its heart. Of course, one cannot expect a text which serves to offer objective truth to be able to uncover a truth which by its very nature is subjective. Only you and I, based upon our unique life experiences can reveal this feast’s “heart.”

Allow me to offer one perspective. For me, this is a day for remembering. This remembering happens on 2 levels. One is very personal and intimate. The other is collective, but no less intimate. This day I recall those whom I love who have died. In my remembering, I draw close to them again and my love for them seems to span the time between past and present. Today is also a day when I tap into our collective Christian memory and recall all the nameless and faceless Christians who have died, yet, remain on their journey to God. This is a wonderful day. Its tone for me is serious yet joyful. Today, the whole spectrum of emotions is evoked – from happiness to sadness, from hope to longing.

In my remembering, my deceased loved ones and all other deceased Christians become very present to me and, within that presence, I sense our common purpose and our continued unity. After all, we are all on the same journey to full communion with our Lord Jesus. We all strive after the same thing: being fully in love with God.

The Feast of All Souls allows us to remember. We recall all the dead with whom we are united on our common journey to God. We pray for them (as they do for us), and in the end, this day of remembering becomes a day of hope. We unite the past with the present and together we walk forward inching ever closer to the fulfillment of the promise, leaning into a future filled only with love and peace and light. Such is the heart of the Feast of All Souls.

Finally, I hope that you will join with other parishioners at our special liturgy, Tuesday, November 2nd at 7pm. There we will mention by name all the deceased individuals from the parish who have died, and all the loved ones of parishioners who have died since last November 2nd. Let us gather as a faith community and allow our prayer to help our deceased loved ones continue on their journey to the Father.

*Fr. John McGivern*

### 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

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Jeanne Visteen

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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

# 500 Club Certificates

## THIS WEEKEND

**The new season of the 500 Club begins this weekend in Maguire Hall after the 9:00 Mass!** The proceeds of this program are going toward the general operating expenses of the parish. During the last season the proceeds reached \$10,758. This was a great benefit to the parish as a whole and every weekend there was also a happy winner. It could now be you! **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 eventually sold, there will be a fourth weekend with a prize of \$500 instead of \$35. **The drawing this weekend is for \$500!**

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 this Sunday before the drawing using cash or a check. To make a purchase with a credit card, use Give Central after this weekend.**

<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!

### Next Weekend

## Do Not Forget to Turn your clocks BACK

Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States on **Sunday, Nov. 7th at 2 a.m.**

Please set your clock **back** one hour. The "extra" hour gives you a chance to catch up on the sleep you lost since March.



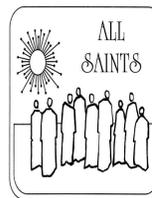
## Bake Sale TODAY



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!



### Monday, November 1

Mass at 8:30 AM  
at St. Edmund Church  
188 South Oak Park Ave.  
Oak Park, IL

*Note: All Saints Day (not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2021) -Source: USCCB*



### Tuesday, November 2

## Mass at 7 PM

at St. Catherine of Siena  
St. Lucy Church

## All Soul's Day Mass

On *Tuesday, November 2, 2021* we will commemorate our annual celebration for All Soul's Day at mass at 7:00 p.m.

We will remember the individuals who have passed through our lives this last year. As usual we will have a book at the back of church for you to enter the names of people you would like remembered. If you are not able to come to mass you can send the names of those individuals to [Christine.Wedekind@aol.com](mailto:Christine.Wedekind@aol.com).

Also at this time we **invite you to bring pictures of those loved ones who have passed** and put them on the window sills in church as a memorial, but please remember to pick them up at the end of November.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Tue. November 2 - All Souls' Day**

- 8:30 † Patrick Hargadon  
By: Jim Hargadon
- † Michael Collins  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
- † Luke Podraza  
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

**Wed. November 3**

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

**Sat. November 6**

- 5:00 † Carlton Shanks  
By: Donna Kanapes

**Sun. November 7**

- 9:00 † FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
Annette Varga  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
- † Connie Reed  
By: Karen Reed
- † Kate Shoefflin  
By: Cynthia Weaver & James Bowers

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The Lord, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

**Gospel** — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

.The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

**Saints and Special Observances**

- Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; Halloween
- Monday: All Saints
- Tuesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Election Day
- Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres
- Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**Our Parish Stewardship**  
**St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church**



October 24, 2021	\$ 1,721.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,263.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ -4,324.00

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!

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS—OCT. 2021**

	Lector	Communion Minister
Oct. 30-31		
Saturday	Christine Wedekind	Pat Koko
Sunday	Pat Nelson	Kathy Mortell

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



**NOVEMBER 7, 2021—  
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16**

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. After predicting a drought which did, in fact, take place, he fled to a place where God provided for his needs. Later, God directed him to the city of Zarephath, which was across the northern border of Israel in the pagan territory of Phoenicia. The drought had led to a famine and we see its effects in today's passage.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

On Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), the high priest sacrificed a goat on the altar in the temple. Then he took some of the blood into the holiest place in the temple sanctuary where only he was allowed to go. There, he sprinkled that blood as a renewal of the blood covenant made at Mount Sinai, and prayed that God would forgive all the sins the people had committed during the previous year. This ritual is the backdrop for today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

**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](mailto: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, Lamedra Baughn, 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, Irvin Quarles, Shelley Sandow, 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.



**Rest in Peace**

Please remember to PRAY for all of the loved ones in our parish who rest in peace now. These are the names of the people that have died between 11/1/20 — 10/31/21.

- † Ryan Anthony Ali
- † Russell McCaughey
- † David Vaughan
- † Eliza Mathews
- † Lucille Short
- † Arthur PAUL Grimes
- † Annette Varga
- † Kathy Feulner
- † John Quinn
- † Marion Houston
- † Dave Grayson
- † James Marshall
- † Carla Dell Aquila

May they be enjoying the glory of God!

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**School Scoop**

You are our best voice in the community. Go ahead and brag about SCSL School! Be Loud, Proud, and Talk about it! Refer a family to us.....if they enroll and ATTEND school, we will cover one month of your tuition!

**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.

**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](mailto: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 [llaffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:llaffc@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.

## Gift Cards Are Coming

Not only for gifts. Think about your personal Thanksgiving and Holiday Shopping needs (Jewel, Mariano's, Pete's). Also, do not forget Black Friday Christmas Shopping. Order forms are in the Bulletin or in the back of church. Please pay with cash or check.

Orders will be accepted after the 5PM and 9AM Mass on November 06/07. The group order will be placed on Monday November 8, with delivery the weekend of November 20/21. For any additional information, please contact Jeanne Visteen, 708-828-4272

## Faith & Fellowship

### Catechists Still Needed!

As Faith & Fellowship moves back into pre-Covid mode – weekly meetings in the Parish Office – our Monday and Wednesday evening groups have full membership! But our Thursday afternoon group (1:00 – 3:30 each week) is still rebuilding and we need one or two more Catechists. This is a chance for you to not only walk with adults with mental illness, but a way to nourish your own faith. A new Catechist recently said, "The members of the group, whether Catechist or Partner, have given me a way of seeing things from a different perspective." Info – Connie Rakitan [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) or 708/383-9276.



## 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!

### Food for Thought

## *Love Amid Complexity*

*We humans are complex, and thus so is our world;  
Global factors keep the human life fabric unfurled:  
Cultures, religious beliefs and ethnicities;  
Classes, political parties, identities;  
Traditions and practices, orientations;  
Age groups, all governments, social locations.*

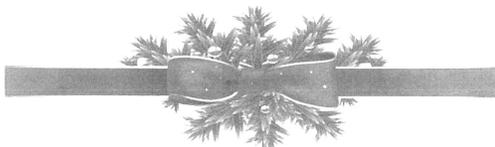
*We're told amidst all these complexities:  
Love God and neighbor—shun perplexities.*

*Love's more than feelings and doing good deeds,  
or fingering your trusty worry beads.  
Love involves justice, ethics, words to action;  
Self-knowledge, self-reflection, building traction.*

*Love of God brings respectful engagement with life,  
with the healing and wholeness that chases the strife.  
Neighbor means more than just anthropocentric:  
Nonhuman communities, earth geocentric.  
There resides the Divine, encounter awaiting;  
We're urged to show sacrificial love, not abating.*

10/31/21. Tom Lynch, SCSL  
Source: NCR, Carol Dempsey

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October 12, 2021

Autumn Greetings Parishioners, Alumni, and Friends of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish,

When we wrote a year ago in 2020 about the unique way we were going to handle the inability to have a physical Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon, we were filled with HOPE for the Bazaar/Luncheon of 2021 to return close to its usual format of fun and camaraderie. We anticipated COVID would be well behind us; then, Delta arrived on the scene. Our Christian responsibility and care for each other dictate that we cannot have 200+ folks close together in Maguire Hall as we had initially hoped.

So here we are a year later, without our generously donated matching dollars, but bolstered once again by the fond memories of Bazaars/Luncheons past. No virus can attack those memories nor the deep-seated love we all share for the Community of St. Catherine-St. Lucy.

We appeal to you to think about the luncheon table and guests you may have visited and laughed with, and the favorite booth where you perhaps procured gifts for someone on your "list". Think about the delicious bakery goods, the darling toys, the various raffle prizes, the White Elephant treasures, the beautifully displayed Silent Auction items, and the lovely handcrafted jewelry, wreaths, dried flower creations, scrapbooking materials, cards, artwork, and other items you may have purchased for someone. Think also about the many people who worked at the Bazaar and Luncheon, with special admiration for our dedicated school children serving the lunch and for the amazing kitchen crew. We had hoped the transformation of Maguire Hall into our beloved Bazaar Venue would happen in 2021 ... and it CAN HAPPEN! It happens in our memories of time spent together at the Bazaar, in the joy of a child with that new toy, in the excitement of winning a raffle prize, in contributing in any way to the Bazaar, or even in the memory of a loved one no longer with us, but mostly in the love we feel for our Parish Community.

We ask that you think about where and how you spent your dollars at the physical Bazaars past, or at any similar event, and consider that amount as a loving donation to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish. Perhaps your gift might be in someone's memory, to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary, or as a gift to YOURSELF, knowing you are helping to support this Parish so dear to all our hearts. This special Bazaar appeal, "BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021", will continue through Sunday, November 21, 2021.

With profound gratitude for your generous support, financially and prayerfully.

Rev. JOHN W. McGivern, Administrator, and Members of the Fundraising and Bazaar Committees

**BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021**

October 17, 2021 - November 21, 2021

You can donate via Give Central using this direct link:

[www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/31437](http://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/31437)

OR

Write a check to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish, fill out the form below, and use the enclosed envelope. Mail the envelope or place it in the Sunday collection basket.

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Please PRINT and return with your donation for **BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed - Check memo line: Bazaar 2021



RETURN this form and your donation to: **BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021**  
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish, 38 N. Austin Blvd, Oak Park, IL. 60302.

Many thanks!!!