



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JANUARY 16, 2022
SECOND 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 Friends,

A concern I have brought to spiritual direction regards the fact that I tend more often to feel spiritually wanting than to feel spiritually sated. I do not know the experience of being the proverbial cat that ate the (spiritual) canary.

Everywhere you turn, there is a new publication offering Christians the step-by-step method to experiencing spiritual nirvana. Now, I don't eschew any self-help book that may truly offer some sort of spiritual guidance, but I have come to believe that placing too much emphasis on what one feels as regards the spiritual life, is to miss the point of the spiritual life. Is what we believe predicated by what we feel, or is our faith grounded in sacred truths to which we adhere regardless of our emotional temperature?

Years ago, I was heartened to read the words of then Archbishop-designate of Philadelphia Charles Chaput who in August of 2011 when speaking to thousands of young people gathered in Madrid for World Youth Day, said to them:

“Ultimately, it will not be how you feel that will determine how genuine and profound your encounter with Jesus is. Instead, it will be determined by how much you are transformed into Him and how much you burn in the desire to bring Him to others, by announcing the Gospel, by serving the poor and the needy, by defending the unborn, by securing a culture that is not hostile to the growth of Christian families”.

He continued:

“If you want to know how mighty the transforming power of Jesus is, how much He is capable

of changing your lives, do not focus too much on how intensely you feel tonight. If He gives you a profound, moving experience, praised be to Him! If you don't experience that emotion, if you don't feel shivers running under your spine, praised be to Him too!”

The Church has many examples of good and holy people who dedicated their lives to Christ and yet, found their spirit bereft of the emotion and divine intimacy they desired. St. John of the Cross was a sixteenth century Spaniard whose ministry was chiefly occupied with the foundation and government of monasteries. He is known as a spiritual mystic who wrote of his “dark night of the soul,” which expressed his experience of the absence of God.

We can look to the lives of St. Thérèse of Lisieux in the nineteenth century and St. Teresa of Calcutta in more recent years to find examples of people leading holy lives of service and faithfulness, and yet, whose personal experiences of God were lacking.

At the end of his talk, Archbishop Chaput explained that “receiving the Eucharist has consequences...and requires action on the part of the faithful.” However nice it may be, feeling is irrelevant when it comes to the Christian life. If we remain steadfast to our faith, and respond in life-giving ways to the Eucharist which nourishes us, we can trust that the Lord is with us and is well pleased.

Perhaps you will find this to be some food for thought and maybe even a helpful shift away from the dangerous, erroneous notion that *feeling* is the best or only gauge of a faithful Christian existence.



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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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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. January 18

8:30 † **Jim Marshall**
By: Bob Nix

Wed. January 19

8:30 † **Noel Swerdlow**
By: Thom and Pat Nelson

Sat. January 22

5:00 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sun. January 23

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
Alice Christina
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

† **Maxine Gulley**
By: Cynthia Weaver and Jim Bowers

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Wednesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
- Thursday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Friday: St. Agnes
- Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



January 9, 2022	\$ 1,536.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,423.00
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 — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

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LITURGICAL	MINISTERS	JAN. 2022
	LECTOR	Communion Minister
<u>Jan. 22-23</u> Sat Sun	Christine Wedekind Marcie Morgan	Pat Koko Bill Cragg
<u>Jan. 29-30</u> Sat Sun	Paul Knight Pat Nelson	Lessie Dean Kathy Mortell

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



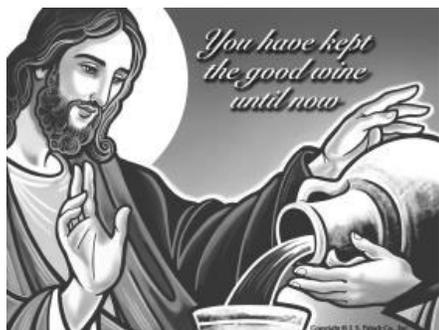
**JANUARY, 23 2022—
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

The book of Nehemiah recounts events which happened about 100 years after the Jewish people had returned from the Babylonian exile. After their initial religious fervor, the people’s moral life and commitment to God’s law had lapsed. So, Ezra the priest challenged the people to renew their commitment to the law, and conducted what would be called today a “religious revival”.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Today we continue our reading from the first letter of Paul to the Christians in Corinth, an important seaport. He was answering a letter they had written to him, containing questions about Christian life in their community. Among the questions was how to deal with the diversity of gifts within the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arise. He responds by using an image that the Catholic Church has particularly emphasized.



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



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Danita Bowie, Jeanette Cannon, Juan Fernandez, Katherine Fisher, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Victoria Olvera, Raul Perez, Andy Pomykalski, Shelley Sandow, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, Howard Visteen, and Fred Williams

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

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.

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 this offering your prayers at a Mass.

Our books are open for personal intentions for the 2022 year.



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School Scoop

- ..# We re-opened the school last week and it has been smooth so far. Staff and Students are tested every week as planned.
- ..# So proud of our Gallagher Scholars! Program orientation is virtual this week & we are so honored to be a part of this incredible program!

Parish Calendars

We still have the new Parish 2022 Calendars. They are available in the gathering area and the Washington Blvd. exit after all Masses.

Help the Homeless

The Haymarket office at O’Hare Airport is in desperate need of winter clothing articles for the homeless population who come to the Haymarket office at O’Hare Airport. We have a SCSL parishioner that works there as an Outreach Worker and is willing to be taking your clothing articles to them.

Socks (the less ankle binding the better), gloves, hats, scarves, jogging pants, preferably new. Used: Shoes boots, and coats in good condition will be accepted.

There will be a bin designated for this purpose in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Afternoons, Anyone?

Would you like a “two-for”? Would you like to help Faith & Fellowship at the same time as you help yourself? We extend this invitation to you for both! Each Thursday afternoon, a small group comes together to “accompany” one another (to use one of Pope Francis’s favorite words) and to deepen their faith. You could -be a part of this powerful Christian experience.

Join with us, 1:00-3:30 PM each Thursday, and discover that supporting others and enriching yourself are really one and the same thing. Check it out! – Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708/383-9276.

2021 Statement of Contributions

Starting this week, you can **request** a list of your Sunday contributions for the past year. Please call or write to Amanda at 708-386-8077, via e-mail at: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net Thank you.



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.

GiveCentral 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 and giving tab you will be able to find the link to **GiveCentral**

Revelation of God’s Presence

Today’s first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God’s promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus’ turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God’s presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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Grief Support Group St. Giles Parish— Mc Donough Hall 1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park Now - April 6, 2022 St. Giles Parish, McDonough Hall

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through difficult days ahead.

Contact Us Today:
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Pray For Our Deceased



Gail Rohmann

RIP 1/9/22

*May she rest
in peace!*



Our Beloved former St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Choir Director, Gail Rohmann, passed away on January 9th. We know that she had been ill but her death was unexpected. We have very little information at this time, but as soon as we know more, we will let you know. Your prayers for Gail and her family are needed.

As you will recall, Gail led the Music Ministry for 15 years at our parish. Gail filled the church with her piano playing, her big, beautiful voice, and organ playing. Gail took organ lessons so she could put our renowned organ in action and continue to glorify God and move our spirits in so many ways. She also directed the Celebration Choir and introduced so much new music and many memorable liturgical services that made each of us deepen our spiritual experiences. The Choir also sang on several occasions with other church choirs in Oak Park sharing a sense of community through song and music. Gail co-conducted these concerts and organized the events in our church. These are just a few of the many contributions Gail made to our parish and how she enhanced our lives. Gail did move on to a different parish for full-time employment but her vast influence remains in our church. The heavens are the lucky ones now as they have a new angel voice in their chorus or maybe even a new director with angel wings and a halo.

*May the angels lead her
into Paradise*

We will let you know of Gail’s Funeral Details as soon as we have them.

Books of Pope Francis

Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, to be held on February 8th at 7:30 PM over Zoom. Monthly discussions will be held online over Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month, through May.

As we start a new year in 2022 and consider ways of dealing with global problems from a perspective grounded in Catholic faith, the Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee at Ascension Parish in Oak Park invites you to a new series of monthly online discussions on recent books by Pope Francis. The first discussion will be on *Let Us Dream*, Pope Francis advocates a reorientation toward considerations of human dignity and the common good. Pope Francis considers the Covid pandemic as an opportunity for change. “This is a moment to dream big,” he writes, “to rethink our priorities—what we value, what we want, what we seek—and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of.” Reading and discussing this book with our Catholic community could be the inspiration we need as we start a new year amidst the weariness of dealing with the Covid pandemic.

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to llaffc@ascensionoakpark.com with the name of the book in the subject line. You’ll receive a return email before the discussion with a link for the Zoom meeting. For more information, links to obtain the book, and details for the upcoming monthly discussions on books by Pope Francis, go to www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome. Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and learn about Pope Francis’s concerns and reflections on the church and the world.

The Women’s Center

The Women’s Center wishes you a Happy New Year with many blessings! Thank you for all of the support with our Client Christmas Parties, they were wonderful! Please consider continuing to give by donating online or on the phone. You can donate today at www.GoTWC.org or by calling 773-794-1313.

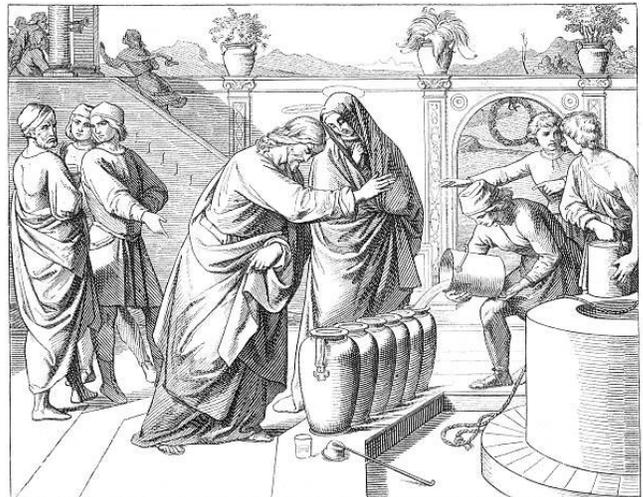
THE WOMEN’S CENTER IS HIRING! (Please see our website, www.GoTWC.org, for further details)

CLIENT ADVOCATE (Evergreen Park Office): Polish or Spanish is a plus. Please send resume and cover letter to pbrunk@gotwc.org.

CLIENT ADVOCATE (Cicero Avenue Office): Please send resume and cover letter to pbrunk@gotwc.org.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES: Please send cover letter and resume to kconmey@gotwc.org.

FUNDRAISING MANAGER: Please send cover letter and resume to kconmey@gotwc.org.



Food for Thought

Mother Knows Best

“If your mother asks you to do something, do not tell her your hour has not yet come.

Do not try that excuse on her.

It didn’t even work for Jesus”! (TGL)

As told in St. John’s gospel, the wedding feast of Cana was not about the bride and groom, the goodness of marriage, the ceremony, dress or music; it’s about the wine.

When wine runs out, embarrassment and omens bad step in.

So Mary, the observant woman, tells Jesus, her son.

He says it’s not his time, yet changes water into wine.

Mary knew that in this, her son’s first public miracle, all would be well. And it was.

“Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of people willing to be co-workers with God.” (Why We Can’t Wait: MLK)

At this New Year, Mary, that persistent guest at Cana, persuades us to believe that the hour has come; to believe that the Reign of God can be palpable in amongst us:

to listen to the urgings of the Spirit;
to voices of church members on the margins;
to be co-workers with God, and hear the gospels;
to look at Christ and listen to what he tells us.

By attending to those who go unnoticed
In our daily lives, we too might recognize and see
the one from whom all good things flow.
We will know the joy God intends for humanity.

1/16/22. Tom Lynch, SCSL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; John 2: 1-11.