

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JANUARY 23, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John McGivern, Administrator

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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

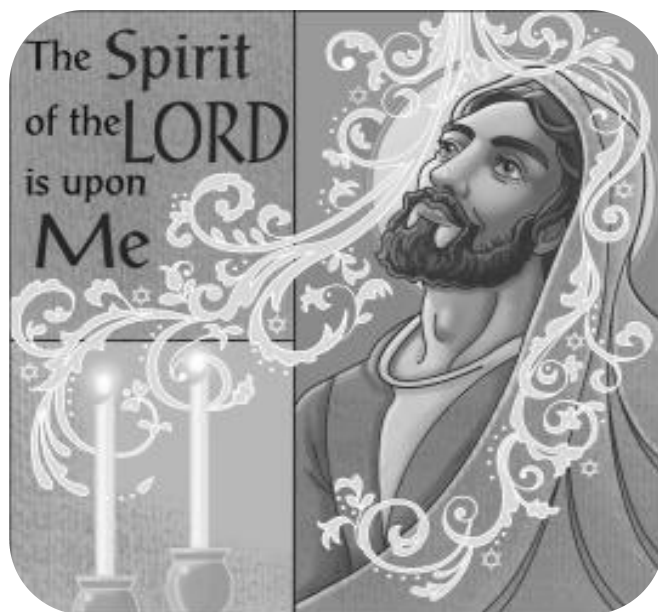
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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,

Excerpted below is information on the relatively new and therefore, little known celebration of what is called "Sunday of the Word of God." It was on September 30, 2019, the feast of St. Jerome, when Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This year, this celebration lands on this date of Sunday, January 23, 2022.

In the *Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass*, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church:

In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.

Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives.

The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie (Preamble, 7).

In practice, what does this mean? Well, it changes nothing as regards our liturgy, but hopefully, this designation as Sunday of the Word of God may remind us that our Sacred Scriptures are not simply a recording of events past, but by our listening to them and choosing to live our lives based upon what we hear, they remain the *living Word of God*. They remain alive and one of the means through which the Holy Spirit of God guides and directs our lives. These words become our words, if you will, and our story is then forever intertwined with the story of our faith that we share every Sunday. That's right, nothing much changes, unless of course, we open ourselves to the power of this living Word and allow it to guide our lives.



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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 Visteon

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.

The 500 Club Certificates

The next special \$500 drawing of the 500 Club is coming soon!

On Sunday, February 13th we will have the second of three scheduled drawings for a \$500 prize instead of the usual \$35 weekly prize. Do you have your certificate(s)? 500 Club information and purchase forms are available in the gathering area of church and are also available in the parish office. The certificates are great for yourself and make fun gifts for others. This "season" of the 500 Club continues through June 26th, 2022.

Applications and payment using a check or cash may be mailed to the parish or put into the collection basket at Mass. To make a purchase with a credit card, use Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132>. If using Give Central, purchases must be made by February 10th to be eligible for the special drawing on February 13th.

Many thanks for your support of the parish through this fun yet socially distanced program.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee

THE 500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 35.00

January 23, 2022

Thomas Finch,

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Pardon Quickly

If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly. Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness.

—Sir Arthur Pinero



All are invited to attend the African American Heritage Mass on

February 6, 2022 at 10 am

Please note the change in time. A small choir will be directed by Julius White. Because of current COVID conditions there will **not** be a potluck celebration following the Mass. Please come to this special celebration!

RENEW MY CHURCH

Important Renew My Church Information for Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased that Bishop Kevin Birmingham, our regional bishop and Cardinal Cupich's representative to our region of the archdiocese, will be with us on Friday, **January 28, at 8:00 pm**, to join us in prayer and share an important update on the future of our parishes. This will be held online.

Please go to www.renewmychurch.org/announcements for details about how to access the meeting from your computer or smartphone.

This Weekend's Second Collection is for: The Church in Latin America

The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) will be next weekend of Jan. 22-23. The 2022 campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to share faith with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

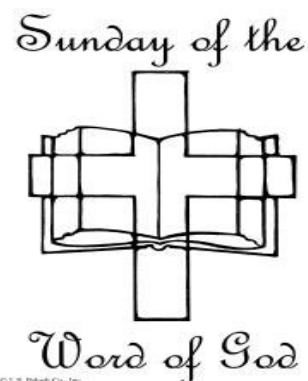
Support the collection, and help young people grow as leaders of our Church! For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

Bazaar Reimagined Final 2021 Figures

As promised, and with incredible gratitude, following are the final figures concerning returns from BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021

Returns of \$9,025.00, less mailing expenses of \$288.32 netted a profit for our Parish of \$8,736.68.

There are no words to adequately thank all the Parishioners, Alums, and Friends who gave so generously to this unique BAZAAR campaign in 2021. THANK YOU!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. January 25

8:30 † **Jim Marshall**
By: Bob Nix
† **Tate Myre**
By: Donna Kanapes

Wed. January 26

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
† **Albert Ernst**
By: Evie Stockinger
† **Mike and William O'Connell**
By: The Yee Family

Sat. January 29

5:00 † **MaryAnna Manning-Bell**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sun. January 30

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
John E. Stroth
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
(HEALTH) **Raul and Scarlett Evans-Perez**
By: Pat Pomykalski

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sunday of the Word of God
Monday: St. Francis de Sales
Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Wednesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Thursday: St. Angela Merici
Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



January 16, 2022	\$ 2,605.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,003.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ -3,700.00

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 — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

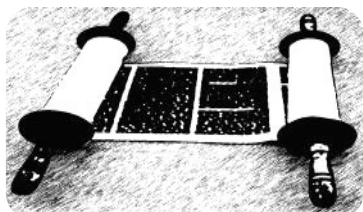
Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ
(1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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LITURGICAL	MINISTERS LECTOR	JAN. 2022 MINISTER OF COMMUNION
<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.



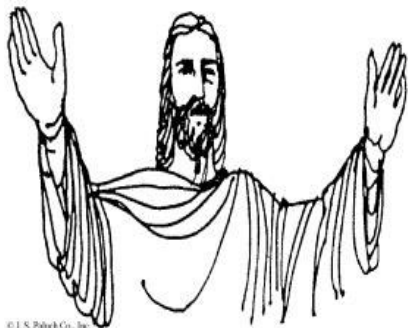
JANUARY, 30 2022— 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,
17-19**

Today we hear about Jeremiah's call to be a prophet. It came when he was quite young. It also came at a time of turmoil when Babylon was in the process of conquering the entire Near East. That's why Jeremiah felt uneasy about the call. God, however, refuses to take "no" for an answer.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians
12:31-13:13**

We will recognize today's passage from first Corinthians as one that is often read at weddings. Actually, the context is not marriage, but squabbles in the Christian community in Corinth over whose spiritual gifts were most important. Paul goes to the heart of the matter.



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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



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, Victoria Olvera, Raul Perez, Andy Pomykalski, Shelley Sandow, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, 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

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.

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.

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



School Scoop

..# Although the new COVID variant appears to be less severe, it is more spreadable. We are taking extra safety precautions throughout the school. Weekly COVID testing will also continue on Thursdays.

..# It is critical that families contact Candice with any tuition issues or questions - [773-469-3553](tel:773-469-3553) / finances@catherinelucy.org.



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.

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!

Winter Warmth

One kind word can warm three winter months. —Japanese proverb



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Meeting Parts - #1

Each Faith & Fellowship meetings consist of 3 segments: Gathering – Faith Sharing – Agape. The next three weeks will give you a description of each.

GATHERING: Quiet music plays as members arrive and sit at tables placed throughout the room. Juan watercolors a mandala pattern while Ross assembles a puzzle. Connie and Spring work together with clay. Ray John and Regina complete the puzzle they had begun the week before. This time of peaceful, happy companionship leads to a dimming of lights and an invitation to come together in the Prayer Circle. We have encountered God in the beauty and order of our community and the activity we choose to do. We are ready to convene and encounter God in the sharing of faith, in Scripture and prayer.



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**

God's Law

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

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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

***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.***

— Luke 4:18a

Archdiocese of Chicago

VOCATIONS

Samuel Group

Discernment for young adults

2022: Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar. 13, Apr. 10

Meetings: 3 – 7 p.m., Mass: 7 p.m.

Do you ever wonder how to make a good decision according to God's will? Join us for a discernment group specifically geared toward young adults (ages 19–35). Here you will discuss all kinds of discernment—if you are called to consecrated life, married life or single life, to a certain career or city, and more.

These discernment groups will take place monthly over the course of seven months. At each session, you will listen to talks, have time for small group sharing, and have the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director while doing this course.

St. John Paul II Newman Center (UIC) - Fr. Tom Byrne

Cost: \$45 per person

Register here: bit.ly/3xUOA5A

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!

We are 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

A Christian Dichotomy?

Children of the staff within the Vatican,
had their bare souls lighted with baptism's beacon.
With the Pope as Baptist, in the Sistine Chapel.
"If they cry, just let them; there's no need to grapple.
They're a spirit of ensemble." (The Pope)

Francis told how parents/sponsors must be caring:
that baptismal light in children's lives keeps flaring;
Like a budding blossom, once-bare souls will grow.
Embracing maturity, Jesus' strength will flow,
forming Christian Identity.

Those responsible for caring and preserving
Children's Christian Identity must have unswerving
faith to realize that it's a life-time task:
assurance of what we hope for...behind the mask;
"...the conviction of things not seen." (Heb 11:1)

Our faith is our religion; it will give causation
to help orphans and needy in their tribulation. (James 1:27)
We hope the faith that we embrace, and works that we perform,
will bring help to those in need, chasing their lives' windstorm.
But who helps those we can't?

Matthew tells us just how Jesus loved each little one:
He'd lay his hands on them, then let them have their run.
*"Do not hinder them from coming to me;
for such is the kingdom of heaven they'll see." (Matt 19:14)*
Jesus shows his love for children.

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So the Pope shows his love of babies at baptism.
The parent/sponsor cares for their Christian Identity.
They must have Faith.

That faith also boosts us to help the needy.
And, we read how Jesus loved little children.

How do we explain the torture-death of Damari Perry?
A North Chicago five-year old boy.
Ice cold water showered on him.
Until he became unresponsive.
Was being punished by brothers 20 and 17.
He must have screamed...cried...begged.
No one helped him. His body was dumped in a
vacant house in Gary, but found.

Why would God allow this to happen to an innocent little boy?
What would our Church say? It's God's will?
A perfect, loving, merciful God would permit such horror?
A mystery? But all mysteries tend to have positive endings.
Our Church is built on one: Christ's Resurrection.
But here we have a little boy, abandoned by everyone.
We must have Faith, but even Faith can be shaken.
If Damari Perry's horrible torture and death doesn't shake your
faith... What would?

1/23/22. Tom Lynch

Sources: NCR, Francis Chronicles; Heb 11:1; Matt 19:14; James 1:27.

African American Heritage Celebration

Akwaaba!
Welcome!

Sunday, February 6th
10:00 am

**St. Catherine –
St. Lucy Church**

**38 N. Austin Blvd.,
Oak Park**

Sadly, due to
Covid-19 precautions,
we will not have our
traditional brunch this
year.

Mass will be
livestreamed.

Info: 708- 386-8077
apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

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:
apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net Thank you.