



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

FEBRUARY 6, 2022
FIFTH 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,

I have some questions for you: Are you a patient person? Have you ever heard someone comment that *so and so* has the patience of a saint?

If you're like me, you probably find yourself somewhere between lacking any patience at all and the gift of saintly patience.

In a May 2020 article from *Psychology Today* ("*The Lost Virtue of Patience*," author Neel Burton, M.D., wrote:

Being both useful and difficult, patience is often thought of as a virtue, but it can also be understood as a complex of virtues including self-control, humility, tolerance, generosity, and mercy, and is itself an important aspect of other virtues such as hope, faith, and love. Patience is, therefore, a paradigm for the ancient notion of the unity of the virtues.

I recently read another interesting article on the topic entitled: "How Can I Become a More Patient Person?" It was written by Rev. Louis J. Cameli, STD, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, a scholar and currently Cardinal Cupich's delegate for Christian formation and mission for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Unlike the former article, Fr. Cameli directly connects patience as that which "belongs to the center of our spiritual lives." What does he mean?

Fr. Cameli breaks it down into three steps.

First, he writes that certainly we must "try to understand what happens when we feel impatient..." but we must move from the psychological perspective to recognize that there is "...a moral and spiritual side to" the issue of patience.

Consider the ways that our impatience is manifested. Does it fester and grow? Is it revealed in our anger, resentment, or even to the degree of developed hatred? This discussion, then, clearly places our patience into the moral and spiritual realm.

Fr. Cameli also points out that we cannot simply force ourselves to be patient, and continues that "St. Paul says that patience is a fruit or gift of the Holy Spirit" (c.f. Galatians 5.22-23).

If then, patience is a gift from God, there are implications for us. "If patience is God's gift, then we need to pray for it. And if we pray, then God will give it to us in his way and in his time."

Further, Fr. Cameli suggests that we employ an important spiritual exercise. "We need regularly to consider how God has been patient with us." Now there's any interesting thought, and one, I am guessing, that few of us have ever considered. Fr. Cameli writes that "Knowing God's patience in our regard fosters our patience with others."

Finally, Fr. Cameli suggests a second spiritual practice:

"We need to practice a way of seeing others as God sees them...we step back and take time to 'put on' God's eyes. We look at others honestly and realistically as limited, flawed and even, sometimes sinful. At the same time, we hold them in God's hope and see them as vulnerable, lovable, curable and redeemable."

I'd suggest that we consider adopting these thoughts and exercises into our practice for Lent, but Lent is a month away, and there's no time like the present for us to develop the gift of patience, and in so doing, attend to our spiritual lives as well.

Last week, we learned what the new parochial configuration would be for the currently 4 Oak Park parishes. This continues to be a time of prayer and of hope for us. Yes, big changes are coming for all of our worshipping communities, but the degree to which we embrace the changes, and open our hearts and minds to them, is the degree to which we will remain invested and help to build that new reality that awaits us all.

If you have not yet learned of the Renew My Church decisions, you will find a letter from the local parish priests along with a detailed Archdiocesan document about the changes and the rationale for them.

As we walk together in our faith, let us ever build a more peaceful, more patient and more unified Christian community.

Fr. John McGivern

The 500 Club Certificates

UPDATE

Bake Sale and 500 Club

Due to current Covid conditions, WE WILL NOT HAVE OUR VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE on Sunday February 13th.

WE WILL HAVE THE 500 CLUB'S SECOND DRAWING FOR A \$500 PRIZE instead of the usual weekly \$35 prize. It will now take place in the Parish Office on Monday, February 14th, instead of at the Bake Sale.

Do you have your certificate(s)? 500 Club information and purchase forms are available in the gathering area of church and in the Parish Office. Proceeds of the 500 Club are used for general operating expenses of the parish. This "season" of the 500 Club continues through June 26th, 2022.

Applications and payments 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 14th.

Thank you for your support of the parish through this fundraising program.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee

★ **THE 500 CLUB WINNER** ★

★ \$ 35.00 ★

★ February 6, 2022 ★

★ Patricia Pomykalski, ★

★ # 449 ★

African-American Heritage Celebration Mass

At 10:00 a.m. we will be celebrating the gift of African-American heritage in our parish family. YOU are more than welcome and ENCOURED to invite family members and neighbors to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Because of current COVID conditions there will not be a potluck celebration following the Mass. Please enjoy this special celebration!



**This Weekend
Food First**

Your own neighbor may be quietly visiting a food pantry, embarrassed to admit they need to supplement their daily food with help from the food pantry.....Can You Help?!

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with all my heart,
for you have heard the words
of my mouth.
— Psalm 138:1*



Tested Like Gold

*God wishes to test you like gold
in the furnace. The dross is
consumed by the fire, but the
pure gold remains and
its value increases.
—St. Jerome Emiliani*

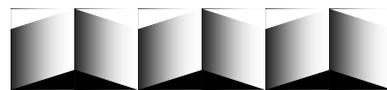
Prayer of the Week Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord,
with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope
of heavenly grace,
they may be defended always
by your protection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Save the Date

Monday, February 14-
\$500.00 drawing
for the 500 Club
Parish Office

Wednesday, March 2
Ash Wednesday -
Lent Begins



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. February 8

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
† **Mary Kay Cademartrie**
By: Tom Cademartrie

Wed. February 9

8:30 † **Bobby Unser**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
† **Madisyn Baldwin**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sat. February 12

5:00 † **Grace Ernst**
By: Evie Stockinger
† **Anna Protz**
By: Madonna Sloan
† **Georgine Mullen**
By: Thom and Susan Schouten

Sun. February 13

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Dion T. Skinner**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
† **Vicente Yee-Canama**
By: The Yee Family
† **Gail Rohmann**
By: Thom and Susan Schouten



Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15;
Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8;
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



January 30, 2022	\$ 2,136.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,223.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -3,949.00

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 — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

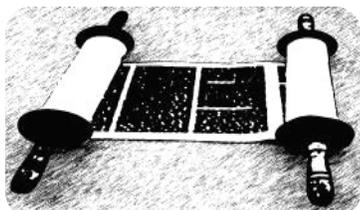
Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—FEB. 2022

<u>Feb. 5-6</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Min</u>
Sun 10 AM- (AAHC)	Renee Smith-Quinn	Diana Cameron Jeanne Visteen
<u>Feb. 12-13</u>		
Sat	Christine Wedekind	Lessie Dean
Sun	Kevin Morgan	Diana Cameron
<u>Feb. 19-20</u>		
Sat	Paul Knight	Pat Koko
Sun	Marcie Morgan	Mary Howard
<u>Feb. 26-27</u>		
Sat	Frank Pond	Lessie Dean
Sun	Pat Nelson	Kathy Mortell

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



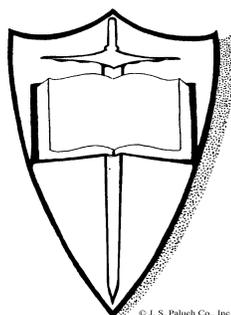
**FEBRUARY 13, 2022—
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

In the last years before the crushing defeat of Jerusalem and the exile of many of its citizens to Babylon, Jeremiah watched the people destroying themselves through materialism and unfaithfulness to God. Here he sets before them a clear choice.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

In last week's reading from first Corinthians, we heard the oldest written record of the Church's core tradition about Christ's resurrection. Today's passage follows directly from that, as Paul addresses concerns about our own resurrection.



**I DO
ALL FOR
THE
SAKE
OF THE
GOSPEL.**

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.



**Praying for the
Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Danita Bowie, Jeanette Cannon, Judy DesLauriers, Katherine Fisher, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Victoria Olvera, Raul Perez, Nbil Sabeil, 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



**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.

**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.

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

- ..# February is Black History Month, and we have a number of events planned to honor this time. We will update you each week on what our students are doing.
- ..# Graduation pictures for our 8th grade students are Monday, January 31.
- ..# No school on Friday, Feb. 11, as teachers participate in professional development sessions.
- ..# Valentine's Day falls on Monday February 14. Students may pay \$1 to wear red/pink that day. All money is going to the American Heart Association, in honor of Heart Health Month.
- ..# Tuition payment information for tax purposes is available through your Facts account. 1-Click View Details next to the Payment Plan & Billing title; 2-Click View Payment Summary link; 3-Select 2021 from drop down menu.



**Saints and Special
Observances**

- Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Scouting Sunday
- Tuesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
- Thursday: St. Scholastica
- Friday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick; National Shut-in Visitation Day
- Saturday: Lincoln's Birthday



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP Meeting Parts - #3

AGAPE: The celebration of our Prayer Circle continues. Tables pushed together to form one communal table. Placemats are... well, placed. Earthenware mugs, glass plates, a centerpiece, candles: a communal table, communally set. Cheeses (sic) and crackers or pizza puffs or pan dulce or fruit; pop, juice, water, coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. A blessing said over the food, all gathered - like family. Laughing and talking - like family. Thank you's all around, because we all helped provide for this agape: a "love feast" like the early Christians shared, named in the New Testament as a Greek word, the sharing of food in a spirit of unconditional love. And then the clean-up: Grace teases Eric into washing the dishes, Juan dries, Marty puts away; Spring wipes down the placemats; Jeff makes sure candles are extinguished. All is tidy. We form a circle for song – Shalom, *my friends*, 'til we meet again, *Shalom!*



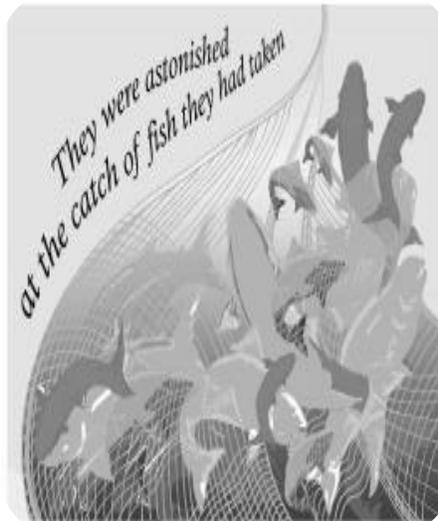
We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts -- whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections.

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**

2021 Statement of Contributions

Now, 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.



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

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

Theophanies

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

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Quigley Days

Saturday, February 26, 2022

High School-Age Men are invited on a hiking outing to Deer Grove Park, Palatine, IL

Schedule:

- 8 a.m. Board van at Mother of the Americas 2228 S. Whipple St. Chicago, IL 60623
- 8 a.m. Board minivan at Mary, Seat of Wisdom 920 Granville Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068
- 9–9:30 a.m. Arrive at Deer Grove Park
- 3 p.m. Van arrives back at Mary, Seat of Wisdom
- 3 p.m. Minivan arrives back at Mother of the Americas

The day will include Mass, hiking and a lunch which will be provided. Please wear hiking boots or gym shoes. Bring a backpack, water bottle and a hat. Sign up at this link. For further information contact Sharon Porter shporter@archchicago.org.

Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility



Please Make Your Gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "*Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility.*" This is especially important as many in our parishes have been affected financially by the pandemic. We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish. For example, Appeal funds support the subsidy of the religious formation for our deacon, help us maintain our parish ministries, and also with the structural expenses.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

What can I render to the Lord for all he has done for me? (Psalm 116:12-13)

Please Consider a Gift to the Church that Pays You Back

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by considering a gift to the Church that pays you back – a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish, school or ministry – such as the Annual Catholic Appeal – as the remainder beneficiary.

You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you. For more information, please contact our parish Business Manager, Patricia Pomykalski at pomykalski@archchicago.org or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga.

Greatest of These is Love

Paul posted it in Corinth a long time ago;
Martin Luther King clarified it for the world:
Love is the greatest of all spiritual gifts.
Love comes with the nonviolence flag unfurled:
Simple disagreement from complex discord,
is simply love seeking truth.

Paul says our words may be angelic and nimble,
yet if we lack love,
they can become a clashing cymbal,
painful and pointless.
Love is patient, not unkind;
Love's not jealous; it's a frame of mind.
Belief...hope...strength...all come on the wings of love.
Love does not fail.

MLK embraced courage and compassion,
humility and human kindness.
We learn to love our enemies: forgive and refashion.
A man devoid of the power to forgive
is devoid of the power to love.
"Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
Only light can do that;
Hate cannot drive out hate;
Only love can do that." (MLK, 1957)

MLK gave Jesus as an example
of how humility and love can lead to greatness.
Paul preached Jesus' mission
of showing love and mercy for the poor.
MLK said issues of race
stem from wanting to be superior.
Paul's Corinth post had guidance from above:
"Faith, hope and love remain...
but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor 13:13)

"In some not too distant tomorrow,
the radiant stars of love
will shine over our great nation,
in all their scintillating beauty." (MLK, 1967)

2/6/22. Tom Lynch, SCSL

Notes: 1 Cor 12:31–13:13; Speeches of MLK.