

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

FEBRUARY 13, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John McGivern, Administrator

Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal

Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director

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Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager

Mr. Ludwig Weiss, School Operations Director

Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager

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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,

I have already watched quite a bit of the Olympic Winter Games, and I marvel at how perfectly fit young people effortlessly leap through the air on their skis or skates, and race down the mountainside at speeds that I am sure I would find quite frightening. These are the world's best athletes at the peak of their physical abilities. They are young, strong, energetic, carefree and still at an age when they feel they can accomplish almost anything. In fact, Olympic athletes *have* accomplished most everything about which they have dreamed. All of this and many of them still not even twenty-one years of age.

So many of us love to watch the Olympic Games, I think, because these athletes symbolize the power and beauty of youth. Most of us look fondly on our earlier years. Life was uncomplicated. We ran for the sheer joy of running. We enjoyed life in a free and easy way. It is a wonderful time of life—the time when we begin to set our sights on even greater heights and plan for adult successes. After all, it is what our parents have prepared us for—to be healthy, happy and productive members of society.

As I sit in my office chair, and remember the days when I was a competitive athlete who, like every child, dreamt of one day becoming an Olympian, the here and now comes back to me all too quickly as I feel the ache in both of my knees. (Knee replacements surgeries are coming this summer!) I am suddenly reminded of the reading glasses sitting upon the bridge of my nose which is magnifying these very words I write. You get the picture.

When we are young, we accumulate knowledge, strength, friendships, appetites, abilities... In our adulthood, we accumulate more knowledge, perhaps along with some measure of prestige, responsibility, real estate, cars, and we may also accumulate things, lots of things.

As the sand slowly passes through the hourglass of our lives, we begin to realize that nearly everything is transient. We let go of our youth, our perfect health, our hair, (even our teeth), and many of our loved ones begin to be called home to God. We become more acutely aware that just as we come into this world with nothing, so shall we leave this world in exactly the same way.

This, I think, is part of the process of attaining wisdom and spiritual maturity. By accepting the reality that just as life freely and easily flows, there is a time when life as we knew it also begins to ebb, we may be able to experience peace and serenity with what is. We learn that our real needs are few, but for companionship and love. At the end of our lives, none of it will matter except for the faith that we have lived and the love that we have shared.

For those of you who are young, enjoy this wonderful time of life. For those of us who are at a more nostalgic age, let us not merely lament what once was, but amid our sore knees and weakening eyesight, embrace who we are today, for the inevitable loss that comes our way will only ever weaken our bodies and minds. Perhaps this is the process by which our souls evolve and our spirits learn to leave go of their external shells, all in preparation for the fullness of life with our God of Love, which, finally we understand, is all we ever really and truly desired or needed.

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

Faith & Fellowship: Connie Rakitan

Ministers of the Eucharist & Ministers of the

Word: Jeanne Visteen

Servers: Kathy Paoli

Ministers of Care: Rev. John McGivern

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

The 500 Club Certificates

Bake Sale and 500 Club

Due to current Covid conditions, WE WILL NOT HAVE OUR VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND.

WE WILL, HOWEVER, 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)? They can be purchased with a cash or check payment until noon February 13th to be included in the special drawing on the 14th.

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 being used for general operating expenses of the parish. This "season" of the 500 Club continues through June 26th, 2022.

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

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee

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 ★ THE 500 CLUB WINNER ★
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 ★ The \$500.00 winner will ★
 ★ be announced next week- ★
 ★ end in the bulletin of ★
 ★ February 20th ★
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Feeling Blessed

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

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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.

Pray For Our Deceased



Jeanette Cannon

RIP 2/5/22

May she rest in peace!



Please pray for the eternal rest of the soul of Mrs. Jeanette Cannon who passed away last Saturday, February 5th. She was a faith-filled parishioner and member of the Choir here at SCSL Parish for many years. Jeanette was always helping the Fundraising Committee and our parish. Jeanette did a lot of work for the Donut Sales too and always volunteered and coordinated this event. Also, she handled the Silent Auction for the Christmas Bazaars and she did it beautifully, so organized and with such thoughtfulness and especially with good cheer. Jeanette wrote the thank you notes for "Memories" Bazaar in 2020 even when she was already noticing changes in her health. Please keep her and Patrick her husband, and their extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

May the Angels lead her into Paradise

Funeral Information

Mass of Christian Burial:

Here at St Catherine-St. Lucy on
 Saturday, February 19th at 11:00 AM.
Visitation in Church prior to mass from
 9:30-11:00 AM

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. February 15

8:30 † **Jim Marshall**
By: Bob Nix
† **Rev. John Carolan**
By: The Yee Family
† **Robert M. McAdam**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. February 16

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
† **Justin Shilling**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sat. February 19

5:00 † **Guy Coletti**
By: Evie Stockinger
† **Stella Caro**
By: The Yee Family
† **Melicie Remy**
By: The YVincent Family

Sun. February 20

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Georgine Mullen**
By: Bill and Barb Cragg
† **E. Dolores Register**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
† **Justine Brundt**
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8,
10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Monday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite
Order
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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



February 6, 2022	\$ 4,724.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,078.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ -1,506.00

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 — The one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

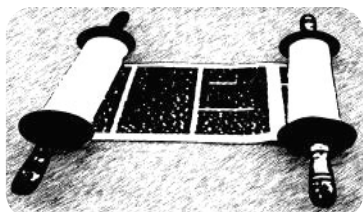
Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—FEB. 2022

	Lector	Communion Minister
<u>Feb. 12-13</u> Sat Sun	Christine Wedekind Kevin Morgan	Lessie Dean Diana Cameron
<u>Feb. 19-20</u> Sat Sun	Paul Knight Marcie Morgan	Pat Koko Mary Howard
<u>Feb. 26-27</u> Sat Sun	Frank Pond Pat Nelson	Lessie Dean Kathy Mortell

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



FEBRUARY 20, 2022— 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In this reading we hear of Saul and David. Saul became the first king of Israel, about 1,000 years before Christ. David, best known for slaying Goliath, was also a talented musician and became one of the favorites at Saul's court. Eventually, the king grew jealous of the popular David who had to flee for his life.

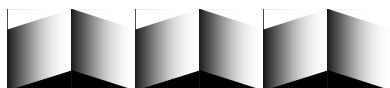
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul's converts at Corinth had a lot of questions about life after death, and on the last two Sundays we've heard Paul addressing these. Today he uses a parallel. Just as we receive our human life from our ancestors — ultimately Adam — so we received risen life from Jesus, who could be called the "new Adam".

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, Jane Baker, Danita Bowie, Judy DesLauriers, Katherine Fisher, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, 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.

*"Blessed are you who are
poor, for the kingdom
of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are
now hungry, for you will be
satisfied."*

— Luke 6:20-21a

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

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School Scoop

..#February is Black History Month, and there are a number of activities planned in celebration.

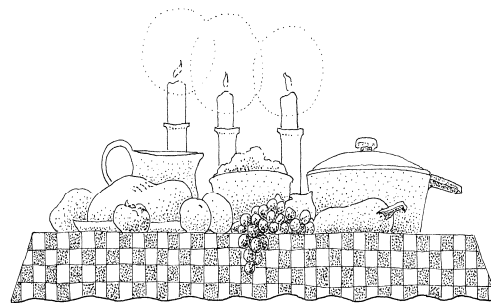
..#Catholic Schools Week wrapped up last Friday. Also last Friday we celebrated the 100th day of school.

..#As you know, St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church is combining with St. Giles Church, uniting under one pastor. Our school will remain as is, strong and vibrant, working with our new partner.

..#Congratulations to Coach Funches and our Girls' Varsity BBTeam. They defeated St. Angela's last night to advance to the next round of the play-offs.

..#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.

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



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.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

“Special, Warm, Inclusive, Full of Love”

That’s how Pat Nelson described last week’s St. Catherine-St. Lucy’s celebration of African American History, but in fact these words describe the essence of our parish, and are the reason Faith & Fellowship treasures being part of this beautiful community. We treasure our place this Sunday’s festive worship. We treasure Dave Detmer who helped with transportation and accompaniment. Ray John, a Catechist from the Philippines, treasured that we honored our elders as his own culture does. F/F’s young guests from St. Francis College Prep in Wheaton treasured how welcome and at home they were made to feel. Mahogany and Regina treasured the lively music of praise. Eric and Juan treasured seeing Father George again. Father George reminded us that we evangelize by *telling out story*; Sunday’s celebration did just that – the story of SCSL, and in its way the story of F/F.



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**

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.

A Tax-Savvy Way to Support the Annual Catholic Appeal

One way you can reclaim God’s promise and once again take up your responsibility is by making a direct gift of securities and mutual funds that have appreciated in value and have been held for more than one year.

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit archchicago.org/stockgiftform and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7461 or kwhitehead@archchicago.org



The Name of God is Mercy

March 8 at 7:30 over Zoom.

As we seek meaning in life at the beginning of Lent, amongst the challenges of Covid and new parish configurations, the Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee at Ascension Catholic Church in Oak Park invites you to a series of monthly discussions on recent books by Pope Francis. The next discussion will be on *The Name of God is Mercy*, to be held on March 8 at 7:30 over Zoom.

In *The Name of God is Mercy*, Pope Francis explains—through memories from his youth and moving anecdotes from his experiences as a pastor—why “mercy is the first attribute of God.” Mercy is a central teaching for Pope Francis, whose heartfelt desire is to reach all people who are looking for meaning in life, a way to peace and reconciliation, and the healing of physical and spiritual wounds. God does not want anyone to be lost, Francis writes, God’s mercy is infinitely greater than our sins.

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to llaaffc@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.

Grief Support Group

St. Giles Parish

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: (708) 383-6279

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Food for Thought Walking with the Holy Spirit

***“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream;
It fears not the heat when it comes;
its leaves stay green...”*** (Jeremiah 17:6-7)

The decision has emerged: two will become one, from many parts, merged into one faith community. Led by Pastor Carl and new parish leadership, energized by the golden rays of God’s sun, the Holy Spirit will walk with us on the hardest kind of sacred journey...it’s transitional.

Instilled into this chosen team will be the courage, the compassion, the humility, the human kindness, the wisdom, and above all else, the love; It’s the hardest kind of love...it’s unconditional.

To form a new Community of Worship, we begin with focus on evangelization, critical to the fresh formation, and to the future of the Church.

The team on its journey can be expected to address at least the following:

- ...(1) Appoint a new Pastoral Council; t then joins the journey.
- (2) Determine weekend mass schedules at SCSL, including mass with gospel music; Outline music selection process; set procedures for special ...needs;
- (5) Initiate parish name selection process;
- (6) Appoint contact person for SCSL school;
- (7) Outline future use of other SCSL parish property; Detail property maintenance program, including church.
- ...(8) Other issues as identified by Pastor Morello, team and new PPO.

Oak Park sits as the closest suburb west of Chicago. The magnificent SCSL church is a welcoming beacon in all directions, but especially to ... God’s commitment of love offers life-giving salvation. As we live out our discipleship, we must be examples of the power of love.

2/13/22. Tom Lynch,

SCSL Sources: Archdiocese RMC Update;
1 Cor 12:4-12

