



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

FEBRUARY 20, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

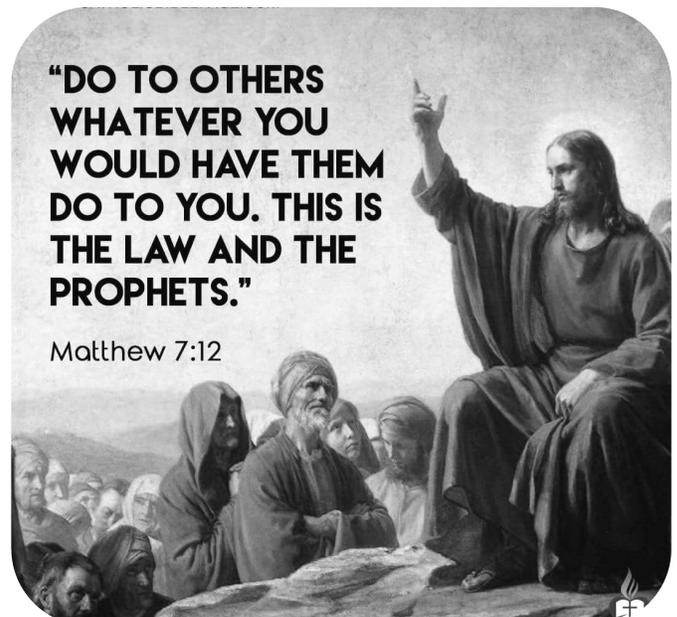
Sunday Morning - 9:00 am

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

Who is Jesus?

Dear Parishioners,

Perhaps you think this to be an odd question to be posed by a priest. Truthfully, I think it is an important question for every one of us to ask. You'll be surprised at the breadth and the depth of answers.

Most people would easily state one of the following: Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is King of the Universe. Jesus is the Messiah. He is the Savior of the World. He is the Prince of Peace. He is the Light of the World. He is the Word made Flesh. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He is the Lamb of God. He is the Sacrificial Lamb. He is the Just Judge. He is our Teacher, our Friend, our Brother, our Priest. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is Hope for the World. He is our Lord.

Depending upon which of these ways that you describe Jesus tells us something about ourselves as well. But before I get ahead of myself, were you to ask an atheist who Jesus is, he or she is likely to express that Jesus is a good man. Ask a Jew and you will learn that Jesus is considered to be a good man and a teacher. A Muslim believer would tell us that Jesus is a virgin-born prophet.

Catholic doctrine regarding Jesus tells us that...

- Jesus is the Second Person in the Divine Trinity.
- He is fully God and fully human, with a human will and a divine will.
- We believe that Jesus is King of the Cosmos, the Word of God, and the long-awaited Messiah of Israel.
- We believe that Jesus was born of the virgin, Mary.
- Mary is the "Immaculate Conception."
- Mary remained a virgin her entire life.
- Jesus never married.
- Jesus grew up to be a great teacher and healer.
- His actions and teachings fully reveal and reflect the will of God.
- The teachings of Jesus are the very teachings of God.
- He suffered, was crucified, truly died, and rose again bodily, all for our sins.
- Jesus ascended into heaven, and he intercedes on our behalf before the Father.
- He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Generally speaking, Catholics share similar views with Protestants and especially with Orthodox Christians about Jesus. All of this information certainly informs us, but perhaps it would be helpful to have a more historical picture of Jesus too. We know that...

- Jesus actually existed.
- He lived roughly 2,000 years ago.
- He was a Jew.
- He grew up in Nazareth.
- He was crucified and died.

Now, I have shared a great deal of information about Jesus. I have shared common ways that he is described. I have shared the Catholic doctrine about him and I have shared information about his historical life. Even with all of this information, however, something yet seems to be missing.

What is missing?

Even those who knew Jesus personally, had to make the ultimate decision to follow him by faith. How else can we know that Jesus is fully human and fully divine except by faith? How else do we believe that when Jesus suffered in pain on the cross that God was suffering with him? And how else can we make sense of the fact that Jesus has saved us from our sins unless we believe that he is God?

We come to know Jesus by believing in him.

Our belief in him is personal. It is also communal, as what we believe about him reflects the common experience of those who know and have known him. Ultimately, Jesus is known by faith and worship, in light of the Scripture and Church Teaching.

How do we know anyone? By being in relationship with someone. Through his incarnation, Jesus has become intimately related to every human being that was and who shall be. Through prayer and worship (which makes Jesus present sacramentally) we come to know Jesus.

The more we know and love Jesus, the more we become united in our faith. As our unity in faith grows, so too does our ability to make Jesus known to all others.

So, you see, asking the question of "*Who is Jesus?*" is a necessary question to wrestle with and to develop an understanding about. Ultimately, how we choose to answer the question will determine how we live in this world and the kind of impact we may make upon it. Let us, then, think deeply and choose wisely. Finally, let us act upon this knowledge and not simply share, but become his presence for others to know and to love.

Fr. John McGivern



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. February 22

8:30 † **Jim Marshall**
By: Bob Nix
† **Tak Kanazawa**
By: The Yee Family

Wed. February 23

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
† **Juan Francisco Martijena**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. February 26

5:00 † **Susan Vanek**
By: Ministry of Care
† **Joanna Vanni**
By: Ministry of Care

Sun. February 27

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Jim Marshall**
By: Bob Nix
† **Bernard P. Mushi**
By: Selina Mushi
† **Oliva Maswai-Mushi**
By: Selina Mushi

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12;
Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;
1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day
Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
Wednesday: St. Polycarp
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 13, 2022	\$ 3,590.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,888.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ -1,830.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at: www.givecentral.org
Thanks for your continued financial support!

Beauty in Forgiveness

*Humanity is never so beautiful as
when praying for forgiveness, or
else forgiving another.*

—Jean P. F. Richter

Today's Readings

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

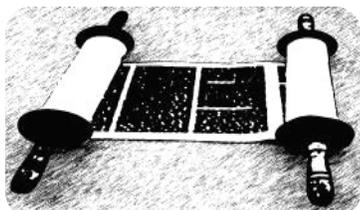
Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—FEB. 2022

	Lector	Communion Minister
Feb. 19-20		
Sat	Paul Knight	Pat Koko
Sun	Marcie Morgan	Mary Howard
Feb. 26-27		
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 27, 2022—
8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. It is a loose collection of wise sayings dealing with various concerns in the life of a believer. In today's section, we hear Sirach's thoughts about how speech is the measure of a person.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

This is the last of our seven weeks of readings from first Corinthians. In recent weeks, we have heard Paul addressing the Corinthian converts' questions about life after death. Paul ends his teaching on the resurrection with this hymn of triumph over death.



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.

 **Praying for the Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Danita Bowie, Judy DesLauriers, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Victoria Olvera, Raul Perez, Nbil Sabeil, Shelley Sandow, Joann Taylor, and LaNedra Vaughn

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.

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

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School Scoop

- ..#Continuing with Black History Month celebrations on Friday, February 25th, the Seventh and Eight Grades will attend the African-American Prayer Service, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago, at St. Rita High School.
- ..#Since we are located in Oak Park, we follow the guidelines of the village's health department. There is still a requirement for masks to be worn indoors, and we will continue to do so in school.
- ..#On Saturday, February 26th our Junior High team contends in the Black History Bowl at Leo High School. We narrowly missed third place last year and have our sights set on first place this time around.
- ..#It is critical that families contact Candice with any tuition issues or questions - 773-469-3553/ finances@catherinelucy.org

Destroying our Enemies

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

—Abraham Lincoln

Thank you from The Women's Center

Dear Fr. John, Staff, and Parishioners,

Thank you so much for participating in the 2021 Baby Bottle campaign and for the generous donation of \$808.79 raised by your parish.

These funds allow us to provide real, practical assistance to women in crisis pregnancies. Not only do we help them choose life for their babies, but then we are able to provide them with much needed material assistance and emotional support.

We just want to express to you, the office staff, and the parishioners our sincere appreciation. May God bless you. Sincerely, Janet Back, Manager of Fundraising.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Very Sparse Thursday Afternoons

“There’s only four of us here, but we used to have nine,” was Eric’s mournful observation. In recent years, the size of our Thursday afternoon group has dwindled because of members’ retirement, relocation, and even passing away. This wasn’t the first time Eric expressed sadness about our group’s diminishing size which Covid has of course exacerbated. But he’s right – our little community needs more people. Maybe the time is right for you to accept Eric’s invitation and join our weekly 1:00 – 3:00 pm get-togethers by e-mailing; faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or calling 708/383-9276.



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**



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.

We Love because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

Demonstrate Love for Thy Neighbor with a QCD Gift

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day, we have the opportunity to be the face of Jesus to others.

You can help to support our faith community by making a qualified charitable distribution (“QCD”) gift from your individual retirement account to the Annual Catholic Appeal. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

If you would like information on how to make a QCD gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact <Name of parish contact, phone and email>. [(OPTIONAL) or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org].



The Name of God is Mercy

CORRECTION: The Zoom discussion on *The Name of God is Mercy* by Pope Francis, originally scheduled for March 8, has been postponed to March 22

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 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.

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

The Church’s Dilemma

Daniel J. Horan is a tough-minded Jesuit priest. If Jesuit cavalry ever goes to war, he will lead on his great white charger. (TGL)

The Church has shown shame and remorse for things its done over the course of past centuries. For example: The abuse of indigent communities, primarily during Spanish colonialism; Centuries later, that view of indigents is abhorrent. There’s more: There was a prohibition of religious liberty. At Vatican II in 1965, Paul VI reversed the Church’s stand on religious liberty, with *Dignitatis Humanae*, Declaration of Religious Freedom, opening that dark door.

There’s no equivalency between those issues and treatment of LGBTQ people today.

But three points are salient:

1. When errors in non-infallible teaching are discovered, changes are in play.
2. We’ll know change is needed, by use of theological research and experiential dialogue. Meanwhile, stop all LGBTQ discrimination, including sexual and gender orientation at Catholic institutions.
3. The Church will see, as an abdication of responsibility, it’s dehumanizing policies and practices about LGBTQ people.

Meanwhile, recent papal statements might suggest the Church is changing its approach to LGBTQ. The Church must do better. NOW IS THE TIME! Not only will history judge the church’s past and present on LGBTQ treatment, but so will God.

2/20/22. Tom Lynch, SCSL

Source: NCR, Daniel Horan.

