



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

FEBRUARY 27, 2022
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

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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)



*Every tree is known by
its own fruit*

Thoughts From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Friends,

My full name is John Wainwright McGivern. I have the honor to be named after both my father and my mother. My Dad was John J. McGivern and my Mom, Caroline J. Wainwright McGivern. I am proud of my name and the fact that I carry my parent's names is never out of mind.

Admittedly, it was a name I had to grow into as my childhood friends found my middle name unusual and good-naturedly teased me about it. I have a priest friend who fondly calls me "Wainwright" still today.

Like most of you, I am very grateful to have the parents that I have had. They were kind, loving, generous, forgiving and always available.

I am thinking of Mom and Dad today after having prayed with this Sunday's scriptures. In the Book of Sirach, we heard that:

...when a sieve [strainer] is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

In hearing or reading these words, a duality of meaning becomes clear. Certainly, they are words that challenge each of us to be the best that we ourselves can be; and they offer a warning for us to choose our words carefully and to use them wisely. They also indicate that there is a derivative nature to our behavior. Hence, the quality of the pottery either confirms or calls into question the skill of the potter. Likewise, the fruit of the tree is very telling as to the tree itself.

There is then, both the sense that we are responsible for our own words and actions, and that our words and actions have consequences that may have a direct impact upon others.

For me and my 5 siblings, we were raised in a loving household where a certain way of living was modeled for us even more than it was ever taught to us. Fortunately for us, we were given the gift of faith and understood that the loving behavior we witnessed and were benefactors of, was my parents' own choice to emulate the way of the Lord Jesus.

Of course, not all of us have had the benefit of loving, healthy, involved parents. Jesus asks in today's Gospel passage: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" Yes, there are obvious benefits to having been raised in the blessed way that many of us were.

I can recall, however, many a time that a far less fortunate young person would find his or her way to our family home, and my mother, especially, would share with those hurting souls precisely what my siblings and I received all day every day. In other words, when we are blessed to have learned to love and been given love, from whomever it may have come, we have a holy obligation to impart that gift so that others may become the good fruit-producing trees that God desires for them to become.

Let us, therefore, take heed of what we say and how we say it. Let us till the soil of our lives with only nourishing ingredients, for who we are will have an impact on who others may learn or choose to become.

My own name of John Wainwright McGivern re-minds me of who I am, from whence I have come, and the great responsibility I have to share with others the beautiful riches that have been given to me. Whatever may be the catalyst in your own lives, let it remind you of the holy responsibility that is yours and let us together build a world of hope and of love.

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

**An Important Message from our
New Pastor-to-Be
Fr. Carl Morello**

Dear Members of St. Catherine/
St. Lucy Parish,

Hello! Now the decision has been announced that St. Giles and St. Catherine/St. Lucy are to be united I thought this might be a good place to start the journey!

While there is excitement about this unification, there is also some anxiousness about what the future will look like as we begin this process. Of course, there are many questions that will need to be addressed and answered.

As I begin to work with Fr. John McGivern, presently the Administrator of this parish, through this time of transition, my mantra is prayer, patience, humility and charity! I ask you to join me in this mantra, and in prayer together.

I, along with the St. Giles Community, feel blessed to know we will walk this journey together, "Building a New Reality," the next step of the process after the decision of Renew My Church has been made.

At the heart of our journey let us not forget we live in the spirit of Jesus. Let us trust the spirit and turn to the Holy Spirit, that the Spirit can make our sighs, our joys, and our challenges into moments of union with God and each other.

In Christ,

Fr. Carl Morello



March 2, 2022
Ashes will be distributed at:

8:30am - Ashes given during Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish

12Noon - Ashes given during a Liturgy of the Word Service at St. Edmund's Parish, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302

7:00pm - Ashes given during Mass at St. Edmund's Parish

NOTICE
Due to current Covid conditions,
**WE WILL NOT HAVE OUR
Lenten Spaghetti Dinner &
Dessert Auction
on Friday, March 4th.**



Sunday March 20th

**Please Be Our Guest
at the annual
SPRING RAFFLE
gathering!!**

Join us in Maguire Hall
Sunday March 20th after
9:00 AM Mass

Light refreshments and good
company will be provided.

This year's **raffle prizes** are cash prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100, a \$200 Grocery Gift Card, and a \$75 Gift Card to Cucina Paradiso Restaurant

Raffle tickets have been mailed and will also be available for sale after Masses beginning March 5th. Winner need not be present but it is fun when you are!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee



It is Time to Start Preparing for CRS Rice Bowl!
March 2— April 14, 2022

Lent is quickly approaching and all are invited to participate in **CRS Rice Bowl**, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program to pray, fast, learn and give.

To get information on how you can participate, please visit archchicago.org/crs-rice-bowl. Contact Dr. Angela L. Swain at angelaswain@archchicago.org with any questions. Here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy the Rice Bowl boxes will be available starting on Wednesday, March 2.

Ordination Ban

Mr. Kevin Morgan, a parishioner of St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish, is scheduled to be ordained to the Order of Deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago on **May 14, 2022**. This is a public announcement of the upcoming ordination and fulfills the canonical requirement. Catholics are obliged to reveal any concerns, impediments or circumstances that could prevent Mr. Morgan from receiving Sacred Orders and should contact the pastor or the Cardinal with such information as soon as possible if there is a serious question about the candidate's suitability for ordained ministry.



**Lenten Penance Service
Monday, March 28
at 7:00 PM At St. Giles Parish**

The Lenten Reconciliation Service for all 4 of the parishes of Oak Park will take place on Monday, March 28th - 7:00 PM at St. Giles Parish, 1045 S. Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. March 1

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
† **Donna Solome**
By: Evie Stockinger

Wed. March 2

8:30 † **Joan Walsh**
By: Bill and Barbara Cragg
† **Ed Asner**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sat. March 5

5:00 † **Irina Baleisis**
By: The Yee Family
† **Herietta Caponera**
By: Dan Brown

Sun. March 6

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Jim Marshall**
By: Bob Nix
† **Gail Rohmann**
By: Donna Kanapes
† **Joan Walsh**
By: Donna Kanapes
† **Lucienne Jean-Baptiste**
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c;
Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
Almsgiving
Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel
Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence;
World Day of Prayer
Saturday: First Saturday

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 20, 2022	\$ 1,293.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 858.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ -5,157.00

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 — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—FEB. 2022

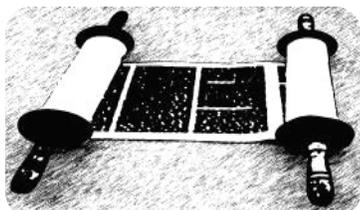
<u>Feb. 26-27</u>	Lector	Communion Minister
Sat		
Sun	Frank Pond Pat Nelson	Lessie Dean Kathy Mortell

Leave a Legacy to Bring Hope to the World

As we stand before God's promise to make all things new, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by including a bequest in your will or trust for the *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For sample bequest language 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].

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



MARCH 6, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The events in this reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses bids them to remember all that God has done for them. When they are settled in this new land, he tells them that every year they should offer the first fruits of their harvest to the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
Paul was proud of his Jewish heritage and wanted all his people to be saved. The question of what will happen to Jews who do not believe in Jesus caused Paul a great deal of grief and anxiety. In this section of the letter to the Romans, he addresses this issue.

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.

Welcome!
To the Infant Welfare Society/ Children's Clinic
(Opening on March 2nd).

And our duty as good neighbors, we want you to know they do such wonderful work. They are located at Madison & Humphrey. More info to come.

(Courtesy of Pat Nelson)

 **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

27 W. Washington Blvd.
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708-386-5286



School Scoop

..#Re-registration for next year is taking place. Paperwork/links/ information is available. All students who register by February 28 will receive a special gift!
..#It is critical that families contact Candice with any tuition issues or questions - 773-469-3553/ finances@catherinelucy.org

2021 Statement of Contributions

For tax purposes you can **request** now a list of your 2021 Statement of Contributions. Please call or e-mail Amanda at 708-386-8077 or: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net Thank you.

RENEW MY CHURCH

What's next? How do we move forward?

To answers these questions, you are invited to a special meeting on **March the 8th at 7 PM in St. Giles - McDonough Hall** or to participate in the meeting on line via a Zoom link.

The purpose of this gathering is to share information and help understand our continuing *Renew My Church Process*. We will learn more about how this journey is both Spiritual – re- encountering Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities – as well as Structural – ensuring our parishes have adequate resources for vitality.

We will learn more about this phase we are now in, Organization Transition, moving us to the third phase which is Building Our New Reality. There will be one meeting for all four parishes as we are unified into two new parish realities. Please plan now to join us for this informative meeting, **Tuesday March 8th at 7 PM.** (Information about joining the meeting on line will be in shared as we approach the date.)

Pope Francis Synod - Your Response Needed



*Pope Francis is inviting the laity worldwide to participate in the 2021-2023 Synod by offering our reflections on journeying together as the Universal Church in the areas of **Communion, Participation, and Mission.***

WHAT IS A SYNOD?

“A synod is a meeting or assembly of church leaders...”
“Synodality” refers to the way that these synods make decisions. It is a model that includes listening to a broad range of people and then discussing the issues together with the goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the church.” -Colleen Dulle, Explainer: So, what exactly is a synod? America Magazine, Oct 8, 2021

The Parish Councils of the Oak Park Groupings is providing a survey for parishioners to fill out. You can fill out electronically by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/synodop> OR use the QR code below OR you can complete a paper copy included in the bulletin this week end (and available in the Gathering area) and drop off in a box at weekend liturgies.

We appreciate all forms returned by **Sunday, March 13** so they can be collated and sent to the Archdiocese. By using this opportunity to voice your thoughts, you will also provide all of us in the Oak Park Grouping information about where our parishioners would like us to begin as we forge new relationships and develop our new Parish identities. Please join in this process as we journey together guided by the Holy Spirit!



As we walk together...

To our Sisters and Brothers of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish, The Parish Pastoral Council and the St. Giles community is looking forward to uniting with you as one parish. It is with great joy that we come together in this first phase of the Renew My Church initiative. We all realize there may be nervousness and some anxiety of what the future holds for each of us, just like in a marriage when “two become one.” And just like a marriage, there is room for new life and new beginnings, bringing all that we are and all that we hope to be together, as one Catholic community. We welcome you and look forward to worshipping and building community with you.

Let us continue to pray for each other as we walk together on this journey of change for patience and to be open to the Holy Spirit working through each of us. May we embrace the many possibilities that the future holds for us sharing our gifts, our talents and our hopes to the benefit and vitality of the entire, unified parish community.

St Giles Parish Council, on behalf of its parishioners

Food for Thought

Speaking from the Heart

“One’s faults (appear) when one speaks; ...one’s speech discloses the bent of one’s mind; Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.” (Sirach 27:4-7)

When we open our mouths to speak,
we’re open also to critique;
the faults possessed will fast appear,
as will the goodness, warm and clear.

Just as Jesus the disciples teaches,
in the fullness of our hearts it reaches
out to fight evil in the deep, dark sea
of raging injustice and dishonesty.

We speak up for those whose voice is ignored.
Words chosen carefully, we bar discord,
knowing that our words will our hearts reveal
with hope that other’s hearts and minds will heal.

In the readings, Jesus warned the people,
from the mountain, which was like his steeple,
saying they must beware of those bad trees
that produce rotten fruit sure to displease.

Pope Francis in “Fratelli Tutti” names
our problem as global illusion in frames
of disconnection and meaninglessness.

We need dialogue to create a new
world address.

We must learn to speak less and listen more,
and see through other’s eyes...a different door.
In choosing words to reflect goodness in our heart,
we’ll no longer in this world be so far apart.

2/27/22. Tom Lynch, SCSL

Sources: NPR, M. McGlone; We Celebrate, 2/27;
Luke 6; Sirach 27; Francis, Fratelli Tutti.

