



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

MARCH 6, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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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)



FIRST SUNDAY OF
Lent

Thoughts From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Friends,

This is the third Lenten season that we remain in the throes of a deadly pandemic, as nearly 1 million people have died from COVID-19 in this country. People in the United States seem to be as divided and intolerant as almost they ever have. Now, the world order we thought we knew is being mightily tested with the horrific invasion of Ukraine.

Yet, on this first Sunday of Lent, the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy reminds us that there is hope. We hear that God brought the Israelites...

“out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing [them] into this country, he gave [them] this land flowing with milk and honey.”

We begin our Lenten journey, then, acknowledging that although we currently face many obstacles and fears, like the enslaved Israelites who sometimes would lose hope, God is with us too, with every step we take, for we believe that God never abandons his people. At the onset of this season, it may make better sense to consider the ways that we may have, wittingly or not, abandoned or distanced ourselves from God.

In fact, this is precisely Lent's purpose. It is that time of year when we scrutinize our lives more closely than usual. Are we the people that we want to be? Are we the people God has called us to be? As individuals who are ever on the journey toward God, aren't we always in a state of becoming? If we place God as the central figure in our lives and live from that truth, then we are becoming more God-like. If, however, we allow any number of other things to take the central place that is reserved for God alone, then we are becoming less God-like.

What are those possible intrusions jostling for our attention? For some of us, it may be vanity. For others, it may be our desire for riches or power. Even our American

culture tends to applaud the self-driven individual, often mistaking the healthy and important value of self-caring with the narcissistic tendencies of self-centeredness.

Other times, we may be so consumed with concerns, even legitimate concerns, that even then, God is pushed aside, as opposed to allowing God to be with us in our concern or worry.

For some others, we may attempt to “do” the Lenten disciplines with such perfection that we lose sight of their purpose. The Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are designed to help us uncover our need for God, to help us discover our desire for God, and to help us become aware of our sinfulness before God.

During these next six weeks, I hope that you will make time for spiritual reading. I hope you will attend one or two of the various opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross that are scheduled too. Or simply setting aside just a few minutes every day to thank God for the gift of your life and to seek God's help in becoming the individual *God* wants you to be.

Pope Francis has asked that we use the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as the way that we can support the people of Ukraine and develop greater solidarity with them.

On this journey of self-discovery, it is necessary to remember that God loves and accepts us just as we are. In response to so great a love, let us simply make the attempts to return that love by choosing the path of becoming that will help us to become more God-like. Like Jesus in the desert, we, may find that we, too, shall be tempted, for journeys of self-discovery are never easy. With Jesus as our model and guide, even if we stumble and fall, we will persevere. For it is not perfection that we seek, but unhardened hearts and open minds that seek the love and acceptance that God has always and already given us.

Fr. John McGivern

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Liturgy Committee:

Chair: Phil Kroker
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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

Lenten Regulations

(from Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Fasting and Abstaining From Meat

One of our Lenten Practices uniting us with Catholics around the world! Fridays during Lent are days of abstaining from meat. Good Friday is a day of abstaining from meat and fasting.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Please take home a CRS Rice Bowl!

All are invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl, **Catholic Relief Services Lenten program** to pray, fast, learn and give. So take a box, fill it up with your unused change and bring it back by April 17, 2022. Here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy the Rice Bowl boxes are available at both Church doors.



Next Sunday Mar 14, 2021 – 2AM
Daylight Saving Time Starts

Do not forget to move your clocks one hour forward. There will be more light in the evening.



Today's Second Collection is for Aid for Central & Eastern Europe

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ceec.



St. Catherine—St. Lucy

Palm Sunday—April 10

5:00 PM~ Saturday
9:00 AM ~ Palms Procession

Holy Thursday—April 14

7:00 PM ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Edmund's Parish

Good Friday— April 15

7:00 PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord at St. Catherine—St. Lucy

Holy Saturday— April 16

7:00 ~ The Great Easter Vigil PM Mass at St. Catherine—St. Lucy

Easter Sunday—April 17

9:00 AM ~ Alleluia!



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

Ordination Bann



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 Mister 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. March 8

8:30 †

Jane Powell

By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. March 9

8:30 †

Luke Podraza

By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sat. March 12

5:00 †

Luke Brown

By: Dan Brown

Sun. March 13

9:00 †

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Michael Geraci

By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Georgine Mullen

By: Thom and Sue Schouten

Jeanette Cannon

By: Cynthia Weaver and Jim Bowers

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;
Girl Scouting Sunday
- Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;
Julian calendar Lent begins
- Tuesday: St. John of God
- Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome
- Friday: Abstinence

LENT

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 27, 2022	\$ 2,278.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 868.00
Weekly Budget	\$ -7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -3,146.00

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 Israelites show their faith by offering the Lord first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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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.



There is a survey for you to share your thoughts. 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 available in the gathering area. Please respond to turn in your paper survey by Sunday, March 13.

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



MARCH 13, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

This passage recounts the making of a covenant between God and Abraham. Ancient Near-Eastern people often established a covenant by cutting animals in half and setting the halves opposite each other. The participants then walked in the blood flowing between the halves, thereby establishing a blood relationship. But the covenant we will hear about today involves God, who will participate in a more dramatic way.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

The ancient city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece. Paul's community of converts at Philippi was especially dear to him. In this section of his letter to them, Paul is upset—but not with them. He has heard that false teachers have come to the community, teaching that Jewish food laws and the rite of circumcision applied even to Christians.

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.

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.

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, Raul Perez, Nbil Sabeil, Shelley Sandow, JoannTaylor, 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

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.



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.

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

RENEW MY CHURCH — Next Steps

Tuesday, March 8th—7PM

You are invited to an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 8th to learn about the next steps in the Renew My Church process. The meeting will be at 7 pm. You can attend via zoom or in person at St. Giles McDonough Hall. Join us on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us>

Meeting ID: 828 3992 3921
Passcode: 322704

Signs of Lent

Each week we are highlighting a different sign of the Lenten Season, beginning with ashes.



Ashes

This penitential symbol has its roots in the Old Testament books of Esther, Samuel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, and are a reminder of the impermanence of our earthly life. The ashes are made from the burning of blessed palms (from Palm Sunday the year before) and are placed on our foreheads in the form of a cross: it is in Jesus that we are saved from our sins, and are given eternal life.

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School Scoop

- ..# Afternoon daycare for Grades 1-8 officially moves to the 2nd floor of Maguire Hall on Monday.
- ..# Last Wednesday, all the students received ashes. Marie Alexandre-Drake had some of the 4th graders singing, and it was beautiful.
- ..# Applications for the National Junior Honor Society open tomorrow, Monday, March 7th. Students in grades 7-8 are eligible to apply.

SHARED LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES 2022

Ascension, St. Catherine/St. Lucy, St. Edmund, & St. Giles Parishes

MONDAYS OF LENT

March 7 7-8pm

An Evening with (acclaimed speaker/scholar) Fr. Louis Cameli, S.T.D. / Zoom
“Facing our Anxiety with God’s Promise and our Responsibility”

Entering into our third Lenten Season with COVID-19, Fr. Cameli offers important spiritual insight and ultimately, hope for our weary spirits. **Don’t miss this!**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86062363619?pwd=NEIvejVsMGNpKzN1UCtuRUhwS1FPQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 6236 3619 Passcode: 635402

March 14, 21, April 4, 11 7pm

Night Prayer / Zoom

The perfect way to end your day, this 15-minute prayer opportunity is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayer of the universal Church.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82657442780?pwd=RVN2UWJpRGdTeDcyWVJaQ2RkdWVzQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 5744 2780 Passcode: 184570

TUESDAYS OF LENT

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 7pm

Prayer around the Cross at St. Giles Parish (outside/south of church)

We begin briefly outside around the cross on Columbian Ave., (or in the church gathering space during inclement weather). We shall lift up in prayer a particular need. Afterward, for those who are interested, the church will remain open for 30 minutes of private, quiet prayer.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

March 4 7pm

Lenten Taizé Prayer at Ascension Church

March 11 3pm

***Stations of the Cross on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710554538?pwd=MDNuaXF3NkZuQlIRS2Q4bE0zSEJrQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 1055 4538 Passcode: 945849

March 11 7pm

Stations of the Cross at St. Catherine / St. Lucy Church

March 18 7pm

Stations of the Cross on Zoom (use same link, ID & passcode as 3/11)

March 25 7pm

Stations through the eyes of Mary at St. Giles Parish

April 1 7pm

Lenten Taizé Prayer at Ascension Church

April 8 7pm

Living Stations of the Cross at St. Edmund Church

This is prepared by the St. Catherine/St. Lucy & St. Edmund Parishes Confirmation class).

Attend **in person**, or join us using the **livestream link**: <https://youtu.be/JznGW8l6eGc>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

March 28 7pm Combined Parishes Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Giles Church

We also offer Reconciliation every Saturday...

...# after the 8am mass: St. Giles Church.

...# 4pm-4:45pm: St. Catherine/St. Lucy Church and at Ascension Church.

...# 4:30-5:15pm: St. Edmund Church.