



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**MARCH 13, 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

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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.7)



## Thoughts From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Friends,

In recent years, St. Thérèse of Lisieux has lost popularity with Catholics who dismiss her piety as child-like and over-sentimentalized. To be sure, she does write with an exuberance and earnestness that even verges on the uncomfortable. Nonetheless, the example and the instruction of this holy woman of the late nineteenth century has much to offer to us.

St. Thérèse, like her siblings before her (and one after her) became a Carmelite nun. As such, she understood that hers would be a simple life though she longed to please the Lord with great, heroic and saintly deeds. She wrote:

I have always wanted to become a saint. Unfortunately when I have compared myself with the saints, I have always found that there is the same difference between the saints and me as there is between a mountain whose summit is lost in the clouds and a humble grain of sand trodden underfoot by passers-by. Instead of being discouraged, I told myself: God would not make me wish for something impossible and so, in spite of my littleness, I can aim at being a saint. It is impossible for me to grow bigger, so I put up with myself as I am, with all my countless faults. But I will look for some means of going to heaven by a little way which is very short and very straight, a little way that is quite new.

Thus began “the Little Way” of young Thérèse. Undeterred by her inability to witness to her faith in the grand way that she would have loved, she chose this little way to demonstrate her love for God and her fidelity to Christ.

Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love.

Thérèse would be especially kind to the sisters in her community that she didn’t like or who were unfriendly to

her. She never complained about the (usually) left-over food that she was given to eat.

Ultimately, Thérèse’s “Little Way” had everything to do with making small daily sacrifices and trusting that they would be pleasing to the Lord Jesus. It was precisely this that made Thérèse so appealing to the people who came to know her through her writings shortly after her death. Catholics were searching for the right road to holiness. Thérèse offered a new, albeit, “little” way.

Every year, the Season of Lent come around and you and I are asked embrace the ancient practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that these spiritual exercises, if you will, will soften our hardened hearts and reignite within us a burning love for the Lord Jesus.

For some, the Season of Lent can be overwhelming. We want to do it right. We want to make the grand Lenten gesture, or at least, assume that, as with much of life, bigger must always be better. St. Thérèse reminds us that there is another way—a “little way” to Christ Jesus, traveled each and every day by the small sacrifices she made and the humility with which she made them.

In the end, Thérèse made peace with her new approach to her spiritual life. She explained that...

*...Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that the Church had a Heart and that this Heart was burning with love. I understood that Love comprised all vocations, that Love was everything, that it embraced all times and places...in a word, that it was eternal! Then in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: O Jesus, my Love...my vocation, at last I have found it...My vocation is Love!"*

Overly-sentimental piety though it may be, St. Thérèse of Lisieux continues to offer a spiritual roadmap for Catholics who today experience difficulty finding their way to the Father. Maybe they (we) need to forego the journey along the interstate highways and walk the path of the “Little Way,” that led Thérèse of Lisieux to sainthood—to perfect love and joy with her Lord.

*Fr. John McGivern*



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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) and under Steward and giving tab you will be able to find the link to **GiveCentral**

## 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.

### 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.



### 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!

### Prayer of the Week

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

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.  
Amen

## Annual Spring Raffle

Next Sunday



It is definitely time to think Spring! This year's Spring Raffle Fundraiser will take place in person once again in Maguire Hall!!!

Light refreshments and good company will be provided.

We hope you will be a part of the fun and the raffle in the hall on March 20<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 Mass!

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

Raffle tickets have been mailed and are also available after Weekend Masses in the Gathering Area of church, through Amanda in the Parish Office, 708-386-8077, and through Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/11043>

Tickets are \$20 each, or 3 for \$50. **TICKETS THROUGH GIVE CENTRAL MUST BE PURCHASED BY NOON ON FRIDAY MARCH 18, 2022. PURCHASES WITH CASH OR A CHECK MAY BE MADE UNTIL THE TIME OF THE DRAWING.**

Winner need not be present but it is more fun when you are!  
**Many Thanks!!!**

~ The Fundraising Committee





## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tue. March 15**

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza  
† **Joan Walsh**  
By: Donna Kanapes

**Wed. March 16**

8:30 † **Donald Offermann**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Sat. March 19**

5:00 † **Sue Vanek**  
By: The Konecki Family

**Sun. March 20**

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
**Gail Rohmann**  
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers  
**Jeung Kuen Low**  
By: Tom & Pat Nelson  
(HEALTH)

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;  
Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a  
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins  
Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset  
Thursday: St. Patrick  
Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence  
Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Our Parish Stewardship

### St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



March 6, 2022	\$ 4,932.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 858.00
Weekly Budget	\$ -7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ -1,518.00

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

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation  
(Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body  
(Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

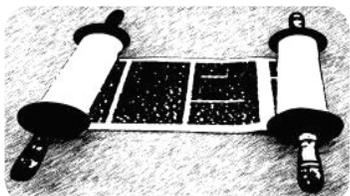
**Gospel** — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS — MARCH 2022**

<u>March 12-13</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Min</u>
Sat	Paul Knight	Lessie Dean
Sun	Christine Diaz	Kathy Mortell
<u>March 19-20</u>		
Sat	Frank Pond	Pat Koko
Sun	Kevin Morgan	Diana Cameron
<u>March 26-27</u>		
Sat	Paul Knight	Lessie Dean
Sun	Marci Morgan	Fannie Cooper

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



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Exodus 1:1-8, 13-15**

When he was a young man, Moses had slain an Egyptian official, and he had to flee into the desert near Mount Sinai (*sometimes called Mount Horeb*). In the ensuing years, he settled down, married and worked as a shepherd. Now, probably thinking he had a quiet future, his life takes a different turn.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

Paul did not want his Corinthian converts to be overconfident. They were saved by their faith in Jesus, but they still needed to live a daily life pleasing to God. (In this passage, we will hear Paul refer to an interesting piece of Jewish folklore not found in the Bible. The legend is that the rock from which God gave them water followed them wherever they went in their desert wanderings.)

### 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.



**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.

### 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, Patrick King, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Rosie Julion, Raul Perez, Nbil Sabeil, Shelley Sandow, and Joann Taylor

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.

### 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](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)

### 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](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net) Thank you.

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### School Scoop

- ..# Congratulations to Quinton Benyomo, Ka'Derris-Hopkins-Bey-Jones, and Pascal Kerin for so proudly representing the school in the Black History Bowl on Feb. 26th.
- ..# Congratulations, too, to DeAsia Stamps. She has been accepted into and awarded a scholarship for the Chicago Sky Basketball Camp.
- ..# Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 17th. They will be virtual.

### Signs of Lent

Each week we are highlighting a different sign of the Lenten Season.



**We've Emptied the Holy Water Fonts** – Second Sunday of Lent

The holy water fonts are dry as a reminder of the barrenness of the desert where Jesus spent 40 days, and our own empty hearts when we sin. Imagine our joy when we celebrate the refreshing life of resurrection when on Easter the blessed water will remind us of the

### Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line

If you're feeling anxious or depressed and you would like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312-948-6951 anytime Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Health care workers in particular are encouraged to reach out. Spanish speaking counselors are available.



## SHARED LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES 2022

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

### MONDAYS OF LENT

**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=RVN2UWJpRGdTeDcyWVJJaQ2RkdWVzQT09>

*Meeting ID: 826 5744 2780 Passcode: 184570*

### TUESDAYS OF LENT

**March 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 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.

#### 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