



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**MARCH 20, 2022**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. John McGivern, Administrator**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**  
**Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director**

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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 Friends,

Throughout our lives, there are many firsts that we experience. We may not remember the entire experience, but most of us can remember, for example, something from our First Holy Communion.

You likely remember your first date, your first kiss, your first time away at college, your first apartment. Firsts by their very nature are threshold moments, but not only firsts. Some events of life happen and we cannot help but to think of our lives in terms of before the event and after the event.

The death of my dear sister Mary, on September 29, 1993, is one of those events. Mary was 9 months pregnant, and on this Wednesday morning, Mary died from a ruptured aneurysm. As Mary's life was literally leaving her body, the healthcare professionals also had the responsibility to save her unborn baby. Today, that baby, who was aptly named Mary, is 28 years old and thriving. I must admit that it was perhaps the most unusual commingling of feelings, for at one and the same time, I felt the deepest sadness and pure joy at the birth of my niece. The experience was so large, larger than life, really, that it is a watershed moment in my life. I do see life in terms of before and after Mary's death.

So much had changed in an instant. The youthful myth of indestructibility crumbled. Family dynamics changed. Hearts were broken and life would never be the same.

As I read of Moses and his first encounter with God, I presume that, this was his watershed moment. There was the time before he knew God and the time after he knew God. So much changed for Moses. The one who grew up in the house of Pharaoh, would now become Pharaoh's outcast. The one who hung on every word that Pharaoh spoke, now lived on nothing more than the Word of God.

When we hear of such moments in the lives of others

we generally hear the whole story and have a complete perspective. When one is living from, in and through such experiences, nothing is quite so obvious and clear. The future is unknown. A lot of soul searching has to take place. Exaggerated emotions have to be managed. We put one foot in front of the other and we do our best.

Along with the completed story that we all learn after the fact, one that appears nice and neat and clean, what we don't learn about are the sleepless nights, the immobility, the private sobbing at the end of the day, the absolute anger at what cannot be controlled, the fear of what lies ahead, the anguish that accompanies not wanting to build new experiences without your loved one also sharing in it...

Somehow, perhaps miraculously, we do place one foot in front of the other and slowly, we find resilience, we begin to trust again and life even flourishes.

Moses would lead the people out of slavery in Egypt and, though he himself never set foot onto the Promised Land, he brought them to the home that God had promised. We listen to the Exodus story and there is no need for us to fill in the blanks, to wonder about what might have been, for we are handed the story from beginning to end.

I am simply suggesting that there is always more to the story, and in the experience of that more, God challenges and uses us for his will to be accomplished. Wherever we find ourselves today, as we continue to live from, in and through the watershed moments in our lives, we can trust that God is always with us. We cannot know what God plans for us, or how God intends to use us, we simply must stay open to the possibility that love and life with triumph, and somehow, God will lead us to where we need to go and who we need to become.

*Fr. John McGivern*

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:****PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,  
Co-Chairs

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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

## 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 call 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 Regulations

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

### Have you taken 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. Boxes are located at church's entrance and exit doors.

### Reflection -

*God created our world, and it is our responsibility to take care of it.*

## Annual Spring Raffle

### THIS IS THE WEEKEND

*Our annual Spring Raffle will take place in person in Maguire Hall!!!*

*Light refreshments, good company, and a relaxed time to visit will be yours along with the raffle drawing.*

*We hope you will be a part of the festivities in the hall after the 9:00 Mass!*



This year's raffle prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100, a \$200 Grocery Gift Card, and a \$75 gift certificate to Cucina Paradiso Restaurant  
Are looking for homes. . . maybe one will be yours!!!

Raffle tickets are available until the time of the drawing. They can be purchased in the Gathering Area after this weekend's Masses and in Maguire Hall on the 20th until the time of the drawing.  
(Cash or checks only)

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

**Many Thanks!!!**

*~ The Fundraising Committee*



## HOLY WEEK



### SCHEDULE

#### 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!



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**

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tue. March 22**

8:30 † **Terrence Brennan**  
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson  
 † **Joseph Wells**  
 By: Ministry of Care

**Wed. March 23**

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**  
 By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

**Sat. March 26**

5:00 † **Raymond Smith**  
 By: Evie Stockinger  
 † **William Senica**  
 By: Thom and Sue Schouten

**Sun. March 27**

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
 † **Gail Rohmann**  
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson  
 † **Georgine Mullen**  
 By: Jim Bowers & Cynthia Weaver  
 † **Jeanette Cannon**  
 By: Tom and Carol Frank

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; Spring begins  
 Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo  
 Friday: Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence



## Our Parish Stewardship



**St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church**

March 13, 2022	\$ 2,212.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,793.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ - 3,303.00

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!

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

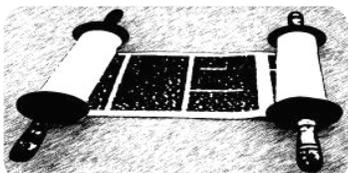
## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The Lord God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*  
**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103)  
**Second Reading** — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*  
**Gospel** — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*  
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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS — MARCH 2022

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Min</u>
<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.



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12**

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites. In this reading, Joshua and the Israelites have just crossed the Jordan River and now at long last are in the Promised Land.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Some members of the Corinthian community found it hard to accept Paul's teachings. They challenged his credentials and sincerity as an apostle because he was not an eyewitness to the earthly life of Jesus. In this passage, Paul defends his ministry as an apostle.

### Pray For Our Deceased



*Joseph Wells*

May he rest in peace!

*Please pray for the eternal rest of Joseph's soul who passed away last Thursday, March 10th in Moline, Illinois. He was brother to Jeanne Visteen, faith-filled, and heart giving parishioner of SCSL. We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace Jeanne and his extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.*

May the angels lead him into Paradise

### 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, 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.



**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.

27 W. Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, IL 60302  
708-386-5286



### School Scoop

- ..# Re-registration has officially opened. Every child who is fully re-registered by March 23 will receive a *free Wildcats t-shirt*.
- ..# Summer camp will return again this year. Details and registration form will be out soon.
- ..# Spring break begins Friday, April 15. Students return on Monday, April 25.
- ..# It is critical that families contact Candice with any tuition issues or questions—773-469-3553 or [finances@catherinelucy.org](mailto:finances@catherinelucy.org)



### Signs of Lent

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

### No Gloria or Alleluia – Third Sunday of Lent

The Gloria is a song of exaltation and joy. The Alleluia is the highest praise. Where as Lent and Advent, sometimes called the little lent, are penitential seasons. Alleluia is not said at mass during lent, whether with the psalms, the gospel acclamation or in hymns.



### Temporary Overnight Emergency Shelter

**Housing Forward** is opening a *Temporary Overnight Emergency Shelter* on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in **March** from 7pm-8am for unsheltered men, women, and families at: **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** 611 Randolph Street, Oak Park

For information call Kadima at 708-996-7426 or [kpalles@housingforward.org](mailto:kpalles@housingforward.org)

### Renew My Church—Update Working Today for a more Vibrant Church Tomorrow

Dear Friends of our 4 Worshipping Communities,

On January 28, 2022, we learned the decisions regarding the future of our 4 parishes. As of July 1, 2022, St. Catherine/St. Lucy and St. Giles Parishes shall unite. Ascension Parish and St. Edmund Parish shall also unite.

Perhaps some of you attended the meeting held on March 8th at St. Giles Parish McDonough Hall. It was an informative meeting insofar as it laid out, in general terms, some of the spiritual and practical dimensions to what lies ahead for us.

Now what?

In this brief update, we'd like to share with you some concrete plans that are already underway, and what some of the very next steps will be.

First, you may like to know that throughout this process, we, your priests, (Fr. Carl Morello, Fr. Rex Pillai and Fr. John McGivern) have been meeting together regularly to discuss the ways that we can build the vibrant future we desire while honoring the legacies that our 4 parishes have afforded us.

One of the most recent topics being discussed is the future of Religious Education for our parish children. You may not be aware of the fact that over the past 2 years, the RE programs of all the parishes have been open to all our children regardless of parish affiliation. Sometimes a certain day of the week is more convenient. Other times, a different style of education may be preferred. There are already many options. As July 1st now fast approaches, we want to be prepared for the coming year. Next week, we shall be meeting with all the local RE leadership and determining ways to unify our programs further. Wherever a family chooses to worship locally, our children will have the same opportunities and benefits of a well-planned, comprehensive, multi-faceted RE program. Stay tuned for more details in the near future.

In the not-too-distant future, we will likely be discussing our Sunday and weekday mass schedules. We have the time and the opportunity right now to give consideration to what the actual needs are, given current mass attendance trends. It is possible, if not likely, that some places may need fewer masses. Given the fact that we will have fewer priests beginning in July, this will be an important discussion.

Very soon, we will be establishing Unification Teams. These individuals from all 4 of the parishes will have the important role to support the priests and the pastoral staffs as we envision our new and more vibrant future, all the while ensuring that no one is ignored and no one is left behind.

The list of issues to address is very long and this has only begun to scratch the surface of all that needs to be considered. This is where we are today. We shall update you regularly as we move along. You are always welcome to reach out to any of us to share your thoughts and ideas.

For all of this endeavor to come to fruition, we need your ongoing prayers. Let us always remember to pray for one another and together, let us pray for the Holy Spirit of God to guide us.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Carl Morello, Fr. Rex Pillai, Fr. John McGivern

### Food for Thought Invitation to the Dance

If we feel resentment,  
or need to say we're sorry,  
empty of contentment,  
we know what "struggle" means.  
Resolve now, or lie awake all night;  
Resolve now, or magnify your plight.  
If you keep repressing it,  
it pops up as a default setting.  
But the gong will finally clang  
after years of fretting:  
Inevitably, unresolved conflicts  
with family or a close friend,  
will surface, often with a death.  
Then don't expect a Method Socratic  
to resolve a funeral home dramatic.

Jesus knew the human heart.  
He warned his disciples  
about their morality: their chart  
must go deeper than the appearance  
of righteousness he saw in others.  
People kept the commandments,  
but feelings underlying lust and anger  
ruled the unconverted heart.  
Don't wait for the bell clanger.  
Inability to forgive blocks freedom...  
Hello, default setting!  
Forgiveness is your bail  
to get out of jail.

To show forgiveness can be hard;  
We can try to fool ourselves,  
but it never goes away, unless  
we turn and address it honestly  
and have done the hard work  
of resolving it. Then we'll know  
that inner peace that surpasses  
all understanding. And then  
we embrace the Lord's invitation  
to the Dance:  
"Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
'I am the Lord of the Dance,' said he,  
'And I'll lead you all,  
Wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all  
to the Dance,' said he."  
(Sidney Carter)

3/20/22. Tom Lynch  
Source: NPR, P. Marrin:Hope Pub. Co.,  
"I Danced in the Morning"

### The 500 Club Certificates

This fundraiser continues through June 26th with weekly drawings involving all the certificates that have been purchased throughout the season, even those that have already won a prize. We will have one more special drawing for \$500 instead of \$35 in June. There will be a fourth special drawing if we sell the remaining 108 certificates that are available. 500 Club information and purchase forms are available in the gathering area of church and in the Parish Office. Applications and payment using a check or cash may be mailed to the parish or put into the collection basket at Mass. To make a purchase with a credit card, use Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132>. Thank you for your support of the parish through this fundraising program. ~The Fundraising Committee

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★  
★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★  
★ **\$ 35.00** ★  
★ **March 20, 2021** ★  
★ **NADINE THOMPSON,** ★  
★ **# 304** ★  
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## SHARED LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES 2022

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

#### MONDAYS OF LENT

**March 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 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 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.

### Suffering to Hope:

#### *Cultivating Spiritual Wellness and Starting Anew*

Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 pm in the Pine Room, with Dr. Christina Zaker, Catholic Theological Union

Lament is an appropriate expression for this moment of collective suffering - a global pandemic, a senseless war, and transitions within our own faith community make it feel like Lent has lasted for far too long. Take some time to learn ways to cultivate the spiritual practices that build perseverance and uplift your spirits.

Please register to attend by sending an email to [llaaffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:llaaffc@ascensionoakpark.com) with "Suffering to Hope" in the subject line. We are looking forward to meeting in-person for this program, which is sponsored by the Ascension's Lifelong Learning & Adult Faith Formation Committee and Knights of Columbus. If it becomes necessary to meet online instead due to Covid, we will notify registrants by email.

Dr. Christina Zaker is the Director of Field Education and teaches in the Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry Department at Catholic Theological Union.

