



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**MARCH 27, 2022**  
**FOURTH 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. 2)



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

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel reading of the Prodigal Son is one of the most beloved in all of the Gospels. It is a good story with all the elements necessary to keep one's interest: it has youthful defiance and wanderlust; it has loyalty and seeming betrayal; it has hardship and the overcoming of them; and it has sinfulness and forgiveness...and so much more.

When broken down to these various elements, we can begin to see that this is not just a story that our Lord used to express the depth of the Father's love for his Son. No, we can begin to see that it is our story. It is the story of every man, woman and child.

Perhaps you have been asked the question in your life about whom you most identify with in the story. Are you like the son who left home or are you more like the loyal offspring who was diligent about his family responsibilities? Do you identify with the father who is able to welcome his wayward son back into his embrace?

While each of us may identify more with one character in particular, the deeper truth is that we are all able to identify with every character. Who among us has not walked away from our loved ones only to return seeking love and acceptance? Who among us has not been the steadfast and reliable one who feels overlooked and underappreciated? Who among us has not been called upon to open our arms and welcome another in an embrace of forgiveness and love?

This story of the Prodigal Son offers us an opportunity to take a step back and understand not only where we find ourselves today, but with greater thought and our life-long learned wisdom, to appreciate how we all share in the human condition, fraught as it is with limitation and blessed as it is with experiences of love.

From such a vantage, perhaps we can see the world differently. Hopefully, we have a worldview that makes room for people, wherever on the spectrum of spiritual awakening and human compassion we may find them.

Human beings have always sought to understand their place in the universe. That shall never change. Having been fashioned in God's image and likeness, Catholics believe that there is an intrinsic longing within every individual, to know oneself and to understand how and to whom we belong. This holy quest for identity and belonging takes a wrong turn, however, when the existential questions are answered on the basis of *how we are different* and *who we are not*. Such is the road to segregation and prejudice, to classism and every form of human division. Recognition of differences in itself has no moral value, until they becomes means for social stratification.

In appreciating the story of Prodigal Son, as an opportunity to resonate with every character, perhaps we can begin to experience how and to whom we belong based on what we have in common—on how very much alike all of us truly are.

This season of Lent is intended to challenge the way we think and act, and through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to become reunited with the person and mission of Jesus. Let us use this time to discover all the ways that we share our common humanity, the common humanity that our incarnate God embraced, and thus encounter the God we seek in our holy quest for understanding and belonging.

*Fr. John McGivern*

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,  
Co-Chairs

#### Liturgy Committee:

Chair: Phil Kroker  
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School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

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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

Come and be Prepared this Season

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

March 28—7pm

Combined Parishes Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Ave. Oak Park, Illinois 60302

### REPENT

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.



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## 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 -

Work is important and part of God's plan for adults and families. What chores do you do to help your family?

## Lenten Opportunity Easter Sunrise Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes collected will be donated to various Outreach Organizations including the Franciscan Outreach. Collection will be throughout Lent, ending Palm Sunday – April 10, 2022. Fill a shoebox or a comparable-size container (you provide the container) with a variety of the following suggested items:

Tube Socks  
Kleenex (small packages)  
Plastic rain poncho  
Wash/Face Cloth  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste  
Baby Powder  
Small towel

Hotel Size - Soap and Shampoo  
Brush and/or Comb  
Deodorant  
Disposable razor  
Shaving gel/cream  
Hand Lotion  
Other small items

Gift Card from McDonald's, Burger King, etc. (not to exceed \$10.00)

Please be sure to include these two items: Word Search or Crossword Puzzle Book with Pen or Pencil, Plastic Easter Egg filled with Candy. When your shoebox is

filled, you can decorate it (if you choose to do so), put a rubber band around it and mark the box either "Man" or "Woman."

Place your filled container in the box in the Gathering Area. During Holy Week all the Easter Sunrise Shoeboxes will be delivered to the various locations so that they can be distributed on Easter.



## 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!

## The Results are In . . .

On Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, Maguire Hall was the place to be! The sun was shining outside and the smiles were shining inside. Glad that many of you were able to join us for good old in-person conversation, laughter, delicious refreshments, some spring décor, and the Annual Spring Raffle drawing. It was especially delightful to have our first prize winner present!!!

The prize winners are as follows:

\$1000 – Betty Goeb  
\$500 – Donna Kanapes  
\$250 – The Klette Family  
\$200 Grocery Gift Card – Tom & Mimi Marcucci  
\$100 – Lynne White  
\$75 Cucina Paradiso Gift Card – Vonyell Foster

Thank you to all who participated in the planning and carrying out of the raffle and gathering in any way: helping with the mailing and selling of tickets, purchasing tickets, decorating the hall, preparing and/or providing refreshments, enjoying the time together, and cleaning up. In addition to the work and the fun, the parish realized a profit of \$5001.03. What blessings! Thank you very, very much!!!

~The Fundraising Committee

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tue. March 29**

8:30 † **Jim Marshall**  
 By: Bob Nix  
 † **Luke Podraza**  
 By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

**Wed. March 30**

8:30 † **Patricia Braxton-Wills**  
 By: Ministry of Care

**Sat. April 2**

5:00 † **John Esposito**  
 By: Evie Stockinger  
 † **Paul Grimes**  
 By: Ministry of Care

**Sun. April 3**

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
 † **Ernest Kopecki**  
 By: Pat and Tom Nelson  
 † **William Senica**  
 By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers  
 † **Angelique Eugena**  
 By: The Vincent Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
 Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;  
 Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



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## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 Friday: First Friday; Abstinence; April Fool's Day  
 Saturday: St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

## Our Parish Stewardship



### St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

March 20, 2022	\$ 1,695.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,838.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ -3,755.00

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!

## Prayer of the Week

*O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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.*

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

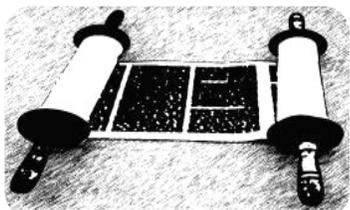
**Gospel** — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS — MARCH 2022

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



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

This section of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who addressed God's people exiled in Babylon (located in modern-day Iraq) He encourages them that one day they will be free to return home to Jerusalem. This journey will be through the desert, but God will transform this barren wasteland to ease their passage home.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

The city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece, a country where Olympic-type games were popular. Paul draws upon this image to motivate the people to keep pressing forward in their spiritual growth.

## 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 offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly before the Saturday evening mass.

## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish



Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Danita Bowie, 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.

## 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)

## 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)

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## School Scoop

- ..# Congratulations to our Boys' Junior Varsity team who captured the championship crown last Thursday.
- ..# Spring Break begins on April 15. Students return to class on April 25.
- ..# The Children's Clinic has moved around the corner from school at 28 Madison. Contact 708-848-0528 or [info@ChildrensClinicIWS.org](mailto:info@ChildrensClinicIWS.org).

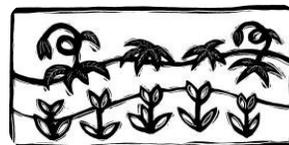


## Signs of Lent

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

## Laetare Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent

This weekend is Laetare Sunday, a celebratory day in the more austere season of Lent. Laetare Sunday is always the fourth Sunday of Lent. It comes from the Latin introit for the day, "Laetare Jerusalem" which means Rejoice, O Jerusalem. On this day, the Priest may wear rose instead of purple and flowers may be placed on the altar. Let us rejoice in the coming of our salvation!



## 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.



## SHARED LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES 2022

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

### MONDAYS OF LENT

**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 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

**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>

### **Suffering to Hope: Cultivating Spiritual Wellness and Starting Anew**

Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 pm Ascension Church / 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 [llaffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:llaffc@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.

### **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 contact Kadima at 708-996-7426 or [kpalles@housingforward.org](mailto:kpalles@housingforward.org)



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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**