



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

APRIL 3, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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 Parishioners,

Two years ago, pre-COVID-19, I ventured with a friend to the country of Colombia in South America. It was an exciting trip, as we explored the big cities of Cartagena and Medellín, and also enjoyed the quiet oceanside of La Isla Baru. Though perhaps not as traveled as some, I am fortunate to have had many opportunities to journey through 5 of the world's 7 continents. I am a confident traveler, and I have an excellent sense of direction. I always know where I am headed.

There are other types of journeys, however, which find me feeling far less confident, sometimes even unsure of what my next step should be. Such is my experience today with the mass readings (from Cycle C). Why should this be the case? The prophet Isaiah, St. Paul, and our Lord each gives a very clear message about the direction I/we must walk?

The message of all of the scriptural passages we heard today is clear: let go of the past. Let go of all that has encumbered us, of all that has kept us at a standstill--however far we may think we have traveled, and move forward toward, as St. Paul wrote: "forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."

To let go of the past is, I think, one of the more courageous of life's journeys, and it is a paradoxical journey. The paradox is this. In order to move forward toward "the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus," in order to let go of the past, one must first take the difficult journey back into the past. Or to state it in another way: one must learn to forgive. Ah, there's the rub! No wonder this is such a difficult road to travel.

The HarperCollins Encyclopedia Of Catholicism (Harper San Francisco) denotes forgiveness as "the act of being restored to a good relationship with God, others, and self following a period or incident of sin or alienation. In the Christian tradition, forgiveness is the sinner's transforming acceptance of the unconditional mercy of God through Jesus Christ and the subsequent extending of that experience to other persons by accepting them. The practice of forgiveness is central to the Christian identity as described in the Lord's Prayer...and it is to be offered as often as it is requested (Matt 18:21-35).

Why do we find it so hard to let go of the past? Why is it that we can travel the world over and be too frightened to walk the way of forgiveness—the way of the Lord? I don't have a complete answer, but in my case, I know that it has to do with pride, with ego, with fear of trusting again, and with an unwillingness to become vulnerable enough to let forgiveness in. Perhaps you have other reasons that make the journey toward forgiveness a challenging one.

Last week, we listened to the story of the Prodigal Son. In both instances, it was the Father who ran toward his sons (both the wayfaring son and the resentful son) and lavished them with love. As Jesus shared this parable to tax collectors, sinners, as well as Pharisees and Scribes, he was helping them to understand that God the Father never waits for us to come to him, rather, God runs after us to heap his mercy and love upon us.

Whatever the reasons that we are hesitant or slow to forgive, if we can bring to mind this beautiful truth—that God is always running toward us to give us his forgiveness and love, then maybe, in gratitude for what has been (undeservedly) lavished upon us, we may find the courage and the willingness to do the same.

Fortified with this valuable knowledge, now may be the time for us to journey in a new direction, to take the courageous path toward forgiveness, that may take us to unknown lands, but will ultimately, always lead us home.

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

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:

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| Tube Socks | Hotel Size – Soap and Shampoo |
| Kleenex (small packages) | Brush and/or Comb |
| Plastic rain poncho | Deodorant |
| Wash/Face Cloth | Disposable razor |
| Toothbrush/Toothpaste | Shaving gel/cream |
| Baby Powder | Hand Lotion |
| Small towel | 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.



DRIVEN BY A DREAM—Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Archdiocese of Chicago 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate - Final Installment



Vicariate:	IV
Parish Name:	St. Catherine of Siena—St. Lucy
2021 Goal:	\$ 20,008.24
2021 Funds Raised:	\$ 30,430.00
Total Rebate:	\$ 12,845.58

1st Installment: \$ 10,739.58
(Paid in October 2021)

2nd Installment: \$ 2,106.00
(Paid in March 2022)

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!

Volunteers

Can you help? — We are calling for volunteers to help us decorate the Church on Holy Saturday, April 16th—10 AM. If interested, please contact Phil Kroker 773-491-6194 or Amanda at the Rectory, 708-386-8077. Thank

Helping your Neighbor

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity... with it you can accomplish what you desire. —St. Vincent Ferrer



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. April 5**8:30 HEALTH****Gabriel Irurhe**

By: Himself

Luke Podraza

By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

**Wed. April 6****8:30****Adlai Stevenson III**

By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Sat. April 9****5:00****Rosemary Hoelting**

By: The Yee Family

**Sun. April 10****9:00**

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Rev. John L. Gambro

By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Georgine Mullen**

By: Donna Kanapes

**Jeanette Cannon**

By: SCSL Choir Members



Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]



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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Isidore

Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer

Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle

Friday: Abstinence

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

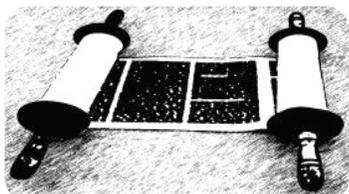
Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS — APRIL 2022

	Lector	Communion Minister
April 2-3 Sat Sun	Christine Wedekind Renee Smith-Quinn	Pat Koko Mary Howard
April 9-10 Sat Palm Sunday	Lector Narrator Frank Pond Christine Wedekind Lector Narrator Mary Jane O'Brien Thom Schouten	Lessie Dean Diana Cameron
April 15 Good Friday	Lector & Speaker Narrator Kevin Morgan Marci Morgan	Jeanne Visteen
April 16-17 Sat VIGIL Sun EASTER	Renee Smith-Quinn Pat Nelson Jeanne Visteen Christine Wedekind Pat Nelson	Lessie Dean Jeanne Visteen
April 23-24 Sat Sun	Paul Knight Marci Morgan	Pat Koko Kathy Mortell
April 30/ May 1 Sat Sun	Christine Wedekind Mary Jane O'Brien	Lessie Dean Mary Howard

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God’s people during their exile in Babylon. Several times the prophet speaks about a Servant who will one day deliver God’s people. Because the Servant is portrayed as suffering, Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In the years following Christ’s death and resurrection, Christians began to develop the prayers and hymns that would become part of their rituals. In today’s passage from the letter to the Philippians, Paul appears to be quoting an early Christian hymn celebrating the dying and rising of Christ.

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, Phyllis Baker, Jane Baker, Danita Bowie, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Patrick King, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Rosie Julion, Nbil Sabeil, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, and Meg Welch

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.

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.

2021 Statement of Contributions

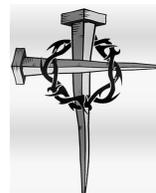
For tax purposes you can request now a list of your 2021 Statement of Contributions. Please call or e-mail Amanda at 708-386-8077 or: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

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School Scoop

- ..# Spring Break begins on April 15. Students return to class on April 25.
- ..# Summer Camp - The program will run from June 20-July 29, 2022. Classroom sessions are Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30-11:30am. Contact the School Office for more info.
- ..# It is critical that families contact Candice with any tuition issues or questions—773-469-3553 or finances@catherinelucy.org

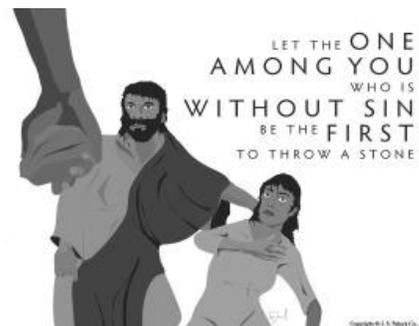


Signs of Lent

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

Purple Color – Fifth Sunday of Lent

The color Purple is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and is associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ’s Resurrection and sovereignty.



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

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

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 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 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.

Stewardship Report

Due to the bulletin early deadlines for the Easter Holiday, our stewardship reports for the weeks of April 3, 10, and 17, will be shown later within the April 24, 2022 bulletin.



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 and under Steward and giving tab you will be able to find the link to **GiveCentral**