

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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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,

Happy Easter! Today we celebrate. Some shall gather with family and others with friends. We shall feast on ham or lamb. There will be hard-boiled colored eggs, and perhaps some chocolate. Those from Eastern European cultures will also enjoy some kielbasa, some horseradish, maybe pierogi too. In South American cultures, they may enjoy their Chiriuchu meal. However our feasting plate is filled, all of us the world over celebrate that Jesus is risen from the dead, opening the way for all believers to follow him into eternal life.

Before we begin our feasting, I invite you to join me in taking these next few minutes and consider the scope of all that we celebrate.

In the past week, we reflected upon our Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. There were those who placed their cloaks upon the ground to cover the path where Jesus was riding. Though all would soon learn that his kingship had nothing to do with earthly power and the ability to command mighty armies, it also shows us that our Lord Jesus, understanding that the fullness of time had come for him to enter into his passion, he resolutely chose to enter into the holy city.

As we have seen all along, the Pharisees grumble at this display of support for Jesus and they ask him to silence his supporters. Indicating that his authority came from heaven, Jesus responded: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

Next, we find ourselves in the upper room where Jesus not only shared the Passover meal with his friends, but knowing that he would soon leave them, "he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, *'This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.'* And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, *'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.'*" Jesus instituted the Eucharistic meal that we would have a means for him to be with us always. If that wasn't enough, and just in case we are slow to understand all that he had already taught us, "fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, ... he took a towel and tied it around his waist" as he began to wash the feet of his disciples. When he was finished, he explained that "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

The breadth of all that Jesus is doing in his final days is dizzying. He has come to fulfill the Father's will to embrace his death. He has instituted the sacred meal that would keep him present throughout history, and he has explained that his kingship is not of power, but of love and of service.

Imagine all that our Lord was preparing for his disciples and for generations of people to come, all the while knowing that he would very soon be betrayed and ultimately, have his earthly life taken from him. He steadfastly continued, unflinchingly choosing what awaited him.

After being betrayed with a kiss, a trial ensued and our innocent Lord was found guilty and sentenced to death. Even as he walked his way to Gethsemane, we see just how much Jesus had embraced his humanity. He was in pain. He was humiliated. He was sad. He had to look his mother in the eye. Imagine that moment. It breaks one's heart even now.

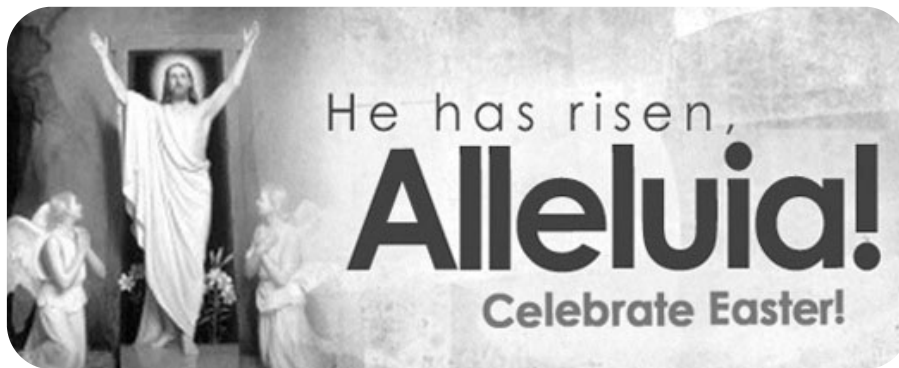
Even as he hung upon the cross that would become humanity's threshold between our earthly life and eternal life, Jesus could not help but to be who he was and implored: "*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do,*" and again, to the criminal alongside him, he said: "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.*" Finally, he cried, "*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit*"; and when he had said this he breathed his last."

But this is not just any story. This is not the story of one who merely succumbed to the misguided conviction of others. No, this is the story of the man who chose to enter into Jerusalem. He chose to impart the Eucharist to the world. He chose to embrace the cross upon which he was nailed. It is the story of the one whose consciousness of God was so perfectly realized that he could even eschew his birthright in order that every other human being might not simply die with him, but would also rise with him.

Imagine that kind of trust. Jesus so trusted the Father's love for him that he willingly gave away his life, not necessarily understanding fully, but believing fully that somehow in the Father's love, that this would not/could not be the end.

So today we celebrate. I'm a firm believer that we must, to the best of our ability, attempt to understand that which we celebrate, lest it become nothing more than a nice day with some good food. We celebrate because Jesus is risen. We celebrate because Jesus has opened the way for us to share his resurrected life. We celebrate the kind of love that transcends every boundary and restriction, and ultimately, the kind of love that breathes life into the lifeless and offers hope to the world. Now that is the celebration of a lifetime! Happy Easter!





The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 18, due to the Easter Holiday

It will re-open on Tuesday, April 19

EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected.

Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

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Easter Welcome to All

Happy Easter! Alleluia! To all who are celebrating Easter this weekend at St. Catherine-St. Lucy, may you all know the joy of the presence of the Risen Christ in your hearts. For all who may be returning to our parish or are visiting this weekend, we warmly welcome you. Welcome home also, to all our college students; make sure you go back to school with full Easter Baskets!

Easter Prayer

*O God, who on this day,
through your
Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us
the path to eternity,
grant, we pray,
that we who keep
the solemnity of the
Lord's Resurrection
may, through the
renewal brought by your
Spirit, rise up in the
light of life.
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*



EASTER ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please consider making a donation to help support our always beautiful Easter altar flower display in honor of a loved one. Special envelopes are available in today's bulletin or at the doors of the church. Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.

How Much for the Easter Offering?

Sometimes people will ask, 'What is a good Easter Offering when I go to church at Easter?'

What do people give?' A fairly good guidepost from the past, similar to Christmas offering, is an offering equivalent to what you might put in the collection over the period of a month. So for example, if you usually offer ten dollars each week at Mass, a nice Easter offering is fifty dollars.



If you took a Rice Bowl Please bring it Back

Please bring your filled with unused change boxes by this weekend. You can also bring them to the Parish Office during hours of operation.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. April 12

**Jim Marshall**

By: Bob Nix

**Robert Proffitt**

By: Liz Larson

Wed. April 13

8:30

**Luke Podraza**

By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

**Marlene Polasek**

By: Evie Stockinger

Sat. April 16

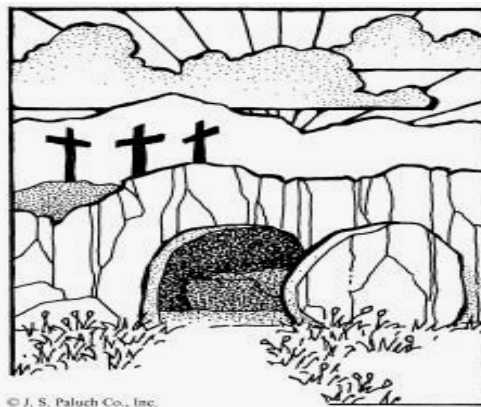
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**Sidney Poitier**

By: Tom and Pat Nelson

EASTER Sun. April 17

9:00

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Today's Readings

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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.

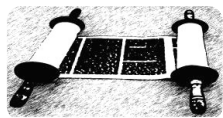
Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
 Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday; Earth Day
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

LITURGICAL MINISTERS — APRIL 2022

	Lector	Communion Minister
<u>April 16-17</u>		
Sat	Bill Holmes Pat Nelson	Lessie Dean
VIGIL	Jeanne Visteen Christine Wedekind	Jeanne Visteen
Sun		
EASTER	Pat Nelson	
<u>April 23-24</u>		
Sat	Paul Knight Marci Morgan	Pat Koko Kathy Mortell
Sun		
<u>April 30/ May 1</u>		
Sat	Christine Wedekind Mary Jane O'Brien	Lessie Dean Mary Howard
Sun		

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



APRIL 24, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

During the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is always from the Acts of the Apostles. Its author, Luke, saw the history of salvation three stages: In the first stage, found in the Old Testament, God's Spirit raises up *leaders and prophets* to guide the people; in the second stage, found in Luke's Gospel, the Spirit anoints *Jesus* as God's Holy one; and the third stage, described in the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit works in the *Church*, fulfilling Christ's promise to be with us until the end of time.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

This year during the Easter Season, the second reading each Sunday is from the book of Revelation, written near the end of the first century. Revelation, is an Easter book because it focuses on the Risen Jesus and our final victory over sin and death. Today's passage describes the call the author received. He was to convey God's message of hope to Christians who were being persecuted.

Vocations

Living our Call as School Sisters of Notre Dame—Transformative Education

The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite women ages 18-45 to an online presentation **Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. CST** to learn more about SSND and their educational vision as it relates to ministries around the globe. Hear from sisters native to Canada, Peru, Hungary, Kenya, Guam, Kenya, Nigeria and the USA as they speak about service in their homelands and beyond. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/5-3-22.

Praying for the Sick In Our Parish



Coletta Ali, Phyllis Baker, Jane Baker, Danita Bowie, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, Don Gimbel, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Patrick King, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Rosie Julion, Jake Lofgren, Tom Lynch, Carole & Tom Sheehan, 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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions 4:00—4:30 PM Church

Every Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM here at SCSL Parish offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly before the Saturday evening mass.



Congratulations

The St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish community wishes to congratulate our parishioner

Ms. Jessica Joseph

and share the good news of her reception into full communion in the Catholic Church yesterday at the St. Giles Parish Easter Vigil. Jessica received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Blessings!



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School Scoop

..# 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.

..# If you have not yet **registered for next school year**, you will be getting a call soon from Mrs. Cooper. Let her know of any problems you may be having or anything we can do for you.

We wish our parish family a Blessed Easter.

From all the School Faculty

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.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

I See Jesus....

A conversation between two parishioners, (not F/F Catechists):

Person #1: *Jesus would be in Faith and Fellowship.*

Person #2: *He is.*

Which led the Catechists to consider: I see Jesus in Faith & Fellowship ...

...when through the Partners He smiles and says hello, it's good to see you, I'm glad you're here.

...in the Partners' faces as they join in the conversation and get to be heard.

...when hearing His word, receiving a blessing, and sharing a meal.

...when we share a puzzle, share our experience, and work together setting up and cleaning up.

...when I share in the joy of our Partners and Catechists as we break bread, share our thoughts, and genuinely enjoy each other's company.



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**



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. Certificates can be purchased at any time, raising funds for the parish and making an opportunity for you, or whoever you may choose to gift with a certificate, to win the weekly prize of \$35. 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.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 35.00

April 17, 2021

JIM HARGADON,

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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

Pray For Our Deceased



Charles "Chuckie" Scott

RIP 4/2/22

May he rest in peace!



Chuckie worked at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy School for many years and was loved by all the staff, he was a kind, gentle man very dedicated to his job and the people around him and we are going to miss him. He was an artist, though only a few folks knew about this.

We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

May the angels lead him



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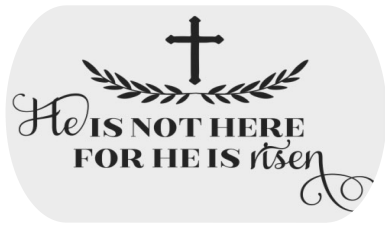


Kathleen Bacom

May she rest in peace!

Please pray for the eternal rest of Kathleen's soul who passed away on March 27th. She was sister to Jean Bacom-Detmer faith-filled, and heart giving parishioner of SCSL. We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace Jean and her extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

May the angels lead her into Paradise



**Ascension's Parish Center
Meeting Christ in Prayer**
An 8-Week Life-Enriching Experience Based on
the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

- ..# Enrich your prayer life
- ..# Learn new ways of praying
- ..# Meet Christ anew through Scripture and reflection
- ..# Experience a prayer model based on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises
- ..# Feel supported in the Christian life in a new way
- ..# Become more aware of God's presence in your daily life.

Donna Ioppolo, a spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition, will facilitate this 8-week seminar at **Ascension's Parish Center Dining Room from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm** on the following dates: **April 26; May 3, May 10, May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, and June 21.** No Meeting on May 17.

Registration is required. There will be a \$25 fee to cover the cost of program materials. There is an understanding of commitment to attend all 8 sessions. To register, please email llaaffc@ascensionoakpark.com and put "Meeting Christ in Prayer" in Subject line.

This event is open to all Oak Park parishes.

The Well Spirituality

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Presents:

Boundless Compassion Retreat
Sunday, May 1, 7 PM through
Thursday, May 5, 4 PM (CST)

"Compassion is a necessity, not a luxury. Without it, humanity cannot survive." --Dalai Lama



Based on Joyce Rupp's book, Boundless Compassion, this retreat's presentations, discussions, reflection and prayer time will foster space for you to commit to be a compassionate presence in a troubled world. Facilitated by Mary Dean Pfahler, SND.



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Easter 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we gather this year to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection, we cannot avoid our circumstances. Shadows of sin and death loom large over us. The pandemic, our experience of social unrest and daily violence on our streets, and, of course, the horrors of war in Ukraine and other parts of the world—all remind us how much we need the Lord's redemptive and healing power in our lives.

Our source of hope amid these challenges is anchored in all that we have witnessed in the liturgies of Holy Week. We have celebrated that the Lord Jesus entered into the fullness of our human experience. He went to the very darkest edges of that human experience. He entered into our suffering, struggle, and even our desperation, when he cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" He squarely faced sin and death on the cross.

And it was precisely in the moment he fully emptied himself, placing himself totally in the hands of God, that he was raised up from the dead victorious. But, his rising from the dead is not just a matter of his personal vindication. He came back from the dead for us, to give us a share in his victory. This is what takes place in our Baptism, which is confirmed in the Holy Spirit, and sustained by the Eucharist. He lives in us, and his victory over sin and death lives in us as well.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we need to share the victory of the resurrection with others, as Jesus did with us. We do this by being sisters and brothers to one another. As Church, we are a family of faith that walks with each other in moments of pain, struggle, and grief, keeping alive the promise that Jesus, the victor over sin and death, remains with us. We are never abandoned. My prayer for all of us in the Archdiocese of Chicago is that we will stand firm in hope, confident that the One who has gone before us in death has come back from the dead for us. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

