



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**APRIL 24, 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

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

**SUPPORT STAFF**

**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
**Mr. Ludwig Weiss, School Operations Director**  
**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

**CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL**

**Rectory: 38 N. Austin Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**  
**Telephone: 708-386-8077**

**Email: [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)**

**Web: [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org)**

**Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Monday through Friday**  
**Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM**

**School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**  
**Telephone: 708-386-5286**

**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,

Today's Gospel passage recounts the story of Thomas, the one who doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead. To my mind, Thomas was not an unreasonable man. On the contrary, he had come to the same conclusion that any one of us would have come to. The dead are dead. Would not you and I have likewise demanded to see Jesus before we would have believed, and aren't we reasonable people?

Of course, you and I are still asked to believe in this unreasonable resurrection of Jesus, and you and I have not seen him. We have not placed our own fingers into the holes of his nail-driven hands. We have not had our Lord enter our houses or apartments through our locked doors.

Throughout Lent, we listened to many passages from the Gospel; all intended to prepared us for the impending death of our Lord, and the truth of his resurrection which would follow. Whether it was in the Transfiguration of Jesus on the holy mountain, when the three disciples were privileged to witness a foreshadowing of our Lord's glory, or the gardener who begged to cultivate and fertilize his fig tree for one more year, or the mighty story of forgiveness that the father offered to his prodigal son. All of these stories confronted our own understanding of faithfulness, of perseverance, of forgiveness and of love.

Last week, on Easter Sunday, we retold the story of the empty tomb and Mary's worry that the body of Jesus had been taken away. Today Thomas doubts that the resurrected body of Jesus is a reality. Like our Lenten Gospel passages, these resurrection stories also challenge how we believe.

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe," said Thomas. Of course, this flies in the face of the whole meaning of faith. Faith is the choice to believe in something when one cannot have certain knowledge. Thomas, like you and me, would love to know for sure. This is not an unreasonable desire.

Jesus responded to Thomas (and likewise, to us): "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Jesus is asking us to abandon our reason, for there is something more even more valuable.

To believe or to have faith is never merely an activity of the mind. It is also a movement of the heart. Those who discovered the empty tomb and today, Thomas who doubted, were challenged to put aside their very rational fears and doubts. Like the characters in the Gospel, you and I are also asked cast aside our rational doubts, and believe. The kind of believing that comes from a place in the heart is precisely what Jesus calls us to. It is not born of what we can see or prove, but of the love that suffers and dies and somehow, beyond explanation, rises again. For is that not the substance of love, of Love (who is God), the transcendent life-giving power which loves us into being, and loves us into life everlasting?


**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

# THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

With the combined efforts of St. Catherine/St. Lucy and St. Giles communities over 160 Easter Sunrise Shoeboxes of various sizes and shapes plus many other sundries were collected. During Holy Week when Joe Cocco pulled up with his pick-up truck filled with all the donated items to Franciscan Outreach, they were delighted and thrilled.

As the gifts with their decorations, bows, pictures and messages were presented to the recipients, there were smiles, thank you's and many tears. "This is for me?" were words heard again and again. Then as each opened his/her gift, words of amazement and gratitude were heard. One individual said, "My person said they will say a prayer for me and they also sent a hug. I haven't had that in years!" Plus, many wanted others to see what they had and said "Come look what I have!". These are only a few of the many conversations that went on.

Know that because of your kindness the joy of this Blessed Easter Season was spread to many people. God bless you for your caring and may the joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and homes!!

Barb Schulz

## Will you please give us a hand?

We need **help** with is livestreaming our services. If you can plug in a computer and hit a 'start' button, you are qualified to help. Please stop and talk to Kevin Morgan or Madonna Sloan. We'd like to get 2 or 3 people so this would be a rotating task and not fall to one or 2 people.

## The Glory of God

*The glory of God is  
humanity fully alive.*

—St. Irenaeus



## 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.

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, and prayers.

~The Fundraising Committee

\*\*\*\*\*

**500 CLUB WINNER**

**\$ 35.00**

**April 24, 2021**

**JEANNE VISTEEN,**

**# 350**

\*\*\*\*\*

## Next Week First Eucharist

*Omo Okoeguale* will be making her First Communion at St. Catherine/St. Lucy on Sunday **May 1st** at the 9 A.M. Mass as her mother requested.

We hope that her First Communion will be a very special day for her, her family and the parishioners of SCSL Please keep her in your prayers.

**FOOD FIRST IS  
NEXT WEEKEND**

## SAVE THE DATE

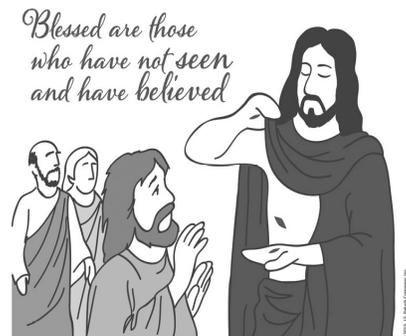
On **Sunday, May 15th**, immediately following our 9 am Mass, the parish will host a reception to celebrate **Kevin and Marci Morgan** as Kevin will be a new Deacon!!!

Mark your calendars to join us as we celebrate this milestone in the 6 year journey to become a Deacon.

Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to help with any part of the festivities, please contact any PPC member or Amanda in the office.

## EASTER ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Easter altar flower display are 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.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tue. April 26**

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

† **Ann Protz**  
By: Christine Wedekind

**Wed. April 27**

8:30 † **Josephone Minow**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Sat. April 30**

5:00 † **Raymond Smith**  
By: Evie Stockinger

† **William Senica**  
By: Thom and Sue Schouten

**May 1**

9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

† **Jeanette Cannon**  
By: Pat and Tom Nelson

† **Joseph Wells**  
By: Cynthia Weaver & James Bowers

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectioary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

**Our Parish Stewardship****St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church**

April 3, 2022	\$ 2,837.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 793.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ -3,678.00
April 10, 2022	\$ 3,377.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,273.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ -2,662.00
April 17, 2022	\$ 3,819.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 2,508.00
Easter	\$ 5,600.00
On-Line G/C Easter	\$ 1,100.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>SURPLUS</b>	\$ 5,719.00

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!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS — APRIL 2022**

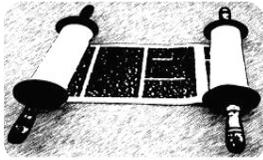
	Lector	Communion Minister
<b>April 23-24</b>		
Sat	Paul Knight	Pat Koko
Sun	Marci Morgan	Kathy Mortell
<b>April 30/ May 1</b>		
Sat	Christine Wedekind	Lessie Dean
Sun	Mary Jane O'Brien	Mary Howard



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

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



**MAY 1, 2022**

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41**

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early Church during the first 30 years after the resurrection of Jesus. It describes God's Spirit at work, directing, encouraging, and supporting the members of the Church.

**Second Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14**

The book of Revelation was written around 95 A.D. for Christians living in what is today Turkey. The Roman Emperor ordered his subjects to worship him as a god. When the Christians resisted, they were persecuted. The book of Revelation was written to encourage them. Today's passage describes a vision of God's people enjoying heavenly life and singing God's praises for their victory.

**Communion & Anointing of the Sick**

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

**Praying for the Sick In Our Parish**



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



**Saints and Special Observances**

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter; Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
- Monday: St. Mark
- Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day
- Thursday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort; Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Friday: St. Catherine of Siena; Arbor Day
- Saturday: St. Pius V

**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: [apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net)

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



**School Scoop**

- ..# 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.

**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.

**Virtual Crop Walk**

**CROP Walk: Hunger Walkathon West is again a virtual walk this year.**

The date is **Sunday, May 1, 2022.**

As always, 25% of funds raised go to local food pantries in Austin, Oak Park, and Forest Park. There will be no donations solicited after Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you wish to donate, please do one of the following.

1. Send a check made out to CWS/ CROP to: Bill Cragg, 317 N. Taylor Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302
2. Go into your computer browser and type in: hwwcrop  
At this Hunger Walkathon West website:
  - a. Go to DONATE
  - b. Find Team St. Catherine- St. Lucy
  - c. Click on this
  - d. Go to make donation under St. Catherine-St. Lucy, follow prompts to donate using your Credit Card.

Bill Cragg  
CROP Walk Team Leader



## FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

### I See Jesus.....(Part 2)

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 we pay attention to each other, which shows we care. We do not ignore anyone.

...when we invite someone to say or do something."

...when I can express the the peace and joy that I have in my heart from knowing that we are all children of God.

...every time we break open the Word of God, every time we have our meal together, every time I see the faces of all gathered.

## How Much for the Easter Offering?

What do people give?' A fairly good guidepost 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.

## Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) - April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as "my sweet Christ on earth," then orders: "Get back to Rome where you belong!" Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman.

Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in "spiritual espousal" to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of "passing on to others the fruits of contemplation," Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called "my Divine Spouse," she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

Eva is doing all she can to raise her grandchild alone on a limited income. She called Catholic Charities when she couldn't afford to fix her plumbing. We made the home repair, and invited her to our caregiver support group. She was one of the 398,078 seniors we helped last year.

Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day to help seniors live in comfort. Learn more at [www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net).

*"People have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things."* - Pope Francis



Food for Thought

## A Lesson in Humility (Part Two)

"Do this in memory of me." In sharing the Lord's supper, we have the call like Jesus, to consecrate our lives, showing others humility and caring. The disciples argued who was best of all, while Jesus was clear: serving others is his prize.

Holy Week sees the fall into darkness;  
There's agony, fearful and tearful,  
in the garden; a traitor's kiss;  
Arrest, trial, conviction, all fearful.  
Bloody scourging; a crown  
of thorns;  
Giant mallets pounding;  
Jesus bleeding to death.  
Hanging from the cross,  
Jesus faintly said

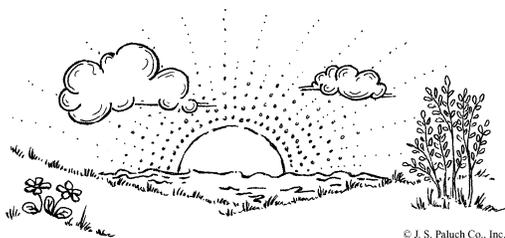
With mercy and humility:  
"Father forgive them, they know  
not what they do."

As Jesus went to his death,  
women's role  
was key, including at his  
resurrection.

The path of life passes through the valley  
of suffering and discipline;  
That alone  
can train our hearts for love.

4/17/22—Tom Lynch

Sources: MPR, M. McGlone; Phil 2:10-11;  
Luke 22:14--23:46



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Prayer of the Week

God of everlasting mercy,  
 who in the very recurrence  
 of the paschal feast  
 kindle the faith of the people  
 you have made your own,  
 increase, we pray,  
 the grace you have bestowed,  
 that all may grasp and rightly  
 Understand in what font they have been washed, by  
 whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood  
 they have been redeemed.  
 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.

### 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 [llaffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:llaffc@ascensionoakpark.com) and put "Meeting Christ in Prayer" in Subject line.

This event is open to all Oak Park parishes.

*Once I was dead,  
 but now I am alive  
 forever and ever.*

— Revelation 1:18a

## 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](https://ssnd.org/events/5-3-22).

### Available Job Position at St. Luke— St. Bernardine Parish

St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish is seeking to fill the position of Communication Coordinator. This is a professional-level position that writes, edits and manages the parish's bulletin, newsletter, website and other communication media. For more information please contact the parish Operations Director at: [dellamdesonia@stlstbparish.org](mailto:dellamdesonia@stlstbparish.org).

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat For Healing After Abortion

**April 29, 2022**

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

For more information or to register, call Kay at **815.741.8118**. Please leave a message.

For additional information about Rachel's Vineyard, call **1.866.994.GIVE** or visit [rachelvineyard.org](https://rachelvineyard.org).