

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

MAY 15, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Congratulations, Deacon Kevin!

Thoughts From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your priest and administrator at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish for over 14 months now. In that time, I have worked with and met many wonderful people. The list of individuals who have demonstrated a deep faith and an equally devoted commitment to their parish is a very long list.

Among those at the top of that list are Kevin and Marci Morgan. As you know, Kevin and Marci are involved in many ways here in the parish. When I arrived last March, they were the first to welcome me among all of you and have been especially kind and gracious at every step of my time with you. For that I am especially grateful.

Today, however, I offer gratitude to our Lord God for having called Kevin to the diaconate, and for Marci's willing participation in this important ministry of the Church.

Deacon Kevin was ordained a deacon this Saturday, May 14th at Holy Name Cathedral. Right alongside Kevin at his ordination, as in all aspects of their life together was and is Marci. Though it is true that Kevin is the one ordained, it is equally true that both Kevin and Marci have had to accept this commitment and have allowed the Holy Spirit of God to guide them over these past many years.

Many may not understand who a deacon is and what a deacon does. Perhaps the following information, which I found on the website of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will be helpful to you:

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek words *diakonia*, service, and *diakonos*, variously translated as servant, helper, attendant, or minister. Phil 1:1 acknowledges the evolving concept of diaconal ministry in the early Church, and 1 Tim 3:8-10,12-13 lists the necessary qualifications for the office of deacon once it had become more formally established. The diaconate is conferred by a bishop by the laying on of hands, and it is one of the three degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The other two degrees are the presbyterate, or priesthood, and the episcopate, or order of bishop. The diaconate is a degree of service, while the presbyterate and the episcopate are degrees of priesthood. Deacons, then, are ordained clergy who are not priests, and their special role is to assist priests.

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
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Faith & Fellowship: Connie Rakitan

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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:

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

A deacon assists the priest at mass when he offers the invocations of the Penitential Rite, proclaims the Gospel, preaches the homily occasionally, reads the petitions of the General Intercessions, receives the gifts, prepares the altar, distributes Holy Communion, and dismisses the Assembly.

A deacon assists the priest outside of Mass when he administers the Sacrament of Baptism; brings Viaticum to the dying; presides for prayer services; officiates at wakes, funerals, and burial services; and witnesses marriages. Deacons are able to bless religious articles too.

As ministers of service, there are many options for deacons to perform charitable good works: outreach to the poor; the visitation of the sick, either at home, in nursing homes, or in hospitals; the care of inmates in prisons and jails; the teaching of sacramental preparation and religious education classes; and various administrative duties; just to a name some of the major roles.

A permanent deacon must be at least thirty-five years of age, have completed his Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), been installed as a Lector and an Acolyte, and completed a thorough formation program. If a candidate for the diaconate is married, he must receive the consent of his wife before he is eligible for ordination. Once ordained, if the deacon's wife should die, the deacon is not eligible for remarriage.

Deacon Kevin will have assisted at mass for the first time today, Sunday, May 15th at the 9am mass. Immediately following the liturgy, everyone is invited to come to Maguire Hall for a celebration. Deacon Kevin's ordination is something that the whole community must commemorate. Becoming ordained as a deacon only makes sense in relation to the people the deacon is called to serve. So, please join us and together let us celebrate this fine man and his wife who have answered God's very unique call in their lives.

Congratulations Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan! We are proud of you. We give thanks to God for you, and we shall always hold you in our prayers!

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

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Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

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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 fund-raising program. Peace, wellness, and prayers.

~The Fundraising Committee



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)

**Parish Office Manager Amanda Pomareda
Leaving St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish
Join us June 5th at 9am to say "Thank You!"**

It is with great sadness that we share the news with you that our parish office manager Amanda Pomareda will be leaving us at the end of this month of May.



As most of you who have contacted the parish office have learned, Amanda is kind, compassionate and competent. She has been a blessing to all of us for so many years and it is important that we find a way to express our gratitude to her.

On Sunday, June 5th, Amanda will be joining us at the 9am mass at which we shall offer our formal expression of thanks. Following the liturgy, everyone is welcome to



join us in Maguire Hall for light refreshments and for an opportunity for all of you to offer your own personal thanks and farewell.

DWELLING PLACE

God dwells wherever we let God in.
—Ancient Jewish saying


**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Tue. May 17
8:30 †

Luke Podraza
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Wed. May 18
8:30

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Sat. May 21
5:00 †

Rosalinda Rodriguez
By: The Yee Family
Patricia Braxton
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
Paul Grimes
By: Jim Hargadan

Sun. May 22
9:00 †

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
Jim Marshall
By: Bob Nix
Loremise Davilmar
By: The Vincent Family
Georgine Mullen
By: the Fundraising Committee

TODAY!!!

TODAY 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!!!

Please join us as we celebrate this milestone their journey to become a Deacon.

Light refreshments will be served.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Today's Readings

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — John's vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—MAY 2022

May 14-15	Christine Wedekind Bill Holmes	Lessie Dean Kathy Mortell
May 21-22	Paul Knight Kevin Morgan	Pat Koko Diana Cameron
May 28-29	Christine Wedekind Renee Smith-Quinn	Lessie Dean Fannie Cooper



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

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

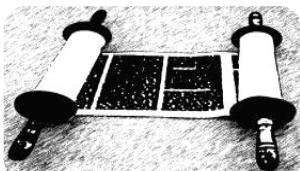
Wednesday: St. John I

Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena

Saturday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions;

Armed Forces Day

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



MAY 29, 2022

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

It is about 20 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Church is already experiencing questions about its doctrine and practices. In today's readings, the Church is dealing with the major problem of whether to impose circumcisions and observance of the Jewish law on its Gentile converts.

Second Reading: Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23

Revelations is an Easter book because it focuses on the Risen Jesus and one final victory over sin and death. In this passage, the author uses such phrases as 'heavenly Jerusalem' and "new Jerusalem" to describe the Church in its glory at the end of time.

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.

May 15, 2022

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, Carole Sheehan, 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

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School Scoop

...# Summer Camp - Only about 12 openings left!! 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.

UNIFICATION TEAM UPDATE

As we prepare to unite the parishes of St. Giles and St. Catherine- St. Lucy, a unification team has been formed. As Father Carl shared last week: "Their goal will be to look at the challenges and opportunities before us to help answer questions that are being asked."

The 5 members of the team representing St. Catherine – St. Lucy are: Miles Jackson, Ginny Jones, Andrea Legatzke, Latrice Porter-Thomas and Renee Smith-Quinn. While they have attended their first meeting --- there are no decisions! This process will take time and a number of further meetings. In the meantime, if you have any questions you would like them to bring to the table, please reach out to them. And please keep them in your prayers.

Friday Night Rosary on ZOOM

During this month of *May...month of Mary*, we continue to have the Friday night rosary.

Please join us for the Rosary from the comfort of your home.

Friday night Rosary @7:00 pm

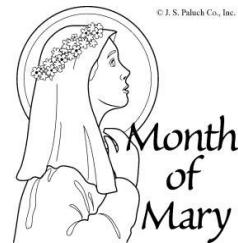
Zoom Meeting

This is a recurring meeting

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490

Passcode: 634955

Hopefully, we will see you there!



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.

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

For a little over a year, Father John McGivern has been the Administer of St. Catherine-St. Lucy's while also being Pastor at St. Edmund's. As of July 1, 2022 he will be reassigned as part of the Renew My Church process. He will celebrate his final Sunday Liturgy at St. Edmund's on Sunday, June 26th at 11 AM. The St. Edmund's parish will sponsor a reception honoring him and his long term, loving service. They have invited all of the St. Catherine - St. Lucy community to join in this celebration to thank him for his service to us and to wish him well. Please see the invitation below.

Please note that everyone who would plan on attending the reception is asked to register so that they can gauge the amount of food needed. To register you can use the link in the invitation or call the St. Edmund's parish office at the number provided. Please join us in wishing him well and thanking him for his time and energy spent looking after our parish.



Raise a slice
FOR A
**GOOD
CAUSE**

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ST. LUCY PARISH

DATE

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

LOCATION

Lou Malnati's Oak Park
1038 Lake Street
708-358-0800

FOR QUESTIONS

Please contact Jeanne Visteen
708-828-4272
jvisteen@yahoo.com

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to our organization (20% based on pretax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received from Dine-IN, Carryout or Delivery (within zone). **Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your phone order.**

*** Includes Online and app ordering. Use code: FUNDSCS22 ***

**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: **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 and put "Meeting Christ in Prayer" in Subject line.

This event is open to all Oak Park parishes.

*FAITH &
FELLOWSHIP*



"About 30% of people in custody have a diagnosed mental illness."

Over the years, some of our Faith & Fellowship Partners have found themselves in the criminal justice system. This isn't surprising, since places like Cook County jail have become the default placement for people with untreated mental illness. On Tuesday, May 17, 12:00 noon, Sheriff Tom Dart will discuss in a virtual forum the role our government and the private sector can address this injustice. You can register at <https://www.mhai.org/so/b7O2J8GNV?languageTag=en&cid=d8240b92-6356-4f31-8a5cb977da5161f2#/main> - and please let F/F know so we can perhaps do a follow up together.

Wipe Away Those Tears

*"God will wipe away every tear,
There shall be no more death,
mourning or weeping."
(Rev 21:5a)*

A dangerously comforting vision of God's own new Heaven and Earth:
Dangerous not on lack of concision,
but because we're surely tempted
To leave the path and cause precise fury.
We would like to enjoy the new,
without abandoning the luxury
and the splendid isolation
of the old.

Paul and Barnabas warn of a person that's trod
the path in today's selection from Acts:
Hardships pave the road toward the Reign of God.
This matches Jesus' gospel word:
His glory is to be revealed apace.
Today John wants us to believe
we enter most profoundly into grace
when confronting the bold powers
of evil.

In "Fratelli Tutti," the Papal work,
in almost apocalyptic
language, Francis warns of dangers that lurk:
We "fed ourselves on dreams of splendor
and grandeur, and ended up consuming
distraction and insularity."
So what in the new order is blooming
in exchange for our contentment?
One word: "Hope."

Francis says that hope is a "thirst," a "desire"
for things that fill our heart." We must
move to broaden our vision and acquire
the knowledge we cannot live, grow,
and find fulfillment except in the type
Of sincere gift of self to others.
We will know what it means for God to wipe
away every tear that flows
from our eyes.

5/15/2022. Tom Lynch

Sources: NCR, M. Mc Glone; John 13:31-33;
Revelation 21; Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis

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.