



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

MAY 22, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John McGivern, Administrator

Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal

Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director

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Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager

Mr. Ludwig Weiss, School Operations Director

Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager

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

School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302

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

Throughout this season of Easter, the first reading at Sunday mass has been from the Acts of the Apostles. It is generally understood the Acts of the Apostles was written by the same writer of the Gospel of Luke and it chronicles the inception and development of the early Church.

It was an exciting time. The post-resurrection encounters the apostles experienced with our Lord gave them certain faith that Jesus truly was the fulfillment of all of the Hebrew Scriptures and their Risen Savior. Through their encounters the apostles were filled with hope and joy. They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Acts of the Apostles takes us on the journey with the apostles, notably, Paul and Barnabas, who traveled throughout the Middle East to preach the good news of the risen Jesus, to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles. The Jewish and various Gentile cultures were often vastly different. It was a difficult task for these evangelists, however enthusiastic and Spirit-filled they may have been, to share their faith persuasively and in a way which would honor and be respectful to such different ways of life from their own.

Today's passage from Acts points this out: even amid the excitement of the time, there was the confusion and disagreement about how to incorporate Christian belief without disregarding long-held Jewish or Gentile practices. Think about this for a moment. Even at the very inception of our Church, people disagreed! How did they react to their disagreements? People gathered and discussed their confusion and differing perspectives. Among the many principles of Christian living, then, from the very beginning one of them was the importance of respecting differences and having sensitivity to the cultural and religious practices of others. The respect the apostles demonstrated to people different from themselves was important to their ability to evangelize them and to help these new Christians feel welcome and accepted in the Christian Faith. From divergent cultural and religious experiences, the apostles helped to develop a unified Church where people grew to understand how they were connected; how they were one.

I consider this to be an important and hopeful truth for us to recall. We are all aware of the differences among the varieties of Christian believers.

In fact, we need not look beyond our own Catholic Church to experience some challenging differences of opinion.

In this current age, the value to bring together, at times, even wrestle with divergent perspectives seems almost to be anathema. The United States Congress all but refuses to seek points of convergence. Arrogance, self-interest, and an ideological inflexibility seems to have become the norm while the American people continue to suffer under the stifling and self-absorbed rhetoric of a U.S. Legislature constantly at loggerheads.

Even the religious culture among Christians too often seems at an impasse. While I do not condone that we should ever compromise on that which is absolute and unchangeable in our beliefs, I do believe that the fresh and hopeful Spirit-filled air of our earliest evangelists seems to be in short supply.

It is my personal belief that the Church should be the one place where everyone is welcome: the saint and the sinner, the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick, the black, brown and white, the gay and the straight, the joyful and the despairing, the loved and those who feel unloved. If nowhere else, in the place where we preach that the love of God is love for all, we must find a way to make room for everyone. We may need to stretch the limits of our comfort zone. We may have to risk cracking open the shell to some of our long-held assumptions. We may have to recognize the bias or prejudice that we didn't even know we had. Imagine a parish, a community, a country and a world that strives after this kind of welcoming and acceptance. Imagine the peace, the joy and the hope that would follow! Perhaps this captures something of the Spirit-filled excitement that drove our earliest evangelists to share the Good News of Christ Risen.

Let us look to the apostles of the early Church who came to understand, to appreciate and to accept that "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for [we] are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3.28). Isn't this the realization of our best selves? Isn't this the life in Christ that ultimately, we all desire?"

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

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. May 24

8:30 †

Charles "Chuckie" Scott

By: Jim Hargadon

Wed. May 25

8:30 †

Luke Podraza

By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Sat. May 28

5:00 †

Tom Sheehan

By: Christine and Edward Wedekind

Rev. Donald Donahugh**(60TH ANNIVERSARY PRIESTHOOD)**

By: Don Giannetti

Sun. May 29

9:00

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FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**Paula Vincent**

By: The Vincent Family

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Gail Rohmann

By: Sue and Thom Schouten

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Michael Goggin

By: Tom Farwell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
(for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11;
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday: Victoria Day (Canada)

Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday); St. Philip
Neri

Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



May 15, 2022	\$ 2,419.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,188.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -3,701.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine- St. Lucy
Parish at: www.givecentral.org
Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or*
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) *or*
John 17:20-26

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—MAY 2022

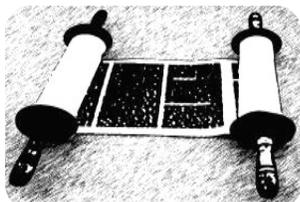
<u>May 21-22</u>	Paul Knight Kevin Morgan	Pat Koko Diana Cameron
Sat		
Sun		
<u>May 28-29</u>	Christine Wedekind Renee Smith-Quinn	Lessie Dean Fannie Cooper
Sat		
Sun		



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

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



MAY 29, 2022
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Today's passage takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and set forth the theme that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament. His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostles to be effective witnesses to Jesus. (The Holy Spirit is mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

On Yom Kippur, the high priest sacrificed a goat on the altar of the temple. Then he took some of the blood into the holiest place in the temple sanctuary where only he was allowed to go. There, he sprinkled the blood as a renewal of the covenant made at Mount Sinai, and prayed that God would forgive all their sins committed during the previous year. This ritual is the backdrop for today's reading from the letter to the Hebrews.



May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

— Psalm 67:6

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

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.

Update Personal Info

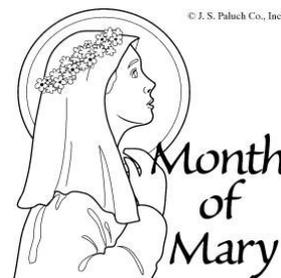
Please DO NOT FORGET to update us with your new phone numbers, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

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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.



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!

Kevin Morgan

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.

For a little over a year, Father John McGivern has been the Administrator 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.

Join us for a special appreciation
liturgy to honor our Administrator,
Fr. John McGivern.

*Sunday, June 26, 2022
11am Mass
at St. Edmund's*

*Reception on the lawn to
follow*

R.S.V.P. by June 19 for the reception only. Either use this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044BA8AC22A2F85-frjohn>
or you can call the parish office at 708-848-4417, Ext. 2011



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DATE
Wednesday, May 25, 2022

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UNIFICATION UPDATE

As of July 1, Saint Giles and Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy Parishes will be unified as one. To help us begin BUILDING A NEW REALITY, a UNIFICATION TEAM has been formed. The members are:

ST CATHERINE-ST LUCY:

Ginny Jones, Miles Jackson, Andrea Legatzke, Latrice Porter-Thomas, Renee Smith-Quinn

ST GILES:

Pat Carew, Mark Laboe, Ed Siderewicz, Sharon Zinkula,

The team has gathered twice. At the first meeting, joining them was a representative from the Archdiocese who will be working with them on this new unification phase. He explained that the unification process will take approximately one year and consist of these unification activities:

- Months 1-2: Listening sessions with members of the new parish
- Months 3-5: Naming Team, Liturgical Team, Communication Team
- Months 6-10: Parish Community & Environment Team, Parish Finance Council
- Months 11-12: Transition from Unification phase into Building the New Reality phase.

At this point, there are three areas upon which they will be focusing:

- 1) Listening sessions
- 2) Determining a name for who we are as a new parish
- 3) Unification celebration

The next meeting of the Unification Team will be the morning of June 4th, Pentecost weekend.

Later that day, Fr. Carl will preside at the 5 p.m. liturgy at St. Catherine-St. Lucy. All are welcome to join him at that mass.

Watch for further information regarding Mass and Meet opportunities in the weeks to come. Let's take time to explore Mass and community that brings us together as one.

Have a safe and blessed week ahead.

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 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, and June 21**. Registration is required. There will be a \$25 fee to cover the cost of program materials. 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.