

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

MAY 29, 2022
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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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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,

I do not know about you, but I am one who is often looking up into the sky or out into the distance. Sometimes, it may be the tweet of a bird which catches my attention and my glance, but more often, it is simply that I am drawn to the mystery that is above and beyond me. The best that I can do to describe those moments is that it is a yearning—(perhaps even an innate desire) to situate myself within the vastness of the universe and to glean something of a sense of belonging to and within it.

Sometimes those moments cause me to feel small and alone; yet other times, I can sense a connection, a unity with all that surrounds and encompasses me.

When Jesus was taken up in the midst of the apostles, they watched their Lord be taken from their sight. Their upward gaze lingered beyond the Lord's leave-taking. I imagine that they were sad in that moment. We always want the people we love to be nearby. I imagine that they were confused too. So much had happened. Jesus had shared with an abundance of life and love. Then, their hearts were broken when he died. They were fearful but overjoyed when he rose. Now, they say farewell again. If ever there was a moment to fix their gaze heavenward and attempt to find perspective in all that they had experienced and witnessed, this is it!

And suddenly, two men dressed in white garments ask: "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

On the one hand, I can imagine the disciples responding: "For God's sake, can you give me a minute? Can you let me take a breath and make sense of all this? On the other hand, Jesus had explained to his disciples that it was better for them that he take his leave, so that he could send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with and among them for all time.

Perhaps the question asked by the men dressed in white was a gentle nudge to remind the disciples that now they had work to do. They were to fill the earth with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps one day we shall all be cloaked in dazzling white garments. Today, however, like the disciples whose gaze lingered after Jesus left them, we have yet to don our heavenly attire. Today, we continue to see and understand only in bits and pieces, and every now and then, we may be caught in that cosmic search for understanding and belonging.

True as that may be, the question posed by the men in white garments reminds us that at some point, we have to shift our gaze back down to that which is all around us, and like the disciples, to help others to know that in the vastness of the universe, their sense of belonging will be found in the saving story of one who loved us so much that he emptied himself of his life and so gave us his Spirit until that day when we will gaze upon him face to face.

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.

May 29, 2022

The 500 Club Certificates

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OUR THIRD SPECIAL \$500 DRAWING OF THE 500 CLUB SEASON! ALL CERTIFICATES FOR 2021-2022 THAT ARE CURRENTLY OWNED AND ANY OTHERS PURCHASED THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 13TH, WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAWING. THE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON JUNE 15TH.

This 500 Club season continues through June 26th with its weekly drawings; the usual prize is \$35. 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. It continues to benefit the parish's general operating fund and over the years, has assisted specific projects in the church, rectory, and Maguire Hall.

Peace, wellness, and prayers.

~The Fundraising Committee

**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 many years and it is important we find a way to express our gratitude to her.



The Parish Office
will be closed Monday,
May 30th for the
Memorial Day
Holiday



Special gratitude to the members of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for all their time, talent and efforts put forth these past years, especially since the beginning days of Renew My Church conversations and decisions. In conjunction with our former Pastor, Fr. George Omwando, and in the past 15 months with Fr. John McGivern as Administrator, the PPC members have spent countless hours in meetings discerning the best for the Parishioners of SCSL. Their work is mostly behind the scenes, and what they have done, and continue to do for the Parish is priceless. It is time for a most public THANK YOU to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, some of whom also took on added responsibility as members of the earlier and current Unification Teams. Most sincere gratitude to the following PPC members who represent the Parishioners of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish as we continue on the journey of unification with St. Giles Parish.

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Michelle Darang-Coleman
Virginia Jones
Carolyn Kiolbasa
Kevin Morgan
Mary Jane O'Brien

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 35.00

May 29, 2022

MARY FABIANSKI,
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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 the light refreshments and for an opportunity for all of you to offer your own personal thanks and farewell.

**FOODFIRST
NEXT WEEKEND**
Won't You Please Help?!


**Mass Intentions
for the Week**
Tue. May 31

- 8:30 † Jim Marshall
By: Bob Nix
† Charles "Chuckie" Scott
By: Pat and Tom Nelson
- Wed. June 1**
8:30 † Luke Podraza
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
- Sat. June 4**
5:00 † Gene Solome
By: Evie Stockinger
† Georgine Mullen
By: Marci and Kevin Morgan

Sun. June 5

- 9:00 † FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
Jeanette Cannon
By: Thom and Sue Schouten
† Joseph Douglas
By Tom and Pat Nelson
† Joseph Wells
By: Fundraising Committee

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day
- Monday: Memorial Day
- Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Justin
- Thursday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
- Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions;
First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday; Shavuot (Jewish observance)
begins at sunset

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

May 22, 2022	\$ 1,845.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 668.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
D E F I C I T	\$ -4,795.00

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 — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—MAY 2022

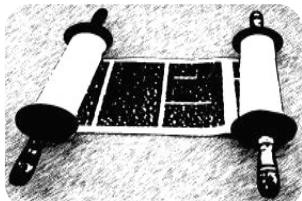
<u>May 28-29</u>		
Sat	Christine Wedekind	Lessie Dean
Sun	Renee Smith-Quinn	Fannie Cooper



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

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



JUNE 5, 2022 PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration of the feast. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Today's passage comes from the chapter eight of Paul's letter to the Romans, which stresses the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. Paul wants us to remember that the Spirit who inspires us to holiness every day. Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (*meaning, life prone to sin*) and life in the Spirit.



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.

Praying for the Sick In Our Parish



Coletta Ali, Phyllis Baker, Jane Baker, Marge Bowers, Danita Bowie, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, Don Gimbel, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Patrick King, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Rosie Julion, Jake Lofgren, Carole Sheehan, Joann Taylor, and LaNedra Vaughn.

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 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.

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



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.

...#The Class of 2022 has been very busy during these last few weeks. Their *Class Trip* is set for Tuesday May 31st. *Graduation* is scheduled for Thursday, June 2nd, at 5:00pm in the church. Masks are required for attendees.

...#The Kindergarten Achievement Ceremony is Friday, June 3rd, at 10:00am in the church.

...#Last day for teachers is Friday, June 10th.



Prayer of the Week

The Ascension of the Lord

*At the Mass during the Day
Gladden us with holy joys,
almighty God,
and make us rejoice with
devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ
your Son is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone
before in glory,
the Body is called
to follow in hope.*

*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*

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: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Pizza and Bowling – Part 1

Last month, 15 students and 2 teachers from St. Francis High School in Wheaton treated Faith & Fellowship to a pizza party and bowling. Their school buses provided our transportation, their committee set up our meeting room and served the pizza, and we all had a good time at Striker Lane. These kids are amazing – a blessing to others – and we are thankful that they chose to spend their afternoon with us. We hope to see them soon and have fun together again in the future!



*God mounts his throne amid
shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet
blasts.*

— Psalm 47:6

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.



Food for Thought

A Soul-Sickness

"Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting."
("Fratelli Tutti," Pope Francis)

"A soul-sickness, a profound warping of the human spirit, enables human beings to embrace callous indifference toward darker sisters and brothers." Also, millions of firearms stored or holstered, in so many bad hands, killing good people. The devastating impact of racism and guns makes them deadly viruses.

The root cause of violence is not mental illness. Epidemiologic studies say most of the people with serious mental illness are never violent, but a danger to themselves. Suicide accounts for one half of all U.S. firearm-related fatalities. The mental illness stereotype is a double problem: reinforces an inaccurate mental health stigma, leading to greater isolation; detracts from real issues of racial violence: viruses of anti-black racism, and proliferation of deadly assault weapons.

White Christians especially have a responsibility rooted in the core of our faith tradition to respond to these viruses. They contradict the core of Christian Faith. You cannot claim to be a Christian and espouse: White supremacist ideology; Denial of racism's reality; Conspiratorial narratives; Proliferation of assault weapons.

We must fight this insidious soul-sickness. To pretend the body politic or the body of Christ is not infected with those viruses will not chase them away. They will continue to grow stronger, and more severe, causing impressive devastating consequences, resulting in more horrifying deaths.

5/29/22 - Tom Lynch

Sources: NPR, Daniel Horan; Brian Massingale, Soul-Sickness.

Meet our Unification Team

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be providing background information and pictures of the members of our Unification team. It will include members from both St. Catherine-St Lucy and St. Giles. Check them out, get to know them and if you have any questions or comments, reach out to them — contact info is provided.

Each person was asked to tell us about themselves and then to provide something that we could relate to that will make us remember who they are. The responses from the first 2 members are provided below.

Name: Andrea Legatzke

Contact: (708)205-0218
alegatzke@sbcglobal.net

Parish Affiliation: St Catherine- St Lucy

My husband, Steve, and I joined St Catherine-St. Lucy in 1992. We have 2 adult daughters who were baptized in St. Catherine- St. Lucy. I am excited to see how the Holy Spirit moves in unifying our new Parish Family.

What will make me remember you?

I have a twin sister who also attends St. Catherine- St. Lucy.

Name: Ed Siderewicz

Contact: (312)520-7154
edsiderewicz@gmail.com

Parish Affiliation: St Giles

I've been part of the St. Giles community for 8 years and participate in the Family Mass. After experiencing life as a De LaSalle Christian Brother for 38 years, my wife, Marci Madary and I just celebrated our seventh wedding anniversary. I'm passionate about education, sports and photography.

What will make me remember you?

I ride a motorcycle back and forth from Chicago to Mexico City for vacation. :)

