

ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JUNE 12, 2022 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, and Wednesday - 8:30am - Main Church NO Thursday Mass

At. St. Edmund: 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. (Parish information continued on pg. 3)

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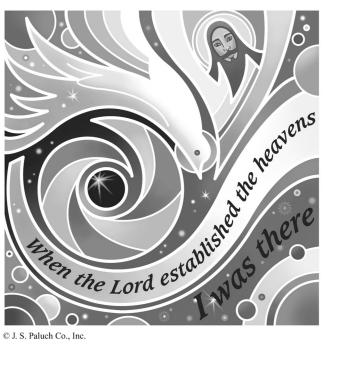
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Thoughts From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

As my tenure as an Oak Park pastor comes to a close, you can imagine that I have become even more nostalgic than usual. Of course, having had the privilege of being a priest now for over 31 years, I have had a front row view to very many love stories.

This includes the hundreds of weddings at which I've presided from all the parishes I've been assigned, including those of several nieces and nephews. It is a beautiful part of priestly ministry, for young love is contagious, and who doesn't like to share in some of that?

There are so many other kinds of love stories that I've been honored to know and share: I've seen the immense love of a parent or parents to their children and had the pleasure to baptize so many of those children.

In my short time among you at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish, I've witnessed a deep faith and love of people for their parish. I think of Tom and Pat Nelson, who give of their time and energy, and share their faith so beautifully. I think of your PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) who are as committed a group of individuals as perhaps I have ever encountered, and who so obviously love their parish and the people they serve. There is, of course, your own kindness and welcome to me over 15 months ago when I was assigned as your parish administrator.

There is also the love story of my friend Don who devoted himself to his mother's care, with such joy and gratitude, until she was called home to God.

I've also had the privilege to renew the vows of couples at 25, 40, 50, 60 and one couple, even at 75 years of marriage. Their names were Andy and Ethel. I loved them so much. That day, when they renewed their vows, neither could walk any more, but they were wheeled down the church aisle together, holding hands, and the excitement and the love that so animated their faces and so filled them with an overflowing joy, made me believe that they were somehow floating, although their advanced ages kept them firmly anchored in their wheelchairs. I will never forget that day. And today, though both Andy and Ethel have been called home to God, I still think of them with great fondness and love.

Really and truly, I marveled at them and the thought that for over 75 years, through the great highs and the deep lows of living, their love for each other was unwavering. And they shared that love with their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, so many others, and with me. Within their love story, so much more love came to be. Like the ripple in a placid lake, their love was the impetus for so much more love.

There are so many other love stories that I could share with you. Of course, you know so many yourselves. All of these love stories, each beautiful, hopeful and inspiring on their own, are also all part of an even greater love story.

The greatest love story of all time is the story of our salvation. God, despite all our failings, has such great love for us that he is unwilling to leave us in our sinfulness. God willingly sacrificed his only Son so that we might be raised from the death of sin and come to share in his life of communal love.

Today's solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity celebrates that life of communal love. For God is one God, in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – whose relationship is one of complete self-gift and outpouring of love. In other words, God is not a being who loves, God is love itself. Really imagine that for a moment. God isn't the most loving being. God is Love. The act of love. The forgiveness of love. The joy of Love. Do you remember this song?

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

The final verse is especially fitting today:

No race or creed can love exclude, if honored be God's name; Our family embraces all whose Father is the same.

That God is greater than we can ever know and yet is also one who revealed himself to us in his Son is truly something to celebrate. For the God who is transcendent – above all things – is also immanent: present to all things. He invites us to relationship with him; to open our hearts and minds to how he reveals himself to us.

Today's solemnity is actually a double celebration, then. We celebrate what God has revealed and we accept the invitation to know him more, and to find joy and fulfillment in that knowing.

And, perhaps we begin to understand better that every love story leads us to the God-story, the greatest love story there is. For within that story of our salvation, every love is situated.

In other words, the Love story of Father, Son and Spirit, being the first ripple in that placid lake, from whence every love is born, is at the heart of every other. Therefore, God permeates our being and identity; and our being and identity is love.

Fr. John McSwerr

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.

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Your generosity to this special collection directly impacts the 450 active and 254 retired archdiocesan priests who we have come to rely on throughout our lives.

You may know that for many priests, even after their official retirement they continue to work throughout the archdiocese, presiding over Masses and assisting with sacrament preparation.

Your generosity will not only safeguard the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parish and in the community.

In addition to the special collection envelopes that you will find in your pews today, you may also take a photo/scan of the QR code on the posters near the exit as you leave church or on the ads in both Católico and the Chicago Catholic newspapers. In addition, gifts may also be made through your will as part of your estate plans.

Thank you for your support of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. May God bless you.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

Parish Organizations:

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School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

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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.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith.

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 Rectory Office during the week.



Tue. June 14 8:30 †

Mary Esposito

By: Evie Stockinger

Wed. June 15 8:30 †

Luke Podraza

By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Holly StivaBy: Larry Russo

Sat. June 18 5:00 †

Jeanette Cannon

By: Marci and Kevin Morgan

James Reilly

By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sun. June 19 9:00

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FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

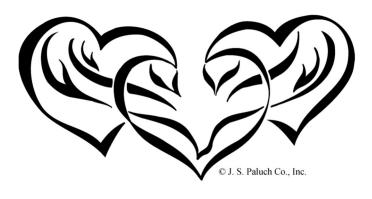
† Luke Podraza

By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

† Charles "Chuckie" Scott

By: Jim Hargadon Gail Rohmann

By: Marci and Kevin Morgan



The Most Holy Trinity June 12, 2022

[T]he love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

— *Romans 5:5b*

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Monday: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time;

St. Anthony of Padua

Tuesday: Flag Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — Before anything was created, the wisdom of God was brought forth (Proverbs 8:22-31).

Psalm — O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Romans 5:1-5).

Gospel — Everything that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take from what is mine and declare it to you (John 16:12-15).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;

Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20;

Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;

Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26;

Lk 9:11b-17

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—JUNE 2022

June 11-12 Sat Sun	Paul Knight Kevin Morgan	Lessie Dean Kathy Mortell
June 18-19 Sat Sun	Christine Wedekind Pat Nelson	Pat Koko Diana Cameron
June 25-26 Sat Sun	Frank Pond Bill Holmes	Lessie Dean Mary Howard

Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

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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.

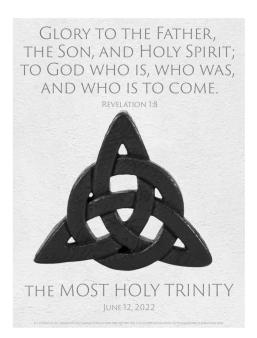
The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Rachel at the parish office during office hours. Thanks



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions 4:00 to 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.



Juneteenth celebrate freedom

You're invited to join us for an hour of prayer, recognition, restoration, celebration, and continuation of Juneteenth.

Monday, June 20, 2022, 4:30 p.m. LaGrange Community Center 200 S. Washington, LaGrange, IL Rain or Shine - Masks Please Refreshments Afterward

Featuring Rev. Wheeler Parker, Jr. Civil rights activist and cousin of Emmett Till

Juneteenth 2022 Honoree: Mrs Ren'ee Hodges

The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act (2021) created a federal holiday to commemorate the freedom for black slaves in Texas and Louisiana on June 19, 1865. Though President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, news of this freedom was obstructed for two more long years of slavery.

June 19 has since become a day of restoration and celebration.

Our theme this year is:

No one is free until everyone is free.

Fannie Lou Hamer

Co-sponsored by LaGrange eastside community residents and:







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.

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.

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GiveCentral allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used 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**.

BIBLE STUDY



Beginning June 29, weekly Bible Study sessions will be offered on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. It is **NOT** necessary or required you attend each week...Come when you can!! The sessions will be offered in-person and via zoom. The

location is to be determined.

In this summer session, we will be using the series **The Chosen** as a tool to help explore more deeply reality of Jesus as God and man. We'll be sending bible verses/chapters that will be referenced in the episode that we will be watching each week as well as questions to ponder and discuss together. Even if you've already watched **The Chosen** once (or twice...), it will be an opportunity to experience it more deeply.

If you do not have computer access to receive the bible chapters and aids, paper copies can be made available for pick up at the rectory. For information or questions, please contact Maria Samatas at 708-267-2086 or email her at: msamatas@me.com

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 Contemplating Trinitarianism

As we celebrate the Trinity,
we take time to ask what God is like,
and what it means to us.
God's a Trinity of three in one.
We contemplate as a mystery.
We mull it over with
an attitude that revels in awe
and drops any need for clear answers.
It draws us toward God,
and is too deep for our thought and
prayer.

Theologians say "a mystery," but still we address it.

Proverbs writes of Lady Wisdom and Creation, sourced from God's Divine Iov.

By early Christians, she was connected with Jesus, who made God present among them. They conceived

of him saying to them:

"...hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." They began to develop a new understanding

of God being present in them, in unique ways (Romans 5:4-5)

John in his gospel portrayed Jesus in intimate communion with God, whom he called the Father. His relationship with his Father could not be separated from his promises to his followers, that they're capable of sharing the same relationship with him and the Father, through the Holy Spirit.

We begin to see what God's being, as Trinitarian, has to do with us, when we contemplate God as Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, able to draw all creation into divine life.

Tom Lynch. 6/12/22

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Romans 5:1-5: John 16:12-15.

A note from Fr. Carl:

UNIFICATION and what you should know. The unification team for Saint Giles and Saint Catherine - Saint Lucy met again last Saturday, June 4. We experienced our own Pentecost-like moment! During the first half of the meeting, members shared and discussed the OAK PARK COMMUNITY DISCERNMENT and SUMMARY document that was the fruit of the Renew My Church (RMC) process. This is the document that was presented to the Archdiocese this past November, and represents the thoughts of the pastors, pastoral leaders, parish delegates, and the hundreds of parishioners who participated in the RMC process over the last year.

Here is a sample of comments regarding the RMC summary document shared with the unification team.

- ~ The spirit of the document was divinely inspired and is the spirit of Vatican II
- ~ Great emphasis on Community
- ~ Missionary impulse evangelize all people, not just those currently in our parishes
- ~ Light of justice
- ~ Accompaniment is important
- ~ We see a hopeful future

On more pragmatic issues, we discussed how we can shepherd our existing parishes from the reality of the past to this new reality and we landed on the following.

- ~ On the weekend of June 18-19, a member of the unification team will provide an update at each Mass in our parish communities, St. Giles and St. Catherine- St. Lucy. This will also take place for the Ascension and St. Edmund parishes as well. It is our hope to begin to share the RMC Summary Document so that it can be read, discussed, and ground us all in the same spirit intended in the document.
- \sim We are also planning MASS and MEETS for the summer months to enable parishioners from St. Giles to visit St. Catherine St. Lucy and vice versa.
- ~ At this time, we decided Mass times will remain as they are in both locations for now.
- ~ The unification team will meet again on June 20, July 23, and August 15. We will continue to update you on our progress as we, and our blended parish councils, meet during the summer months.

Like the disciples at Pentecost, we are coming to see that the Spirit is acting powerfully through our lives today. We are a bit stunned by what is happening and it will take time to process and figure out all the details.

Today, we celebrate another great Feast of the Church, The Most Holy Trinity. Jesus hints at a deep friendship with the Father and the Spirit in today's readings. This Divine friendship is also meant to be ours. What encouragement that is for us to remember as we travel into the "building a new reality" aspect of RMC.

Have a great week ahead. Be safe and stay well.

With you a Christian. For you, a priest.

Fr. Carl

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