



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JUNE 19, 2022

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, and Wednesday - 8:30 AM - Main Church

NO Thursday Mass

At. St. Edmund: Monday, Friday - 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening - 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning - 9:00 AM

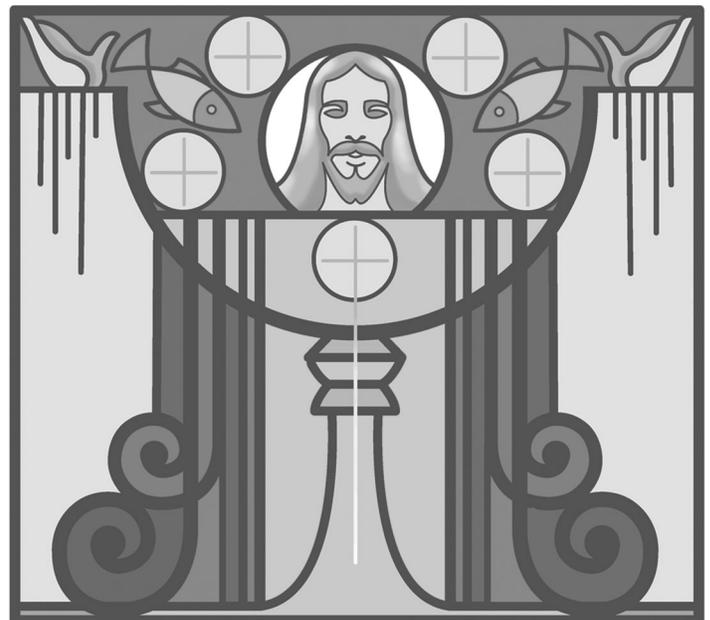
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 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.



Thoughts From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, one of the 20th century's greatest Catholic theologians, a Belgian man named Edward Schillebeeckx, comes to mind. Among the many contributions that Schillebeeckx has made to Catholic theology is his understanding of humanity as being the greatest sacrament of God.

Let's not pass too quickly over that statement, as it is quite a profound one. For those of us old enough to remember the *Baltimore Catechism*, you may recall that question 31 asks: "What is a Sacrament?" The answer to that question, which, I am sure that many of you still remember is: "A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace."

Now, let's consider the contribution of Schillebeeckx. In the language of the *Baltimore Catechism*, we might explain, then, that we, human beings, have the most potential to become the greatest sacrament of God because we can become the most visible sign through which Christ can offer his grace.

In the language of today, we might put it this way: humanity can become the greatest sacrament of God in that we have the greatest potential to effect, experience, share and thus, become the real presence of Christ in the world. In fact, that is our Christian mission: we are to be Christ for others and to see Christ in others. We come together at the eucharistic table and worship our God, and in this important ritual, we share a meal which unites us all in the one Body (and Blood) of Christ—in the fullness of Christ truly and really present in the meal. Our communion with Christ at the altar is the source from which we are nourished and sent forth to continue *doing and becoming* what we had just ritually done and become in communion with one another and with the Lord.

Today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ holds up the great significance of our Eucharist, but it can only be significant as far as you and I are committed to becoming and being that self-same presence wherever we go and with whomever we meet.

How do we become that self-same presence of Christ? Well, our weekly meal of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is certainly a necessary nourishing component. There are as many ways to be, see, share, accept and experience the Lord's presence as there are people who attend mass. Let's not overthink it. We must be available to others. We must *share* the gifts of kindness, compassion, understanding, forgiveness, hope and love *with* others. Perhaps more of a challenge for many of us is the fact that we must be humble and open to *accepting* the gifts of kindness, compassion, understanding, forgiveness, hope and love *from* others. Of course, this list is not exhaustive. To put it really simply: we have to show up, we have to love, and we have to allow ourselves to be loved. And we have to let go of the worry that we cannot or will not do it perfectly. Perfection is God's realm. You and me? We simply need to do our best and allow the grace of God to flow through and from us into every other person we meet.

My dear friends, this is the last time that I'll be writing a column for your parish bulletin. In fact, this weekend is the last time that I'll be presiding at Sunday masses. My time in Oak Park is now ending. It has been my privilege and pleasure to be with you these past 16 months. You welcomed me as one among you and for that I am grateful. Your faithfulness, your kindness and generosity have been so very evident, and though you have experienced some challenges as a parish, you have continued to rise above them and be the kind and compassionate people that you are. As the parish now unifies with St. Giles Parish, please be assured of my continued prayers for you. You are in especially capable hands with Fr. Carl Morello as your pastor. He is smart, pastoral, compassionate, a strong leader and quite simply, a holy man.

May our Good Lord bless you today and every day of your lives.

Sincerely,



Fr. John McGivern

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. June 21

8:30 † **Jim Marshall**
By: Bob Nix

Sat. June 24

5:00 † **Gail Rohmann**
By: Marci and Kevin Morgan
† **Lawrence Faul, Jr.**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
† **Marie Stockinger**
By: Evie Stockinger

Sun. June 26

9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Yvette and Walter Bussenius**
By: The Vincent Family
† **Jeanette Cannon**
By: Marci and Kevin Morgan

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—JUNE 2022

June 18-19		
Sat	Christine Wedekind	Pat Koko
Sun	Pat Nelson	Diana Cameron
June 25-26		
Sat	Frank Pond	Lessie Dean
Sun	Bill Holmes	Mary Howard

Praying for the Sick In Our Parish



Coletta Ali, Phyllis Baker, Jane Baker, Marge Bowers, Danita Bowie, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, 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. We ask that you contact the Parish Office to provide us with an update to have a name remain on the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please contact Rachel Faulman at 708-386-8077 or rfaulman@stgilesparish.org. Thank you.

Communion Visits & Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office at 708-386-8077, or at rfaulman@stgilesparish.org, 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 location.

Welcome to Fr. Robert Carlton!

As noted by Fr. Carl in the June 5 bulletin, Fr. Robert Carlton is joining the Oak Park Catholic community as a Pastoral Associate to the newly unified Ascension-St. Edmund Parish and to the newly unified St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish.



Fr. Robert Carlton was ordained in May of 2019 by Cardinal Cupich for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Originally from Evanston, he attended Loyola Academy for high school and then Georgetown University in Washington DC. Following college, he served in the Navy for four years as a surface warfare officer on two ships in Florida where he was also on the US Navy running team. After that, he taught high school English and theology for five years at Fordham Prep in New York, where he was also an assistant coach on the cross country and track teams. He entered Mundelein Seminary for the Chicago Archdiocese in the fall of 2014. In addition to completing the academic program, he coached track and taught religion at Carmel High School, tutored at St. Martin de Porres High School in Waukegan, was a hospital chaplain for a summer at the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles and completed a summer language immersion at the Working Boys Center in Quito, Ecuador. After ordination, he has served as the associate pastor at St. John Brebeuf in Niles and Immaculate Conception in Chicago and has also worked as the Catholic chaplain at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago. At IC, Fr. Carlton was a coach for the football, basketball and track teams. Fr. Carlton is an avid runner and cyclist and a reader of biographies. He is very excited about the opportunity to work with and get to know the people at the parishes in Oak Park.

The 500 Club Certificates

THE THIRD SPECIAL \$500 DRAWING OF THE 500 CLUB SEASON TOOK PLACE AFTER THIS BULLETIN WENT TO PRESS, AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT WEEKEND’S BULLETIN!

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

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Meet our

This week, we provide information on our remaining six Unification Team members. Check them out, get to know them and if you have any questions



Name: **LaTrice Porter-Thomas**

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Parish Affiliation: **St. Catherine—St. Lucy**

I am a life-long resident of the Austin community; born and raised. My family has been members of SCSL church for over 40 years. I am a 1984 graduate of SCSL grammar school, a 1988 graduate of Trinity High School and a 1993 graduate of Purdue University. I am a proud Boilermaker and am still an active and supportive alum. I live in North Austin with my husband, a Chicago Police Officer; my son, a 2020 Fenwick graduate and soon to be a 3rd year college student at St Norbert College where he's on the football team; and my mother who is newly retired from West Suburban Hospital. I also have a daughter who lives in Minnesota with my two granddaughters; ages 5 and 4. I currently work for Cook County Health as the System Environmental Health Manager in the Safety Office. My office is responsible for ensuring the safety of the environment for all staff, patients and visitors at Cook County Health facilities.

What will make me remember you?

I am an alto member of the SCSL Praise Choir, along with my mother who, because we look so much alike, is frequently thought to be my sister. I love to run and can sometimes be seen running through the streets of South Oak Park in the very early mornings before work.



Name: **Sharon Zinkula**

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Parish affiliation: **St. Giles**

I've been attending St. Giles since shortly after my husband, Joseph Flowers, and I moved to Oak Park in 1995. Our daughter, Lauren, received her sacraments here from baptism through confirmation. I'm excited to be a member of the unification team because I think each parish community has much to bring to the other. I am so hopeful!

What will make me remember you?

I was so shy that I was almost held back in kindergarten because I wouldn't talk to anyone.



Name: **Renee M. Smith-Quinn**

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Parish Affiliation: **St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy**

I have been a member of SCSL since 1979. I had a hard time leaving St. Mel-Holy Ghost parish, but I eventually did. I have served on several committees over the years, most recently as a religious educator, liturgy committee member, Eucharistic minister, and Lector minister.

My husband and I chose to leave Chicago and settle in Oak Park because of its diverse community. Our children, John-Kenyun and Jemaria, received the sacraments of Baptist, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation here at SCSL.

As a retired public school special educator of 30 plus years. I have had many opportunities to interact with families and educators regarding differences of opinions and opposite mindsets. It is for this reason and others that I believe I can be an effective member of SCSL-St. Giles' Unification Team. I look forward to assisting in building the Christian parish that we desire. We have a unique opportunity to work together and build our church step by step. I envision our parishioners collectively seeking God through praise and worship, prayer and service to all, within and outside of our community.

What will make me remember you?

I cannot think of anything that would make you remember me except that I have a quick smile and that I can talk about my beloved granddaughter, Zoe, for hours. She is four years old, was also baptized at SCSL and will prayerfully receive her other sacraments in our newly created church building, as yet to be named. Please contact me in order that we may discuss all suggestions and concerns regarding the church in which you want to be an active participant.

Unification Team

The introductions include members from both St. Catherine-St Lucy and St. Giles. or comments, reach out to them — contact info is provided.

Name: **Pat Carew**
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Parish Affiliation: St. Giles



I am married to Kathleen Mullaney and we have two children, Maria (24) and Brendan (22). Kathleen and I met when she was my French teacher in college (OK, I got a B). I grew up in Arlington Heights (somebody had to) and I own a small industrial water treatment business. I have been involved in a number of things at St. Giles over the years: St. Giles Men's Society, Junior High RE/Confirmation Prep, Retreads Charity Basketball, Respect Life, PPC, Refugee Ministry, Parish Block Party, Alter Server, Lector, Baptism Prep, PADS and RCIA. I come to the unification team with excitement at being co-parishioners with so many new wonderful people. I love parish life and to have new friends to share it with and a new sacred space to call home thrills every part of me.

Something you might remember:

During Covid I took up Bollywood movies and then Bollywood dance lessons. I may have taken it too far because last fall I ended up performing with a Bollywood dance group at a fundraiser for a girls school in Pakistan.

Name: **Ginny Jones**
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Parish affiliation: St. Catherine—St. Lucy



My husband, George, and I joined the parish in 1974 as we prepared for our wedding. Through a blended family, we have six adult children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren scattered across the US and Europe. Over the decades, I have been a parish bingo caller (long ago), a Lector, Eucharistic minister, member of the Parish Council, on the Renew My Church Committee, holiday bazaar bakery booth organizer, donut days worker, and coordinator of the AAHC brunches as well as other Maguire hall gatherings -- just a worker bee. I bring historical knowledge of our journey through RMC and a spirit of optimism and hope for the renaissance of the SCSL parish as we unify with our St. Giles brethren.

Anecdote:

I am the wife of the vivacious George, who enjoys baking muffins and cakes which he shares with parish staff and friends. You will often find me in the Maguire Hall kitchen during parish events.

Name: **Kathy Flanagan**
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Parish affiliation: St. Giles



I am the oldest of six children raised in a devout Catholic family in Marywood, Illinois, near Aurora. My father was one of the first lay deacons ordained following Vatican II. I've been married to Flan Flanagan for 54 years, and we have two married daughters and four teenage grandchildren. For 30 years I worked in corporate communications. For the last 20 years I have been an executive coach and consultant in organization development and leadership. I studied these topics at Loyola's graduate school and in a 12-week executive program at Harvard. Eight years ago, I became a parishioner of St. Giles where I am a member of the Family Mass community. I am someone who usually can see the forest for the trees, loves to participate in forming a shared vision of new possibilities, and develops communications that engage people in finding shared solutions.

What will make me remember you?

In our early years of marriage, my husband and I each had a Kawasaki motorcycle. Mine was a Kaw 500, which was a powerful bike at the time and very heavy. I was proud to be able to keep it standing upright whenever we stopped for gas. We went on several camping trips through New England, circling the Great Lakes, and visiting Washington, DC.

A note from Fr. Carl:

First, Happy Father's Day to all our dads. Today, let us hold in our memory and hearts our deceased fathers now in the "Father's House" for eternity. May we all have the blessing of God's peace this day!

My father, who is deceased, was a carpenter. What little I know about carpentry came from helping him work at times. I can hit a nail with a hammer, use a power tool to cut wood, hang a picture on a wall and a few other minor things all because he taught me how. My gifts were not in carpentry -- but I have great respect for those who make a living doing that and am thankful for the few skills that I learned from my dad. Some of my friends wouldn't know which end of a hammer to use! Ok, a bit of exaggeration but you get the point!

Today, we also celebrate the gift of the Holy Eucharist. For Christians, the Eucharist is the meal around which every Sunday is definitively shaped, and from which the whole week derives meaning. Our liturgical year winds through seasons and feasts, holy days and saints' days and ordinary days, too. All these celebrations are centered on a simple meal of bread and wine. It makes perfect sense that the sacramental action that ritually encompasses our lives as Christians is a meal. Wouldn't it be odd if it were anything else?

Let us not forget today what this meal represents for us as Catholic Christians. By God's design, this sacrament makes real and vital the presence of Christ and the life of Christ in our midst. "When we eat this bread and drink this cup," St. Paul reminds us that Christ' own journey from death into everlasting life becomes ours. What a sign of strength, unity and hope when we gather as a community of faith and partake in this sacred meal!

Finally, as our unification efforts continue to take shape, please see the information below from Rachel Faulman, our office Administrative Assistant, regarding communications, the bulletin, and hours that the Parish office staff is available. Please remember, the parish unification is a process and SLOW is the speed we hope to go as we look at wants and needs and what is realistic as we move forward. However, some administrative changes will need to be implemented right away.

Have a great week ahead. I leave you with these beautiful words from St. Therese of Lisieux – "The world is your ship, not your home."

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl



Faith and Fellowship **Pizza and Bowling – Part II**

Recently, I had the opportunity with some students from my school, St. Francis High School in Wheaton, for a Faith and Fellowship gathering of pizza and bowling. We had conversations while we ate; there were big smiles – sincere and genuine – on the everyone's faces. After lunch, while we were bowling, we cheered each other on, and the Partners' joy, happiness, and excitement warmed my heart. Now I want to do Faith and Fellowship more often. I think that we students shared so much happiness. After bowling, one of the Partners said, "You know I'm gonna miss you when you leave." That really opened my eyes to the impact that we made. I said that hopefully we would be back soon. She did not want the day to end (and neither did I), but she mostly just wanted us to come and spend time with each other again. Me, too.

A note from Rachel Faulman, Administrative Assistant

Thank you to all who have aided me as I have stepped into the administrative functions at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy office following Amanda Pomareda's departure. I am so grateful to Amanda and the many office volunteers who have helped out over the recent weeks.

We are now in the process of transitioning the various avenues of parish communications to the Parish Center office at St. Giles' campus. We want to make this transition as smooth as possible so that you may reach us for assistance whenever a need arises. I have already set up forwarding of Amanda's former office email to my email inbox, and you may also email me directly at rfaulman@stgilesparish.org. In the coming weeks, we will begin to transfer calls to the St. Catherine-St. Lucy office to the St. Giles office to ensure coverage during the regular weekday business hours at St. Giles. You may also call the St. Giles Parish Center directly at 708-383-3430. Staff members answer the phones from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday-Friday; we also have evening coverage Monday-Thursday until 8:00 PM. Weekend office hours at St. Catherine-St. Lucy will remain the same at this time.

The two parishes' bulletins will also be merged as of the first Sunday in July. We will now have a full-color bulletin with a maximum of 10 pages of content. I encourage you to reach out to me with any content you would like to share with our faith community or any information that you would like to see in the bulletin on an ongoing basis.

There are many more administrative details that will be worked out and shared with you as our Unification Team and the Parish staff continue the process of *Renew My Church*. You may always reach out to me with any concerns, and I will make sure they are directed to Fr. Carl, the Unification Team, or to our Parish staff as is necessary. Peace and blessings to you all.

Food for Thought

The Beauty of Forgiveness

In him we have redemption through his blood, the consequences of sins, according to the riches of his grace.”
(Eph. 1:7-8)

God’s gifts to us of Faith and Hope persuade us to proclaim the Holy Spirit; But the challenge that this poses Is how deeply does our proclamation flow? Do impassioned and empowered by Christ’s Holy Spirit find us willing? Do we see the joy of charisms: Humility, humor and forgiveness?

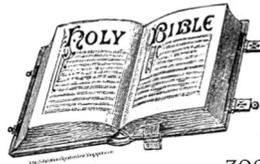
The grace that forgiveness conveys is more powerful, with more potential, than any Holy Spirit gift. When we forgive someone, we’re showing love, the most valued and valuable gift we can give to family and friends. Jesus was aware a quarrel can bury a conflict in our psyche.

Peace with God and one another are like two candles... both must be lighted. To say “I’m sorry” always bests sinking into dark brooding and bitterness. Jesus’ message is sent to us like a glorious song, because he wants us to be happy and at peace. Is that not the joy of the gospel?

Happy Father’s Day to the Dads out there! In church, on the golf course, at home. It’s your holiday—enjoy it! Mine can still be a challenge. My dad died many years ago, from a heart attack at age 74. My mom and I were with him as he fought to live. Until the doctors asked us to leave the room. We did. I thought they were going to do a procedure. The door closed behind us. Then we heard his labored breathing, fighting... fighting for precious air. The breathing stopped. The door opened, and we entered. He was gone. No goodbye. No held hand. We left him when he most needed us. I long ago forgave the doctors. I also forgave my mom for leaving him. But I still can’t forgive myself.

Tom Lynch. June 19th, 2022

Sources: NCR, P. Marrin; John 20:19-23; Matt. 5:20-26; Eph. 14:26.

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 11:00 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 Mc Givern.

*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:
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or you can call the parish office at 708-848-4417, Ext. 2011

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