

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are

written in heaven.

~ Luke 10:20

JULY 3, 2022 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH

38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK

DAILY MASS THIS WEEK: Wednesday at 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 pm (Confession prior to Mass, 4:00 to 4:30 pm); and Sunday at 9:00 am

ST. GILES CHURCH

1045 COLUMBIAN AVENUE, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: Monday (*Independence Day*), Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 am;
Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am; Saturday at 8:00 am (Confession follows Mass, 8:30 am to 9:00 am)

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Fr. Carl's Corner



As of July 1, the unification of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles is official and moving along at a steady, thoughtful pace. Yet, the forging of unity as a parish remains the responsibility of all of us, in a process that is just beginning. We have a Unification Team in place that is focused on listening to the concerns and hopes of all our members, helping us get to know each other and form our new community.

We have begun to receive a good flow of feedback, and we are seeking more. Listening sessions will be formed in small and large groups throughout the summer. As an early step in getting to know each other, we are inviting the parish members to visit our two beautiful churches at "Mass & Meet" opportunities, first at all Masses at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church on July 9-10 and then at St. Giles Church on July 16-17. There will be "coffee and . . ." as an added opportunity to socialize. Please see the invitation on the following page, and check out the websites, group email and Flocknote for more information.

On Monday, June 20, St Giles hosted a combined meeting of the Unification Teams of St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles and Ascension and St. Edmund at McDonough Hall. Rick Moreno, a member of the *Building the New Reality* team in our diocesan vicariate, presented a transformative vision of parish vitality. We are grateful that we already enjoy many gifts of lay leadership in our parish. These gifts will be invaluable as we seek to increase engagement within and beyond our parish in many creative ways.

Our goal is to be as transparent as possible as we move with deliberation. Mass schedules will remain the same for now. We are seeking your thoughts regarding possible names of our new parish. We hope to find a name that would signal our area alliance with the Ascension and St. Edmund Parish as well.

We also are seeking a new way to describe our geographic area, since our membership extends to the west and northwest sides of Chicago and suburban communities in addition to Oak Park. Please get to know the members of our Unification Team and share your comments and suggestions. They are eager to hear from you.

I also wanted to share with you an excerpt from the statement by Cardinal Cupich which followed the Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe vs. Wade* on June 24. We shared this excerpt in response to the ruling at the Masses last weekend:

This ruling is a challenge and an opportunity for Catholic citizens to call for and contribute to a national conversation on protecting and promoting human dignity at all stages of life. This moment should serve as a turning point in our dialogue about the place an unborn child holds in our nation, about our responsibility to assist women through unplanned and difficult pregnancies and after the birth of their children, and about the need to refocus our national priorities to support families, particularly those in need. It is time for the nation to live up to the oft-invoked but seldom actualized family values it claims to cherish. As citizens we have an important role to play in shaping public policy that gives every individual the dignity they deserve as children of God.

Have a happy July 4th celebration! Please join us for Mass at 8:30 am. With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

The Parish Office will close on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. for the summer.

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You're Invited!
Come for the Mass,
Stay for the Welcome!

The St. Catherine-St. Lucy community cordially invites
Members of the St. Giles and Family Mass communities
to get to know us at

Mass & Meet, July 9-10

5:00 p.m. Mass, Saturday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, July 10

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church

38 N Austin Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60302

The St. Giles and Family Mass communities cordially invite
Members of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy community
to get to know us at

Mass & Meet, July 16-17

4:30 p.m. Mass, Saturday, July 16

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass in church, Sunday, July 17

5:00 p.m. Family Mass in courtyard, July 17

St. Giles Church

1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302

Fellowship and light refreshments will be shared after each Mass.

Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 4

Independence Day

8:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, July 5

8:30 — † Mary Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, July 6

6:30 — † Owen Petrzela

Thursday, July 7

8:30 — † Grace Blaho

Friday, July 8

6:30 — † Elizabeth Daley Moran

† Berket Lebab

† Leolina and Silvio DaSilva Meira

Saturday, July 9

8:00 — † Steven Thomas Hammer

† Beth Groff

† Rose Guzzardo

2:30 — **Wedding: Katelyn Joyce-Bugajski and Brian Spenk**

*4:30 — All Saint Giles Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, July 10

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † The Sciaraffa and Garippo Families

† Regina McElwain

† Owen Petrzela

10:30 — † Laura Petruzelli

† Grace Blaho

† Josette and Clarence Krusinski

**This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website, stgilesparish.org.*

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, July 6

8:30 — † Luke Podraza

by Elaine and Jim Podraza

† Donna Konecki on her 80th Birthday

by J. Konecki and Family

Saturday, July 9

5:00 — The People of the Parish

Sunday, July 10

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00 — † Johnnie Evans

by Scarlett Evans-Perez

† Georgine Mullen

by Marci and Kevin Morgan

† Mary Jardine Barrett

by Tom and Pat Nelson

† Fr. John Lynch, on the 10-year anniversary of his death

by Tim Lynch and Family

**This Mass will be live-streamed from St. Catherine-St. Lucy website, stcatherinestlucy.org.*

*Welcome
our new friends*

*We are very pleased
to welcome
the following new parishioners:*

Samantha and Michael Hardison, Katie Vaughan and Steve Zontini, Mariani Salazar Leon and Omare Villagrana, Lori Huntley.

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Marge Bowers, Danita Bowie, Elida Briones, Pete Buckingham, Phil Calabrese, Ray Cimms, Lucille Dalbis, Andrea Dickson, Mike Fenske, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, Mary Ellen Frank, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Grace Gryzlo Goodman, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Rosie Julion, Donna Kanapes, Patrick King, Diana Baldwin Klima, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Jake Lofgren, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Carlotta Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Phyllis Pappas; Amelia Patterson, Bob Quane, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Regina Schwarz, Carole Sheehan, Baby Ashton Robert Siegel, Joe Sjostrom, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, Sean Varner, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Nancy Wesclitz.

(Some names have been removed from our listing in the *Arrow* but are continuing to be prayed for through the Prayer Circle. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community.)

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Rosemary Yount, mother of Joshua Yount.

BAPTISMS in our Parish

*"Little ones, the Christian
Community welcomes you with
great joy into our family of faith."*

Rose Mary Gallois, Jon-Paul and

Ann (Cederoth) Gallois; **Charles**

Keanu Steger, David and Araceli

(Ortiz) Steger; **Santino Anthony**

Guido, Louis and Dina (Tenerelli)

Guido; **Ashton Robert Siegel**, Lauren Siegel;

Charles William Funke, Matthew and Holly (Carter)

Funke; **Patrick Timothy Funke**, Timothy and

Maureen (Goggin) Funke; **Jacob Joseph Larkin**,

Andrew and Alisha (Soukup) Larkin; **Olivia**

Genevieve Ogden, Vincent and Gia (Morello)

Ogden; **Ryan Kevin Donnelly**, Kevin and Margaret

(Durkin) Donnelly.



WEDDING BANNS

- II Nicole Marinescu and Carmen John Malusa
- II Francesca Smeriglio and Teddy Guzek
- III Katelyn Joyce-Bugajski and Brian Spenk

Parish Life

Welcome to Fr. Robert Carlton!



Fr. Robert Carlton is joining the Oak Park Catholic community as a Associate Pastor 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.

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



May 23 - June 30, 2022	\$14,767.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$6,267.00
Weekly Budget	<u>\$7,308.00</u>
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$35,298.00

*Online donations can be made to
St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy at:
www.givecentral.org*

Thanks for your continued financial support!

St. Giles Church Weekly Sunday Offertory For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

	Thru 6/19	6/26 Wknd	YTD
At Mass	\$368,508	\$15,929	\$384,437
By Mail	298,980	3,240	302,220
GiveCentral	<u>441,590</u>	<u>8,125</u>	<u>449,715</u>
Total Giving	\$1,109,078	\$27,294	\$1,136,372
Budget	<u>1,152,600</u>	<u>22,600</u>	<u>1,175,200</u>
Variance +/-	(\$43,522)	\$4,694	(\$38,828)

We ended our fiscal year below budget on June 30. Final numbers will be available in the coming weeks. Thank you to all who continue to support St. Giles Church. It is appreciated and critical to maintain and operate all that we do. Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow-instructions on the parish website, www.stgilesparish.org. Contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430 Ext. 420, with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!

The following loved ones have been remembered with a special gift made to St. Catherine of Siena and St. Lucy Church for our memorial altar flowers during the Seasons of Christmas and Easter.

**Mary M. Pott
Bob & Peg Cragg
The Cholewa Family
The Klimek Family
Mary, Virginia, Alice, & Joseph Greening
The Wheel Family
The Keefe Family
Kamile Kalina
Anthony C. Clark
The Sloan Family
The Jones Family
Velma Eggleston
Sue & Jack Goeb
The Lawler Family
The Frank Family
Harold & Sophie Olsen
Richard & Grace Schouten
Doris Anderson
Wilson Lewis
The Nelson Family
The Prindiville Family
The Greening Family
The Freeman Family
The Koko Family
The Connery Family
The Galuska Family
The Elsen Family
Willie McFall**

Meet our Unification Team

In recent bulletins, we presented the bios of our Unification Team members. The entire Team along with their contact information, is listed below. The Team includes members from both St. Catherine of Siena -St Lucy and St. Giles. Check them out, get to know them, and if you have any questions or comments, reach out to them!



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Parish Life

A note from Nathan Johnson, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

Hi St. Giles,

It is with a heavy heart and time in prayerful discernment, that I have decided to step away from my position as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at St. Giles. My timeline is still unclear, but I will be leaving the position by the end of July. I reached this conclusion in consideration of multiple factors, then, in collaboration with Fr. Carl, decided it was best for the ministry to make the announcement now.

My hope is, with the time provided, the accommodations necessary for the upcoming ASP trip can be made in the event I am not able to attend due to starting a new position. I am confident that our amazing ASP Board members are fully capable of accounting for my responsibilities, after all, it would be my first trip and I was relying on their experience regardless. Should I leave the role prior to the trip, there should be no negative effect on the wonderful experience the ASP trip offers its participants.

Regarding CHAOS youth group, along with our leadership it has been decided that it is best for the group to go on leave for the summer and enter a time of discernment regarding the future of community and the role of youth minister. This will provide ample time to receive feedback from current community members, set goals for the future of the ministry, and account for the exciting possibilities that have arisen through the Renew My Church process. We hope that all voices of teens, families, volunteers, and supporters can be heard and set a path for fruitful growth.

I have been supported in so many ways since I began working at St. Giles and I am very grateful for my time here. I wish the best for the youth ministry and parish-wide community and will continue to hold you in my prayers.

Thank you and may God bless you,

Nathan Johnson

Join us for Mass on Independence Day at St. Giles Church!

A good way to begin celebrating the Fourth of July is to take time to pray for our country, our military, our government and our citizens. Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Giles Church on **July 4** for a special **Mass at 8:30 a.m.** Come and pray with us for our country, and give thanks to God, source of all freedom. Hope to see you on the morning of the 4th!



Christian Freedom

*Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*

(Col. 3:15-16)

On this Fourth of July weekend, we recall the words A. Lincoln told the nation at Gettysburg: We were "conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." But we revel in founding myths; we now realize those ideals, like many human endeavors, were flawed and lofty. The founders' dream of equality applied to white males only. Early settlers bought and sold slaves, and native Americans were treated heartlessly. In Paul's letter to the Galatians, we are challenged with an image of power and glory that undercuts all matters of pride. In his letter, known as the gospel of Christian Freedom, Paul writes: "You, my brothers and sisters, were born to be free." (Gal. 5:13)

Paul's gospel of Freedom is embedded with rich and significant theological resources, that have contributed to vital changes in the history of Christianity, especially to Christians of the Reformation period. Paul states no attempt at virtue can make us worthy of grace and love; Those are ours, free and unmerited. God took flesh to identify with us humbly, and Jesus spent his life giving witness to God's vulnerability and non-compulsory interaction with humanity. Thus, when he commissioned the 72 disciples in Luke's gospel, (10:1-12, 17-20), he sent them "as lambs among wolves," with nothing more than the gospel message of God's Reign: love is what will last.

Despite lacking money and provisions, and room and board, and seeking new homes for their message, they succeeded, amazing everyone. Jesus told them Satan fell, as they undermined the coercion and competition rampant in their day (and ours). Nevertheless, despite many missionary journeys, they would comprehend the depths of their message of love only through the experience of Jesus' death and resurrection. What do we take from Luke's holiday reading and Paul's Christian Freedom?

Our gospel is countercultural: our nation's the most powerful on earth, but that has little to do with the vulnerability and non-coercive character of divine power. We are called to give humble witness to the Gospel of peacemaking, solidarity and justice for the marginalized, in a society filled with violence, individualism and private privilege. We are called in spite of our flaws. Sometimes we will knock Satan down. Sometimes we will fall.

But in mind and heart, if we remember who has chosen us, we won't need to worry about the wolves.

Tom Lynch, 7/3/22

*Sources: NCR, M. McGlone;
Bruce Longenecker, Professor of Religion, Baylor Univ.*

Parish Life

BIBLE STUDY



We continue the weekly Bible Study sessions on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. 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 if you wish to join in-person will be the living room at the St. Giles Campus Parish Center, located at 1025 Columbian Avenue.

In this summer session, we will be using the series **The Chosen** as a tool to help explore more deeply the 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 will be made available for pick up at the Parish Center office. For information or questions, please contact Maria Samatas at 708-267-2086 or email her at: msamatas@me.com

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

This is Food First weekend for St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church. Please bring your shelf-stable donations to Mass.

St. Giles Church weekly collection continues. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable dry goods and paper products to the St. Giles shrine in the gathering space at Church or to the covered bins located at the back door on the north side of the Parish Center.

Thanks again for your generosity and to the stewards for their work in delivering these items to our local pantries.

From *Chicago Catholic*: Deacons gather for first in-person convocation since pandemic

Deacons and their wives attended the Archdiocese of Chicago's Diaconate Community convocation in Oakbrook for a time of spiritual rejuvenation, education and camaraderie from June 3 to 5, 2022. This year's convocation theme was "50 Years of Spirit-Filled Service to the Lord," and commemorated the 50th anniversary of the diaconate community in the Archdiocese of Chicago. At right, Deacon John Walters from St. Giles Parish, Oak Park and his wife Barbara and Deacon Kevin Morgan from St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish, Oak Park, and his wife Diedre talk during a break. (Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)



Faith & Fellowship

A Great Year? You Better Believe It!

It was a great year. Each Wednesday, the room set-up was so nice and provided a warm, receptive space that showed energy, time, and caring in this welcoming setting. It was, though, a rough ending. Cancellations and illnesses that made the normally difficult end-of-year separation even harder. And there was no concluding ritual of the Big Shebang that we had been anticipating for over a year.

But we won't let that stop us. Our Catechist morning of reflection brought a deeper awareness of our mission, and Fr. Carl's presence gave us confidence that Faith & Fellowship will continue to be an important ministry. And the Partners' happiness when we are faithfully in touch tells us that, in spite of everything, it was a great year.

May I never boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— *Galatians 6:14*



Parish Life

A Summer 2022 Series for All

"The God that we were brought up on is not big enough to be God. To be both religious and spiritual, modernity must be able to absorb the notion of a cosmic and evolving God. This notion redefines the place and purpose of humanity itself. The old notions of who is in charge, who is superior and whose theology is paramount is in a state of flux. Unless, or until, this new vision comes into play, directs our hearts, guides our business, underlies our technology, the world itself is not ready to understand or survive the horizon of Newness on which it stands."

--Joan Chittister

On upcoming Thursdays, we will meet outdoors in the back yard of the Vernon Family at

7 Elizabeth Court, Oak Park, IL.

We will share rituals, reflections, contemplative prayer and meditation, prayerful sacred movement, and some inspiration from important thinkers, like the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Joan Chittister. Our structure will reflect "The Eight Pillars of Joy" from the 2016 Book of Joy co-authored by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu.

July 14 – Humor & Acceptance

July 28 – Forgiveness

Aug. 4 – Gratitude

Aug. 11 – Compassion

Aug. 25 – Generosity

We'll offer just one session each listed Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. We meet in-person only. (There is no Zoom capacity.) No need to attend every session. Join as your schedule permits. No need to register in advance. We will be outside, but a restroom is available. Chairs will be provided. Bring your own beverage. Dress for the weather, and we'll proceed if at all possible. Past sessions have been held in light rain with meaningful results.

Sessions will be co-facilitated by Shelby Boblick, on behalf of The Well Spirituality Center, and Br. Joseph Kilikevice, OP, on behalf of The Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality

Parking: Please park on Kenilworth Ave or on Forest Ave. and walk ½ block to 7 Elizabeth Court. Carpooling is encouraged.

Entrance: Please enter the yard using the left sidewalk. It leads to the backyard, which is handicapped accessible. The driveway is shared and must be kept open for cars for both families.



Questions? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765 or Christine Vernon at 708-212-0645.

Summer Series: Theology on the Green



We are excited to announce our lineup for our Summer Series. With a focus on Discipleship, we will visit three of our parish green spaces for inspiration from three local speakers. For each evening, please bring your own lawn chair and beverage. In case of rain, our alternate space will be in the Church at each location.

On July 12 we will begin under the courtyard canopy at St. Giles Church located at 1045 Columbian Avenue. Oak Park's newest Associate Pastor, Fr. Robert Carlton will share some of his journey as a Disciple of Christ leading to his call to priesthood. A great opportunity to meet and greet!

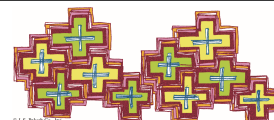
On July 19, Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa, Roberta Popara, OP, will lead us in a reflection on discipleship through the biblical lives of Mary Magdalene (Feast day: July 22nd), Prisca & Aquila (co-workers with St. Paul) and if time allows, the two on the Road to Emmaus. Those close to Jesus and early disciples continue to teach us what it means to proclaim the good news with our lives.

Sister Roberta returned to the area in 2019 after more than 15 years of retreat ministry in south Florida and is a member of Ascension's Life Long Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee as well as a "Voices of Ascension" preacher. Sr. Roberta will be on the Green at St. Edmund Church, 188 S. Oak Park Avenue.

On July 26 at Ascension Church's Green at 808 S. East Avenue, Fr. Joshua Peters, SJ, and Fr. Paul Kalenzi, SJ will share on Ignatian Spirituality and "Finding God in All Things" through their ministry as disciples. Fr. Joshua is the Director of Mission and Identity at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep (CTK) on Chicago's West Side. Fr. Paul is pursuing doctoral studies at DePaul University in Chicago while helping establish a Jesuit University near Nairobi, Kenya. Fr. Joshua and Fr. Paul look forward to sharing their stories of accompanying young people and helping them to live lives of discipleship, grace, and generosity of spirit.

All evenings begin at 7:30 pm and will end between 8:30 and 9:00 pm. See you there!

Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee (LLAFFC)



TOUGH BROADS & TENDER LASSES Songs of Resilience

*with Jamie O'Reilly, vocals
and John Erickson, piano*



Friday, July 15 at 7:30 PM
St. Giles Church Courtyard
1045 Columbian Avenue | Oak Park, IL

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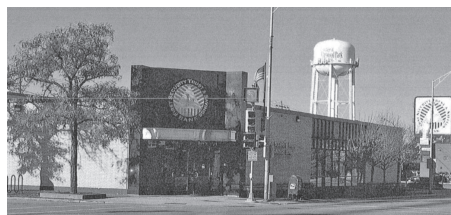
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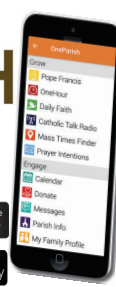
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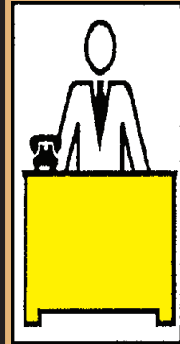
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