

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



“AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?”

LUKE 10:29

JULY 10, 2022 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: Tuesday and 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, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am; Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 am;
Saturday at 8:00 am (Confession following 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



God Bless America ... land of the free! Who are we kidding these days? After more horrible tragedies on July 4 as a result of guns, often in the hands of mentally ill people, is anyone really free from the FEAR of such random acts of violence that claim innocent lives? I feel heart sick and discouraged by what has recently happened. Let us pray for the victims and their loved ones and, as hard as it may be, pray for the ones who caused such destruction. Their minds and hearts must be so dark they need prayers as well.

Cardinal Cupich, in his statement, has given us all some great food for thought.

"Whatever one makes of the right to bear arms, there is plenty of room for prudential judgement in interpreting the Second Amendment so as to enact serious, broadly popular gun control measures.

The right to bear arms does not eclipse the right to life, or the right of all Americans to go about their lives free of the fear that they might be shredded by bullets at any moment. Gun violence is a life issue. We must continue to pray that all our officials, elected and unelected alike, will redouble their efforts and commitment to keeping safe the people they have sworn to serve. May we all respond to this tragedy united as God's children working to build a path to safety and peace."

Until then, we can say we live in the land of the free ... except, just not from fear anymore!

Last weekend, the unification of our parishes began without any fanfare. We did what we have been doing all along, gathering around the table to remember who we are as followers of Jesus, the Body of Christ in our world. This weekend and next, we will take time to visit our physical church buildings, but most importantly to meet and say hello to each other as the process slowly unfolds and new opportunities for ministry and worship together take shape. A key word here is *slowly* as there are guidelines but no manual for exactly how this should happen.

Our bulletins have already consolidated and now share information for our unified community. Please note the staff names and how to contact them. Also, as we try to condense office hours and how to reach out for scheduling and Masses at St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles, please note the important information provided so communication channels are open and clear for all. Communication, scheduling, sharing information and who and how to contact those who may be able to help you or answer any questions you might have are our focus at this time.

As I have mentioned before, the plan is to keep Mass schedules as they are at this time. As the unification team and staff have more time to review this, my hope is any necessary changes would occur in late fall when the liturgical year changes on the first weekend of Advent. Thank you all for your patience, prayers and cooperation as we move through this process together.

Last weekend, we also welcomed Fr. Robert Carlton to our pastoral team for our two newly unified parishes. Fr. Robert will serve the pastoral needs for all as needed. For scheduling purposes, he will assist at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish on the first and third weekends of the month, and on the second and fourth weekends he will be at Ascension-St. Edmund Parish. If there is a fifth weekend, he will help where needed most or in both parishes. At this time, he will say the Tuesday 8:30 am Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church and the Friday 8:30 am Mass at St. Edmund Church, and as needed.

Currently, St. Giles has 8:30 am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays (and at 8:00 am on Saturdays, followed by confessions). If you are an 8:30 am Mass attendee, I encourage you to attend the 8:30 am Masses at St. Edmund on Mondays and Fridays and at St. Catherine-St. Lucy on Wednesdays. Sharing these resources are part of the mission of Renew My Church as well as encouraging and inviting others to join you.

Our next unification meeting is scheduled to be a joint one on Saturday morning, July 23. Among the topics will be the "naming process" for our newly unified parishes. While each church building maintains its current name, the new name will identify the new parish as we have been unified as one. I'll have more to share in the weeks to come.

For now, may we keep this in mind on our journey and pray, "Holy One ... wherever you go, we will go. Wherever you are, there will we be. Your love is all encompassing and that is enough for us."

With you a Christian, for you a priest.

Fr. Carl

Spiritual Life & Worship

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, Wanda Farmer, 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, 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 Marvin (Bud) Worley.



ALL ARE WELCOME

MASS IN THE COURTYARD

LET US GATHER THIS SUMMER TO PRAY TOGETHER UNDER THE BEAUTIFUL CANOPY!

COME TO THE ST GILES COURTYARD FOR MASS ON:

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 5 PM

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR
(Some will be provided)

Please contact Alex Ryan
(alexryan@stgilesparish.com) if you would like to help with this Mass or an upcoming Mass.

Watch for August and September dates!

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Apostle

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, July 12

8:30 — † Dr. Robert Hammer
† Hugh McElwain

Wednesday, July 13

6:30 — † William Funke

Thursday, July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:30 — † Bill Rice

Friday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 — † Mary Catherine Kessler
† Deceased of the Daley and Archibald Families
† Owen Petrzeka
† Deceased of the Shaker Family

Saturday, July 16

8:00 — † Frances Hammer
12:30 — **Wedding: Nicole Marinescu and Carmen John Malusa**
2:30 — **Wedding: Francesca Smeriglio and Teddy Guzek**
*4:30 — † Walter and Annetta Sullivan
† Erva Bruno
† Grace Blaho

Sunday, July 17

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio
† Rose Jantelezio
† Louis and Elizabeth Toth
10:30 — † Fred and Louise Cafasso
† Irma Kroth
† Michael Goggins

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

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

Tuesday, July 12

8:30 — † Luke Podraza
by Elaine and Jim Podraza

Wednesday, July 13

8:30 — † Carolyn Poppett
by Tom and Pat Nelson

Saturday, July 16

5:00 — † Johnnie Evans
by Scarlett Evans-Perez

Sunday, July 17

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00 — † Kieran McNicholas
by Tom Farwell
† Jeanette Cannon
by Marci and Kevin Morgan
† Craig Thompson
by Angelo Paone

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WEDDING BANNES

- II Andrea Sepulveda and Nicola Nitti
- II Rebecca Farmer and Jordan Royal
- III Nicole Marinescu and Carmen John Malusa
- III Francesca Smeriglio and Teddy Guzek

Parish Life

Meet our Unification Team

Contact information for the entire Team is listed below. Please reach out to them with your questions and concerns as we move forward in our Unification process.



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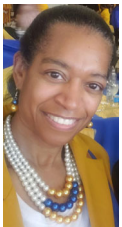
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Welcome to Fr. Robert Carlton!

Fr. Robert Carlton has joined 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.



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Spiritual Life & Worship

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 in church, 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.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) in Spanish
Quiere Recibir los Sacramentos?

¿Qué es RICA o Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos?

Las clases de RICA son parte de la catequesis que ofrece nuestra parroquia y está orientada a aquellas personas adultas de 18 años en adelante que desean aprender más acerca de la Iglesia Católica Romana y ser miembros en plena comunión con la Iglesia. En este bonito caminar aprendemos a ver como la iglesia ve a la persona en su semejanza e imagen de Dios, qué importancia tiene la vida cristiana para nuestra comunidad, usamos el catecismo de la iglesia, la Biblia y folletos. Los temas que estudiamos son muy variados, algunos de ellos son:

- ¿QUÉ ES LA IGLESIA?
- PERSONA DE JESÚS
- HISTORIA DE LA IGLESIA
- COSTUMBRES Y ORACIÓN
- LITURGIA, MISA
- LA BIBLIA, MAGISTERIO Y TRADICIÓN
- LOS SACRAMENTOS Y SACRAMENTALES
- MARÍA Y LOS SANTOS
- EL CREDO
- EL REZO DEL SEÑOR Y SUS PETICIONES

Este camino de Fe termina su jornada en la Vigilia Pascual - Sábado Santo- celebración muy solemne en la cual no sabemos si es el cielo que baja o es la Iglesia que sube. La iglesia te espera, no faltes! Si usted es bautizado/a y no ha hecho la primera comunión ni confirmación le invitamos a la oportunidad de continuar aprendiendo más sobre su fe.

Por favor contacto Mateo en la oficina parroquial al 708.383.3430 extensión 102 o por correo electrónico mbrophy@stgilesparish.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) in English

Have you or someone you know thought about officially joining the Catholic Church? Have you decided you want to become Catholic but are not sure where to start? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process to guide you in your discernment as well as a pathway to become Catholic.

On Monday, September 12, there will be a gathering for anyone interested in RCIA or those would like to begin the process. We will meet in the St. Giles Parish Center, 1025 Columbian Avenue, at 7:00 pm.

For more details, contact Marci Madary at 708-383-3430 ext.404 or mmadary@stgilesparish.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children and Teens (RCIC) in English

Do you know a person between the ages of 14 and 19 who hasn't completed their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)? If so, please contact Marci Madary at 708-383-3430 ext.404 or mmadary@stgilesparish.org We would like to have classes to prepare young people to receive these sacraments and need to assess interest and need.

Parish Life

The paths we have trod, the gifts that we bring!

Our new parish combines three vibrant communities, each with a faith-filled history. We have captured a few highlights here, which we hope will whet your appetite to learn more about each other, the church buildings we now share, and the values we treasure. As a pilgrim church, we celebrate the paths of our past as we move ahead in a new stage of our journey together.

This week, we share the highlights of the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Community.

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Community Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish, seek to deepen our relationship 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.



History

The St. Catherine-St. Lucy community has approximately 285 member households, blending the city and suburbs, drawing from the west side neighborhoods of Chicago, Oak Park, River Forest, and beyond.

St. Catherine-St. Lucy is known for its diversity and for welcoming parishioners from different backgrounds, including different ethnicities, socioeconomic levels, and sexual orientations, among other characteristics. Parish members take pride in their identity as an integrated community. A high point of the year is an African American Heritage Celebration each February. St. Catherine-St. Lucy has had a Gospel Choir for more than 30 years under the direction of Julius White. This choir along with the Celebration Choir reflects the rich diversity of cultural and spiritual praise.

There have also been many significant "firsts" in the history of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Community. The parish was the first in the diocese to hire a female lay staff person. The parish also was a leader in the designation of a female homilist, Sister Teresita Weind. Sister joined the parish in the 1970s, and her spiritual gifts were quickly recognized by Father Carolan and the parishioners. She became more involved with religious services as she shepherded future Catholics through preparation for Baptism at Easter liturgy. Another unique initiative, called Faith & Fellowship, is a ministry that unites people with mental illness and other parishioners in a shared sense of community.

In 1974, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, founded in 1889 as the first Catholic parish established in Oak Park, merged with St. Lucy Parish founded in 1911 in the Austin neighborhood on Chicago's West Side. Together they formed the renamed St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish. Although the transition was difficult at times, the leadership of Father Carolan helped parishioners to bridge cultural differences and work through racial divides. This experience laid the foundation for St. Catherine-St. Lucy to become the welcoming and inclusive community that it is today. The logo was originally designed to reflect the diversity of the parish: black, white, Chicago, and Oak Park joined together as one with the Holy Spirit. It was redesigned ten years later to show how the parish had grown together as one, reaching to embrace the Spirit. "Rooted in Faith, Serving Through Love." The two parishes have a history that is intertwined.

Parish Life

St. Catherine Parish was originally established on the west side of Chicago in 1889 at the request of area residents. The first Mass was offered by Father Louis Campbell on Christmas day in an unfinished frame church at Mayfield and Washington Streets.

As the population of the area grew the St. Catherine Parish established several outreach churches or "missions," the first of which was Our Lady Help of Christians at Chicago and Cicero. In 1897, another mission was founded in the town of Cicero: St. Attracta. Eventually, six additional parishes were created from St. Catherine of Siena. One of these parishes started as a second location of St. Catherine Parish. In 1911, this became St. Lucy Church and Parish at Lake and Mayfield Streets.

Sadly, St. Catherine Church at Washington and Mayfield Streets burned to the foundation in March 1917. Fortunately, construction had begun on a combination school and church on Austin Boulevard in 1916, which was completed in September 1917. The church was on the first floor and a school on the second floor. A third floor was added in 1932.

In November 1930 ground was broken for what later became St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church. It is a Tudor-Gothic style church designed by Joseph W. McCarthy, architect for the archdiocese. He designed 43 churches and 4 cathedrals. He designed the parish school, rectory, Maguire Hall, and the convent. He also designed St. Giles and St. Luke Churches. The convent building was later renamed Lucienne House to welcome St. Lucy parishioners. This building is now occupied by a not-for-profit group helping women recovering from addiction.

The church includes a baptismal chapel on the northeast side, as well as a small chapel for daily Mass on the northwest side. There is a music room on the first floor as well as a large choir loft. The organ was installed in 1932. It is a Casavant Freres Ltee Organ created in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. The organ is Opus number 1467 and consists of 1,641 pipes. It is part of the Organ Historical Society Pipe Organ Database, the only Oak Park Catholic Church included in this database. It was exhibited by the Historical Society in its 2012 convention.

The roots of the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy School go back to the summer of 1885, six years after the founding of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The Sisters of Mercy opened St. Catherine's Academy, the first Catholic grammar school in Austin, to serve families of a growing parish. By 1912, advanced branches of learning were taught to Catholic children from nine Austin and Oak Park parishes.

In 1917, in the period when St. Catherine Parish had two locations, a new church and school building was dedicated at Lake and Mayfield Streets. The Sisters of Mercy organized a grammar school at the new location. Services were held on the lower floor, and classes attended on the upper. In 1934, a third floor was added to the school to accommodate classrooms with an attic gymnasium above. In 1959 the School Annex, now known as Maguire Hall, was built as a combination gymnasium and assembly hall for students.

In 1974, when St. Lucy and St. Catherine parishes merged, a new school was born: St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy School. The school has evolved and grown over the years into an academic and religious institution that is the pride of the community, serving more than 250 students ranging in age from early childhood to eighth grade.

Our Parish Weekly Stewardship For Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

7/3/22 Weekend

	<u>SC-SL Site</u>	<u>St. Giles Site</u>	<u>Total</u>
Envelopes	\$2,655.00	\$8,769.50	\$11,424.50
Loose	\$229.00	\$1,315.00	\$1,544.00
Electronic*	\$727.00	\$8,534.50	\$9,261.50
Total Giving	\$3,611.00	\$18,619.00	\$22,230.00
*(7/1-7/5/22)			

Thank you to all who continue to support St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish. 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 church websites,

www.stgilesparish.org,
OR
www.stcatherinestlucy.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!

Parish Life

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)



Faith & Fellowship

Unifications – Old and New

As we mark this past weekend as the official unification of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles, we recall another first-weekend-in-July parish unification: the 1974 unification of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Lucy. At that time, a small group of Catholics living at Central Plaza (a large facility for adults with mental illness) walked the half-mile or so to St. Lucy for Sunday Mass. Led by a resident with schizophrenia, the self-titled "Mother Hen" Thelma Gordon, they eventually found their new home at St. Catherine of Siena, participated in parish activities, and in time, catalyzed the creation of Faith & Fellowship. We like to think that Thelma – now in heaven – will see to it that her "chicks" once again are part of a renewed church. We know they will!

And so what exactly is this "Faith & Fellowship?" Our Mission Statement says that we create an awareness of God's presence and care to adults who experience severe, persistent, mental illness; and provide a welcoming sense of belonging through the formation of communities of faith. We are accompaniment (not charity); ministry *with* (not *for*); inclusion (not outreach); spirituality (not therapy); church (not social service).

When we meet in our weekly "Prayer Circles" – now serving residents of two additional West Side facilities – in groups of 10 or so, in parish meeting space, sharing our common journey in faith, some with mental illness and some not, we are again in "unification" – unified with one another, unified with our God.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

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 the church or to the covered bins located at the back door on the north side of the Parish Center.

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church continues to collect canned or shelf-stable food and paper products for their **Food First** weekend on the first weekend of each month. Donations are brought to the altar during the weekend Masses.

Thank you for your generosity to these collections, and thank you to the stewards for their work in delivering these items to our local pantries.

Parish Life

Dodging the Beggar's Gaze

*"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."
(Luke 10:27)*

The great power of this gospel story
Is in it's relevance for all time,
no matter when or where the scene unfolds,
who is the victim, and who makes the climb
to shining triumph in mercy's perfection;
The story's a biblical paradigm.

Is God the Good Samaritan? Meaning...
does not the parable a portrait show
of Christ's compassion, incarnation and
humility, a picture of Christ's mission aglow?
There is no bible story quite as clear:
When God sees suffering, a divine sunbow
of response is unbounded solidarity.

The Samaritan's deep-rooted compassion
assures us that God honestly assumes all
the stinging pain of others' suffering.
Our Eternal First Responder's God...ask Paul!
This parable shows God wears many faces
which are visible whenever a human's call
risks solidarity with someone in pain.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus says to do as he does.
(10:37) The Teacher teaches us to look
past preconceptions, past stereotypes,
and be aware it might be an over-look
we least expect to be caring and merciful.
"Mercy made tangible becomes closeness,
service, care for those in difficulty." (Pope Francis)

*Often we distance ourselves from those bearing traumatic
wounds of ordinary suffering or extreme oppression. We
avoid that part of town and Dodge the Beggar's Gaze.
(GIA Quarterly)*

Tom Lynch. 7/10/22

Source: Idea from NCR, M. McGlone.



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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

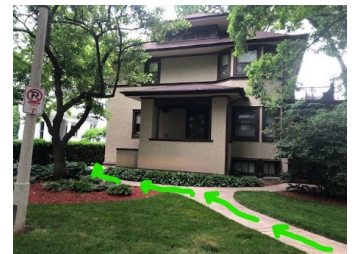
Aug. 25 – Generosity

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
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**Sessions will be co-facilitated by Shelby Boblick,
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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
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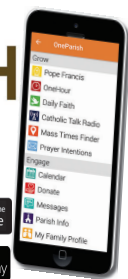
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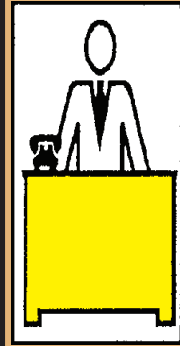
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