

# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

Mary sat beside the  
Lord at his feet  
listening  
to him speak.

~ Luke 10:39



JULY 17, 2022 • Sixteenth 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



Our unified parish is now two weeks old. Last weekend, many members of the St. Giles community visited and celebrated Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church. This weekend, members of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy community are invited to St. Giles Church. Some folks are visiting these church buildings for the first time. Many I spoke to last weekend after Mass during the *Meet & Greet* said how beautiful and unique each place of worship is. Indeed they are! However, we must always keep in mind that these are physical church buildings, our places of worship. The most important CHURCH is the community who gather in faith, hope and love to give witness to who we are, the Body of Christ. I ask that we keep this in mind as we walk through the process of unification and building a new reality for how we live as "CHURCH!" There will be practical decisions and changes that may need to be made, some will be met with approval others may be more difficult. In the end, our goal is to establish a strong ministerial foundation that achieves a vitality of community life and worship that others can feel and want to become a part of. This will take time and require, on our part, prayer, humility and patience.

Perhaps a prayer to keep in mind might be that of the blind man in Luke's gospel story. You may recall what he said, "Lord, please let me see." During times of change and transition when outcomes are uncertain, our minds and hearts may be clouded, even blinded, by anxiety, fear and even anger. These emotions are normal human reactions. This is when we need to pray, *Lord, as you gave sight to the blind man who appealed to you, give us the vision of faith that enables us to see you in every person and behold you in every moment of this journey of unification. Do not let us stumble in the darkness of past hurt or any despair. Give light to our path so that we may walk together in joyful optimism and grateful hope. AMEN!*

Next Sunday afternoon, July 24, I leave for a two week trip to Germany. I will be leading a group to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play. This play is only performed every 10 years and was delayed in 2020 due to COVID. We are finally able to make the trip. While I am away, our Operations Director, Matt Brophy, will be "holding down" the physical fort along with the constant care and support of the staff in the office. Fr. Tom, Fr. Ed and Fr. Robert will be here for Masses and any spiritual needs. I leave with peace of mind and a request for your prayers for our group to have safe travels. I in turn will also think of you at our Masses and hold you in prayer as well.

The readings this weekend give us great advice for how we are to act and be with each other during our process of unification. "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." Hebrew 13:2

Have a safe and blessed week ahead.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

*Fr. Carl*

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# Spiritual Life & Worship

## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, July 18

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday, July 19

8:30 — † Al Martin  
† Irma Kroth  
† Philomena Greco

### Wednesday, July 20

6:30 — † Marion Haddad

### Thursday, July 21

8:30 — † Chester Hammer  
† Robert Thurston

### Friday, July 22

#### Saint Mary Magdalene

6:30 — † Owen Petrzalka  
2:00 — Wedding: Andrea Sepulveda and Nicola Nitti  
5:00 — Wedding: Rebecca Farmer and Jordan Royal

### Saturday, July 23

8:00 — † Marvin "Bud" Worley  
\*4:30 — † Marilyn Hammer  
† Frank Senese, Jr.  
† Louis and Mae Marie DeLuca

### Sunday, July 24

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † The Deceased of the Shaker Family  
† Owen Petrzalka  
† Mary Hurst  
10:30 — † All Saint Giles Parishioners and Benefactors

*\*This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website, [stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org).*

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

### Tuesday, July 19

8:30 — † Wanda Orlowski  
by Evie Stockinger

### Wednesday, July 20

8:30 — † Luke Podraza  
by Elaine and Jim Podraza  
† Johnnie Ernst  
by Evie Stockinger

### Saturday, July 23

5:00 — † Ernesto Pineda  
by The Yee Family

### Sunday, July 24

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*9:00 — † The Mary and Robert Golden Family  
by Mary Kolowitz  
† Gail Rohmann  
by Marci and Kevin Morgan

*\*This Mass will be live-streamed from St. Catherine-St. Lucy website, [stcatherinestlucy.org](http://stcatherinestlucy.org)*

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

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.*



## 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, Tiffany Church, Ray Cimms, Lucille Dalbis, Andrea Dickson, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, Mary Ellen Frank, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Grace Gryzlo Goodmanson, 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, Meg Welch, 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.

## WEDDING BANNS

- I Beverley Caraher and Viktoras Petroliunas
- III Andrea Sepulveda and Nicola Nitti
- III Rebecca Farmer and Jordan Royal

# Spiritual Life & Worship



## **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](mailto: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 who 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](mailto: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](mailto:mmadary@stgilesparish.org) We would like to have classes to prepare young people to receive these sacraments and need to assess interest and need.



## **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](mailto:alexryan@stgilesparish.com)) if you would  
like to help with this Mass  
or an upcoming Mass.

Watch for August and September dates!



# Parish Life

## Meet our Unification Team

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## PARISH POTLUCK AUGUST 12 5:30 PM

Please mark your calendars for the Parish Potluck, set for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 12!

Our united faith families -- St. Giles, the St. Giles Family Mass, and St. Catherine-St. Lucy -- are invited to enjoy food and fun under the red canopy at the St. Giles Courtyard, on Columbian Avenue, just south of the church by the Sacred Heart statue.

Please bring a dish to share, a picnic blanket or a table and chairs, as well as cutlery, plates and drinking cups. Bring the kids! We will spread out under the canopy and beyond to share good food, games, community, and conversation.

To sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Swiontoniowski at [maryhdoc@gmail.com](mailto:maryhdoc@gmail.com)



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## 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

## ***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. Giles and the Family Mass Communities.*



### **St. Giles Parish Community**

Throughout its 95-year history, countless men, women, and children have been introduced to the faith, celebrated the sacraments, and found friendships and encouragement within the community of St. Giles. The beautiful campus of reflects a history of prayerful and financial support from the Catholic parishioners and the leadership of its six pastors. Today, more than 2,020 households make up the parish, including families in Oak Park and the nearby areas of Chicago and suburbs.

In 1927, a new parish was established to form community among the many Catholic families that were building homes and settling in the largely undeveloped area west of Chicago, in the village of Oak Park. The Kelly farm was purchased for construction of a church at the urging of Cardinal Mundelein. Meanwhile, families gathered for Mass at the Reedy home at 1005 N. Kenilworth Avenue. A portable building from Sears Roebuck was erected on Greenfield Street between Linden and Columbian Avenues. Three hundred people attended the first Mass in this frame building on August 7, 1927.

In short order, a new building was constructed of soft-hued Mankato stone for the exterior, with a church on the first floor that had space for 600 and a second floor for a school. This is the Frawley Building today. The school was under the direction of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, who commuted from Rosary College by cab. Later a nearby residence was purchased for them. As the student population grew, more Sisters were needed to teach them; so, in 1933 a convent was built with matching Mankato stone.

In 1938, as the parish continued to grow, plans were made for a new church. Early on, the parishioners decided to replace a temporary roof with a permanent structure and to seek fittings that were suited to the elegant design. Marbles from Europe and Africa were chosen for the sanctuary, shrines, and altar. Due to delays caused by World War II, the church could not be completed and dedicated until 1950.

As the Oak Park area continued to grow, with Catholic families desiring to send their children to the parish school, there was a pressing need for more classrooms. In 1952, construction began on a building to include classrooms and a gym. In 1954 this was dedicated, and is now known as the Corrigan Building. Yet another school building, the Gleeson Building, was completed in 1960. A second floor to this building was added in 1983 as the Guild Hall, renamed McDonough Hall in 1989. This important gathering space in our community today was named after the dedicated service of the parish's third pastor, Father Thomas McDonough, just as the other major buildings were named after pastors Father Joseph Corrigan, Father James Gleeson, and Father Lawrence Frawley.

Over the years, parishioners raised funds in a series of capital campaigns to maintain and improve these facilities. A three-year campaign, begun in 1989, raised more than \$750,000 to restore the buildings that were showing their age by then. This was followed by other campaigns up to the most recent begun in 2018. Generous donations to these campaigns and other major gifts have enabled essential maintenance and restoration of church and school facilities. Other major gifts provided for the restoration of the plasterwork on the church and the exquisite stained-glass windows.

In 1994, Father Thomas Dore, the parish's fifth pastor, initiated the Stewardship Way of Life campaign to establish the parish on a foundation of faith as members of the Household of God. Parishioners responded to this call to share generously of their time and talents as well as their financial treasure. In the summer of 2000 as the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church approached, nearly 400 parishioners gathered to share their hopes and dreams in a process called SOLAR (Summer of Listening and Reflecting). Many ideas regarding ministries, programs, staff, facilities, and finance emerged.

Action plans from SOLAR were begun and are still ongoing. The former convent building became the Dore Parish Center, housing the parish office, school and meeting rooms. In addition, a comprehensive leadership structure was formed. In 2014, Father Carl Morello, the sixth pastor, established a Parish Strategic Planning Committee to work with the Parish Council in developing a five-year plan, **Vision 2020**, which continues to guide efforts today.

The parish school has always been an important source of spiritual and social unity in the parish. Since the school opened its doors in 1928, its singular commitment has never wavered: preparing children to be people of faith imbued with a lifelong love of learning and spirit of service to others. For more than 90 years, St. Giles School has served the families of Oak Park, Elmwood Park, Galewood and surrounding neighborhoods. A dedicated and dynamic faculty is committed to educational excellence for preschool through eighth grade. As they explore a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum, spirited students burst with pride in being a St. Giles Lion in support of the sports teams. Inspiring learning environments feature the latest technology to drive academic advancement.

Over the years, St. Giles parishioners and their pastors have developed a wide array of ministries and other spiritual and social activities. Ministries devoted to liturgy, Bible study, centering prayer, and shared spiritual reading have fostered spiritual development. Other groups have built community through social ties, such as the Men's Society and the Council of Catholic Women, as well as CHAOS, the youth ministry group, which is a collaboration with other Oak Park-area parishes. Some activities have grown out of the needs of the wider community, such as food collections and the prayer shawl ministry. Many other ministries and activities have enabled St. Giles to form a strong community of Christians and friends.

# Parish Life

## St. Giles Family Mass Community

About 200 households make up the St. Giles Family Mass Community, an intentional community within the St. Giles Parish. This community has a strong emphasis on full participation in Eucharistic liturgy, Vatican II principles of lay leadership, and incorporation of children and families in liturgical celebrations.

### History and Values

In 1971, a group of families requested permission from the pastor of St. Giles Parish to hold liturgy in the school gym to create a more intimate setting for Eucharist for their children and themselves, and to celebrate by participating more fully in liturgy as encouraged by Vatican II. Permission was granted with the understanding that because of limited parish resources, the group would have to be self-supporting, and the parish could not provide a priest-presider. From that simple beginning the group grew to be a distinct community within the wider parish with the ongoing support and approval of pastors and bishops. Father Carl is pastor of this community and a welcome presence as presider at Mass at least monthly. On other occasions, priests from Catholic Theological Union often preside.

Core values of the Family Mass are expressed in the life of this community.

**“We Value Eucharist”** Some 30 individuals—adults and children—are engaged in preparing for and ministering at each Sunday Mass. Rotating teams of 8-10 meet in homes a week or two before each liturgy to reflect on and prepare the Scripture readings. These teams designate roles within the liturgy from handwasher and Gospel candle holder, to plate holders for Eucharist, and Scripture readers. Teams join with other members in the many tasks that transform the school gym into a beautiful, sacred environment to celebrate the Eucharist each week. In summer months, liturgy is celebrated at McDonough Hall or in the church courtyard.

**“We value community”** By gathering in one place at the same time each week this community experiences a strong sense of connection as members of the family of God. The intimacy and informality of these connections enables members to share deeply in one another's lives and to be supported and challenged to live lives of Christian discipleship. The willingness of so many to do the work of organization and ministry demonstrates the strong commitment of members. Programs of spiritual, liturgical, catechetical, social, financial, and social justice have grown organically from these roots.

**“We rejoice in diversity”** Every person found in the community is celebrated, from the newborn welcomed in baptism, through the couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, to those accompanied on their final journeys. The community is enriched by diversity of gender, age, race, talent, ethnicity, temperament, gifts, and ideas. Women are especially encouraged to share their spiritual gifts in various leadership and liturgical roles. The community especially enjoys the cultural exchange brought by a significant number of members with Guatemalan heritage. Each January, a celebration of Cristo Negro, the Black Christ of Esquipulas, brings a burst of colorful traditional dresses and deepened spiritual devotion. This liturgy is sometimes enhanced by the talents of a marimba band. Songs in Spanish are interwoven in music ministry through the year.

**“We value formation and discipleship”** The founding members of Family Mass wanted spiritual formation for their children to be an integral part of the community's life. In 1975, they brought the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to the United States, which is a child-centered approach for religious formation based on Scripture and the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who calls each of us by name. This program continues today in collaboration with the larger St. Giles Parish community.

One of the foundational experiences of community and faith sharing for adults in the Family Mass is the liturgy preparation meeting in preparation for the celebration of the Eucharist. Through reflection on the Sunday Scripture, members explore how they can live lives centered in Christ. Over 75 percent of households participate in liturgy preparation teams two or more times each year.

**“We value outreach and social justice”** A commitment to social justice was in the bones of the founding members and remains a vibrant thread. At various times, the community has united around support and housing for immigrants, outreach to prisoners and their families, education of those needing supplemental tutoring, and other initiatives. Most recently, support was provided to 18 area families who were in financial need due to illness and lack of employment during the Covid crisis.

**“We value autonomy”** While established within the St. Giles Parish community and grateful for the Father Carl's pastoral support, the Family Mass strives to maintain its tradition of lay leadership. The community is guided by three primary groups: Coordinating Board, Pastoral Team, and Liturgy Round Table. Major decisions and budgets are approved by vote at Town Hall meetings, open to all Family Mass community members.

**“We are prayerful”** While the Eucharist is the primary source of spiritual nourishment in this community, there are many other spiritual practices that are part of the individual and communal lives of Family Mass members. In a recent survey, nearly three-quarters report regular spiritual practices such as morning and evening prayer, meditation and Centering Prayer, spiritual reading alone or in small groups, or praying the rosary. One third read Scripture at least once a month in addition to the team meetings in preparation for Sunday liturgy.

### Continuing evolution

At a recent Family Mass gathering to examine the Past-Present-Future, the 55 members participating confirmed the basic values of their founding documents while expressing a desire to revisit these principles and ensure that these are relevant to God's intentions today. There was an emphasis on “healing contact,” a phrase in one of the founding documents. Other words often repeated were “invitation,” “welcome,” and “listen.” In this spirit, the meeting concluded with a favorite hymn in the community: “All Are Welcome!”



# 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 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**

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

## Teens! Join us in CHAOS All Are Welcome

**CHAOS** is a community of young people who have a common goal of spending quality time together, being themselves, and offering support to others. This environment allows teens to appreciate their own and others individualities and helps them understand the importance of unity and support systems. This also allows teens if they wish to, to develop their faiths.

We show the teens God's grace and beauty through our togetherness and joy!

Jane Oberlies  
Chaos Teen Leader - 2022

Please join us on **Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 10 pm**, in the Alley Room, located behind the Parish Center and next to Parish garden. Feel free to contact [hulefeldannette@gmail.com](mailto:hulefeldannette@gmail.com) and she will make sure a teen leader contacts you and that you receive a great welcome!



## Faith & Fellowship

### A Few Thoughts from a Catechist

Don Gimbel, a retired attorney from Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst, came to Faith & Fellowship 17 years ago through the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. After all these years, he still marvels to see the joy our gatherings bring to our Partners, and the Catechists. Especially during the Prayer Circle, he is always heartened by the Partners' prayers of petition and thankfulness. Some are for family, some reference something heard on the news, some are for the Staff and Residents at Columbus Manor. Part of the prayer format is the recitation of the Our Father (with hands joined, pre-Covid), sometimes in various languages, ending with a gusto-filled singing of the traditional "Amen" from Lilies of the Field. It all leads into Agape table-fellowship ("...and the celebration continues!"). These familiar and cherished rituals in song are Don's most beloved moments in the weekly meetings, and for him moments where God is surely present.



# 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 some of our parish green spaces for inspiration from 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 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)*

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,  
admonishing everyone and teaching  
everyone with all wisdom, that we may  
present everyone perfect in Christ.  
— *Colossians 1:28b*

## Who am I to Judge?

*"I've learned that people  
will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget  
how you made them feel."  
(Maya Angelou)*

What if more religious leaders  
when they dealt with judgment questions  
were like Pope Francis about LGBTQ's  
and their involvement in the Church community?  
"Who am I to judge?" he answered,  
but folks will want to know they're right,  
and not simply divided into right and wrong.  
If Francis as the Pope can't make that call, who can?

So does the moral universe  
suddenly fall apart?  
No, but part of the Pope's wisdom in his answer  
was restoring a clear sense of reality,  
and keeping equality's lamp  
trimmed and brightly burning.  
But what can we know of a person's inner life?  
Not only should we not judge them, but we cannot.

We can't judge their sincerity,  
or their experience,  
the earnest efforts they have made along the way,  
or their spiritual relationship with God.  
If some critics shift the focus  
to a more objective base  
for good or evil, past official Church teaching,  
or criteria for a more informed conscience,

another Francis admission  
surfaces: he could not  
fill the role of judge, since he himself was a sinner.  
In fact, we're all sinners; only God can be a judge.  
The Church has claimed the position  
of moral arbiter  
to the universe, but does not judge with divine  
certainty; slavery and women suppression  
are examples.

Jesus makes clear the likelihood  
of us passing judgment  
on others with divine certainty is zero.  
We can see others only with the same eye  
used in judgment standards.  
Subjectivity is bound  
to outweigh our judgments, as we factor in our  
own prejudices. It is better not to judge,  
or to face the verdict:  
"it takes one to know one!"

Tom Lynch. 7/17/22

Source: Idea from NCR, P. Marrin, 6/20/22

# Parish Life

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

7/10/22 Weekend

	SC-SL Site	St. Giles Site	Total
Envelopes	\$1,567.00	\$8,711.00	\$10,278.00
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Electronic*	\$1,048.00	\$10,794.00	\$11,842.00
Total Giving	\$3,384.00	\$20,563.00	\$23,947.00

\*(7/6-7/12/22)

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Contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430 Ext. 420, with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!

## 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](mailto:msamatas@me.com).

## IVC Morning of Reflection 2022

In celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

### But Few Things Are Needed: From Distraction to Dedication led by Fr. Joseph Simmons, SJ



In this talk, Fr. Joe Simmons discusses a sketched out, but never-written, letter by Father Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, former superior general of the Society of Jesus. Fr. Simmons will trace out some of Nicolás's nuanced observations: how 'distraction in prayer' is part of a more general "distraction in life;" how even noble causes can become temptations when totalized; how ego and perfectionism distract; and how social media and marketing have stolen our attention.

**Thursday, July 28, 2022**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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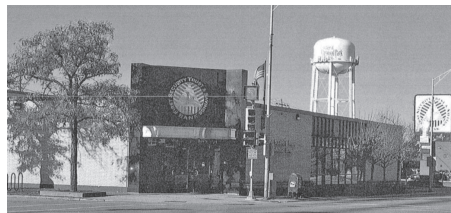
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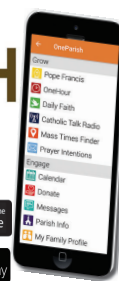
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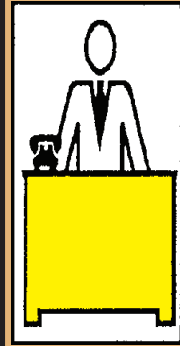
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