

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINTE LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

*A clean heart create for me,
O God,
and a steadfast spirit
renew within me.*

— Psalm 51:12

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 • Twenty-fourth 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



The past couple years have been hard on everyone due to COVID and its impact on almost every facet of our lives. While still not over, we are now in a much better place, thanks be to God!

I recently read information from a study by Barna, a Christian research organization, regarding what the past few years have been like for pastors. The study showed that pastors are struggling with burnout at unprecedented levels. The study reported that in March of 2022, the percentage of pastors who had considered quitting full-time ministry over the past year was 42%. The top reported reasons for clergy burnout were the same as those reported for people in the population at large: stress, loneliness and political division. These factors, it was reported, affect pastors in a unique way. Pastors not only bear their own pain but also the weight of the community's grief, divisions and anxieties. They are charged with the task of continuing to love and care for even those within their church who disagree with them vehemently and vocally. These past years required them to make decisions they were not prepared for that affected the health and spiritual formation of their communities. And any decisions they made would likely mean that someone in their church would feel hurt or marginalized.

On top of loss and grief, pastors have had to navigate deep divisions in their congregations over the right way to respond to the pandemic. When the coronavirus struck the world in 2020, pastors were faced with having to build a digital ministry overnight, to address conspiracy theories and misinformation that some folks in the congregation clung to and to navigate ever changing public health information. I remember those days and how unsettling they were. However, with a dedicated and talented staff, we continued, as best we could, to meet the needs of ministry here in the parish. (I felt so blest and grateful for these individuals. Thank you!)

As the article went on, it said that each pastor and priest in the study said that it wasn't COVID alone that led them to experience burnout. It was the relentless pace of issues, one after another. Parishioners seemed angry about different things and looked to their pastors and priests to respond in the exact right way to their anger. It was overwhelming at times. COVID, America's racial reckoning and the 2020 presidential election were a "triple whammy" that left pastors and priests feeling that anything they did or said would be wrong. And for us as Catholic priests and pastors, add to all that the reality of going through Renew My Church, and now our unification process!

All this being said, it is a reminder of what we all need to focus on now to keep ministry sustainable. (Rest and therapy might be the best for many!) All of us need to treat each other with kindness and grace. Look for the little and large blessings that remind us how God has been and continues to be with us on the journey. Let us never forget we are all human, all mortal, and we are made for community, not isolation. This is one reason it is time for those who have been away from church and Mass to slowly begin to reengage. Let's be open to how the Gospel message is challenging us to enter in with renewed hospitality, and to realize that although we all fall short, we are made for someone beyond ourselves!

May God keep watch over us and guide us on every new step of the journey.

Don't forget that our last courtyard concert is Friday, September 16, at 7:30 pm. The Dan O'Brien Band will have us tapping our feet!

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 12

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish
† Owen Petrzelka

Tuesday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 — † Mary Alice Dixon
† Steven Thomas Hammer

Wednesday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:30 — † Dr. Chester Gruszka

Thursday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 — † Frances Hammer
† Bill Rice

Friday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:30 — † Richard Shadyac
† The Deceased of the Daley and Archibald Families
† Sam and Rose Guzzardo

Saturday, September 17

8:00 — † Jerry Fitzpatrick
*4:30 — † Geri Martin
† The Pinto and Garippo Families
† Jerry Fitzpatrick

Sunday, September 18

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Chester Hammer
† Owen Petrzelka
† Anthony Elenical
10:30 — † Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio
† Rose Jantelezio
† Louis and Elizabeth Toth

**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, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 — † Luke Podraza
by Elaine and Jim Podraza
† John Ludwick
by Jim Hargadon

Wednesday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 — † Louise Heath
by Evie Stockinger

Saturday, September 17

5:00 — † Mary Cotter
by The Yee Family
† Rev. John Scott
By Brenda Fotjik

Sunday, September 18

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00 — † Patricia Goeb Lewis
by Pat and Tom Nelson

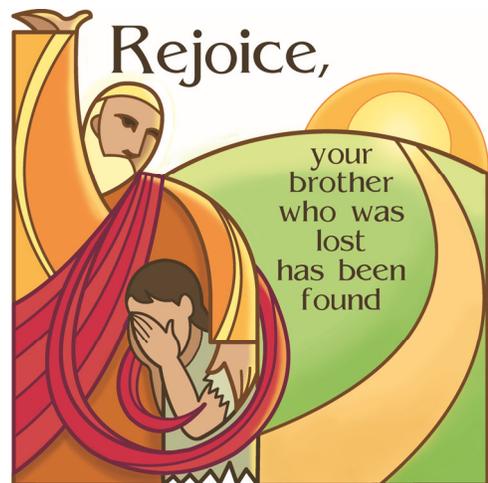
**This Mass will be live-streamed. Please email parish@stcatherinestlucy.org to receive link to live-stream.*

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Danita Bowie, Herbert Breidenbach, Pete Buckingham, Phil Calabrese, Tiffany Church, Ray Cimms, Steve Cizmar, 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, Marie Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Kimberly Lester, 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, Carole Sheehan, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, Sean Varner, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Meg Welch, Nancy Wesclitz.

(Names will be periodically removed from this listing in the bulletin and also from the list of recurring intercessions spoken at weekend Masses. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the parish office to include someone on this prayer list or to request inclusion in the weekend Mass intercessions, or to request a Prayer Shawl.)

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Dolores Eva George.



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WEDDING BANNS

- I Hannah Weigel and Zach Barnett
- I Veronica Roscoe and John Claffy
- II Taylor Jacoby and John Gallo



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Religious Education of Children

Faith Formation Opportunities for Pre-school and Kindergarten Age Children!

PREP (Pre-school Religious Education Program)

PREP is designed to give pre-school children (ages 3-5 years old) an introduction to basic Catholic Christian Principles. We meet on Sunday mornings (2 or 3 times a month) on the St. Giles campus from 10:30 – 11:30 am during Mass. The program begins in September and ends before Easter. Lessons have age-appropriate activities, crafts and catechist-led discussions.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Level I for 3-6 year-old children

The 3-6-year-old child is particularly capable of receiving and enjoying the most essential elements of our faith—the announcement of God’s love especially experienced through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who died and is risen. The heart of the catechesis for children under six revolves around the Parable of the Good Shepherd who loves the sheep and calls each one by name. The 3-6 year old child enters the mystery of the Eucharist by first learning the names of the articles used on the altar and the gestures of the Mass. The child becomes acquainted with the historical character of the liturgy through the events of the Last Supper, Christ’s death, and His resurrection.

Sessions are offered on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm and Saturdays at 10:00 am on the St. Giles campus.

For more information, or to register your child for one of these programs, contact Marci Madary, Director of Lifelong Formation, at mmadary@stgilesparish.org, or call her at 708-383-3430, ext. 404.

Altar Servers Needed

Would you like to participate more fully at Mass? We are in need of both youth and adult altar servers. Please contact Alex Ryan 708-383-3430, ext. 403, or reach out to Maudette Carr at Mass if you are interested. At this time, we will be training anyone 8th grade or older. Training for 6th and 7th graders will begin in the fall.



Faith & Fellowship

Come and See! Come and See!

Faith & Fellowship invites you to several opportunities to visit us and learn more about our ministry:

This weekend – **Sunday, September 11, 2:00 pm** at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church – Prayer Service followed by an ice cream social in the gym! Be with us for prayer and fun together!

Information/Orientation Session – **Monday, September 19, 7:00 pm, and repeated on Thursday, September 22, 1:00 pm** at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory. A chance for you to find out what we do and how we do it!

For information, contact Connie Rakitan at faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276.



Naming Process for Parish to Begin Saturday, September 10, at evening Masses

We are excited to announce that the naming process for our new unified parish will begin with the gathering of suggestions from parishioners. This Saturday, September 10, suggestion forms will be provided at the evening Masses at both St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Churches, and a link to an online entry form will be activated at 4:30 p.m. See the St. Giles website for a clickable link to the online form.

Please contribute your suggestions using the paper or online forms. Each parishioner may propose multiple suggestions, using a separate form or online entry for each suggestion. **Put on your thinking caps! We encourage you to suggest names that will have deep meaning for our community.**

Unification News: Last Call for All-Parish Gathering on Zoom: All Are Welcome!

Please join us on Zoom on Wednesday evening, September 14, as we gather in small conversation groups to share our most treasured values, our fondest hopes, and our sense of the spirit of our future. At the conclusion of the meeting, the next steps in the naming of our unified parish will be explained.

September 14, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Use the QR code to join the meeting on Zoom.

Call or email Kathy Flanagan to let us know you are joining and to receive additional Zoom info if needed: kathymflan@aol.com, or leave a phone message for her at 312-659-2789.



Lifelong Formation

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

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.

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.

The Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee for Oak Park Parishes is pleased to announce the following series.

INTERPRETING THE FOUR GOSPELS Peter O'Leary

In a letter to his patron Can Grande della Scala, the great poet Dante identified four ways of interpreting scripture: the literal, the moral, the allegorical, and the mystical (or anagogical). Dante intended for his patron to use these same approaches to understand the masterpiece, Dante's *Commedia*, that Can Grande had sponsored. But these approaches have persisted as illuminating ways for readers and scholars alike to read scripture.

"Interpreting the Four Gospels" will consist of four lectures, one apiece on each of the four gospels in their chronological order, matched with one apiece of Dante's four interpretive approaches. Each lecture will present one of the gospels in its context, considering when it was written and for whom, along with examples of the interpretive approach in action.

These lectures are meant to be informative and fun, and to open up your sense of how you can read the gospels. No expertise or special training is expected, only your curiosity.

Our lectures will begin at 7:30 pm and run till 9:00 pm. You may want to bring your own Bible to mark passages or just to follow along at times. Here is the schedule for the lectures:

Monday, September 26, 2022 (Location TBD)
The Gospel of Mark and literal reading

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 (Location TBD)
The Gospel of Matthew and moral reading

Monday, October 24, 2022 (Location: McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus at 1101 Columbian Ave., 2nd floor)
The Gospel of Luke and allegorical reading

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 (Location: McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus at 1101 Columbian Ave., 2nd floor)
The Gospel of John and mystical reading

Please mark your calendar for these dates. Unfortunately, we will not be able to Zoom or Livestream these events. So we may get an idea of numbers in attendance, please email laffc@ascensionoakpark.com to let us know of your interest.

Dr. Peter O'Leary is an alumnus of the University of Chicago. (AB'90 (English), AM'94, PhD'99 Divinity School). A Catechist and member of Ascension-St. Edmund Parish in Oak Park, O'Leary teaches at U. Chicago and the School of the Art Institute. Peter has published five books of poetry and five chapbooks. His latest book, *The Hidden Eyes of Things*, is a book length poem through the Cultural Society and completes a trilogy. This is Peter's third offering to adult learners in our local parish setting.

Parish Life

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



Seminary Fund – Second Collection September 17-18

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Seminary Education Fund. This Fund provides support for men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. It helps to cover the cost of educating each seminarian as he proceeds through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest. Your generosity will support these men who are answering God's call to a life of service for the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.



FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

St. Giles Church weekly collection continues. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food 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 has their next Food First collection the weekend of October 1/2. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products with you to that weekend's Masses. Donations are brought to the altar during the Offertory.

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.

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

9/4/22 Weekend

	SC-SL Site	St. Giles Site	Total
Envelopes	\$2,350.00	\$8,505.00	\$10,855.00
Loose	\$437.00	\$996.00	\$1,433.00
Electronic*	\$1,790.00	\$7,830.00	\$9,620.00
Total Giving	\$4,577.00	\$17,331.00	\$21,908.00

*(8/31/22-9/6/22)

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!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Beginning September 20, 2022
McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus
1101 Columbian Avenue, 2nd Floor,
Oak Park, IL 60302
Contact Geri Tapling, 708-223-4912
griefshare@stgilesparish.org



THE SENIOR CORNER

Welcome Seniors to a fun-filled summer picnic to be held on Thursday, September 15, 12:00 to 3:00 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus, at the north west corner of Greenfield and Columbian. It is easily accessible via an outside ramp and an elevator to the second floor.

Grilled hot dogs and beverages will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share, we ask that the item(s) be individually wrapped or pre-packaged.

Admission is free to all Seniors. So join us for an afternoon of fun, good conversation, the renewing of old friendships and making new ones. And of course, a picnic means games!

Looking forward to seeing you on September 15! If you need a ride, please call Madonna Sloan at 773-921-4246.

In order to prepare the right amount of food, place a call to Barb Schulz at 773-622-2121 by Monday, September 12, to let her know you will be coming.

Jesus came
into the
World to save
Sinners -
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Parish Life



Catholic Council of Women (CCW) Update

It's hard to believe that it is almost the end of summer. We hope you and your families are doing well. We're launching a new year of CCW and would like to share a few updates. Be sure to check out the St. Giles website for ALL information about upcoming events and activities, <http://www.stgilesparish.org/adult-formation/ccw/>

Kicking Off This Year

This year Kathy Ritten and Theresa Atchley will be co-presidents, with support from Peggy Connerty Lau and Janette Duewel as past presidents.

We invite all women of St Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles to join in any way you can! Please let us know if you would like to help in any activity, have questions or want to know more about CCW. We know all efforts to work together will help strengthen our united community!

Upcoming Events and Opportunities to Connect

Please know we hope you will join in, invite others and connect with other women. All are welcome!

Parishioner Check-in calls: Would you be willing to make a few calls to parishioners between Sept 15 – Oct 20? CCW is providing reach-out calls to connect with and check on parishioners. Many callers are needed – **Terry Clancy** is helping coordinate this

important outreach. Please email Terry if you're willing to make a few calls: terryclancy12@gmail.com

Parish Women's Courtyard Gathering (McDonough Hall is alternate location) for all SCSL and St. Giles women will be held on **Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 pm**. Come to enjoy an evening of re-connecting and meeting one another! **Peggy Lau** and **Beth Clumecky** are coordinating – reach out to them if you would like to help in anyway. Peggy: mac03@yahoo.com and Beth: lutzchlumecky@comcast.net

The Parish Rummage Sale is September 23 and 24 and is looking for closet, attic, and basement goodies. Lots of opportunities to set-up, donate and sell. This link attached has contact emails and lots of helpful dates/times with hours for the rummage sale and drop off details: <http://www.stgilesparish.org/ccw-rummage-sale/>

CCW Fall Meetings: Please join us as we talk about upcoming events, brainstorm for the future and enjoy an evening of friendship! Fall meeting dates are: September 20, October 18 and November 15 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center at 1025 Columbian Ave.

Many Opportunities to Join In and Help!

Currently, CCW is looking for a new Communications coordinator... Are you or someone you know, able to help send out our occasional correspondence through our easy-to-use CCW Flocknote? It's a great way to help from your own home! Training for the communication format is included!

Please contact Kathy Ritten or Theresa Atchley if you would like to find out more about CCW, how to get involved, have questions or ideas... we welcome you. Kathy's email is kathyritten@att.net and Theresa's tatchley@sbcglobal.net.

CCW is excited to launch this year and welcome any and all women of SCSL and St. Giles. Please reach out with any thoughts, questions or ideas.



The St. Giles AA Group meets in-person on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. We meet on the third floor of the Parish Center at 1025 Columbian Avenue.



Bridge For All!

Join the Unified Parish Bridge League which runs September-June (3rd Monday of the month or 1st Friday of the month at 7:00 pm). Sign up NOW to join the league for the 2022-23 season, or anytime to be added to the Sub List.

For Monday Night Party Bridge, contact Shena Keith or Derek Briggs at stgilesbridge@shaker.com or 773-412-9502.

For Friday Night Duplicate Bridge, contact Mary Darnall at mary_darnall@sbcglobal.net or 708-567-4526.

Gatherings are held in the Gleeson Conference Room on the St. Giles Campus, 1101 Columbian Ave., 2nd floor.

St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish
13th Annual Rummage Sale
September 23-24



Come help us make this the BEST RUMMAGE SALE EVER! We need your help to do this, we are seeking volunteers for the St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Rummage Sale!

Help is needed

September 19, 20, 21, and 22:

Can you give an hour or more to help with drop off, sorting of items and setting up?

Need service hours? Bring your form and we are happy to sign off that you donated your time!

September 23 and 24:

Can you help with the sale? Assistance is needed with refreshing tables and shelves, helping to take items down in the elevator, and assisting with the sale as needed.

Drop Off Dates and Set Up Hours:

Monday, Sept. 19 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 20 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 21 11:00 am to 7:00pm

Thursday, Sept. 22 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sale Dates and Times:

Friday, Sept. 23, 2pm to 6pm

Saturday, Sept.24, 10am to 1:30 pm

with **bag sale from 2 - 3 pm**

**McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus,
1101 Columbian Ave., 2nd Floor, Oak Park**

**REMINDER: We cannot accept cribs, expired car seats, recalled baby items, large furniture or exercise equipment, construction materials, non-working electronics, large TVs (only flat screen TVs will be accepted) or household paint/chemicals.*

Questions or to Volunteer, contact the Coordinators:

Marlene Panebianco at 708-848-3828 or Marlene117@att.net

Carol Rossi at 773-237-5804 or cg12345b@yahoo.com

Clear out your attics, closets, cabinets, drawers, basements, and garages; somebody else can use what you no longer need!

Food For Thought

Holy Spirit, Have a Seat

*A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
(Psalm 51:12-13)*

Meeting all the ritual requirements, and also living lives as faithful Christians, people may find out that there is more, because in their church membership they failed to nurture a relationship that's personal with God.

The essence of salvation is to build your life on a foundation that supports the Word of God. Even those outside a Faith Community will become insiders; the last shall be first, recognized and warmly welcomed as true children of God.

The Pope has tried to free us from the shadows of complacency, or ennui of entitlement, which we embrace because we're Church community. Days will bring new challenges and opportunities; We can respond to each grace in the moment, finding our God.

Freedom to accept sustaining gifts of grace was not always so. When Jesus came his final time to Jerusalem, he found religious leaders had made the path to God a course of obstacles. Ritual and legal duties kept the people from God.

Jesus, ever calm, erupted with indignity at the managed misrepresentation of God; the abuse of power; the lack of benignity that locked people's minds inside a devil's tower, preventing faithful followers from finding God's love.

God is eager to welcome all people into the kingdom, but the entry narrows for those who see themselves as like a grand steeple. Jesus presented the Church as a way of life, rather than as a religious cult. Praise God.

We simplify the path to God with love and joy; Step into the harness of life with Jesus as disciples of a way of life, a love story and adventure. Feeling the joy of the gospel means we're living it. The candles of our love and joy burn warm and bright,

*A heart contrite and humbled, O God,
you will not spurn. (Ps. 51)*

Tom Lynch tgl7714@gmail.com. 9/11/22
Sources: NCR, P. Marrin, 8/21 & 22; Psalm 51.

Parish Life

The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Oak Park, IL 60302

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..... E-mail: stgiles@stgilesparish.org
..... Website: stgilesparish.org

Business Hours:
Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Evening reception: Monday thru Thursday, 4:30 - 8:00 pm

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Campus Rectory Office

38 North Austin Boulevard
Phone 708-386-8077
..... E-mail: parish@stcatherineslucy.org
..... Website: stcatherineslucy.org

Business Hours:
Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; Sunday, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Other times by appointment.

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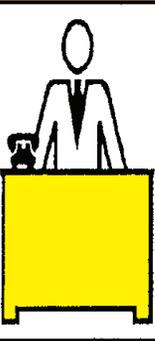
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