

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINTE LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

Father Abraham,

HAVE PITY ON ME.

SEND LAZARUS

TO DIP THE TIP

OF HIS FINGER

IN WATER

AND COOL

MY TONGUE.

~ Luke 16:24

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 • Twenty-sixth 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



"There is no trailer hitch on a hearse." Many of us have heard this saying regarding collecting and saving money and all which we hold as our valuable treasures. This saying is true. But we can't live without money, can we? After all, we need a paycheck. We need food on our tables. No argument about that! We came into the world empty-handed, and we shall leave life empty-handed. However, we can't survive empty-handed in the meantime. With God's grace, we cultivate the skills necessary to survive.

Today's readings center around money, the benefits of money and the dangers of avarice, greed for wealth or material gain.

In our second reading, Paul reminds us that earning a living is very worldly, and to do it successfully, one must be ambitious, work hard, train and develop one's skills – but to do it without sacrificing moral and ethical values. Not everyone can do this. Why? Scripture reminds us that the love of money gets in the way. With how little can we be content?

When we consider some of the social challenges of our day: the care for those who are homeless, the working poor, those who have run from danger in their country, giving up everything and looking for asylum, Jesus shows us his soft-spot for the poor. Jesus had what social theologians call a "preferential option for the poor." Maybe it is because he himself was poor. He didn't own a house. He had no stocks or transportation. He had a trade, yet when the disciples knew him he was not gainfully employed. Truth be told, Jesus would not be the kind of person that most of us would hang out with today.

How do we come to terms with the tensions that exist between the need to survive (the income or the paycheck that is necessary) and the thirst to acquire more than we need? Jesus and the apostle Paul, who we both hear from this weekend, suggest that our actions must be guided by compassion. Be humble, be realistic, be generous, be faithful, and with God's grace pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love and endurance.

As we grow together, a new community in faith, hope and love, I pray we will all keep in mind those poor and oppressed who live among and around us. The reason why is clear – we can not really consider ourselves God's people if we ignore them! May God give us the wisdom and courage to keep this in mind as we "Build Our New Reality!"

Have a blessed week ahead. With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

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Unification Update

This Sunday, September 25, is the last day to enter naming suggestions online, or on paper forms submitted at this weekend's Masses. All suggestions submitted by the online form must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 25.

You are encouraged to meet your fellow parishioners at Mass & Meet gatherings after all Masses at St. Giles Church or in the St. Giles School gym this weekend, September 24-25.

Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 26

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30 — † Grace Blaho
† Carl DiCicco

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 — † Chase Hartney

Thursday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 — † Claudia Abramowicz
† Edward J. Wick

Friday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 — † Owen Petrzelka
† Teckleselassie Lebab
4:00 — Wedding: Hannah Weigel and Zach Barnett

Saturday, October 1

Saint Theres of the Child of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 — † Maureen Barron
2:30 — Wedding: Veronica Roscoe and John Claffy
*4:30 — † Joseph Archibald, Jr.
† Jack Martin
† Rosemary Whiston

Sunday, October 2

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Owen Petrzelka
† Antony Elengical
10:30 — † Marilyn Hable
† John Rowan

**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 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

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

Wednesday, September 28

8:30 — † Philip Kolovitz
by the Parish

Saturday, October 1

Saint Theres of the Child of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

5:00 — † Paul Grimes
by the Parish

Sunday, October 2

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00 — † Olga Vincent
by The Vincent Family

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

October is Respect Life Month

The Respect Life Committee invites you to pray with us for a greater respect for life in our country and our world. We will be praying The Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary beginning September 28. There are two ways to pray: with daily email reminders or with a paper copy of the Novena. The paper copies will be in the vestibule of both Church sites on the weekends of September 18 and September 25.

We will have a Holy Hour for Life at 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church on Thursday, October 20. If you have any questions, please call Denise Hartney 708-203-7437 or email at dhartney14@gmail.com.

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, Sr. Regina Gallo, 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, Phyllis Swanson, Joann Taylor, Sean Varner, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Meg Welch, Nancy Wesclitz, Fr. Leroy Wickowski.

(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 Philip Kolovitz, brother of Michael Kolovitz, and Gloria Fye, mother of Anicia Fye and Tony Fye.



WEDDING BANNS

- II Pina Merola and Angelo Ramondi
- III Hannah Weigel and Zach Barnett
- III Veronica Roscoe and John Claffy



Religious Education

Register your child for Religious Education TODAY!

Religious Education at St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish is underway! We have had meaningful conversations about our images of God in Middle School Ministry, time to contemplate prayer in Family Catechesis, a reintroduction to the atria as a place to hear God's voice as well as appreciating the importance of communal prayer in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and precious time to explore faith in PREP. We are grateful.

If you have a child or grandchild from 3 years through 8th grade who is not registered, it is not too late! We do ask that you register your child soon. In fact, today would be a great day.

<http://www.stgilesparish.org/ReligiousEducation/PasswordCreationNewFamily.php>



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.



Faith & Fellowship

Ice Cream Social: It was GREAT!

When a few Faith & Fellowship Catechists met with two "Family Mass" members, we weren't sure what we would come up with. Well, the Holy Spirit got into the act, and lo and behold! On a rainy Sunday afternoon, folks from both groups came together, prayed together, visited together, and pigged out together. What did we come up with? **Family...love...unitive...listening...together!...hospitality... joy...loving...caring...heart-warming...belonging...connected...thankful...**



Save the Date:

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Catechist's Enrichment Morning**

Saturday, October 8

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus

More information to follow!

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.

Music Ministry



Choir Season is Back



The St. Catherine - St. Lucy *Celebration Choir*
and the St. Giles Adult Choir are joining voices.

Starting in October, the choir will sing
at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Giles on the first Sunday of the month and
at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Catherine - St. Lucy on the third Sunday of the month.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm
in St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Avenue.

(Please use the Greenfield door)

For more information, call Sue Kaszynski at the Parish Center at **708-383-3430, ext. 423.**

The *Praise Choir*, led by Julius White,
sings at the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine - St. Lucy
on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
in Maguire Hall, 38 N. Austin Blvd., on the St. Catherine - St. Lucy Campus.

For more information, contact Julius White at 2459wq@gmail.com.

Instrumentalists are also needed. If you play an instrument and would like to play at Mass occasionally, please contact Sue Kaszynski at the Parish Center.

Parish Life

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday Night Bible Study resumes on September 28 at 7:00 pm in the St. Giles Parish Living Room, 1025 Columbian Avenue, and over Zoom



All are welcome - It is **NOT** necessary or required you attend each week... Come when you can!! We will be continuing our series of diving into the Gospels using **The Chosen – Season Two** as a tool to help explore more deeply the reality of Jesus as God and man. We'll be sending out study guides, including 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.

Contact **Maria Samatas** at msamatas@me.com for more information!



Dear St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish,

Our parish is partnering with Ascension/St. Edmund Parish to form an organization that is called **IIM** (Intercultural Immigrant Ministry). Our goal is to work toward hosting migrants. Father Robert Carlton, Associate Pastor to both Oak Park parishes, has graciously offered to work with us. We expect to receive a family from Venezuela in the next few weeks, and a single woman sometime in December. IIM is working with ICDI (Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants), who will be providing case management services for the migrants.

At this point, our number one priority is housing. If you have any knowledge of a vacant building, apartment, condo, basement, etc., please let us know. You may use this email address for sending information or to volunteer to be part of the group: immigrantministry@gmail.com

To send a donation, you can use this link to ICDI: <https://icdi.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/icdi/donation.jsp?campaign=58>.

Please note that the funds should be directed to the **"Intercultural Immigrant Ministry."**

Thank you for your generous hearts.
Margie Rudnik
margaretrudnik@gmail.com



FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

FOOD FIRST is next weekend, October 1/2, at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church. 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.

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.

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.



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

	Total
Envelopes	\$9,081.00
Loose	\$1,746.50
Electronic*	\$6,088.25
Total Giving	\$16,915.75

*(9/14/22-9/19/22)

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



WOMEN
EMPOWERED BY FAITH
UNITED IN HOPE
SERVING WITH LOVE

Council of Catholic Women

St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles
Women's Courtyard Gathering

Tuesday, September 27
6:00 – 8:00 pm

stop by whenever you can!

(in the event of inclement weather,
we will meet in McDonough Hall)

All women of St. Catherine-St Lucy and St. Giles are invited to join us for a special evening to connect, meet other women and celebrate a chance to be together.

We will meet under the tent in the St. Giles Courtyard, south of the church. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine to share. Simple snacks and drinks will be served.

Please contact Beth Chlumecky,
lutzchlumecky@comcast.net
or Peggy Lau, mac03chi@yahoo.com
if you have questions.

Other upcoming CCW activities....

Reach Out Calls to Parishioners during September and October

Looking for help making outreach calls to parishioners.

Would you be willing to make a few calls?

Contact Terry Clancy terryclancy12@gmail.com

Grotto Walk and Rosary: Saturday, October 8 (held in conjunction with the St. Giles School PTO Faith and Family Committee)

Walk begins (rain or shine) from St. Giles steps at 8:30 am (after Mass) to the Dominican University Grotto with the Rosary at 9:15 am. We hope you can join this special morning of prayer and devotion.

Ongoing Monthly Activities:

Beyond Hunger Volunteering:

First Saturday of each month
Contact Sharon Bresnahan at
sbresnahan@stgilesparish.org

Book Club:

Fourth Tuesday of each month
Contact Jackie Carey at jackie@jmcarey.com

Feed our Fathers:

Ongoing
Contact Vera Chan at verachan13@gmail.com

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 until 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: Pine Room of Ascension School (Not handicap accessible)
The Gospel of Mark and literal reading**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Pine Room of Ascension School (Not handicap accessible)
The Gospel of Matthew and moral reading**

**Monday, October 24, 2022: McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus at 1101 Columbian Ave.
The Gospel of Luke and allegorical reading**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022: McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus at 1101 Columbian Ave.
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 that 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

CHAOS: St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Youth Group

Each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm, our spirited, faith-filled, fun-filled, caring and loving teens gather in The Alley (a room set aside for them next to the parish garden). The gathering place has become "holy ground," a safe place where teens know they are accepted and included, a place where they can step away from the stress of their daily lives, a place they can reflect on the concerns that are heavy on their hearts. The weekly programs are planned by the teen leaders, who always look to the participants for further ideas. It is a challenge to describe exactly what CHAOS is in some way – it is a gathering of youth who care, who question, who play games with such fun, who dive into social justice concerns, who are searching for and seeking answers to their relationship with God and with each other. We are also planning a youth retreat in the Spring and several other fun outings, which will depend on parent support for transportation.

Although there is not a youth minister at this time, Fr. Carl, with affirmation from the teens, has asked Annette and Frank Hulefeld to provide mentoring leadership to the teens of CHAOS. Together with the teens, we are creating an unusual, inter-generational model for youth ministry, based on the principles of God's Love and Compassion. With the support of the teens, of the parents, and Fr. Carl, we believe everyone's faith will be strengthened and expanded.

All teens of high school age are invited and welcomed!!!! Please contact Annette at hulefeldannette@gmail.com for further info and to have a teen leader reach out to welcome all new friends. (I've been told not to forget that we have great snacks!!! And we accommodate the kind of snacks the teens ask for!)

A special prayer of gratitude to Fr. Carl for blessing the Hulefeld's as leaders so that the teen program can continue. If you've lost hope about the times we are living in, we can assure you, this incredible group of teens is a sign from God that "all is well."

Annette and Frank Hulefeld



Invitation to Luncheon for New Moms and Moms-to Be

*You are invited to join the women of
St. Giles Family Mass
As we gather for lunch and to bless you as a
new mother or mother-to-be*

*Please join us Sunday Oct. 2, 2022, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm
At the home of Laura Keffer
1047 Linden Avenue
Oak Park*

*RSVP to Mary Ellen Lesniak
maryellenlesniak@hotmail.com or 708-565-9401
or to Paula Laboe
paulaklaboe@gmail.com*

Parish Life

THE SENIOR CORNER

The St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Seniors came together on September 16 for their indoor summer picnic in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus. Close to 60 attendees enjoyed tasty hot dogs, salads and a variety of desserts, topped off with cold beverages. This was our first get-together in quite awhile and it was a delight to see old and new friends having a grand time.

Next-up will be a Brown-bag lunch in McDonough Hall on Tuesday, October 18. Plan on joining us at noon for fun and conversation. More details will follow.



The St. Giles AA Group meets in-person on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 - 8:30 pm

We meet on the third floor of the Parish Center at 1025 Columbian Avenue.



PRAYING FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Lord, bless ALL the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Keep them safe, especially those in harm's way.

Thank you for your service to our country:

Col Jason Brown – U.S. Air Force
Cadet CPL Jacob M. Bukowski - U.S. Military Academy
PV2 Tyler M. Bukowski - U.S. Army
CWO3 Michael Camacho - U.S. Marine Corps.
Maj Alicia T. Delia – U.S. Air Force
2ndLt Dylan James Fischer—U.S. Marine Corps.
IT1 Brian Greischar – U.S. Coast Guard
Capt Jeremy Gruszka – U.S. Air Force
2d Lt Kyle Gruszka – U.S. Space Force
A1C Jennifer Ann Healy - U.S. Air Force
Cpl Andrew Lofgren - U.S. Marine Corps.
TSgt Tabatha Lugo - U.S. Air Force
TSgt Alfredo Lugo - U.S. Air Force
Maj Michael Manning - U.S. Marine Corps.
ENS Andrew Matticks - U.S. Navy
1LT Caroline O'Brien Lorenzini - U.S. Army
SPC4 Matthew R. Piano – U.S. Army
2LT Gino Riccardo Pintore - U.S. Army
1LT Michael E. Sullivan - U.S. Army
SPC4 Thomas Treslo - U.S. Army
2LT George Valaika - U.S. Air Force
2nd Class Cadet John Valaika - U.S. Air Force Academy
LCDR Devon D. Zych – U.S. Coast Guard

If you have a relative or friend stationed in abroad or at one of our military bases in the United States, please send the name and rank of the military person, and branch of service, to the attention of the Parish Center.

Spiritual Classics – Mother Teresa's A Simple Path

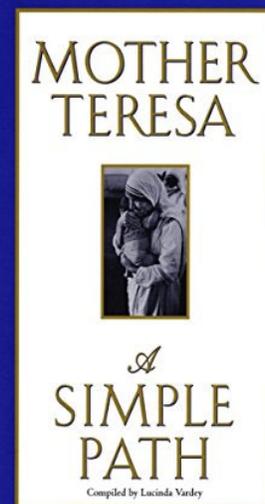
Have you ever wondered what motivated Mother Teresa to care for the poor and destitute in India? Or have you wondered what it's like to be a Missionary of Charity? Our first spiritual classics selection for the new school year is Mother Teresa's beautiful book, *A Simple Path*, describing her remarkable spiritual journey. We'll discuss Mother Teresa's lifelong ministry and book of spiritual wisdom on **Tuesday, October 4, at 7:30 pm** over Zoom.

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to laaffc@ascensionoakpark.com with the name of the book in the subject line. You'll receive a return email before the discussion with a link for the Zoom meeting. For more information, links to obtain the book, and details for the upcoming monthly discussions on spiritual classics, go to www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome. Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and learn about Mother Teresa and her missionary work. All members of Oak Park parishes are welcome.

Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for her lifetime work serving the poor, discusses how her personal credo of "love in action" has shaped her life and shows readers how to build a similarly strong and charitable foundation for their lives. *A Simple Path* also tells the story of the founding of the Missionaries of Charity, their purpose and practice, and the results of their tireless work.

Through faith, surrender, and prayer, the missionaries live to serve others; they have improved the lives of countless souls and given dignity to the dying.

These spiritual classics book discussions will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, October through June (except for January). We've lined up an exciting selection of classic spiritual works by Thomas Merton, Teilhard du Chardin, St. Louis de Montfort, Dorothy Day, and others. These book discussions are sponsored by the Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee.



Parish Life

Food For Thought

A Source of Hope and Strength

*He lifted his eyes to his disciples, and said,
Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God;
Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied;
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh;
Blessed shall you be when men hate you...and reproach you,
because of the Son of Man.
Rejoice on that day and exult, for your reward is great in heaven."
(Luke 6:20-23)*

To this world, humans are attached;
From this world, they're also detached.
Time and space hold us to each day's demands;
Yet we transcend their limits, by longing for resolution.
Creation unfinished,
and justice and peace desired apace,
produce a tension likely to outrace
only through prayer,
and by trusting God's promise
of a new dispositive world
drawn from the shell of the old.
We'll dash up that hill
braced by the chill
of a freshly scented breeze.

The Beatitudes describe this tension.
Disciples live between "now" and "not yet."
We're in the world, but not of it.
The Beatitudes were the early Church's bowsprit;
always prepared for the world's skit,
giving way to God's surprises.
Paul sang the pulpit tune
that Jesus would return soon.
But gradually the Church
adapted its expectations
to accept the long-haul idea
of God's reassuring intimate embrace,
through the life-giving sunshine of grace,
transforming the world generation by generation.

Experience teaches us how the world's affairs
are both transient and symbiont.
All the more reason to live the gospel with joy,
and join that final convoy
as though salvation were at hand,
and grace is being poured out
wherever we act for justice
and give ourselves away with compassion.
Why hold back if God is already here
in the fullness of time, refueling our effort's sphere,
and blessing our generosity?
God's grace invites us to be part
of the Divine Designs
as free agents and co-creators.

The gospel lifts us up in hope so grand,
and strengthens us for the task at hand,
as eternity is uncovered
in the smallest duties of each day.
Blessed are we if we live today
with all our heart and mind, soul and strength,
for that is how God is loving us.

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Source: NCR, P. Marrin, 9/7/22
1 Cor 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26.

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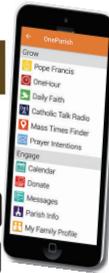
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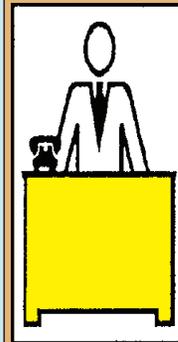
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