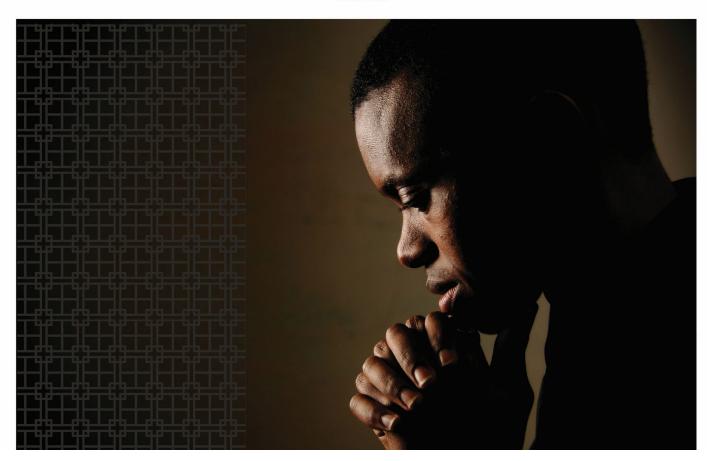
SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

THE ONE WHO SERVES GOD WILLINGLY IS HEARD;

HIS PETITION REACHES THE HEAVENS.

~ Sirach 35:16



OCTOBER 23, 2022 • Thirtieth 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



For the past three weeks, I have shared information about being good stewards, about the need for your help to cover our operating expenses and to announce that, this weekend, we will pray together in support of our Offertory Appeal.

I asked that each of you reflect on your blessings this past week – but we should really do that on an ongoing basis. When we look carefully at our God-given gifts, it's hard to come up with an appropriate financial commitment as a measure of gratitude. God will never be outdone in His generosity, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't offer our very best in thanksgiving. It's very humbling when we think about what the important parts of our life are "worth." Home, spouse, children, health, career, friendships...the list goes on and on. These things are priceless.

Capacity is different for everyone. What a genuine sacrifice may be for one may not even be felt by someone else. There are many in our parish who sacrifice for the sake of our faith community. They help make our many programs and ministries possible. Their gifts support not only our day-to-day operating expenses but also our school, religious education, youth ministry. Without sufficient funding, could we celebrate together at Mass, weddings, baptisms, first communions? Could we gather to say goodbye at funerals? Could we enjoy the children's musical and sporting events? The financial commitment of our members covers so much more than the lights and the heat. A quick look at the ministries section on the St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish website is a clear

We have much to do to continue the vision and mission of our faith community. Each of you will soon receive a letter of invitation, and I respectfully ask that you respond with an open heart and generous spirit.

God bless you in advance for your support and love.

reminder that we are doing God's work in so many different ways.

The naming surveys are in, now what? All the surveys have been forwarded to the RMC Board for tallying. The name with the highest number of votes will be presented to the Cardinal and the Presbyteral Council at the meeting on November 4 along with the name that has the second highest vote total. The Cardinal and the Council will then vote to either approve or object to the first name presented by a show of hands. If the first name does not meet approval, the second name will be voted on. Once the name is approved, I will receive word and then be able to share and celebrate the newly chosen name for our joined community. Keep in mind that our building names never change, always St Giles campus or St. Catherine/St. Lucy campus. The new name will identify our newly unified community of God's beloved.

Some asked how many names were on the original list. I do not really know. However, the list presented to us had about 23 names to look over. I and the Unification Committee went through them and decided on six names. We chose three saints and three alternate names to cover the spectrum of suggestions. How did each sound; did it roll off the tongue; was it identifiable, was it relatable in some way. These names were then presented to you for your vote. This was the procedure followed by parishes before us and the path we choose to follow as well. I trust that the Holy Spirit has guided us and we will arrive at a new name to help identify who we are becoming.

Have a safe and good week ahead. With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

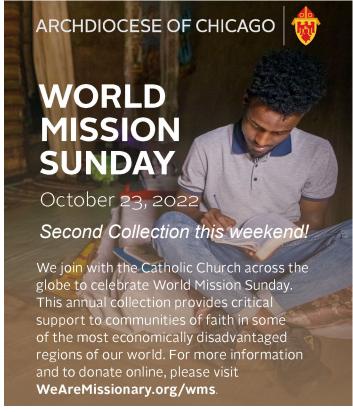
Spiritual Life & Worship

e 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, 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 intersessions 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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 24 6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, October 25

8:30 — † Dr. Robert Hammer

Wednesday, October 26 6:30 — † Barbara Coulomb

Thursday, October 27

8:30 — † William J. Rodeck

Friday, October 28 Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

6:30 — † Teckleselassie Lebab

† Alex Palmieri

Saturday, October 29

† Peter Wrenn † Edward V. Turner 8:00 - +

4:30 -

† Grace Blaho

James and Donna Mueller

Sunday, October 30 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Pat Klonke

Owen Petrzelka

Norm and Kay Muldoon

† Marilyn Hammer *10:30 —

† Grace McNamara

*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, October 25

8:30 — † Luke Podraza

by Elaine and Jim Podraza

Wednesday, October 26 8:30 — † Charles "Chuck" Scott by the Parish staff

Saturday, October 29 5:00 — † For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 30 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00 — † The Deceased Members of the Yee Family by the Yee Family

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

Praying the Rosary on Zoom Fridays at 7:00 pm

Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

https://us02web.zoom.us/

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490 Passcode: 634955

WEDDING BANNS

- Ш Monika Kecki and Joseph Giovenco
- Ш Alyssa Gomez and Daniel Morales

Spiritual Life & Worship

May They Rest in Peace November, the Month of Remembrance

During November, we bring pictures of our beloved who have died and display them around our church.



- At St Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church, you are invited to bring a photo of your loved one and place it on the window ledges around the church during the month of November.
- At St. Giles Church, the photos will be displayed on the Mary and Joseph altars. We invite you to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones that you

would like to include in the display to church when you come for either Sunday or weekday Mass. Boxes will be on the back pew in the gathering space for you to place the pictures, and they will then be arranged on the Mary and Joseph altars by our staff. *All photos must be received by October 24 to be included in the display.* Please write your name and phone number on the back of your pictures so that they can be safely returned to you at the end of November.

 At the Family Mass Community celebrations, you may place the photos on the November Shrine as you enter the gym.

The Feast of All Souls

Our parish will have two opportunities to celebrate a Mass of Remembrance:

Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd. in Oak Park.

Saturday, November 5 at 9:30 am at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Avenue in Oak Park.

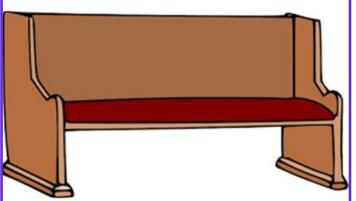
These Masses are an occasion to honor those connected to the parish who have died since November of last year. All are invited, especially those who have lost a loved one who was buried from our parish or who was prayed for at our weekend Masses throughout the previous year. We will read the list of names of the departed and light candles in their memory.

We plan to offer a livestream of these Masses, so that all who wish to participate can do so. You also may choose to light a candle at home during the reading of the names of the deceased.

If someone close to you died and was buried elsewhere, or you wish to include their name in the list read at one of the offered Masses of Remembrance, please email the information to <a href="style="style-style

Details regarding livestreaming will be available soon on the home page of our website: <u>stgilesparish.org</u>. Please join
St. Catherine-St. Lucy
and St. Giles Churches
and

Pack the Pews!



October 29 and 30

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church: Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am

St. Giles Church: Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 am

St. Giles Family Mass: Sunday at 10:00 am in the St. Giles School gym

As our world returns to a more balanced, safer existence we are hopeful that our faith communities will continue to return for prayer and worship.

Please join us to **PACK THE PEWS** and celebrate our faith together.

We hope to see you!



With Gratitude and Joy from Connie Rakitan

To receive the Bishop Quarter Award for Vicariate IV was an honor to not only me but to our community. I am grateful to Fr. Carl for nominating me, to Bishop Birmingham for choosing me, and to this parish where lay people have the opportunity to give meaningful service. During the presentation ceremony, I felt the presence of so many people who over the years have been and still are such a beautiful part of my life in the Church. My heart is filled with warm joy when I realize that this award is, in fact, for all of us. Thank you, and God bless.

Photo: Karen Callaway, Chicago Catholic

SENIOR CORNER

Looking for something to do on a weekday afternoon? St. Edmund Parish is offering a personal guided tour of their magnificent, beautiful church on Wednesday afternoon, October 26. Don Giannetti, an 87-year-long parishioner will guide us through the church and parish history of St. Edmund. Allow one hour for the tour, followed by some light refreshments. We will meet at St. Edmund Church at 2:00 pm. The church is located on Oak Park Avenue and Pleasant Street, with parking behind the church, off of Pleasant Street. This is a rare opportunity to learn more about our local church history. You do not have to register in advance, just come. For more information, please contact Russ Parker at 708-548-5912.

Knights of Columbus Council 1118

K of C is looking for young Catholic men to become part of the community of Knights of Columbus. We will be holding an open meeting for all interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus on Monday October 24, at 7:00 pm at American Legion Hall Commodore Barry, 6919 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Berwyn. The Bears will be playing on Monday Night Football for us to enjoy while we are gathered. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to meeting you!

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

	Total
Envelopes	\$19,235.00
Loose	\$2,316.00
Electronic*	\$5,204.25
Total Giving	\$26,755.25

*(10/12/22-10/17/22)

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,

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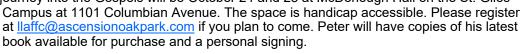
Contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430 Ext. 420, with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!



From The Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee for Oak Park Parishes: INTERPRETING THE FOUR GOSPELS with Peter O'Leary resumes on October 24 and October 25

Thank you to Dr. Peter O'Leary for the first two installments of this lecture series on the Gospels. Over the two first sessions in September, over 120 people attended. The evaluations were all very positive, with all clearly happy to be having in person gatherings again.

The final two nights of our journey into the Gospels will be October 24 and 25 at McDonough Hall on the St. Giles



Monday, October 24, at 7:00 pm. The Gospel of Luke and allegorical reading

Tuesday, October 25, at 7:00 pm
The Gospel of John and mystical reading

Lifelong Formation



Faith & Fellowship

"You Can't Always Get What You Want"

Mick Jagger might have had Faith & Fellowship in mind when he sang those words - Catechists volunteer hoping for, maybe even expecting, Kumbaya moments of happy-happy-joy-joy, but there are also disappointments. Arriving for pick-up to find that Greg, one of the most faithful Partners, was nowhere to be seen and clearly did not want to come. Spending an evening maintaining peace between two Partners who do not like each other. Poor turn-out when Staff at the residential facility didn't make the necessary arrangements for the Partners to go out. Being told by Terry that she didn't want to come to our session because she'd rather play Bingo at the facility, and maybe win a dollar. It's frustrating to be stymied when we're just trying to do good. Mick Jagger comes to the rescue.

A Call for SPRED Catechists

their catechists nurture their faith.

SPRED(Special Religious Development) is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose purpose is two-fold: the inclusion of the developmentally disabled into the liturgical and community faith life of the parish and the formation of a small faith community where both special friends and

The Oak Park area needs more SPRED communities! In order to provide opportunities for special needs children, young people, and adults, we need adults willing to be catechists.

"I have been a catechist in the SPRED program at St. Giles since 2013, when the program began. Since that time, I have come to know and love our special friends, their families and the other catechists in our program. We share our faith with each other through activities, songs and, of course, prayer. I must admit I have learned so much more from our friends than I have taught them, and I am honored to be a member of this wonderful community." --Kathy Ritten

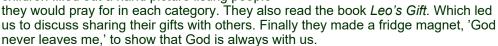
Want to learn more about SPRED? Come to an information meeting on **Monday**, **November 7** at 7:00 pm in the McDonough Hall conference room on the St. Giles Campus (corner of Greenfield and Columbian) or contact Marci Madary at mmadary@stgilesparish.org or 708-383-3430 ext. 404.

Religious Education Reflections

Last Sunday, October 16, in Family Religious Education, we talked about the importance and power of symbols, including symbols for Jesus, the Christ. We talked specifically about the cross and crucifix, considering what they make us think of and how they make us feel. In our groups, the parents reflected on the Paschal Mystery and redemptive possibility found in suffering.

The first, second and third grader children started with the Gospel, The Persistent Widow, which let them in to talk about prayer: five-finger prayers. The

children filled out a hand picture listing people



The fourth and fifth grade students talked about Jesus' Law of Love and what that looks like and how we can live out the Law of Love. They also played a game demonstrating our examples of how we live out this law. Finally, the kids made Vision Boards to use as inspiration.

The sixth graders read Matthew 12:1-7 and discussed what does it mean that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. They used "barbed wire" to exemplify how our sins keep us apart from each other and from God and how Jesus is the one who helps us to cut these wires. The students took 10 minutes to individually write what wires we need to be to cut off and ask

Jesus for help.





Calling all Lectors!!

Are you a lector at St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles? Would you like to be?

All lectors and those interested in becoming a lector are invited to a night of formation on

Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 pm

in McDonough Hall, 1101 Columbian Avenue on the St. Giles Campus

We will gather, get to know each other, share skills, and share our hopes as we move forward as a unified communi-





Community of Congregations' Fall Gathering:

A Neighborhood Community Peace Circle

October 27, 2022 at 7 pm

New Landmark M.B Church 2700 W. Wilcox Street - Chicago, IL 60612

Peace Circles build community, strengthen relationships, and heal spirits. We will gather to build fellowships, learn about important community work, and invite one another into practical action to stem the tide of violence in the Greater West Side.



To RSVP - Please email oprfcoc@gmail.com

Intercultural Immigrant Ministry – a joint ministry of the Catholic Parishes of Oak Park.

The Romero Mora family are now settled into their new apartment in Oak Park and the children have started school at William Beye School and OPRF High School. This week they were welcomed at the Family Mass by Father Carl and were able to meet many of those attending.

Because they will not receive their work documents until six months after they file their asylum application, there is the need for ongoing support for them. We could particularly use gift cards at Jewel or Walmart. Please drop them off at the St. Giles Parish Center or in the donation baskets at Mass, in an envelope indicating that they are for the migrant family.

There has now been a fund started at our parish. Please make out a check to St. Giles Parish and note that it is for the St. Giles Refugee Fund in the memo line.

Volunteers are needed to help the family settle into our community, especially those with any Spanish speaking skills. If you are interested in helping them adjust, please email us at

immigrantministry@gmail.com or email Margie Rudnik at margaretrudnik@gmail.com.

Other needs are always emerging, and the flow of migrants from the border into the city of Chicago is ever increasing. If you are interested in other ways of helping, please contact us at the above email addresses.



Come See St. Giles School 8th Grade Play!

Pack up your little 'Peanuts' in the car and drive over to see our very own 8th-graders in the musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown!"

Tell your friends, family, and neighbors to save the dates for the two performances:

Friday, November 11 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, November 12 at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are on sale through the St. Giles Athletic Website Online Ordering Store: follow the QR code here!

(Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the day of the event. Cash or check only.)

\$10 - Adults, \$5 - Children 3-17 & Seniors, Children 2 and under are free

Hope to see you all there! - Parents of the Class of 2023





When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
 - · How to find hope for the future



Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



Sunday, November 6, 12:30 – 2:30 pm McDonough Hall, St. Giles Campus 1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park Questions, or to register 708-223-4912 Co-sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church and St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish

St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles CCW Coat Drive

This Weekend! October 20-23

Please DONATE NEW and GENTLY USED coats and winter accessories.



Cleaning out closets? CCW is collecting new and gently used coats, boots, and accessories for adults and children. These donations benefit many charitable organizations such as A House In Austin, Sarah's Inn, Sister House, Grace House, St. Leonard's Ministries, St. Philip Neri School, St. Angela's School, and Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy. We are especially in need of children's coats and XL adult coats for the organizations we serve. Donations will be accepted in bins around the school and church as well as in the Parish office. If you're interested in volunteering or leadership opportunities, look for the Signup Genius on the parish website: stigle-sparish.org. For those who would like to contribute financially, please use the QR code to the right to link to GiveCentral. Funds will be utilized to purchase new items for the sizes that are in high

demand. Contact Laura McNamara, 630-269-1160 or <u>Lkmcnamara@att.net</u>. if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support of this service project.

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Drop off in the bins around the St. Giles Campus, and in the Church on the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Campus!



But wait! There's more!

Want to know <u>ALL</u> the latest parish news? Sign up for the weekly parish e-news through *flocknote*! Just follow the QR Code here to sign up, and the information you need will be right in your inbox!



The Annual **SGFMC**Turkey Trot XXXX is Coming!!
Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022
Start time 9:30 am

Start time 9:30 am, outside the St. Giles Gym

5 Kilometers Long-sleeved Tees! On-line sign-up (Info still-to-be posted)! Stay tuned!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!
Please Contact Jack Lesniak
Jack0329@comcast.net



Food For Thought No Time for Quarrels

Let us be careful: Both the 'progressivism' that lines up behind the world, and the 'traditionalism' that longs for a bygone world, are not evidence of love, but of infidelity." (Pope Francis)

The 60th anniversary of Vatican II was celebrated in Rome on October 13th. The three-year period launched landmark reforms in Church relationships with the world around it, and the Church's own liturgy and practices, by pleading for the Church to overcome polarization, and preserve our communion. Inaugurated by Pope John XXIII, Vatican II responded to the question "Do you love me?" posed by Christ to his disciples. 'To rekindle her love for the Lord, the Church... devoted a Council to examine herself, and reflect on her nature and mission." (Pope Francis)

She saw herself once more as a mystery of grace, generated by love; she saw herself anew as the people of God, the Body of Christ, the living temple of the Holy Spirit. Yet, while the council examined Catholic doctrine. revisited its relationship with other Christian communities and religions, revised Catholic liturgy to allow for the vernacular, and reconfigured structures to allow for greater participation by the laity, in the 60 years that have followed, Vatican II has been a flashpoint among various ecclesial circles.

Changes can cause deep divisions; In the wake of the council, Christians often preferred choosing sides, not seeing they were breaking their Mother's Heart! How many times did they choose progressive or conservative, rather than brother and sister? We can only be the Shepherd's flock if we are together as one. And so the council's work, and the passing years radically altered the Church's relationship with the rest of the world, and realigned itself with a more open and tolerant posture. Francis warned about temptations of "worldliness."

He spoke of "Pelagian selfishness, that puts our own tastes and plans above the love that pleases. God, the simple, humble, faithful love that Jesus asked of Peter." Francis renewed his call by reminding the many clergy "you are not here to shepherd yourselves, but others, with love—the poor and the outcast." Pope John had put it: "A Church meant for all, and especially the poor." A Church that loves Jesus has no time

for quarrels, gossip and disputes. We must be free from being critical, intolerant, harsh and angry. Paul teaches that for those who love, do everything without murmuring.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 10/23/22

Sources: NCR on line: Report from Rome. Christopher White reporting, 10/13/22.

Meet our Unification Team

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