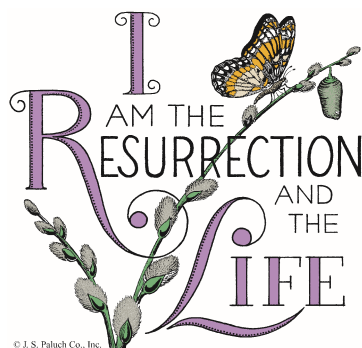


# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



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Barbara Bulla  
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Marlene Carey  
Rick Carter  
Barbara Chiodo  
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Harry Clow, Sr.  
Yvonne Cobb  
Sal Corna  
Margaret Cribben  
Santiago Ramos Cruz

Patricia Desmond  
Louis Di Iacova  
Michael John Dolan  
Mary Therese Donnelly  
Joseph Donzelli  
Jainnamma Esthappan  
Mark Farina  
Michael Faulman  
Matthew Allan  
Fitzgerald  
Michael D. Fitzpatrick  
Lisa Forslin  
Brenda Fuqua  
Gloria Fye  
Mary Jane Gage  
Joe Gagliardi  
Dolores Eva George  
Audry Girard  
Tim Glackin  
Michael Goggin  
Philomena M. Greco  
Lynda Guerrieri  
Estevao Gurski  
Michael Haddad  
Larry Hagen  
James Hannon  
Lucy Hayes  
Fernando Hermoso

Wieslawa Jaroszewski  
Amy Johnson  
Juliana Kankam  
Diane Knowles  
Philip Kolovitz  
John Kroger  
Judith Kroll  
Greg Kuehl  
Richard Kukis  
Constance "Connie"  
Kusar  
Lyn LeFevre  
Patricia Goeb Lewis  
Diane Lira  
Nan Mahaffy  
Thomas Mahon  
Linda E. Maiorano  
Joseph McCormick  
Charles McEnery  
Caroline McGreal  
Camila Loureiro  
Mellinguer  
Kevin Alan Mellon  
Sylvia Nasshan  
Joseph Pareti  
Harry Patten, Jr.  
Roy Pena  
Anna Pieciewicz

Necitas Pineda  
Steve Pizzello  
Maria Pocrnich  
Barbara Posson  
Ann M. Protz  
James Wilbert Render  
Gail Rohmann  
Jeanne Kroger Ryan  
William Samatas  
Charles "Chuck" Scott  
Robert Shallenberger  
Pamela Short-McMillan  
Edward Stanley  
John Stroth  
Jacki Sundheim  
Nella Thalji  
Remo Turano  
Sean Varner  
Jim Vicek  
Jonathan J. Victor  
Anthony Villasenor  
Terry Walters  
Richard Weiland  
Patricia Braxton Wills  
Marvin Worley  
Rosemary Yount

OCTOBER 30, 2022 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Pray for the Dead*

## Fr. Carl's Corner



WELCOME ALL! Whether you have returned to church on a regular basis or just joining us today for Pack the Pews or simply decided today is the day I want to be back in church, WELCOME! I am glad you are here.

In a recent study shared by the Archdiocese of Chicago regarding parishioners returning to Mass after the pandemic, the numbers are about 50% for most parishes. In Latino and Polish parishes that number is much higher. Two main reasons why many have not returned since the COVID virus are fear of being in larger crowds and then complacency! Many just fell out of the habit and now enjoy Mass and coffee on zoom!

Once again, let me say how happy I am that YOU have chosen to be with us at Mass in person. I encourage others to also consider it time to once again make Mass a priority. If a Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass still feels too crowded for you, come during the week when there are fewer people. You can still experience a sacred time and space and receive Jesus in the gift of the Eucharist.

Eucharist, for us as Catholics, is at the center of our spiritual lives and worship. We believe in the REAL PRESENCE of Jesus who comes to us in the Eucharist we receive and who then feeds and strengthens us to be his very presence to the world in how we choose to live and act. Nothing replaces the feeling of in-person Mass as a community of faith walking together on this journey. In the scriptures readings we hear, in the songs we sing, and in the prayers we say, we are encouraged that Jesus will be strength for the journey, whatever may happen along the way.

If you or someone you know needs a nudge back... here are some reasons for you to do so. (Please share this with one other person who needs a gentle nudge.)

- When we come to Mass, we are physically in the presence of Jesus. "My flesh is real food, and my blood is drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in them." (John 6:48-58) This makes being here at church different than being anywhere else.
- Remember the spirit works quietly on our hearts filling us with inner strength and peace.
- In being together at Mass we see that the communion of saints, part of our Catholic tradition, is made up of real people. We are never closer to those who have died and gone before us than when we are at Mass, which is for us the foretaste of the heavenly banquet.
- The Mass gives our lives meaning and direction; we are not only of this world but have a heavenly home to come.
- Going to Mass is a wonderful model of faith, a trust in God who blesses us with life and many good gifts. What a message to instill in our loved ones.
- Finally, remember that God never forces God's self on anyone. God merely invites. Attending Mass shows we have accepted the invitation to have God as part of our lives and can receive food and strength for the journey.

I hope this gives you some things to think about and continued motivation for making time to be at Mass. And remember, if someone you know might need a little reminder why coming back to Mass is important, send this to them and say Father Carl asked me to do so! As a point of information, pre-Covid, we would have around 1,100 attendees at Mass each weekend during the October Archdiocesan count. Since Covid and church being fully reopened, our highest attendance has been 471 FOR A WEEKEND! Let's get out there and encourage and invite family and friends to join us again in person at Mass.

Finally, the Presbyteral Council meets with the Cardinal on November 4. I expect our new parish name will be considered at that time. I will keep you posted.

Thanks to all who shared gently used coats and winter accessories at our CCW Coat Drive this past weekend.

A number of folks have been asking about the return of a Sunday evening Mass here. I have had many conversations with Father Rex at the unified Ascension and Edmund Parish about sharing a Sunday evening Mass at St. Edmund Church which is in the center of downtown Oak Park. This is being looked at carefully and considered for some time after the first of the year. The organization and details need to be worked out and more will be shared regarding this as it develops.

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

*Fr. Carl*

# Spiritual Life & Worship

## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, October 31

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday, November 1

#### All Saints

8:30 — All Saint Giles Parishioners and Benefactors

7:30 — All Saint Giles Parishioners and Benefactors

### Wednesday, November 2

#### The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

#### All Souls

6:30 — † All the Faithful Departed

### Thursday, November 3

8:30 — † Tim Doody

† Fred Gilaty

† Robert Sciaraffa (25th Anniversary)

### Friday, November 4

#### Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:30 — † Daniel and Rosemary Whiston

† Teckleselassie Lebab

### Saturday, November 5

8:00 — † Kay Redmond

\*9:30 — † All The Faithful Departed

(Names will be read at Mass)

12:00 — **Wedding: Monika Kecki and Joseph Gioenco**

2:30 — **Wedding: Alyssa Gomez and Daniel Morales**

4:30 — † Donna DiGilio

† Richard Brennan

† Julie Woolfe

### Sunday, November 6

#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Owen Petrzalka

† Norm and Kay Muldoon

† Laurie Wood

\*10:30 — † Lorrayne Skrzyziarz

† Donald Pickard

† Marilyn Hable

*\*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, November 1

#### All Saints

8:30 — † All Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Lucy Parishioners and Benefactors

### Wednesday, November 2

#### The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

#### All Souls

8:30 — † Luke Podraza

by Elaine and Jim Podraza

7:00 — † All The Faithful Departed

(Names will be read at Mass)

### Saturday, November 5

5:00 — † Rose Cheung

by The Yee Family

† Mary Cotter

by The Yee Family

### Sunday, November 6

#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*9:00 — † The Living and Deceased Members

of the Yee Family

by the Yee Family

*\*This Mass will be live-streamed. Please email [parish@stcatherinestlucy.org](mailto:parish@stcatherinestlucy.org) to request the live-stream link.*

## We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Joe Bigliotti, 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 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 James LeFevre.



## 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.



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490  
Passcode: 634955

## WEDDING BANNES

- III Monika Kecki and Joseph Gioenco
- III Alyssa Gomez and Daniel Morales



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# 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. 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.**

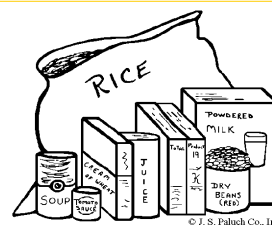
**Saturday, November 5 at 9:30 am at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Avenue in Oak Park.**

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 [stgiles@stgilesparish.org](mailto:stgiles@stgilesparish.org), or call the Parish Center office at 708-383-3430.

*Details regarding livestreaming will be available soon on the home page of our website: [stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org).*



## FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

Next weekend, November 5/6, is the **FOOD FIRST** weekend 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.

The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

— Psalm 145:14

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

	Total
Envelopes	\$15,364.00
Loose	\$2,185.82
Electronic*	\$15,614.00
Total Giving	\$33,163.82

\*(10/18/22-10/25/22)

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](http://www.stgilesparish.org), OR  
[www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://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!



# Grieving?

*Know someone who is?*



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

## **SURVIVING** THE **HOLIDAYS**

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



[www.griefshare.org/holidays](http://www.griefshare.org/holidays)

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



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***Second Collection next weekend,  
November 5-6***

October 18, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The sudden and unexpected influx of men, women and children seeking asylum to U.S cities, including Chicago, over recent weeks has presented our community with significant challenges but also significant opportunities to share God's message of compassion and joy. The plight of these asylum seekers, most of whom are fleeing violence, political oppression and crushing poverty in their home countries causes us grave concern, but I am convinced that this is a moment for us to join together in a mission of love and mercy.

Over 3,000 asylum seekers arrived in our city as of mid-October. Almost all the migrants we have welcomed report that they plan to stay in the Chicago area and will need support to reestablish their lives. Unlike other migrants, most do not have relatives in the States with whom they can live and learn as they build new lives.

The Catholic community has shown an outpouring of compassion as churches, religious congregations, and other ministries have opened their doors, and Catholic Charities has deployed a team to connect people with loved ones and conduct initial needs assessments. Across the Church, many parishes have responded, and more help is needed. We have mobilized to create a coordinated Catholic response to assist asylum seekers so we might maximize the impact of our assistance as we bear witness to our faith. A Working Group has gathered to evaluate opportunities to serve. We are considering several options including transitional shelter, parish sponsorships, and pastoral care for asylum seekers.

In support of these efforts, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will hold a second collection for asylum seekers at all Masses celebrated the weekend of November 5-6. The commitment of faithful Catholics like you will help ensure the success of this mission. Please consider giving to this collection or giving directly to Catholic Charities which will serve as a central gathering point for donations. You can make a donation to this effort by following a link on the Catholic Charities website:

[www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net), by emailing [donations@catholiccharities.net](mailto:donations@catholiccharities.net) or by calling (312) 655-7525.

Assisting asylum seekers will require significant time, talent and treasure. Anyone interested in knowing more about participating in this response may contact Tori Bawel at Catholic Charities ([WelcomeTheStranger@catholiccharities.net](mailto:WelcomeTheStranger@catholiccharities.net)). We will keep you informed and welcome your questions, prayers, and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

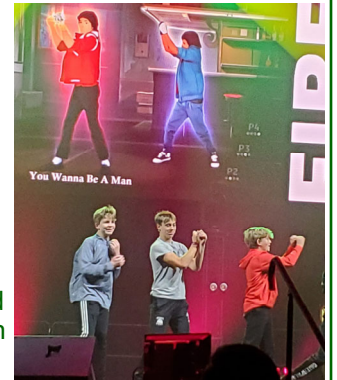
# Lifelong Formation

## Religious Education Reflections

October has been a busy month in Middle School Ministry. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students began by learning about the Bible, reading selected verses and considering what they might mean for their life.

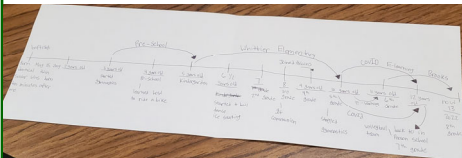
This is how some of the students responded following the class:

- I learned how to understand Bible verses and what they meant to me
- I learned the book of the Bible is the book of Faith
- I was surprised that I could really relate the verses to my life.
- The fact that there are so many different topics in the Bible surprised me.
- I will remember that God forgives all.
- I will remember how to navigate the Bible.
- I will remember that God is always with me and will always help me.
- I will remember that there is meaning behind the scriptures.



The following session the focus was Salvation History. Our understanding is that this first

began when earth was formed (about five billion years ago). The students considered the vastness and unity of God's Creation. Then they wrote a timeline of their own life, marking the important moments. They shared these at their table and talked about where God was in each of these.



Additionally, some middle school students attended Holy Fire, a Youth Rally sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago, on October 15, held at the Credit One Arena at the University of Illinois. There was live music, an optical illusionist, talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass with Cardinal Cupich. Several of our students were chosen to go on stage at various times throughout the day. Pictured are Kenan W. and Liam S. who participated in a dance-off.

## A Call for SPRED Catechists

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 their catechists nurture their faith.



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](mailto:mmadary@stgilesparish.org) or 708-383-3430 ext. 404.



## Faith & Fellowship

### "But if you try sometimes..."

A new Partner has been invited to fill the spot of the one who no longer wants to be part of Faith and Fellowship – is welcomed by all, and can't wait for the next meeting. The Catechists pray and discern how to best respond to the negativity of a Partner whose crabbiness is just the surface of a person who is deeply wounded. Catechists and Partners all signed a condolence card for a member whose Mom has passed away. Two Partners take complete charge of setting the table for our Agape, a sign that they feel capable ownership of their group. Staff at both facilities provided us with a list of residents' first names for Christmas cards to be created by students from two high schools. Mick Jagger was right. If we keep trying, sometimes we find we get what we need: a community of welcome and love.



# Parish Life



**YOU'RE A GOOD MAN  
CHARLIE BROWN**

## 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*

## 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](mailto:immigrantministry@gmail.com) or email Margie Rudnik at [margaretrudnik@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Over the summer the Prayer Shawl Ministry has continued to provide prayer shawls and lap blankets where needed, 15 in the last month, we received 12 new ones. This past month, we have sent a crate of scarves and hats to the French Nuns in Chicago for the homeless and another to the students at St. Eulalia's School in Maywood. We are preparing a crate of items to go to the Columban Mission in El Paso, Texas. They tell us that November is their coldest month. Now the Prayer Shawl Ministers are preparing hats and scarves to accompany the coats that were collected for the parish Coat Drive program. A new effort this year are small knitted/crocheted hearts to be presented on Veterans Day to the residents at Hines VA Center.



All of this is because of your generosity. We thank you!

Our Ministry is growing, we welcomed several new members over the summer. We have also been contacted by a group of knitters/crocheters in California who want to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry.

To receive a shawl or lap blanket for a loved one or to have one sent, call the Parish Center office at 708-383-3430, or come by during business hours. Please continue to pray for all those receiving an item. All items are lovingly made and intended to provide warmth and embrace the recipient through the prayers of a loving St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish and the presence of a loving God.

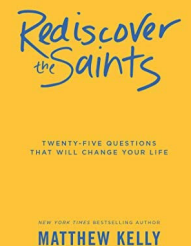
May you be enfolded in God's love,  
Margie Rudnik, for the Prayer Shawl Ministry



## Spiritual Classics for November: *Rediscovering the Saints*


On Tuesday, November 8, our Spiritual Classics monthly book discussion will be **Rediscovering the Saints**, by Matthew Kelly. Free copies of the book are available in the back of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church as well as the St. Giles Church. Please take a copy (while they last!) and plan to join us on Zoom for the discussion led by Clare Kalembo.

To get a link to join, email [laffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:laffc@ascensionoakpark.com) and put November Saints in the subject line. Hope to see you there!





Don't stand by! Stand up!




## ANTI-SEMITISM IN OUR COMMUNITY

What does it have to do with YOU?  
And what can YOU do about it?

Come hear about Anti-Semitic incidents and  
the responses to them from our panelists:

Trent Spoolstra, Assistant Regional Director,  
Anti-Defamation League  
Tim Mellman, OPRFHS alumnus  
Representative, OP Poilce Department  
Maureen Miller, Sponsor, Jewish Student  
Connections OPRFHS

**Tuesday, November 1**  
**7pm**  
join us on zoom  
register at  
[www.wsthz.org/form/SA-Anti-Semitism](http://www.wsthz.org/form/SA-Anti-Semitism)



## Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT® ASP 2023 Trip

**Next Summer:**  
**July 22 to July 29, 2023**

**Kickoff Meeting:**  
**Sunday, November 13**  
**6:30 pm**

**McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus**  
**1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park**

**Attention: High School Students & Adults (over 25)**

ASP is a life-changing experience -  
rewarding, and fun!

You repair homes for Appalachian families.  
Even more, you bring hope to them.  
You build relationships and meet new friends.  
And you have a great time with  
the teens and adults on the trip.



**But wait! There's more!**

Want to know **ALL** 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,  
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](mailto:Jack0329@comcast.net)



# Parish Life

## Food For Thought

### The Heart behind Serving

*Jesus often said how serving others  
can change peoples' lives:  
the ones receiving,  
and the ones providing.*

Volunteering harnesses the Power of People;  
their hearts heard the call from the bells in the steeple.  
They come bearing gifts of talent and time,  
with plans the hill of helpfulness to climb.

They're the church's heartbeat, fueled by a smile;  
Bring cheers to those for whom getting there's a trial;  
Proclaim the readings, sharing their true joy;  
As cantor or in choir—sing like a hautbois.

Committees to suit a volunteer's taste,  
like a Parish Council, though they may get aced;  
they're the top sheep, but Fr. Shepherd's the boss.  
Have a pet cause? Make the Sign of the Cross.

The liturgy folks choose the right prayers for Mass;  
They might even push for some music with brass.  
A head count at Mass, awake or asleep.  
A cash count from Mass, with hope for knee-deep.

Write a piece for the parish bulletin;  
Give the folks a weekly eye full-etin.  
Plan activities that are fun-raising;  
Help make those activities fund-raising.

Provide support for the under-resourced,  
with a heart full of love always unforced.  
Communion Ministry's quite a key call;  
And home visitation at day or nightfall.

Religious Ed in a faith community  
provides a precious opportunity  
to open a person's heart and mind  
to the love of Jesus for all mankind.

A church without volunteers is like:  
A street without lights;  
A park without trees;  
A playground without laughter;  
A day without sunshine;  
A shepherd with no sheep;  
Jesus with no disciples.

The benefits of volunteering at church  
mean a person no longer needs to search  
for the blessings that flow from Jesus to us.  
Generosity fills all the hearts...a majestic plus!

*"Why are volunteers not paid?  
It's because their work is priceless."*

Tom Lynch. [Tgl7714@gmail.com](mailto:Tgl7714@gmail.com). 10/30/22

*Comment: this idea came from Sue Schouten,  
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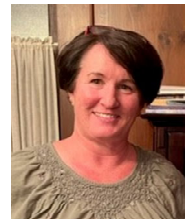
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