

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

God is not God
of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him all are

alive.

~ Luke 20:38

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 • Thirty-second 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, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 am; Saturday at 8:00 am (Confession following Mass, 8:30 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



It was good to see more folks attend Mass to "Pack the Pews" last weekend. While we have a ways to go, we have begun to see a gradual increase in weekend Mass attendance. Let's keep encouraging each other to join us at Mass, especially those who have not yet returned. In this week's bulletin, you will find the information submitted to the Archdiocese regarding our October Count that they require annually.

With Renew My Church and Building a New Reality there are many challenges and changes that take place. What we are accustomed to may shift or change completely. For many, this feels like being in the midst of a storm. Others are in the storm of uncertainty due to illness, loss of a loved one, a change in or loss of a job, maybe a failed marriage or a relationship that is on the rocks. These are some of the many different "storms" we may face in life. We can add to those the COVID 19 hurricane we have been through and which still threatens us as well as all the political storms that we must weather through.

I have shared this before, and I feel it bears repeating now. "RIDE OUT YOUR STORM, God is right there with you. You may not feel God, but you are not alone. Your hurting now, but your morning is coming. Just hold on to Jesus and ride out your storm."*

When we come to Mass or take time to pray at home, we are reminded to hold fast to the hope that is before us and anchors our soul. The world can be like a sea, and our journey of life can be uncertain, violent, dangerous, and unstable. We can be tossed about by the winds and the currents of life. When seas are most violent, a ship has the greatest need for a good anchor. Jesus, faithful to his promise to always be with us, is already on firm ground, awaiting our arrival. The anchor of hope in all situations, Jesus allows us to ride out our storm. We hold on to Him in the midst of the storms of life until our feet are firmly grounded.

Daily pray, attendance at Mass and receiving the sacraments all help us hold secure as we remain anchored in Jesus.

Have a blessed and safe week ahead.

With you a Christian, for you a priest.

Fr. Carl

*"Ride Out Your Storm," a gospel song made famous by Martha Borg.

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Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 7

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, November 8

8:30 — † Edwin Henrich
† Camila Loureiro
† Margaret Mary Griffin

Wednesday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:30 — † Frances Hammer
† Norm and Kay Muldoon
† Laurie Wood
8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:30 — † Deacon Gerry Zych (Anniversary)
† Barbara Posson
† Estevao Gurski

Friday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

6:30 — † The Sisters of Mercy
† Norm and Kay Muldoon
† Laurie Wood

Saturday, November 12

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 — † Celeste Jones
*4:30 — † Beatrice G. Turner
† Andy Sikowski
† Mike Goggin

Sunday, November 13

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † The Deceased of the Guzzardo and
DeStefano Families
† Louis and Mae Marie DeLuca
† Laurie Wood
10:30 — † All Saint Giles Parishioners and Benefactors

**This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website,
stgilesparish.org.*

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, Tom McHugh, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Phyllis Pappas; Amelia Patterson, Gary Phillips, 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.

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

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, November 12

5:00 — † Joseph Stockinger
by Evie Stockinger

Sunday, November 13

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00 — † Patrick Hargadon
by Jim Hargadon

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



BAPTISMS in our Parish

*"Little ones, the Christian
Community welcomes you with
great joy into our family of faith."*

Rayden Antonio Gonzalez, Yenedid Olea and Angel Gonzalez; **Leo Christian Marfil**, Ronald Marfil and Luanne Sales; **William John Francis Schilling**, Andrew Schilling and Barbara Larkin; **Elle Suzanne Castor**, Rony Castor and Lauren Platt; **Mary Michelle Raker**, Daniel Raker and Kathleen Cowan; **Domenico Salvatore Giovenco**, Gino Giovenco and Tabitha Guillaume; **Jovie Elizabeth Weichle**, Joseph and Jill (Bisluk) Weichle; **Orelene Lucille Christophe**, Nicholas and Heather (Johnson) Christophe; **Ernest Walter Allgood**, Adam and Trista (Bakale) Allgood.



Spiritual Life & Worship

Second Collection This Weekend to aid those seeking Asylum

This weekend, in solidarity with churches throughout the Archdiocese, there will be a second collection for asylum seekers. Chicagoland has seen an influx of people seeking asylum to the U.S. Like many of our ancestors, they have come to us from distant places and out of troubled circumstances and with hopeful aspirations of a better life for their families and children. They are the migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers on our doorstep who are in deep need of help and support. One way to help and welcome these sisters and brother in need is through this special collection. These funds will allow the Catholic community to welcome these newcomers with respect and dignity. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Welcome
our new friends*

*We are very pleased
to welcome
the following new parishioners:*

Deborah Ruff, Leslie and Jason Meraz, Cynthia Valiarambil and Scott Nees, Mary Boss, Matthew and Nicole Ranck, Juliana and Jeremy Olenek, Lauren Hepner Benke and Brad Benke, Melissa and Anand Kalamkar, Clare and Tyler Mink.

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

10/30/22 Weekend

Total

Envelopes	\$17,158.00
Loose	\$3,103.27
Electronic*	\$6,509.50
Total Giving	\$26,770.77

*(10/26/22-11/1/22)

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!



FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

This 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.

PACK THE PEWS A SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all of the St Catherine-St Lucy and St. Giles parishioners who joined our Pack the Pews Weekend of Masses on October 29 and 30. It was wonderful to have so many parishioners join us in worship. And we have much gratitude to those who prepared hospitality after each Mass. Many thanks to those of you who came together to welcome others and celebrate our faith.

Together, we will strengthen and enrich our community of faith.

We look forward to continuing to Pack the Pews each week as a faith community!

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



Parish Life

October 2022 Mass Attendance Count

Each year, the parishes of the Archdiocese do a weekend Mass attendance count to determine the sacramental needs of the Archdiocese as well as the distribution of resources.

Listed below is the October count for St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles October 2022:

	Saturday 4:30pm	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 9:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 10:30am	Totals
Church	St. Giles	St. Catherine St. Lucy	St. Giles	St. Catherine St. Lucy	Family Mass – St. Giles	St. Giles	
Oct 1-2	123	28	115	76	125	218	685
Oct 8-9	116	38	100	66	130	166	616
Oct 15-16	104	28	93	93	165	274	757
Oct 22-23	248	31	123	83	115	245	845
						Four Weekend Total	2903
						Weekend Average	725



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

Holiday Art and Craft Fair

Saturday, December 3
11:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 4
10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

McDonough Hall (2nd floor)
on the
St. Giles Campus

1101 Columbian Avenue
Oak Park
(directly north of the church at
the corner of Greenfield and Columbian)

Free Admission

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.

Parish Life

CCW Coat Drive

Many hands, heads, and hearts helped to make the St. Catherine - St. Lucy - St. Giles Coat Drive a success! Together, we collected 64 bags of coats, boots, and accessories for the organizations we serve.

Heartfelt thanks to co-chairs, Anne Murphy, Tara Smith, Stacy McEnery and Laura McNamara for your time, mindful insights, and many talents shared.

This year donations benefitted: A House in Austin, Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy, Chicago Survivors, Grace House, Sarah's Inn, Sister House, St. Angela's School, St. Leonard's Ministries, St. Philip Neri School, West Ridge Elementary, and others in need. We appreciate our partners at these organizations for coordinating: the Hilgart Family, Becky Martin, Tim Gallo, the Gallo Family, Mark and Paula Laboe, Zack and Lisa Schrantz, Susan Lescher, Lizzie Henricks, and the Wysocky Family.

We are especially grateful to Theresa Atchley, Kathy Ritten, Janette Cortes-Duewel, Kari Harris, Rachel Faulman, Sharon Bresnahan, Lauren Locke, Sue Croke, Ellen Griffin, Larry Wardzala, Meg Bigane, Jim Callahan, Hugo Lugo, MaryEllen Casselman, Mary Swiontoniowski, Guiseppina Mancuso, Heidi Bohan, Beth Chlumecky, Barb Diehl, Kate Janush, Maria Samatas, Joseph Gilleran, Marcheta Murphy, Leonard and Haley Giannone, Margaret Murphy, Joyce Sirota, Zelda Rideaux, the Sabatino Family, the Wittenberg Family, the Reineke Family, Meredith Wahl-Jones, Julie Noonan, the 5th Grade Girl Scouts, Livy Wysocky, Gavin McEnery, Joe McNamara, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for your amazing efforts, incredible contributions, and sincere dedication.

We are so grateful for all of the generous donations, over-flowing offerings, and inspiring support for this very special service project. Thank you community!



Time for Caring and Sharing: CCW Sharing Tree



For many years, the CCW has coordinated a Christmas tradition, the Sharing Tree. Through this ministry, we are given the opportunity to think about the needs of families, who are very much like us, however face significant financial needs. Our hope is to make this Christmas season a little brighter for them. Again this year, we will provide gift cards for families to purchase gifts and/or food or other needs. For those who are able, we are asking for donations of gift cards to Jewel, Walmart or Target. You can also make a donation (checks payable to St. Giles CCW) in any amount which we will apply towards purchasing gift cards. Mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Center, 1025 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302 or drop it in the Offertory collection at weekend Mass. You can also visit www.stgilesparish.org to make your monetary donation through GiveCentral, or just scan the QR Code that is shared here. So that we have sufficient time to purchase and allocate the gift cards to those needy families, please respond by Monday, November 28.

We are sure you agree that the Sharing Tree is one of the traditions that makes our Parish so special. Anything you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Madeleine Butler at 708-267-7572 or Pat Micucci at 773-237-4691.



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.

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.
1T1 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.

Lifelong Formation



Faith & Fellowship

“Oh, Happy Fault”

Well, all the Catechists were disappointed when only one of the four Partners showed up. Melissa had already announced that she was dropping out of the group (she does this from time to time but after a period of weeks or months, she returns). Caryn did not answer her page – not surprising, since this would have been her first time and she may have been nervous. Sophia, we were stunned to learn, had been discharged just that morning. So that left only Ramona, and four Catechists.

Ramona is usually quiet, and sometimes heavily medicated. But that night she stayed awake, shared in the Prayer Circle, led us all in a spontaneous “Kum-Ba-Ya,” and was unusually gregarious during the Agape. Maybe it was the Spirit at work, giving Ramona her very own space in the group that night.

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 or 708-383-3430 ext. 404.

Religious Education Reflections

September and October in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

In the first two months of Level 1 and Level 2 in the atriums of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), the pivotal place that Scripture holds in our Faith, our lives and our liturgy was raised up. The children solemnly enthroned the Holy Bible on the prayer table, honoring the presence of God in the sacred book given for all people of all times. The children in Level 2 were enthralled by the wooden bible “book” containing small versions of each individual book, that make up the one great book of the Bible.



Presentations on the celebration of the Mass, our great prayer of thanksgiving and praise, were also given in both levels. The children in Level 1 examined various articles of the altar that are kept in a delightful altar cabinet in the atrium. Level 2 presentations included the gestures of the Mass, starting with the *Breaking of the Bread* and the *Sign of Peace*.

Another key presentation in the CGS is the parable of *The Good Shepherd*. Both levels reflected on how much the Shepherd loves his sheep and calls each by name.

The children in both Level 2 and Level 3 sign up and plan a communal prayer service for the end of every atrium session. This special work is prepared and led by two different children each week. It includes readings, songs, perhaps a procession, and always personal prayer intentions.

The children in Level 3 are writing their reflections in journals this year. Presentations on *The Plan of God*, began in October. This plan, for a cosmic communion of love, focuses on the arrival and impact of human beings throughout history.





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*

SENIOR CORNER

After the 8:30 am Mass at St. Giles Church on Tuesday, November 15, we welcome all to come to McDonough Hall, as we will gather for **Breakfast with the Pastor**. We will have a catered breakfast at 9:00 am, followed by a presentation on our Advent theme, **"Preparing in Hope Together."** Reservation is required. Please contact **Barb Schulz 773-622-2121**.

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, the children have started school, and they have had their first official meetings with ICE (Immigration and Custom Enforcement).

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. 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.



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.**



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. Please plan to join us on Zoom for the discussion led by Clare Kalemba.

To get a link to join, email llaftc@ascensionoakpark.com and put November Saints in the subject line. Hope to see you there!

*Rediscover
the Saints*

TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS
THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
MATTHEW KELLY

Parish Life



Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Look to the Future

In 1927 Fr. Lawrence Frawley and his parishioners decided the first permanent building in our parish was to be a school. They believed that no parochial work was more important than the spiritual molding of children. They entrusted that important work to the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa. You may remember when they served in our parish. Perhaps a sister taught you to read and paint or taught your children to play the piano and solve math equations. So many lives were touched by these remarkable women. Now, in the year of their 175th anniversary celebration, they are reaching out to ask for support from others. For only the third time in the history of their congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa are conducting a capital campaign.

Mission Forward: 175 Years and Counting is underway. The goals of the campaign seek to fund the formation of new Sisters, the cost of care for retired Sisters, and their current and future ministries. Please go to their website at www.sinsinawa.org/missionforward to read more about their campaign goals and learn how you can support them. The Sisters ask for your prayers and keep you in their heart and prayer always.

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



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



Parish Life

Food For Thought

The Immortal Children of God

*"My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
Incline your ear to me; hear my word."
(Psalm 17:15)*

At play in today's Gospel
is the meaning of human life.
The Maccabees' believed
remaining true to their faith
was not in vain, more valuable
than their earthly life.
When the Sadducees
challenged Jesus about eternal life,
he responded that people
who live in the domain
of the age to come are like angels,
immortal children of God.

Love and relationships
in this realm are infinite gifts,
unfettered by efforts
to perpetuate an existence
over which we have no control.
The fruitfulness of their love
will show no limits of family,
clan or nation. In the coming world,
we will be lovingly related
to the entire universe.
Pope Francis in *"Laudato Si',"*
agrees: the destiny
of all creation is bound up
with the mystery of Christ.

Today's readings have us journey
in reflection from the heroic,
to the ridiculous, to the sublime.
We start with brothers
who believed more in God than death;
We hear Sadducees' objections
to the idea of eternal life;
Finally, Jesus invites us
to open our imaginations
to the life where we're headed.
Perceive the infinite value
of every relationship.

*"Life exists in bonding, communion,
fraternity; life is stronger than death
when it is built on true relationships
and bonds of fidelity." (Francis: Fratelli Tutti)*

The Liturgy of the Word
calls us to open our imaginations
and dream of all the love
we are capable of giving and receiving.
While appreciating all that life gives us,
Christ urges us to identify with the angels,
whose wide vision leads to rapt tenderness
and free involvement with all that exists.
That's how we can prepare
for the life of the age to come.

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