

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



Now I have seen and testified that he is the son of God.

--John 1:34

JANUARY 15, 2023 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: 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



The Christmas season is over, and the decorations are slowly coming down and being stored away.

Our worship sites were beautifully decorated, and our liturgies were prayerful and carefully planned.

I want to give a shout out to ALL who worked with such dedication to set up and decorate, to plan our music and liturgy, our musicians and singers, lectors and ministers, servers, ushers, greeters and all the office staff who edited bulletins, programs and contributed to the

many large and small tasks that needed to be done.

Thank you all!

As we enter into the New Year, we have made the decision to discontinue the livestream of the Sunday morning 9:00 am Mass at our St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church site. We are one parish and there will continue to be a livestream Mass each weekend offered from our

St Giles Church site. The schedule will be printed in the bulletin and posted on the website for either the Saturday 4:30 pm Mass or the Sunday 10:30 am Mass. The equipment and the internet connection we have at the St. Giles Church site provides for a clearer viewing and offers a closer connection so that one may more fully participate at Mass. The last livestreamed Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy will be at the 10:00 am African American Heritage Celebration Mass on Sunday, February 5.

Our unification team will meet again on January 17. We will meet jointly with the Ascension and St. Edmund team and discuss moving forward with a particular focus. That focus will be on discernment for the members of our communities and what individuals have to offer as we move into the next phase of Renew My Church, Building a New Reality (BNR.)

Finally, as we face a new reality and the challenges that follow, remember, Everything for Love!

St. Therese of Lisieux discovered that she could delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. Let's remember that and be sure that when we act or speak as a member of our community, helping build a new reality, we do everything out of love!

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

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Spiritual Life & Worship

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Jori Baker, Phyllis Baker, Joe Bigliotti, Danita Bowie, Herbert Breidenbach, Phil Calabrese, Tiffany Church, Patrick Cibula, Ray Cimms, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Andrea Dickson, Donald Pettis Edmond, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Katherine Fisher, Tom and Carol Frank, Mary Ellen Frank, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Michael Gallo, Grace Gryzlo Goodmanson, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Kimberly Lester, Jim and Linda Lewis, Jake Lofgren, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Lorry Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, Cary Phillips, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Dennis Rusin, Maureen Sansone, Baby Harrison Schenone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Phyllis Skwerski, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Phyllis Swanson, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Meg Welch, Nancy Wesclitz, Catherine Williams.

(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.

African-American Heritage Celebration **Mark Your Calendars, Save the Date!**

On Sunday, February 5, there will be a 10:00 am Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy for our annual celebration of African-American Heritage – a gathering of community embracing the Black Experience in history and holiness. ***(This will be instead of the usual 9:00 am Mass – NO 9:00 Mass at the SCSL worship site on Sunday, February 5 only).*** This year's event will be even more special than usual, since it will be honored by St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles as one parish of ***"Akwaaba."*** Come to the Mass, stay for the Pot Luck!!

POT LUCK BRUNCH -- parishioners are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to Maguire Hall (the gym) before the liturgy. Appetizer, salad, entree, side, dessert -- whatever you like! We could also use some volunteers with serving and clean up at the brunch. If interested, or if you have any brunch questions, email Ginny Jones at v.m.jones@hotmail.com.

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 16

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:30 — † Frances Hammer

Wednesday, January 18

6:30 — † Inez and John Bennett

† Bill Rice

† Romilson Simoes and Family

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, January 19

8:30 — † Julie Sullivan

† Chester Hammer

Friday, January 20

6:30 — † Joseph H. Grassberger

† Frank Soler for Healing

Saturday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 — † David Hori for Spiritual Healing

*4:30 — † The Donatelli Family

† Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio

† Maria Grace Zwierzchowski and Terrence Donlin

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † William J. Rodeck

† Joseph and Helen Shaker

† Rose Jantelezio

10:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

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

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

Wednesday, January 18

8:30 — † Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
by the Parish

Saturday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

5:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00 — † Virginia Harris

by Tom and Pat Nelson

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



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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



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AKWAABA! WELCOME!

The people of St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles
invite you to attend
the annual celebration of
AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE!!



Calling together all peoples
of our community
February 5, 2023
10:00 am MASS

**A CELEBRATION OF HISTORY,
COMMUNITY, and SPIRITUALITY**



St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church
38 N. Austin Boulevard
Oak Park, Illinois

Pot Lunch Brunch in Maguire Hall
Call 708.383.3430 for more information

Lifelong Formation

A New Initiative

The unified parishes of Ascension and St. Edmund with St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles are coming together to unify Religious Education programs for all our children. This will offer more options regarding the style of religious education that is best for their families.

Connected to this initiative, a Catholic center for lifelong learning and faith formation for Oak Park and the surrounding communities is being created. This is being done to call people, regardless of age, into a life of discipleship through Jesus the Christ, to meet people where they are in their faith journey, and to share resources for the benefit of all.

While not yet fully formed, this center will be a welcoming presence with a mission to share Christian faith within the Catholic context for all people. In order to be attentive to your needs from your spiritual community, we need to hear from you! What are your thoughts and ideas for this initiative?

You will receive a link to an email survey in the next few weeks for you to complete. There will also be a Town Hall-style meeting to have conversation and gather your feedback on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 pm in St. Edmund Church on Oak Park Avenue. Coming together, we can more broadly share Christ's light in Oak Park and the surrounding communities. We look forward to hearing from you.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd News

Advent was surely a time of joy and wonder for the children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. In each atrium session the children pondered Messianic Prophecies, which seek to answer the question of, "Who is this Child?" In Level 1, *The Prophecy of Light and The Prophecy of the Mother*; in Level 2, *The Star and Scepter*; and in Level 3 a synthesis of all five of the



Messianic Prophecies, were presented.

The Infancy Narrative, *The Visitation*, was also presented to all three levels of atria. The children were

captivated by this story of courage, joy and the gift of family. They reflected on the "yes" of these two holy women, Mary and Elizabeth, and for times we say "yes" to God.

The month ended with a visit to the Advent Circle Garden by the children and family members. This contemplative celebration of the season of Advent was the final preparation for the great gift of Jesus being born, as a popular atrium song tells us, "into our hearts."

As we cautiously walk into the new year, while the world continues to change around us, may we always find peace in the unchanging loving embrace of the Good Shepherd.



Oak Park Catechist Enrichment Day

Presenter: Christine Ondrla*

Sunday, January 29, 2023

11:00 am Mass at St. Edmund Church
12:00 – 2:30 pm Lunch and Presentation
Murphy Hall, St. Edmund Church



We are excited to invite ALL Oak Park catechists, catechist aides, confirmation mentors, and any interested future catechists to celebrate the Eucharist at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Edmund Church. At

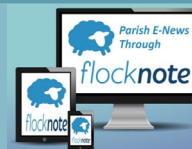
12:00 pm join us in Murphy Hall for lunch, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment with the locally beloved and nationally recognized catechetical leader, Christine Ondrla.

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 19, 2023, via email: religious.ed@ascensionoakpark.com. Thank you!

*Christine Ondrla has been involved in religious education for over forty-five years as a parent, catechist, director of religious education, national trainer and author. Christine Ondrla was the 2006 recipient of the Religious Education Excellence Award given by the NPCD in Atlanta, Georgia.

But wait! There's more!

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



Parish Life

**housing
FORWARD**
ending homelessness



SEEKING SITE CAPTAINS, VOLUNTEERS, & MEAL PROVIDERS FOR OUR EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER

Faith & Fellowship



A Tale of Two Gifts

Some years back, Catechist Mary Lou filled a gift bag with a lovely array of cosmetics and toiletries as a Christmas gift for her Partner Stacy. But it wasn't to Stacy's liking, and she made her displeasure plain. Mary Lou kept her feelings to herself, but at the next Catechist meeting she said how hurt and disappointed she had been with Stacy's reaction. The Catechists reassured her that her gift was fine, and all agreed that Stacy was simply ill-equipped to put on a good face of politeness.

Fast-forward to April, when the theme in the Prayer Circle was receiving a gift. We were stunned when Stacy said: "At Christmas, Mary Lou gave me a gift that I didn't really like, but I wasn't very nice about it and I hurt her feelings. I should have known that it's the thought that counts." And with that, Stacy gave everyone a gift.

St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church
38 N. Austin Boulevard in Oak Park



**VOLUNTEERS ARE A KEY PART OF OPERATING OUR
EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER
FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.**

The opportunities for this shelter are:

- > **Site Captain**
Site captains recruit and manage a team of volunteers from their congregation to fill volunteer needs and/or meals for a night of shelter operation.
- > **Evening Shelter Host** (6:30 pm–10:00 pm)
Volunteers help get set-up for the evening, greet the shelter guests as they arrive help them to set up their sleeping area, host dinner, and interact with clients until lights out.
- > **Overnight Attendant** (10:00 pm–5:00 am)
Volunteers support staff in ensuring a safe experience for the shelter guests.
- > **Breakfast Host** (5:00 am–7:00 am)
Volunteers serve a light breakfast, help shelter guests exit and assist with light clean-up.
- > **Meal Provider**
Volunteers donate and deliver a hot dinner meal, and/or a continental breakfast and/or a sack to-go lunches for 15 people.

To sign up, please scan the QR code to access the interactive calendar. Additional job descriptions and volunteer requirements can be found on the calendar.

For additional information, contact Cherrell Jackson at cjackson@housingforward.org



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Beginning January 18, 2023
McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus
1101 Columbian Avenue, 2nd Floor,
Oak Park, IL 60302
Contact Geri Tapling, 708-223-4912
griefshare@stgilesparish.org



Join Us for CCW's Winter 2023 Cook-off Event



What is it?

We are cooking and tasting our way through Ina Garten's Barefoot Contessa cookbook *Cook Like A Pro*.

How will it work?

Willing women pick one recipe from the cookbook, cook it at home and bring it to the event. There are so many recipe choices, from simple to complex ... you decide what recipe category is right for you.

How much does it cost?

It's free, but byob.

*This year we have added two fun elements; Barefoot Contessa Themed Raffle Baskets and a Split the Pot with an added prize of a Le Creuset Pot. All proceeds to fund the Annette Henneberry Scholarship Fund. Don't forget to bring some cash\$ to participate!

To RSVP and
pick a recipe
contact

Terry Clancy

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(708) 819-1580

JANUARY 28, 2023 • 7:00 pm
McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus
1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park

Parish Life

Food For Thought

Between Baptism and Glory

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him,
and said: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world...I saw the Spirit come
down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him...
he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.
Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."
(John 1:29-34)*

As we think back to our baptism,
it seems like a ritual in time;
But it's meaning now
is just about everything.
It's as important as an actual birth,
when baptized into a relationship
with Jesus, crucified and risen Lord.
We're claimed within the community
of his body—the Church.
Set on a trajectory toward eternity,
we are as a child of God,
serving our life a particular way,
sharing in the life of the Trinity.

And yet, baptism seems distant
from our ordinary lives. We ask:
What defines me today?
Family history; marriage; vocation;
Professional associations; social circle;
Hobbies and interests; parish affiliation.
But these are all external identifiers,
not my interior sense of self.
Baptism transforms my inner self;
It's God's gift of free participation
in my life with Christ.

Jesus went to Judea to encounter John,
who was baptizing in the Jordan.
He offered cleansing from sin,
before imminent judgment by God.
But John changed its meaning
to reflect new relationship with God,
a new covenant of love.
As Jesus comes up out of the water,
the Spirit of God descends on him like a dove.
A voice declares Jesus is God's beloved Son.
Jesus begins his mission, choosing
to be God's suffering servant,
who absorbs evil with forgiveness,
with only love to transform the world.

Baptism is important because it marks
the beginning. The beginning is important
because it determines the direction
we are going, determining our destination.
God is our source and destiny;
Jesus is the path between baptism and glory.
To embrace our identity is the most important
decision we will ever make. When we make it,
it will show us who we really are.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 1/15/23

Sources: NCR, P. Marrin 1/6/23 & 1/9/23
Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 10:37-38.



My Name is Pauli Murray

Film Screening:

Monday, February 6, 2023, 7:00 pm

Discussion: Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 7:00 pm

Facilitators: Maudette Carr and Shelby Boblick

In-person, Handicapped Accessible

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

Did you know that Pauli Murray was one of the most instrumental voices of the civil rights movement? Or is this the first time you are hearing her name? Many U.S. historians now claim that you cannot teach U.S. history without teaching the contributions of Pauli Murray. A legal trailblazer with pioneering contributions as a poet, activist, lawyer, and priest, you will not want to miss watching the documentary film *My Name is Pauli Murray* and participating in our film discussion!

This documentary film will be shown in the small conference room in McDonough Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 6! In the spirit of Black History Month, Shelby Boblick and Maudette Carr will facilitate a discussion of the film on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 pm in McDonough Hall. Come to either or both sessions!

Our conversation will touch on many of the "firsts" that Pauli Murray experienced and embodied in the fields of education and law, and socially through discrimination of race, gender, and sex. Through participants' collective wisdom and deep listening, we may perceive a deeper understanding of Pauli Murray's life. The life of Pauli Murray may be a story about bringing a new creation into being; we are destined to love, and we are going to love something into being.

Join us!

Shelby Boblick has a background in spirituality and loves the outdoors. After 30+ years of corporate real estate law practice and being trained as a pastoral associate, Shelby chairs the Board of The Well, is a long-term parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church, and facilitates a variety of spirituality conversations.

Maudette Carr is a social worker with 22+ years of experience in hospice and palliative care and is a presenter on end-of-life care. Having become a Sinsinawa Dominican Associate, Maudette has a second calling to follow in the Dominican charism. She is certified as a Circle Keeper in facilitating monthly anti-racism conversations. As long-time parishioner of St. Giles Church, Maudette serves the parish in many roles. Faith is important to Maudette.

Parish Life



All are welcome to view a free film screening and discussion of “The Letter” on Tuesday February 7. “The Letter” refers to Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si’* on integral ecology and our planetary crisis. Hear true stories of people from around the world who travel to meet with Pope Francis. They discuss how the climate crisis has impacted them and they share their hopes for the future. Registration is requested; go to tinyurl.com/af55jehp or use the QR code at right.



“The Letter” was produced by the Archdiocese of Chicago and is being shown at several parishes throughout Illinois. **Join us on Tuesday, February 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Murphy Hall on the St. Edmund Campus, 188 S. Oak Park Avenue in Oak Park.** Refreshments will be served; please contact Laura Kelley at mogliakelley@gmail.com if you’d like more information or to volunteer with the event. The film is appropriate for those ages 16 and up.



COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING

We will welcome the Interfaith Green Network and engage in facilitated conversations about their work.



Grace Episcopal Church - 924 Lake Street, Oak Park
February 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Please RSVP by January 30th to oprccoc@gmail.com

Dinner will be served
Optional \$15 goodwill offering



Spiritual Classics – Thomas Merton’s Contemplation

New Seeds of Contemplation by Thomas Merton is the Spiritual Classics choice for our next discussion on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:30 pm** over Zoom.

Thomas Merton was a Trappist monk at Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky in the middle of the twentieth century and wrote many books about his spiritual path. *New Seeds of Contemplation* seeks to awaken the dormant inner depths of the spirit neglected by modern society, and to nurture a deeply contemplative and mystical dimension in our lives. This book continues in the meditative tradition of St. John of the Cross, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, and the medieval mystics.

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to llaafc@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 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 Thomas Merton and his spirituality. All Oak Park parishes are welcome.

Spiritual Life and Worship

Pledge of Nonviolence



This weekend, we remember the crucial work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr to promote equity, peace and justice for all people. Peace and justice begins with each one of us, in our own hearts. At all Masses, we will be praying this pledge of nonviolence.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God...You have learned how it was said, 'You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy,' but I say to you, 'Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. In this way, you will be daughters and sons of your Creator in heaven."

I pledge to practice the nonviolence of Jesus:

By striving for peace within myself and seeking to be a peacemaker in my daily life;

By refusing to retaliate in the face of provocation and violence; by persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart;

By living conscientiously and simply so that I do not deprive others of the means to live;

By actively resisting evil and working nonviolently to abolish war and the causes of war from my own heart and from the face of the earth.

God, I trust in Your sustaining love and believe that just as You gave me the grace and desire to offer this, so You will also bestow abundant grace to fulfill it. Amen.

Pledge adapted from Aileen Egan and Rev. John Dear, S.J, distributed by Pax Christi

Sunday Evening 5:00 pm Mass to begin on January 22 at St. Edmund Church

We are excited to announce that we will be adding a new Sunday evening Mass to our weekend Mass schedule beginning in January. For several years throughout the Renew My Church process, we have been discussing the possibility of jointly sharing responsibility for a new Sunday evening Mass geared towards a more robust welcome of Young Adults in their twenties and thirties. While the focus will be on growing a Young Adult outreach in the greater Oak Park Catholic community, it should be noted that ALL ARE WELCOME to join in this weekly Eucharist. The beauty of every Mass on any given weekend is that indeed, "everyone" is there! However, it is possible for a particular Mass to extend an increased effort at welcoming a particular demographic of the Church.

We are also aware that many young families will welcome this time as Sunday morning sporting events can sometimes conflict with participating in a morning Mass on the Lord's Day.

Frs. Carl, Rex, and Robert, along with the Music Directors from our two unified parishes, have been meeting for several months with a core group of young adults to begin planning for this a weekly Mass that will hopefully become a meeting place, outreach and ministry site for young adults to share and celebrate their faith in our area. This Mass will be co-sponsored by the two Oak Park Catholic Parishes, Ascension and St. Edmund and St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles. Our parish priests will rotate as the presiders. Our Music Directors, David Anderson, Sue Kaszynski and Michael Silhavy, will be forming a new young adult ensemble of singers and instrumentalists and will share leadership and coordination of the overall music ministry for this Mass. Jane Anne Campbell will coordinate the young adult liturgical ministers who will be serving at this weekly Mass. It is our hope and goal for all Music and Liturgical Ministries (Lectors, Greeters, Servers, and Ministers of Communion) to be provided by our young adults.

Young adults interested in serving in any music or liturgical role can scan the QR code **above**, then enter your contact information and areas of interest. You may also contact any of our parish priests or any of the music directors at our different sites: David Anderson at d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com, Michael Silhavy at michaelsilhavy@gmail.com, or Sue Kaszynski at skaszynski@stgilesparish.org. Those interested in serving for a ministry other than music should contact Jane Anne Campbell at ja.campbell@ascensionoakpark.com.



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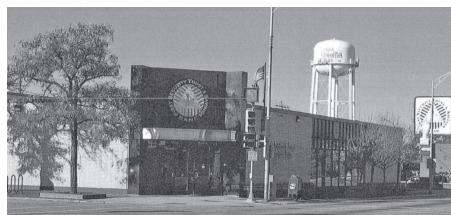
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