

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

*They left their nets
and followed him.*

~ Matthew 4:20



JANUARY 22, 2023 • Third 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



If you have been reading the bulletin and Flocknote, you cannot help but notice the efforts being made by the greater Catholic Oak Park Parishes and its members beyond who are working together for the greater good of strengthening our ministry.

First, the temporary homeless shelter at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory has opened. That was made possible through the efforts of members from both parish communities to ensure the necessary work was completed before the doors could be opened for overnight guests. Many volunteers have come forward to

prepare meals and offer assistance on the different shifts throughout the evening and morning. Financial donations have been generously made to support the work and needs of the shelter.

This Sunday, our first 5:00 pm evening Mass will be held at the St. Edmund Church site. The focus is young adult; however, all are welcome. The desire for an evening Mass with such a focus has been something our two newly unified parishes have been hearing for a while now. The time has come, and we begin something new and exciting.

And there is a movement going forward for a combined Religious Education program that will gather the gifts and talents of the entire Oak Park Catholic community to help form our young people in their faith. This is new and innovative and coming this fall.

So, while we are two new parishes, there is a continued effort to work together on ministries and opportunities for spiritual and faith formation and growth that benefit us all. These collaborations all fall under the Renew My Church (RMC) model - bonding together and working toward making new disciples, creating something new that folks are interested in and want to become a part of. All these plans and efforts are leading us into the next phase of RMC, Building a New Reality. Stay tuned and keep your eye on the bulletin and our website for more information.

We are called to create a new missionary moment in our parish and together in the larger community. What does a new missionary moment mean? In a nutshell it means we make a primary commitment to share our faith. This must be at the center of all we do – socially, in school and Religious Ed programs, at Mass and in the celebration of the sacraments. We all know that attendance, interest in the church, willingness to volunteer have affected our communities. Can we create the change to help turn things around? We are working at it; it is at the heart of *Building a New Reality*. This information was shared with and discussed at our joint unification teams' meeting last Tuesday evening. We also talked about a time to transition from unification teams to creating new parish councils and finance committees. These are next steps!

Finally, you will soon hear more about something that will be offered to our parishes and community, discernment of gifts! Stay tuned.

"You will know your vocation by the joy that it brings you."

– Dorothy Day

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

Fr. Carl

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Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 23

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, January 24

Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 — † Steve Cizmar

Wednesday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

6:30 — † Steven Thomas Hammer

8:30 — † Phyllis Swanson

Thursday, January 26

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

8:30 — † Marilyn Hammer

Friday, January 27

6:30 — † Tara Bassi

† Adanesh V. Michael

Saturday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 — † Ralph Bullock

† James Smith

† Louis and Elizabeth Toth

*4:30 — † Dr. Harold and Carol Bonus

† Kathleen Farrell

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Joan Daley Lee

† Phyllis Bukowski

† Eleanor Rosasco

10:30 — † Steve Pizzello

† Kathleen and Donald Draz

† Anna Junius

**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 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:30 — † Patrick Tobin
by the Parish

Saturday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00 — † Albert Ernst

by Evie Stockinger

† Mike and William O'Connell

by Eva Yee

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*9:00 — † Robert Whalen

by Tom and Pat Nelson

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

Second Collection Next Weekend for Little Sisters of the Poor

On the weekend of January 28-29, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home in Chicago is one of 167 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for financial support. Virtually all of the current Residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid, and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 145 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you!

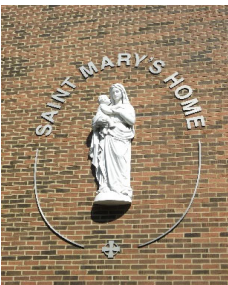
www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org

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, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Baby Harrison Schenone, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Phyllis Skwerski, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, 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, especially Michael Harrison, son of Sue and Ed Harrison, Dina Goldstein, and Phyllis Swanson.





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

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Lifelong Formation

Center for Lifelong Learning and Faith Formation Survey

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?

The purpose for this survey is to listen to needs and ideas to create a fresh approach for lifelong learning and being a person of faith in the Catholic community at any age.

In addition to this survey, there will be a town hall style meeting on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 pm at St. Edmund Church.

We are grateful for your participation.

To complete the survey, scan the QR code here, or enter the URL in your browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGBS68M>



Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted,
and wait for the LORD.

— Psalm 27:14



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SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program 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.

Our SPRED program at St. Giles began in 2013 and today includes four friends who are all in their twenties. Our catechists and friends meet about twelve times throughout the year. We share our faith with each other through activities, songs and, of course, prayer. One of the highlights of our meetings is Agape, a time near the end of our evening together when we break bread and share ourselves with one another. The Holy Spirit is a part of all our SPRED gatherings!



Parish Life

**housing
FORWARD**
ending homelessness



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

Faith & Fellowship



"Welcome, Neighbors!"

In recent years, because of attrition and Covid, activities at St. Catherine-St. Lucy rectory had gradually diminished to the point that Faith & Fellowship was pretty much the only one left. It felt a little lonely, but it was kind of rewarding to be sustaining a Gospel presence. So now that *Housing Forward* has moved in, we are thrilled to be sharing not only a building but a commitment to care for people in need. Even though the two agencies serve different purposes and do different things, it's a sign of the Spirit that each in its own way carries out the mission of *whatsoever you do*. And it's nice that the rectory is becoming once again alive and vibrant!

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



CHRISTMAS EVE SHELTER DINNER: A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

Christmas Eve was getting back to normal from the two previous years. We worked to make sure that our servers and our guests followed COVID-19 protocols. St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish provided Christmas dinner and gifts at two area shelters on Christmas Eve. This could not have been possible without the incredible support of our generous parish community.

We worked hard on Christmas Eve to serve at Housing Forward (PADS) in Oak Park, which is currently located at the Wright Inn, and the Franciscan Outreach shelter (formerly San Jose Obrero) in Pilsen. Parishioners prepared fully cooked hams and turkeys. We were able to purchase wonderful deserts because of your generous donations. Our parishioners donated wrapped sweaters and made monetary donations so that we were able to make the celebration special for these often forgotten people. Each of our guests was given a brand new wrapped sweater in addition to a hot meal. Because of your kindness, we were able to give the children at the New Moms center on Chicago Avenue gifts on Christmas Eve, and we had a special bag for each child on Christmas morning from Santa. We had a surplus of food and gifts, so we wrapped up sandwiches and brought our extra gifts to the underpass on Chicago Avenue and Kedzie Street where at least 40 of our homeless brothers and sisters are living in tents. They were given new sweaters and ham/turkey sandwiches. They were so delighted and grateful beyond belief, they even started singing Christmas carols as we distributed donations. They asked our volunteers to share their gratitude with the parish community.

On behalf of each of the guests we served that night, thank you all for your participation and generosity in this annual parish event. None of this Christmas joy would have happened without you and your constant support of this annual ministry. We are truly blessed to live in a community like St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles!

Lynn Farrell, Christmas Eve Coordinator

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 some fun elements; Barefoot Contessa Themed Raffle Baskets and 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

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

Parish Life

Food For Thought A Vulnerable God

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends.
(John 15:12-17)*

The changeless significance of Christmas can be simply stated:
God assumed a human form in Jesus with the Incarnation.
But fusing of divine and human traits creates a mystery, manifested in those Jesus moments of grief and agony, frustration, anger, compassion and joy, and professing friendship with us.

As God the Father loved him, Jesus loved each of his disciples.
He calls them his friends (John 15 above).
Relationship between Deity and the human is defined:
Mutual affection, intimacy and self-revelation.
What's it mean for Jesus to call us his friends? The Old Testament has Isaiah naming Abraham as God's friend.

In John there's intensification and broad intimacy.
An ancient King would never be friendly with his subjects, nor walk or live among them all; Jesus shattered the hierarchical relationship between God and human, with his recognizing the intrinsic worth of humans.

Jesus profoundly altered the understanding of what's the power dynamic between God and us—power can't generate love.
He wants our love, and we want his.
Jesus wants relationships, including friendships; Thus, his vulnerability.
A vulnerable God is an essential part of the Christian history.

We're called to love, honor, welcome and encourage one another, and share burdens.

We bring to all an aroma of blessing, hope, joy, peace and especially love, with friendship then and now, as modeled by Jesus, for marginalized outsiders.

There are those who patterned their lives as Jesus asked, men and women whose lives have been touched and transformed by the grace and love of God.

They are reflections of the divine.
They have loved us as Jesus loved them—they're our friends, and they make a difference.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 1/22/23

Sources: NY Times, 12/24/22, Peter Wehner
John 15:12-17.



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

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 laaffc@ascensionoakpark.com with the name of the book in the subject line. You'll receive a return email before the discussion with a link for the Zoom meeting.

For more information, links to obtain the book, and details for the upcoming 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.



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 oprffcoc@gmail.com

Dinner will be served
Optional \$15 goodwill offering



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

Receive "The Letter"

"Once you know, you cannot look away."
— Lorna Gold

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.



Spiritual Life and Worship



This amazing group of former teen choir college freshman and current teen choir high schoolers sang at the 5:00 pm service on Christmas Eve. We thank each of them for their commitment, their talent and their contribution to this beautiful celebration of Christ's birth.

African-American Heritage Celebration

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 am 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.

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



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 this weekend. 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 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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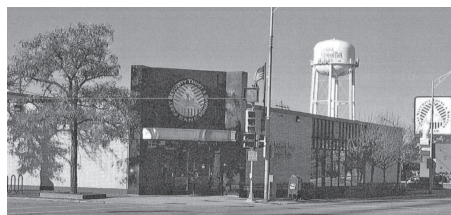
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