

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.

PSALM 112

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 • Fifth 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



Last Thursday evening, a Town Hall meeting was held in Murphy Hall on the St. Edmund campus. The purpose of the meeting was to begin sharing information about a unified Religious Education program, providing options for different methods of Religious Education for our Oak Park community and beyond. This unified process will begin this summer. As the process and plans unfold, more details will follow. Stay tuned.

The meeting also touched on establishing a Catholic Center for Lifelong Learning and Faith Formation for Oak Park and our surrounding communities and the families we serve. The next phase of Renew My Church is ***Building a New Reality***. Although we are two parishes, we are one in sharing resources and talents when it comes to our common ministry and the call to share our faith and invite others into our faith communities. With the desire to meet folks where they are on their own journey with Christ, we can be strong and welcoming together as we share the fruits of our own Christian experiences and faith.

Good feedback was given at the meeting. However, it was clear that more conversation and clarity on what the center will offer and where, and how it will operate is needed. Please see the information shared by Marci Madary, presently the Director of Lifelong Formation here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish. There is information about a survey (see page 5 of this bulletin) you are invited to participate in as your input is welcomed and necessary. Marci is coordinating the efforts to unite the RE programs and will be the Director of the Catholic Center as it takes shape.

This is a perfect segue into the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme is ***WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS***. Ultimately, this is what *building a new reality* is all about for our newly united parishes and our larger Oak Park efforts, to share our faith stories and walk on the road with Jesus, inviting others on that journey with us. As parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago, our main goal is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and carry on his mission through our faith communities, schools and ministries. The Appeal's funds, as you may have read in the literature sent in the mail, support low-income parishes and schools, religious education and outreach programs, development for priests, Catholic Relief Services and more. **Next weekend, February 11 and 12, is Appeal Weekend.** Please be generous in your contribution. Most of us will send our donations in through the mail. Be sure to mark St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles as your parish so we are given credit for the donations shared.

Please save the date! Fr. Rex and I, along with our Operations Directors Matt Brophy and Carlos Guerrero, are planning an all-community information meeting for our parishes on Monday, March 6, at 7:00 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus. The title is: ***Faith, Finances, Facilities and Facts***: addressing what we have learned and what are the challenges we face as we journey through this process of unification. I want to also share with you that Fr. Rex, Matt, Carlos and I meet regularly with our Archdiocesan representative, Bill Watt, to discuss the many aspects of joining and working together on our larger initiatives. We have created a team that helps support and gives counsel for the many decisions that have to be made in these uncharted waters we are swimming in. I think we all find it to be a great help; I do for sure! I wanted you to be aware that this is happening and that we are not working alone or in isolation.

This past Friday was the Feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. While we really don't know much about his life, he was known to be a doctor who saved a boy choking on a fish bone. Since then, this healer and martyr has been called upon to heal illnesses of the throat. For this reason, we remember Saint Blaise and will honor him with the blessing of throats as the final blessing at all Masses this weekend.

Have a blessed week ahead.

With you a Christian, for you a priest.

Fr. Carl

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, Frank Huss, Phillip Jones, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat 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, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, Julie Troost, 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 Therese Veldman, mother of Susan Finn, and Lawrence Tomich, uncle of Susan Finn, and Ernestina Rodriguez.

WEDDING BANNS

I Ashley Santore and Joseph Manfredini

Welcome
our new friends

We are very pleased
to welcome
the following new parishioners:

Nicola and Andrea Nitti, Edward Malone, Megan DeMarco and Josh Abrego, Juan and Amy Fuentes, Rosa Hughes, Michelle and Eugene Devine, Candelario Margil and Emelia Bedolla, Ryan and Anel Estudillo, Paul Frutos and Reshma Rampersao.

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, February 7

8:30 — † Frank Senese

Wednesday, February 8

6:30 — † The Sue and Joe White Family

† Owen Petrzelka

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, February 9

8:30 — † Mariette Ann Forberg

Friday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

6:30 — † Rosemary Whiston

† Dr. Robert Hammer

† Joseph and Helen Shaker

Saturday, February 11

8:00 — † Mary Alice Dixon

4:30 — † The Garippo and Pinto Families

† Nella and Domenic Rossi

† Mark Walsh

† Johnny Malone

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio

† Betty Shaker

*10:30 — † Margaret Harmon

† Michael Harrison

† Mary Vasen Worrall

**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, February 8

8:30 — † Donna Kanapes

by the Parish Community

Saturday, February 11

5:00 — † Grace Ernst

by Evie Stockinger

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 — † Marcella Aceto

by Pat and Tom Nelson

BAPTISMS in our Parish

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

Adelina Lily Loughnane, Martin Loughnane and Julianne Cox; **Brielle Rae Cleary**, Christopher and Joelle (Paterno) Cleary; **Miguel Angel Velazquez**, Miguel Velazquez and Cindy Lopez; **Patrick O'Neill Kelty**, Joseph Kelty and Kathleen O'Neill; **Samuel Patrick Gass**, Christopher and Emily (Lynch) Gass; **Giovanni Nitti**, Nicola and Andrea (Sepulveda) Nitti.



Unification News

To Our Parishioners,

The Children's School, which currently occupies St. Edmund School, has advised their community that the Archdiocese is not renewing their lease on the St. Edmund School property. Recently, we learned that the building is in need of extensive repairs, repairs which are not feasible to finance. The parish is also unable to financially manage the risk associated with this building while occupied by the school. These are some of the factors which led to the decision by the Archdiocese not to renew the lease. While The Children's School and the Archdiocese began negotiations last year regarding a lease renewal, the discovery of these extensive and expensive repairs to the building make that impossible.

Further information is being gathered about St. Edmund School and will be shared with the wider community on March 6, as part of an Oak Park conversation on our parishes. The details for this event, '**Faith, Finances, Facilities & Facts,**' are below.

In consideration of the school and the challenge they have ahead, we agreed that they would communicate this news to their community before we notified our wider community. We hope you will understand the sensitivity and difficulty of such communication.

Please reach out to either one of us with any question you may have. Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Rex Pillai

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

Fr. Carl Morello

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

Faith, Finances, Facilities and Facts Meeting: **Monday March 6, 7:00 pm**

Eight months ago, we began a journey to form two new Catholic Parishes in Oak Park.

As newly unified parish communities formed from four original parish communities, we have faced a number of challenges.

The mergers have also been a source of many blessings in our worship and in our service to our sisters and brothers.

And yet, there are still many questions and uncertainties before us as we continue this journey of unification.

We invite you to an all-Oak Park Catholic Parishes Meeting to begin addressing these questions.

The focus of the meeting will be Faith initiatives, Financial summaries, Facilities reports and other Facts of note.

The meeting will be Monday, March 6, at 7:00 pm in McDonough Hall (2nd floor), 1101 Colombian Ave., on the St. Giles Campus.

The hall is handicapped accessible with a ramp on the south side of the building as well as an elevator available to reach the second floor.

Fr. Rex Pillai, Pastor, Ascension and St. Edmund

Fr. Carl Morello, Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles

Carlos Guerrero, Operations Director, Ascension and St. Edmund

Matt Brophy, Operations Director, St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles

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Lauren Locke, Sr. Sue Paweski and Sue Croke, Receptionists

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Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; Sunday, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Mr. Loretto J. (Carlotta) Madonia, Jr., Deacon (retired)

Mr. Kevin (Marc) Morgan, Deacon

Mr. William (Abbie) Pouncy, Deacon

Mr. John (Barbara) Walters, Deacon

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Lifelong Formation

Center for Lifelong Learning and Faith Formation Survey

On Thursday, January 26, a town hall-style meeting was held at St. Edmund to share ideas about a center for lifelong learning and faith formation. The 30 participants had lively conversation, sharing both excitement and concern.

If you didn't have a chance to participate and would like to share your thoughts, please complete the survey or contact Marci Madary at mmadary@stgilesparish.org or 708-383-3430 ext. 404

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

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



Faith & Fellowship



To Lend a Glove

Ruthie was not wearing gloves, and it was cold. Her driver wore a double pair, but when she offered to give her one, Ruthie declined. Had she lost hers? Had they been stolen? Did she not have any to begin with? Ruthie did not want to appear to be needy and it was only when her driver said "Well, I'll lend them to you and you can give them back when we get back to Central Plaza" did Ruthie say OK. Later, at the end of our Agape, she dug through her jam-packed purse, searching fruitlessly for her gloves. And when she was dropped off back at Central Plaza, she was diligent to make sure to return the borrowed pair. Her driver could have said, "Oh, just keep them" but instead she allowed Ruthie to know that she was not an object of charity, but simply that she had a friend.

SPRED Your Faith!

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a parish-based ministry that provides faith formation and spiritual nourishment to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages.

Did you know that St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish has a program for 22 years old and older?

We would love to offer programs 2022-2023 for other ages and we need your help!

SPRED consists of adult parish volunteers and welcomes people with different abilities from the following age groups:

Children: 6-10 years old

Adolescents: 11-16 years old

Young Adults: 17-21 years old

Adults: 22 years and older

Training for **SPRED** will be held on February 11, 18 and 25 from 1:00-6:00pm at The Special Religious Development and Resource Center located at 2956 S. Lowe Ave., Chicago. They will also have additional training in March.

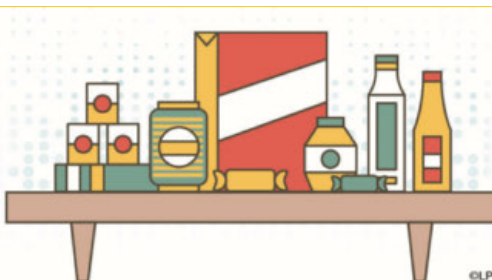
For more information, please contact, Kelly McCreary, kmccreary@stgilesparish.org, or at 708-383-3430, ext. 101

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

This weekend, February 4/5, 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 this 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.



Spiritual Life and Worship

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.



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

"You are the light of the world."
--Matthew 5:14 a

Wednesday Night Bible Study resumes on February 15!

**7:00 pm in the St. Giles Parish Center Living Room,
at 1025 Columbian Avenue, and over Zoom**

All are welcome - It is **NOT** necessary or required you attend each week... Come when you can!!

We will be continuing our series of diving into the Gospels using **The Chosen – Season Three** as a tool to help explore more deeply the reality of Jesus as God and man. We'll be sending out study guides, including bible verses/chapters that will be referenced in the episode that we will be watching each week as well as questions to ponder and discuss together.



Contact **Maria Samatas** at msamatas@me.com for more information!

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

**housing
FORWARD**
ending homelessness



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

The Senior Corner



We are preparing for our annual **Mardi Gras Luncheon**, set for Tuesday, February 21, at 12:00 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus..

Attendees may bring either an **appetizer**, a **salad**, a **main dish** and/or **dessert**. Beverages will be provided. You won't want to miss this opportunity to party before we enter the holy season of Lent. Please call **Ann Sullivan at 708-345-3374** to sign up and bring something to share. Remember, people make the party, and **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Fun is the order of the day, so beads and masks are strongly encouraged.

Our 2023 membership fees (\$25) may be paid at our February meeting. You might be looking at this information and be wondering who do they consider a Senior? Well, anyone who wants to enjoy fellowship with others. Come see what we are all about.

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



The Letter is a dynamic new feature-length film by Laudato Si' Movement in partnership with Off the Fence Productions. It was released in October 2022 in collaboration with the Vatican. It brings Pope Francis' vision of integral ecology to life.

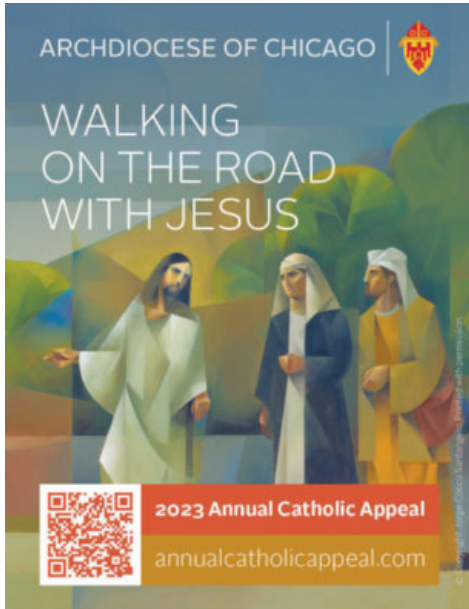
The film follows individuals from around the world as they are invited to meet with Pope Francis to discuss how climate change is impacting their lives and the steps they are taking to tackle it. Their journey is transformative.

Join us on **Tuesday, February 7, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm** in **St. Edmund's Murphy Hall, 188 S. Oak Park Avenue**, for a **free screening of "The Letter."** Refreshments will be served; please contact Laura Kelley at mogiakelley@gmail.com if you'd like more information or to volunteer with the event. The film is appropriate for those ages 16 and up.

Registration is requested; go to tinyurl.com/af55jehp or scan this QR code.



Parish Life



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal ...Walking on the Road with Jesus

Many parishioners have already received the mailing from Cardinal Cupich inviting them to contribute to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. The Appeal funds the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago in its holy mission to teach, to serve and to sanctify, thus carrying out the work of Christ. When you support the Appeal, you are united to a faith community that demonstrates the love of neighbor through the good works we are all able to collectively provide.

On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your consideration and support this year and in past years.

Here in our Parish, the Appeal will formally take place on the weekend of February 11-12 when all will have the opportunity to listen to a recorded message from Cardinal Blase Cupich. If you have already mailed back your response, thank you! If not, please know that with your thoughtful pledge or gift next weekend, you will be answering the call to *Walk on the Road with Jesus*.

CCW Lenten Soup Suppers are back!

Please join us on Thursdays in Lent for a simple meal of soup and fellowship.

The first soup supper will be on Thursday, March 2, in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Please bring your own bowl and utensils. Admission is free.

There will be a free-will donation to benefit Housing Forward.

Calling all soup makers! Individuals or groups are needed. Please contact Beth Chlumecky for details at 224-725 9841 or lutzchlumecky@comcast.net.



We're on a Mission...

...to bring together parishioners, neighbors, friends, and family for a one-night-only live music event on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

Doors to the venue, Greater Chicago Church located at 705 Jackson Blvd. in Oak Park, open at 7:00 pm, and the first band takes the stage at 7:30 pm.

Purchase tickets by scanning the QR code on the event poster on the next page.



We also need volunteer help to make this event a success! If you would like to volunteer, please scan the QR code here to sign up! Thank you!

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 laffc@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.

WE'RE ON A MISSION

*An evening of live music featuring
Pink Nightmare Revolution
The Island of Misfit Toys
and Special Guests*

TICKETS:
\$40 in advance,
\$50 at the door



- Live Music
- Cash Raffles
- Split the Pot
- Door Prizes
- Light Fare
- Signature Cocktail
- Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks

Scan this
QR Code to
Purchase
Tickets



Date: Saturday February 25, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM Doors Open, Show Starts at 7:30

Location: GCC 705 Jackson Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60304

SPONSOR:

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

Parish Life



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.

Food For Thought **The Thirteenth Apostle**

*“If you remove from your midst
oppression, false accusation and malicious speech,
if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
and gloom shall become for you like midday.”
(Isaiah 58:7-10).*

Known as the apostle to the gentiles, Jesus sent Paul to convert the gentile world. His letters predated the four gospels, and he had a profound influence on the forming of the New Testament, as well as the early Church.

His encounter on the Damascus Road precipitated a deep reflection: He understood the mystery of Christ dwelling in every baptized person, emerging as they live the pattern of Christ’s death and resurrection.

Paul’s missions, preaching and pastoral acts of founding the first faith communities in the Mediterranean basin, became the basis of the young Church that survived the Temple’s destruction and of Jerusalem itself.

Paul is destined to extend the mystery of Jesus Christ beyond its Jewish roots, into the non-Jewish world, a mission first resisted by the Jerusalem Church, but he was sent to extend his mission across the whole World.

In his second of three missions, he travelled widely in Asia Minor, crossed into Europe, the Greek peninsula, back into Asia Minor, Palestine and Antioch. Trial and jail in Rome eliminated his trips; He died at Roman hand for heresy.

Paul rides the waves and storms of history, a profoundly controversial figure, opening the original Jewish Movement to the gentile world, to affirm faith in Jesus as sufficient for universal salvation.

Paul’s letters contain the groundwork for all subsequent theologies of Jesus as fulfilling his promise to Israel. He teaches Jesus as pioneer of Creation, and model for our destiny as heirs with him to divine life.

Paul’s role was so preeminent that some call him the “The Founder of Christianity.” The opening comments in Luke’s Acts of the Apostles state it as a recording of many conversions, principally through the missionary journeys of St. Paul.

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