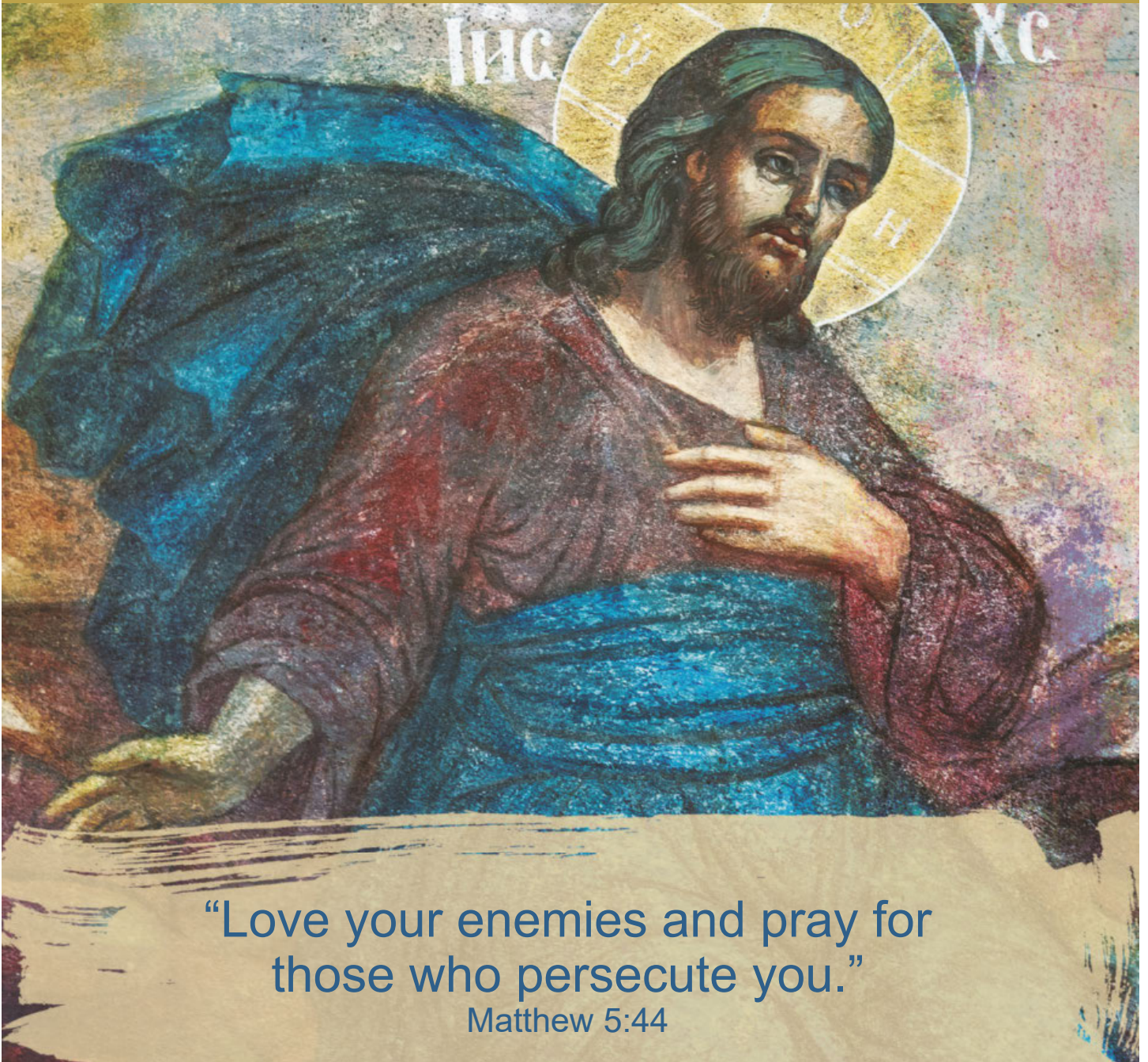


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



“Love your enemies and pray for
those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 • Seventh 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; 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



Dear Parishioners,

As we are quickly moving through the month of February, and Lent is beginning this week, we are also continuing to move through the process of unification of our two new parishes: **St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles**, and **Ascension and St. Edmund**. Our unification teams have met individually and together on multiple occasions. At our last meeting on January 17, we began to discuss next steps. This marks a time of transition for our respective unification teams as we move forward looking at the next phase of **Building a New Reality** for our two new parishes, and

what we have been visioning for the future Catholic Community here in Oak Park and those in our community who reside beyond our usual geographic borders. Together, we can create a strong presence and witness to the Body of Christ in our support for one another and those in need. While we honor what makes us unique and vibrant in our respective parishes, we also have the opportunity to see how we can share the gifts and talents we can bring to the larger church community that we are a part of.

We can be proud of the fact that we have begun our shared Sunday evening Mass at the St. Edmund site with a focus on young adults. We can be proud of the fact that in conjunction with Housing Forward and the help of members from each community, we have opened a temporary shelter for the homeless in the St. Catherine-St. Lucy rectory. All of this is supported by the Oak Park Village leadership.

And there has been a lot of work happening to build a team, with representatives from each of the communities served, to create a strong Religious Education program that will meet the growing needs for all our families as we work together to pass on our Catholic faith to our children.

There are still many opportunities and challenges before us. But look at what we have already started, and what we have already accomplished together!

Now we will begin our next phase of building our new parish councils and finance committees. Rick Moreno, the Vicariate representative who works with parishes that are in transition, presented information to us at a joint staff meeting last Tuesday, and will continue to provide guidance at a **Building A New Reality** meeting on Monday, February 20. If you have an interest in serving our communities as we move into this new phase of our unification, please reach out to one of us and let us know.

At the heart of the conversation is the reality that we must move forward with a focus on MISSION, speaking about and sharing our faith stories and inviting others to know Christ. For some, we may be the first encounter they have. Friends, we know that change is never easy for any of us. But the church has been changing and we are changing. We are on this journey together. Our prayer is that may we trust the Holy Spirit to guide us, and that we never forget that the center of our lives is our faith in God and our strength as we come together as the living Body of Christ.

Wishing all a safe and blessed week ahead.

Fr. Rex Pillai and Fr. Carl Morello
Companions on the journey!

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Lent 2023

God's Spirit is moving and up to something new in our lives this Lenten season...

Join our whole parish community during this Lenten season to discern how God's Spirit is moving, starting this Ash Wednesday, February 22:

Ash Wednesday Schedule



Masses: 6:30 am and 8:30 am at St Giles Church;
8:30 am at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church;
and 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church

Prayer Service with Ashes: 4:30 pm at St. Giles Church
and 5:30 pm at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church

Outside Ash Distribution at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church
from 6:00-6:30 pm on Washington Avenue

Family Mass Community Prayer Service with Ashes
at 7:30 pm in McDonough Hall

Lent Care Packages

Are you unable to be at church in person? Do you know someone who is homebound?

Lent Care Packages will be available to bring to loved ones
beginning this weekend at both churches.

Please take one and deliver it to anyone who might need it!
Take some time to visit and connect with your neighbors.

Please call the office if you would like one delivered to you,
or fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/5PGnthofxpkP54id8>

*If you would like to help prepare or deliver the care packages,
please contact Alex Ryan alexryan@stgilesparish.org*



Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 20

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish
† Rev. Joseph E. Corrigan (2-20-1994)

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 — † Julie Sullivan
† Patrick Montroy
† Gene Kelly

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

6:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors
8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors
4:30 — *Prayer Service with Ashes*
7:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, February 23

8:30 — † Florence Keller

Friday, February 24

6:30 — † Marilyn Hammer
† Joseph and Helen Shaker

Saturday, February 25

8:00 — † Dick Schutter
4:30 — † The Zitella Family
† Louis and Elizabeth Toth

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 — † Paul Lamb
† Anthony Abraham
† Eleanor Rosasco
*10:30 — † Steven Thomas Hammer
† Peter Wrenn
† Fred Cafasso

**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 22

Ash Wednesday

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors
5:30 — *Prayer Service with Ashes*

Saturday, February 25

5:00 — † Tak Kanazawa
by Era Yee
† Vicente Yee-Canama
by The Yee Family

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 — † Donna Kanapes
by Fundraising Friends

WEDDING BANNS

- II Helena Accettura and Anthony Cicchiana
- III Ashley Santore and Joseph Manfredini

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, Ginny Jones, 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 Mary Stratthdee, Lorraine Kirsten and Charles Keshner.

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/](https://us02web.zoom.us/Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490)
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LEAVEN FOR LENT: VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL PRACTICES Go to the parish website at stgilesparish.org and click on the "Leaven for Lent" Icon, or check the weekly e-news for further information.

Spiritual Life and Worship

Special Collection for those affected by the Earthquake

This weekend at all churches throughout the Archdiocese, there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services to aid those affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The magnitude of this humanitarian crisis is unparalleled. Your contribution will provide needed assistance to those who have been left injured and homeless. Thank you for your generosity.



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

2/12/2023

	<u>Total</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Envelopes	\$ 10,951.00	\$556,433.77
Loose	\$ 3,976.72	
Electronic*	\$ 9,064.00	\$375,766.17
Total Giving	\$ 23,991.72	\$932,199.94

*(2/8/23-2/14/23)

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

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.

The next **FOOD FIRST** weekend at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be on **MARCH 4/5**. 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.

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.

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2023 Annual Catholic Appeal: Walking on the Road with Jesus

Last weekend, we listened to a recorded message from Cardinal Cupich on this vital annual need. Thank you to all who have responded and offered their support by mailing in their gift or pledge.

The Appeal will continue for the remainder of February. There is a table in the gathering space of both Church sites with brochures, offering envelopes and a drop box for your completed donation.

You may also offer your gift or pledge online by following the link here or on our parish website. **Please remember to add our Parish name on your offering form so that we get credit.**

Thank you for joining our faith community that demonstrates the love of neighbor through the good works we are all able to collectively provide as we *Walk on the Road with Jesus!*

Parish Life

The Senior Corner



Time is getting close for our annual **Mardi Gras Luncheon**, set this week for Tuesday, February 21, at Noon in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus. Please get your reservation in to Ann Sullivan. Attendees may bring either an **appetizer**, a **salad**, a **main dish** and/or a **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 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.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

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!



Spiritual Classics – Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

The Divine Milieu by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin is the Spiritual Classics choice for our next discussion on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:30 pm** over Zoom.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a 20th century Jesuit priest and a paleontologist who has captivated spiritual seekers with his expansive vision of God's presence throughout the Universe, embedded and churning in all matter. *The Divine Milieu* illuminates the boundless contours of our true nature and home in God, and shows the way to what he called "the divinization of our activities."

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 Teilhard de Chardin and his spirituality. All Oak Park parishes are welcome.

Lifelong Learning

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Gathering

Saturday, February 25, 2023

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

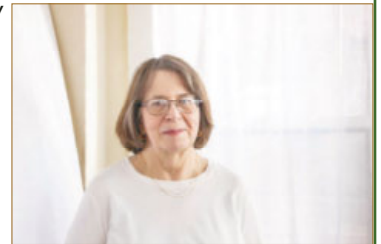


“There are various ways in which Christ is present in the midst of mankind, yet the Eucharistic presence has a unique character.” And further, “[I]t is only in the Eucharist that the most particular presence of Christ is realized and it is therefore natural that the children are most involved in the Eucharistic prayer when we celebrate the Mass.”

So Sofia Cavaletti wrote in *The Religious Potential of the Child*.

With this in mind, we will gather with long-time catechist and formation leader Julianne McCauley to reflect on the liturgical materials we offer the children, paying particular attention to the elements of the Eucharistic prayer. Beginning with those most essential presentations we offer the youngest child and continuing with the work of the 6 to 12 year old, we will explore how Catechesis of the Good Shepherd fosters falling in love with the Mass as we go deeper into the mystery of the living presence of Christ in the Eucharistic celebration.

Julianne McCauley fell in love with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd when she saw the presentation of the City of Jerusalem and has been listening to God with children for decades since. She is a formation leader for Level II and Level III, worked on the Materials Manual Committee for the Level I and Level II online manuals, was an editor for the Journal of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from 2010 through 2015, and served on the committee that oversaw the revisions to the liturgical materials for the changes in the Roman missal. She lives in Chicago, is married and has three children. She is currently a Level III catechist at All Saints Episcopal Church in Chicago and for the fifth graders at Ascension School in Oak Park.



We hope you will join us for a time of refreshment and good fellowship.



Faith & Fellowship



It's All About Relationship

Gary was late. Everyone else in the group was settling in to start our meeting, and Eddie was worried. He insisted on checking emails and texts in case Gary had informed us that he would be late, or wasn't coming. Then he said we should call, for the same reason. In the midst of punching in Gary's number, the doorbell rang, and there was an apologetic Gary. The look of happy relief on Eddie's face when Gary walked into the room told a bigger story: the friendship between the two was important – even if neither was particularly expressive or demonstrative about it. Eddie has known few relationships of friendship that were completely mutual and equal; many of the relationships he *has* known ended up to be short-lived. He cherishes his friendship with Gary. They cherish one another.

Parish Life

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.



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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!

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- > **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** (To be delivered at 7:00 pm)
Volunteers donate and deliver a hot dinner meal, and/or a continental breakfast and/or a sack to-go lunches for 25 people.

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

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Parish Life

Food For Thought From Peace to Renewal

"Wherever he went, into village or hamlet or town, they laid the sick in the market places, and entreated him to let them touch but the tassel of his cloak, and as many as touched him were saved."
(Mark 6:56)

The heroic mission of our Pope to the Congo and to South Sudan placed the whole world's attention on the complexities of coexistence, and rebuilding of peace.

Genesis reminds us Creation began with light, insight and order:
"God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the smaller one to rule the night, and he made the stars." (Genesis 1:16)

Francis brought his light to the regions in the deep darkness of corruption and conflict.

"Peace is the first step to renewal."

It will take heroic and urgent collaboration between churches and government to bring light and peace to the region.

Mark's gospel speaks of Jesus' healing miracles, with a touch of his cloak.

This gospel has real meaning for us, as we're empowered by our baptism to be like Christ: a source of healing and forgiveness, consolation and compassion, to anyone who observes our faith and then invites us to touch their lives. Every baptized person's blessed mission is to be another Christ in the world.

Pope Francis' efforts in Africa are to stop the conflicts and build a just society that develops the resources to benefit all.

People in search of God will always be attracted to the compassion Jesus and Francis exhibited.

We become the gospel in our support of their efforts and our own desire to show that Christ is with us, in us, alive and active through us.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 2/19/23

Sources: NCR, P. Marrin, 2/16/23
Mark 6:53-56.

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