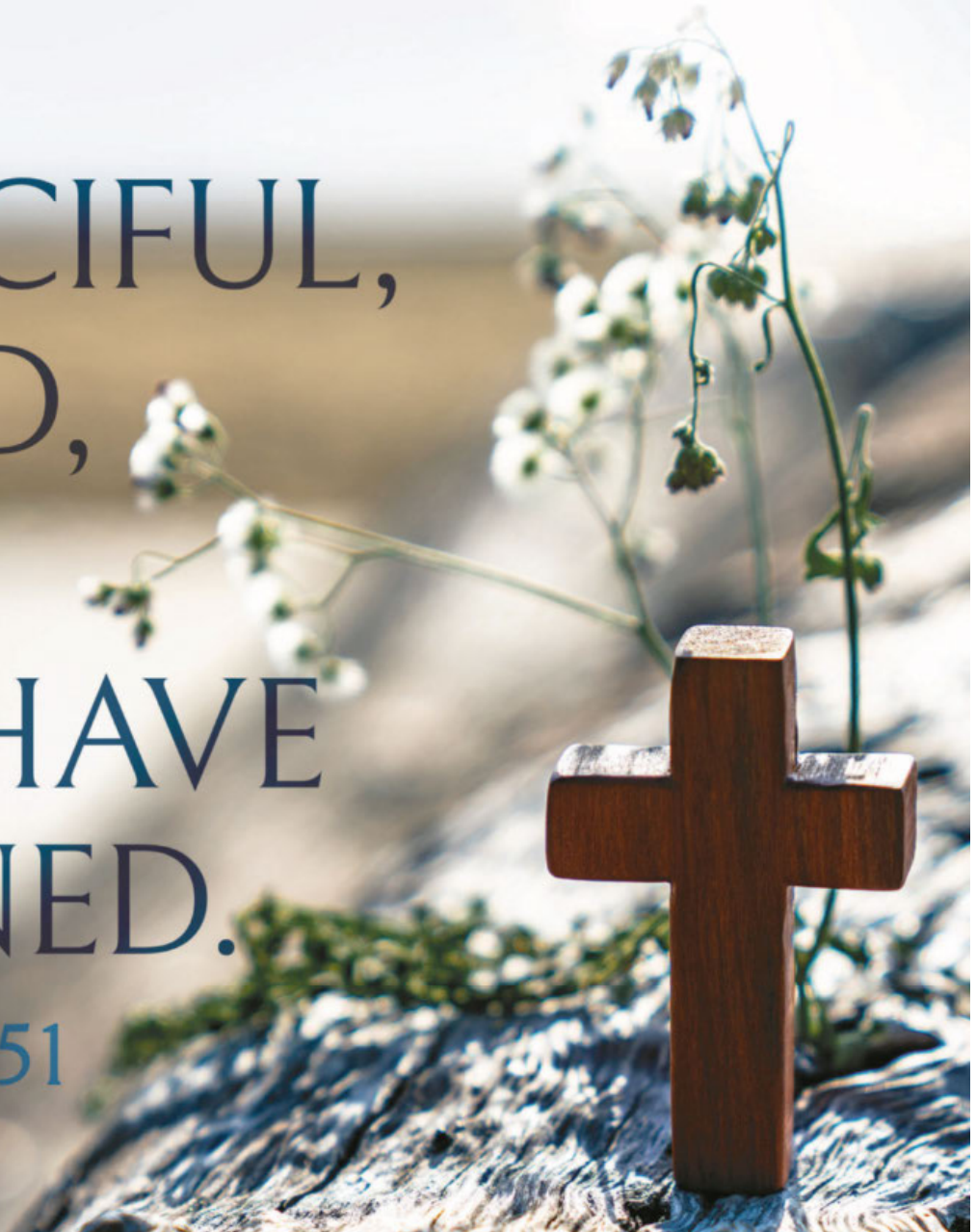


# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

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PSALM 51



FEBRUARY 26, 2023 • First Sunday of Lent

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,

Following our Renew My Church Discussion and Discernment announcements last spring, we've been working with teams from the Archdiocese on the Organizational Structural Phase of Renew My Church. Our mission is to create a solid structural foundation necessary to build a new reality focused on evangelization and missionary discipleship which will include creating a sense of unity in the larger Catholic community of Oak Park.

During our continued efforts to create streamlined financial operations, exceptional leadership teams, and viable and sustainable facility plans, we've learned that our two newly forming parishes, made up of four former Oak Park parishes, comprise a total of 20 buildings in various conditions. Recently, we learned the lease of the St. Edmund School building was up for renewal later this year and investigation began on the condition of the building for another extended lease term. Unfortunately, the condition of the building and the overwhelming investment needed to address the condition is beyond the reach of community and the Archdiocese, and the renewal of the lease to The Children's School is not a possibility. In consideration for the school and the time they need to find a new location, we had to notify the school administration without being able to provide this information to our Catholic community first.

We are now moving forward earnestly with a Structural Review and we are beginning to form our new parish councils and finance committees. As this is happening, we are also beginning to move toward the second stage of Renew My Church, which is the spiritual renewal of Building a New Reality, or BNR. The opening of the temporary shelter at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy site, bringing together our Religious Education Programs, looking toward the creation of a formation center, and the addition of our 5:00 pm Sunday Mass with a focus on our young adults are just some of the ways we are working on spiritual renewal all at the same time. Of course, all of this will take time and leadership as well as continued community input and involvement.

That being said, we have decided to cancel for now our previously announced March 6 meeting as there are still structural pieces for which more information needs to be gathered. In the meantime, we will be creating our new finance committees in order to include them in the sharing of information and the conversations on how best to move into this next phase of the process of Building a New Reality.

We ask for your patience, faith, and prayers as we embark upon this continued journey together.

At the heart of this journey, we encourage you to remember it is Christ who we follow. He promises to strengthen us in the gift of the Eucharist, wherever we share in that sacred meal. We are called to imitate God in our actions, especially in how we live with, and among, each other as communities of faith, hope and love. Let's not lose sight of this as we continue to face challenges as well look forward to many wonderful opportunities.

In Christ, good will to all!

Fr. Carl Morello  
Fr. Rex Pillai

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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, Bill DeBiase, 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 Mark Klein, brother of Patricia Smoots.

## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, February 27

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday, February 28

8:30 — † Vivian Schulz

### Wednesday, March 1

6:30 — † Manuel Mendez and Lourdes Sanchez  
† Celia Sifuentes

8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Thursday, March 2

8:30 — † Laurence Msall

### Friday, March 3

6:30 — † Edsel Faulman

### Saturday, March 4

8:00 — † Michael Harrison

2:30 — † Wedding: Helena Accettura and Anthony Cicchiani

\*4:30 — † Michael Curran  
† Rose Jantelezio  
† William John Cavanaugh

### Sunday, March 5

#### Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 — † The Deceased of the Shaker Family  
† Owen Petzelka

10:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

*\*This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website, [stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org).*

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

### Wednesday, March 1

8:30 — † Bobby Hull  
by Tom Nelson

### Saturday, March 4

5:00 — † Donna Solome  
by Evie Stockinger  
† Irena Balesis  
by Era Yee

### Sunday, March 5

#### Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 — † Donna Kanapes  
by Joe and Lauren Locke

## 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

## WEDDING BANNS

III Helena Accettura and Anthony Cicchiani

## Signs of Lent

Each week we will be highlighting a different sign of the Lenten Season, beginning with ashes. This penitential symbol has its roots in the Old Testament books of Esther, Samuel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, and is a reminder of the impermanence of our earthly life.

The ashes are made from the burning of blessed palms (from Palm Sunday the year before) and are placed on our foreheads in the form of a cross: it is Jesus who we follow; it is in Jesus that we are saved from our sins; and through Jesus we are given eternal life.

**LEAVEN FOR LENT: VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL PRACTICES** Go to the parish website at [stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org) and click on the "Leaven for Lent" icon, or check the weekly e-news for further information.



# *Lent 2023 Week 1 Resources and Events*

## **Why are our regular announcements at Mass cut short this Lent?**

After communion at most Masses during Lent, instead of announcements, different members of the parish will be sharing brief thoughts about their faith journey, and their response to the themes of each week. Through this faith sharing, we hope to grow closer together as a community, and be inspired by the unique way God works in each of our lives.



**Thursday, March 2**

**Soup Supper in McDonough Hall, 6:00 pm**



**Thursday, March 2**

**Eucharistic Adoration at St Giles Church, 7:00 pm**



**Friday, March 3**

**Stations of the Cross at St Giles Church, 7:00 pm**

*Stations will be followed by a period of quiet music and prayer*

**Sign up for the Hallow App!** Our parish has partnered with Hallow this Season to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content. Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more!

Register today by selecting our parish here:  
(St. Catherine-St. Lucy-St. Giles)

**[hallow.com/holyday](https://hallow.com/holyday)** or scanning the QR code



# LENT WEEK 1- WHOSE VOICE DO YOU HEAR?

**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:**

**What is God up to within our parish community? In your personal life? In our world?**

**How are you and we being invited to grow in love and union with God and others?**

## *Reflection*

Before Jesus enters the desert and faces temptation, he hears the voice of God from the heavens, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Only in remembering our fundamental identity as God's beloved can we recognize the temptations, obstacles and challenges that can drown out God's life-giving Spirit and our true calling. In our life, we are bombarded by many voices: God's is the voice of gentle invitation and love that draws us more fully into community with one another.

## *Questions*

As we begin our journey of discernment, reflect:

**Have there been times in your life when you have felt beloved?**

**What are the obstacles – habits and patterns in your life, ways of thinking and being and relating – to your living more deeply in union with God's presence and Spirit in your life?**

*You are invited this week to spend time in prayer and reflection pondering the Scripture readings and discerning how God is at work within you, in your life and relationships.*

*To what are you being invited to consider? How are you being invited to grow?*

## *THIS WEEK'S READINGS*

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Join with others in an existing group, find a dialogue partner, or even consider calling together a group of friends to reflect on and discuss this week's theme together in person, on phone, via Zoom, or via email.

Need help finding a partner?

Email

[together@stgilesparish.org](mailto:together@stgilesparish.org)

# Parish Life



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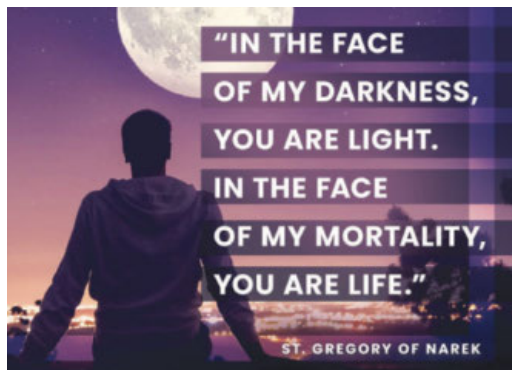
## CCW Lenten Soup Suppers are back!

Please join us on  
**Thursday, March 2,**  
and on  
**Thursday, March 16,**  
for a simple meal  
of soup and fellowship.

The soup suppers will be 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](mailto:lutzchlumecky@comcast.net).



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

2/19/2023

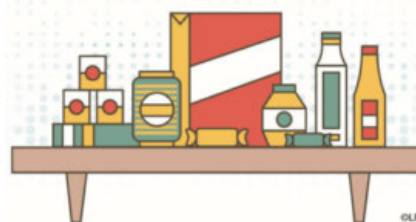
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Loose	\$ 2,403.89	
Electronic*	\$ 11,237.20	\$387,003.37
Total Giving	\$ 25,521.34	\$957,721.28

\*2/15/23-2/21/23

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](http://www.stgilesparish.org) OR  
[www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://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

Next weekend, March 4/5 is **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.



## SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at [catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi](http://catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi) or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.





# Lifelong Learning

## Visioning

As previously announced, 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.

To gain greater clarity regarding the purpose and potential for the center for lifelong learning for our parishes, there will be a gathering on **Sunday, March 12 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm** in the Pine Room on the Ascension campus. Following up on feedback from our recent survey and town hall meeting, and with the help of a facilitator, this will be an open gathering for people to develop the vision and articulate a mission for the new center for lifelong learning.

If you have an interest in this initiative, please come and participate in the creation of the mission and vision statements. To RSVP, click on the link: <https://forms.gle/w2TwP56nkhXRHJgU8>, email [religioused@stgilesparish.org](mailto:religioused@stgilesparish.org), or call 708-738-3430 ext. 404.



### Faith & Fellowship



#### ¿Hablas español, anyone?

Two Partners in our Thursday morning group are Spanish-speaking. Although both are also fluent in English, they would love to have someone (other than each other) to converse with in their own language. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we first use English and then Spanish, and sometimes one of these guys will offer the ritual blessing en Inglés. But it would be great to have a Catechist with us who could provide the "radical hospitality" of chatting and praying in the first language these Partners learned. Could this be you? Email [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) or call 708-383-9276. ¡Por favor!

### Sacrament Prep:

#### First Communion and Reconciliation

Many of the children preparing for first Communion this spring have celebrated their First Reconciliation – the celebration of God's love for us! We are now learning about the Mass, finding ways to join in the prayer, fasting and almsgiving of Lent, completing our Gold Book, and getting ready for our retreat in March and April.

#### Confirmation

This Friday, March 3, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm, the Confirmation candidates will be hosting a Scavenger Hunt at St. Giles Church, open to the entire community. All ages will have fun finding the beautiful secrets the church holds, and learning about the meaning behind all these symbols. Following the scavenger hunt, the Confirmation candidates will host Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Come and take some time for exploration and prayer this Friday!

Please contact Alex ([alexryan@stgilesparish.org](mailto:alexryan@stgilesparish.org)) with any questions about the preparation for First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

## 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](mailto:msamatas@me.com) for more information!



# Parish Life



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

### Feasibility Study Underway

As part of the **Renew My Church** initiative for the Oak Park Catholic community, a team of volunteers from the parishes of St. Catherine–St. Lucy and St. Giles and Ascension and St. Edmund has begun a feasibility study for transforming the St. Catherine–St. Lucy rectory into a social services community center that serves families of students at St. Catherine–St. Lucy School and other West Side schools. St. Catherine–St. Lucy already hosts three social service organizations: part of the rectory is now a temporary emergency shelter operated by **Housing Forward**; the convent houses a residential program for women overcoming addiction run by **Sister House**; and **Beyond Hunger** has a cold storage facility in the garage of the rectory. The study group is divided into three committees: surveying the needs of West Side families and creating a business plan; completing a facility needs assessment of the rectory and convent; and developing a fundraising plan to generate the resources to launch and sustain the new project. If you're interested in more information or getting involved, please contact Dan Doody ([dan@doody.com](mailto:dan@doody.com)).

**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** (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.

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](mailto:cjackson@housingforward.org)



### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 [llaaffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:llaaffc@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](http://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.





# Seek and ye shall find!

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Do you know the meaning?

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**Drop in the church anytime  
between 3:30pm and 6:30pm on  
Friday, March 3!**

St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish  
St. Giles School PTO: Faith & Family

## 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!



## Save the Date

As a follow-up to Dr. Peter O'Leary's series on the Gospels last Fall, the Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee (LLAFFC) is pleased to announce an *Introduction to the Gnostic Gospels* by Allison Dooley, MATL, and parishioner of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish on Sunday, March 26 following the 11:00 am Mass at St. Edmund Church in Murphy Hall. More information to follow.

## Food For Thought A Better Option

*A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast Spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
(Psalm 51:12-13)*

It all happened after his baptism:

"Jesus was led by the Spirit  
into the desert, to be tempted  
by the devil." (Matt 4:1)

There's a mind-blowing sentence!

Temptation implies confusion  
or indecisiveness, which seems  
uncharacteristic of Jesus.  
Was he THAT human?

Also, why would the Spirit  
lead Jesus to temptation?

Don't we pray to God:

"...and lead us not into temptation?"

So the Spirit led Jesus  
to test his identity;  
the devil tried to manipulate him  
to be untrue to it.

At play here is Jesus' Identity  
as the Son of God.

Jesus' genealogy is in people of God.

Diabolos (Devil's real name  
as head demon) wants to direct Jesus  
as to his vocation among his people.

Jesus' baptism led him to explore  
what the word "temptation" implied.

Adam and Eve tried to achieve  
what they already had:

They were like God.

Diabolos tried that trick twice on Jesus:

"If you are the Son of God..."

Then he offers an alternative life.

Jesus told him to stay in his own hell.

Jesus' temptations, like the desert  
and in the Garden, summarize  
the ways any of us can distort  
our vacation to be images of God.

Diabolos needs to see that our own  
need of bread and security  
diverts our attention from the truth.

But if anyone is hungry or in danger,  
we have the ability to respond:  
Solidarity over selfishness.

Diabolos prioritizes self-preservation  
over self-giving. His appeal to raw power  
rejects the ways of the God of Love.  
It cannot endure.

At the start of Lent, we recognize  
we're continually tempted to betray  
our call to be images of God.

In the end, we hope to join Jesus  
in telling Diabolos: "Dwell in your own hell;  
We have a better option."

Tom Lynch. [tg17714@gmail.com](mailto:tg17714@gmail.com). 2/26/23

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone, 2/26/23  
Matt 4:1-11; Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

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### DATE

**Tuesday, February 28,  
2023**

### LOCATIONS

**Lou Malnati's Oak Park**  
11:00am - 11:00pm  
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### FOR QUESTIONS

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