

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

**IF YOU  
HEAR  
HIS VOICE,  
DO NOT  
HARDEN  
YOUR  
HEARTS.**

**PSALM 95**



**MARCH 12, 2023 • Third 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,

It will be ten years since the election of Pope Francis as bishop of Rome. As you know, He is the first Roman Pontiff from Latin America. One of the themes that has come from his papacy is a desire for a church that is mission focused at every level. Francis insists that the nature of the church is missionary, always seeking new ways to proclaim the gospel. As we look back at the words of this new pope as he first addressed the crowd in St. Peter's Square, he talked of journeying together. This is also at the heart of Francis's desire for synodality, which means the bishop and his people take up the journey together as we look at the many needs and challenges of our church and the people for whom it serves.

It is, the pope said, "a journey of fraternity, of love, of trust among us."

So what does this have to do with us, you may be asking? This same message applies to us in our small corner of our world: the church here in Oak Park and the people both here and beyond our geographical borders who are part of our communities. The words of Pope Francis from the time of his election as Pope remind us that "renewal" is the foundation of our church, and for each of us individually, all the way to the resurrection of Christ! As we journey through Lent, the suffering of Our Savior, his death, and his rising in many ways parallels our own journey in faith. This is true for us as a community as we have worked through Renew My Church and now move forward into Building a New Reality. We are called to embrace the mission left to us by Jesus: "Spread the Good News." The call to renewal is real and this is our time to pay attention and to act.

From the beginning of Renew My Church and the initial leadership groups from each parish that met together, this desire was made clear: "To become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future, capable of reaching more people." We share this information as a reminder that we can be proud of this desire and the work being done to reach this expressed goal of renewal in this current moment.

Our efforts to unite our Religious Education programs to give our families more options and to engage the talents and faith of our community is a work in progress. Also, the creation of an Oak Park Catholic Formation Center for all points to creative ways of renewal, mission and making disciples for Christ. This weekend, and in the weeks to come, you will hear more information as our plans continue to develop. Since these are our collective efforts as the larger community, we wanted to share this in our respective bulletins at the same time.

Staying focused on the present and the future of our faith, and increasing the joy of renewal desired by all of us is happening through all our efforts. Your prayers and support are needed. We recognize change is never easy and there will be challenges. As we, the Body of Christ, continue to transform the challenges of structural renewal from maintenance to mission opportunities, it is Christ who we follow. He promises to guide and strengthen us as we grow in his image and in the virtues of faith, hope and love.

In Christ we thank you for your, patience, faith and prayers.  
Fr. Carl Morello and Fr. Rex Pillai  
St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles, and Ascension and St. Edmund

P.S. A happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day to all!

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# Spiritual Life & Worship

## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 13

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday, March 14

8:30 — † Steven Thomas Hammer  
† Richard and Molly Lambert

### Wednesday, March 15

6:30 — † Deceased of the Daley and Archibald Families  
† Susan Collins  
† The Deceased of the Shaker Family  
8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Thursday, March 16

8:30 — † The Senese Family

### Friday, March 17

6:30 — † Chester Hammer  
† Quinn Thomas Mulligan  
† Betty Shaker

### Saturday, March 18

8:00 — † Angie Pizzello  
† Frank Leonard La Port  
\*4:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Sunday, March 19

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 — † Teresa and Joseph Guzzardo  
† Owen Petrzela  
10:30 — † Edith Enderle  
† Frances Hammer  
† Laurence Msall

*\*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 15

8:30 — † Jake Lofgren  
by the Parish

### Saturday, March 18

5:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Sunday, March 19

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 — † Donna Kanapes  
by Sue and Thom Schouten  
† Richard Belzer  
by Pat Nelson

## We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Jori Baker, Phyllis Baker, Marissa Becker, 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, Jennifer Hanna, 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, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Lorry Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, Cary Phillips, John Poppett, Bob Quane, Renee Smith-Quinn, Patricia Reardon, Dennis Rusin, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Cheryl Sullivan, 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 Jake Lofgren.

## WEDDING BANNS

II Callie Dwyer and Adam Doruff

## Holy Week Locations

I write to you as a member of the combined Liturgy Committee, but also as a parishioner of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church for many years. I, like many, am aware of how the unification activity has caused worry, frustration and stress. Understanding the problems—as well as the opportunities—associated with combining our respective HOLY WEEK practices is what I would like to share with you today.

The combined Liturgy Committee was tasked with making HOLY WEEK unfold smoothly: combining some of our respective practices, while sharing our worship spaces equitably.

After prayer and discussion, this effort has resulted in the following locations for our services:

**HOLY THURSDAY** will be at 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church — *Washing of Feet*

**GOOD FRIDAY** will be at 3:00 pm at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church — *Veneration of the Cross with the Praise Choir*

**HOLY SATURDAY** will be at 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church — *The Easter Vigil*

**EASTER SUNDAY** will be at 9:00 am at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church (**NOTE:** While there will be morning Masses on Easter Sunday at St. Giles, the main Mass with a Combined Choir will be at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church.)

We pray that Holy Week and Easter is a time of deep prayer and renewal for our entire faith community.

*-Marie Alexandre Drake, for the combined Liturgy Committee of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles*



# Lent 2023 Week 3 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 16  
Soup Supper in McDonough Hall, 6:00 pm

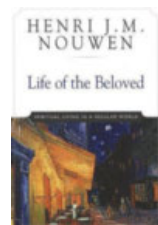


Thursday, March 16  
Eucharistic Adoration at St Giles Church, 7:00 pm



Friday, March 17  
Stations of the Cross at St Catherine-St. Lucy, 6:00 pm

Monday, March 20: Reconciliation Service at St. Giles Church, 7:00 pm



## Books for Lenten Inspiration

### Life of the Beloved — Nouwen

This spiritual classic began as a simple request from one friend to another for a book explaining the spiritual life in terms that he and his friends could understand. Nouwen's answer has become one of the most cherished books of our era.  
"All I want to say to you is, 'You are the Beloved.'"



### Radical Hospitality—Benedict's way of Love — Homan and Pratt

Deep within the heart of Benedictine spirituality lies a remedy to hatred, fear, and suspicion: hospitality. At once deeply comforting and sharply challenging, true Benedictine hospitality requires that we welcome the stranger, not only into our homes, but into our hearts.

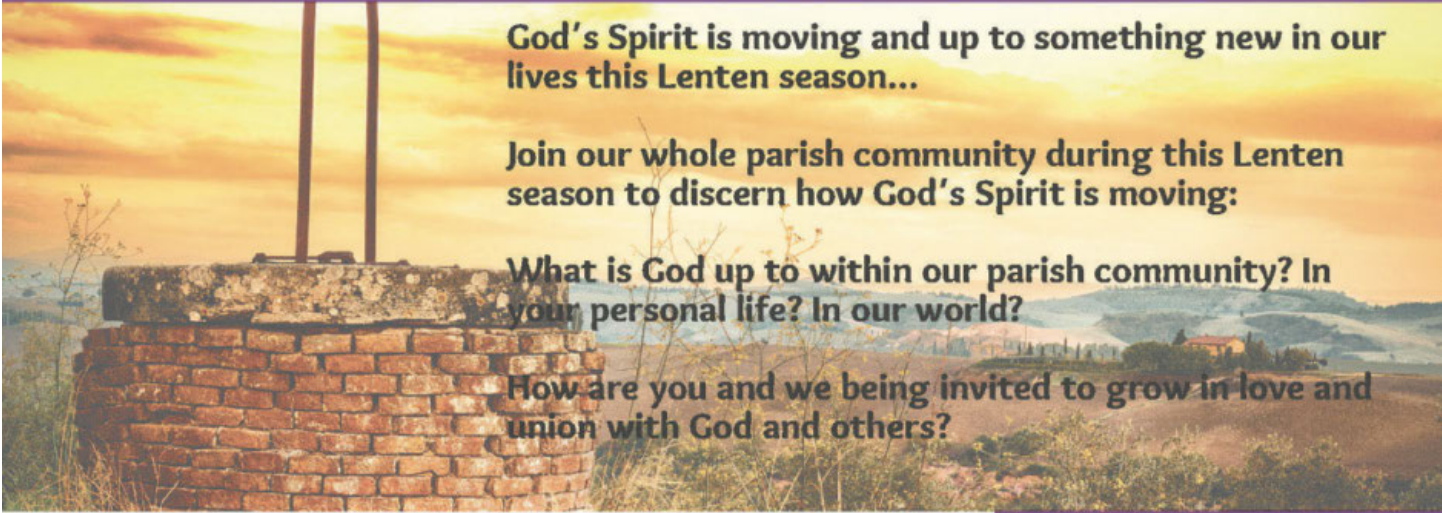
## Did you know you could set up prayer groups on Hallow?

Our parish has partnered with Hallow this season to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content.

Go to the three circles on the top right hand corner of the app.  
Create a group with your friends or join the parish group with the code: W531PJ  
Haven't gotten Hallow yet? Register today by selecting our parish here :  
[Hallow.com/holyday](https://Hallow.com/holyday) or scanning the QR code:



# ***LENT WEEK 3- HOW IS GOD SURPRISING YOU?***



**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***

God's Spirit is always entering our lives in new ways despite our grumbling, our resistances or our self-imposed boundaries. Perhaps, this occurs in surprising experiences or in unexpected encounters with others in our daily life. Often, we would rather stick to the known and comfortable, rather than allow God to lead us somewhere new or to change our ways.

## ***Questions***

As we continue our journey of discernment, reflect:

**What has been emerging in your life this Lenten season (your daily life, your prayer, your relationships) that has surprised you?**

**How is God entering your life through ways or experiences that you did not expect?**

**How are you being called "from the outside in" through the circumstances you are seeing in your life and the broader world?**

*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. What are you being invited to consider? How are you being invited to grow?*

## ***THIS WEEK'S READINGS***

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

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)



# Lifelong Formation

## Visioning Day!

Our pastors, Fr. Carl and Fr. Rex, have a special video message for you. Please scan the QR code to the right, or use the following URL in your browser: <https://youtu.be/pbetutUfgRA>.



**It is not too late to join us!** Come to the Visioning Day as we dream the possibilities for the center for spiritual growth and development. We meet **TODAY**, Sunday, March 12, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Pine Room on the Ascension campus. To RSVP, please scan the QR code to the left, or use the following URL in your browser: <https://forms.gle/w2TwP56nkhXRHJgU8>.

Questions or comments? Please contact us by email, [religioused@stgilesparish.org](mailto:religioused@stgilesparish.org), or call 708-738-3430 ext. 404.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd News



In Level 1 of the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, the children contemplated *The Parable of the Found Sheep*, the story of a sheep that was lost, but the Good Shepherd searched for it, found it, and joyfully brought it home. In the second presentation of the month, *The Leaven*, the children wondered about how the Kingdom of God is like small grains of yeast that when mixed with flour will cause bread dough to double in size. The month ended with a gesture work from the Mass, *The Preparation of the Chalice*. The mingling of the water and wine is like our inseparable union with Jesus.

The Level 2 children started the month with the *Synthesis of the Mass*. After reviewing the parts of the Mass the children began to create their own missals. During the second week, the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids was presented. The children questioned what helps us meet Christ in our lives? What is the "oil" that we need to keep our light burning? That "oil" might be found in *the Maxims*, the last presentation of the month. Maxims are short moral teachings from Jesus that help us live our lives loving God and our neighbor.

As part of the *History of the Kingdom of God* study, *The Flood Typology* was presented in Level 3. The children reflected on how humankind was given a fresh start through God's covenant with Noah and his descendants. They also contemplated the moral parable of the *Workers in the Vineyard*. *The Maxims* were also presented and discussed.

## Signs of Lent

**As we enter the third week of Lent – why do we use purple in our liturgical spaces?**

The color purple is associated with repentance. In Scripture, we are told that a purple robe was placed on Jesus during the crucifixion, and so purple evokes the pain and suffering of the crucifixion. In ancient times, purple was one of the most expensive colors to manufacture, and was therefore associated with royalty. Even though the purple robe was meant to mock Jesus, we know that Christ reigns over death, and so even during this repentant time we celebrate Christ's Resurrection and sovereignty.

## Gnostic Gospel Presentation

Do You "Gneed" to "Gnow" about the Gnostic Gospels? Come join us for a lively discussion of heresy and humility as we discuss these mysterious texts. Allison Dooley, MATL, will present an overview of Gnosticism and the Gnostic gospels, and why these teachings were (and still are) rejected by the church. In this process of talking about what we don't believe as Catholics, we will gain a greater understanding of Church history, the nature of Scripture, and how to think theologically. All are invited on Sunday, March 26 following the 11:00 am Mass in Murphy Hall on the St. Edmund Campus. Presented by our Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee (LLAFFC) of our Oak Park Parishes.



## Faith & Fellowship



### An Agape with the Bridegroom

"Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast." (Mark 2:19). And neither does Faith & Fellowship. In our Prayer Circle, we know that Jesus is present – and the same is so at our Agape. Agape? A time of table fellowship, AKA, *refreshments*! And even though it's Lent, we continue to enjoy fruit, cake, cheese, crackers, chips, dip, coffee, hot chocolate, soda pop, popcorn... (well, not all at the same sitting). You can be part of Faith & Fellowship without actually joining, by providing a tasty treat for us... even in Lent! Contact Connie Rakitan at [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) or 708-383-9276.

# Parish Life

## Healing Prayer, Healing Song: An Ecumenical Service to Pray for Healing

Join us on Sunday evening, March 19, at 7:00 pm at Ascension Church as we continue our new ecumenical prayer outreach. The service includes scripture, healings songs from various traditions, shared silence, healing prayers, with the opportunity for individual prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing for those who wish to partake. The service is offered on the third Sunday of each month through May. David Anderson is coordinating this monthly prayer as he has for the monthly first Friday *In the Spirit of Taizé* service for the past 30 years. The Ascension Choir and Music Ministry provides musical support and songs of healing at the service. An ecumenical and multi-cultural prayer team of pastors and other laypersons/pastoral care ministers has been formed to assist in this ecumenical outreach of prayers for healing, wholeness, and unity in our world. As an ecumenical service, we recognize the unifying power of Christians from different traditions, coming together as one, to intentionally pray for the healing of divisions and for a deepening of unity in our world. The service will be live-streamed. Future services will also be offered on April 16 and May 21. For more information, contact David Anderson at [d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com). Ascension Church is located at 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60304.



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

### ***Be an angel! Make a difference!***

The Dominican Literacy Center is in need of volunteers for its Spring 2023 session.

This program offers tutoring in speaking, writing, and reading of English to immigrants and Citizenship exam preparation. It is unique in that it offers tutoring on a one-to-one basis (one student with one tutor). Sanitizing protocols are consistently followed.

A time commitment of 1 and 1/2 hours per week is all that is necessary. Classes are held at the Dominican Literacy Center, which is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 1503 Rice St. in Melrose Park. Presently, classes are offered in the morning and midday.

The tutor-training sessions will be held on March 20, 21, and 22 at 10:00 am at our Center (1503 Rice St. in Melrose Park).

To volunteer, or to find out more information, please call the Dominican Literacy Center at: 708-338-0659. Thank you!

*Sr. Judith Curran, O.P. and  
Sr. Beverly Jeanne, O.P.*

**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)



## Parish Life



# COMMEMORATIVE EASTER FLOWERS

Honor deceased loved ones

Decorate our church for the Easter Season

Support the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles ASP Trip

Our Appalachian Service Project (ASP) 2023 Team is accepting donations for Easter Flowers in remembrance of those who have gone before us into eternal life. Each plant is \$25. The flower plants purchased in memory of deceased loved ones will decorate our church during the Easter season. The donations will assist our ASP Team in meeting our fundraising goals for teens to attend our week-long service trip this summer! The names of those honored will be published in the parish bulletin after Easter.

Please enter the name of the person(s) you wish to honor in the space provided.

***Please print legibly!***

The cost is \$25 per plant. Please make checks payable to ***St. Giles ASP***. Donations can also be made through GiveCentral. The link is on the parish website.

I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ plants (# of Easter flower plants) in honor of:

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Enclosed is my total donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 per plant).

Name and address of donor (for receipt purposes):

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***Please return order forms and donations to the Parish Center marked  
“Commemorative Easter Flowers” by Friday, April 7.***



## Parish Life



### Seeking our Saint

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Wood, Indiana, are inviting you to join them for the upcoming pilgrimage ***"In the Footsteps of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and Highlights of Northern France,"*** scheduled for **July 12-22, 2023**. Saint Mother Theodore, a "woman of our time" as noted by Pope John Paul II, established

schools, orphanages, clinics and the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in the United States. Each day of the trip will begin with prayer as those attending will discover the places Mother Theodore loved as well as other sites in Brittany and France. For more information, contact Sister Susan Paweski at 312-909-7492 or email [spaweski@spsmw.org](mailto:spaweski@spsmw.org).



### Lenten Soup Suppers are back!

Please join us in McDonough Hall on Thursday, March 16 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm for a simple meal of soup and fellowship.

We hope you can join this meaningful way to acknowledge the sacrifice that the Lenten season brings to us. Please bring your own bowl and utensils. Admission is free. There will be a free-will donation to benefit Housing Forward.

Please contact **Beth Chlumecky** if you can make a pot of soup at 224-725 9841 or by email at [lutzchlumecky@comcast.net](mailto:lutzchlumecky@comcast.net).

## The Senior Corner



Our next event will be **Breakfast with the Pastor** on Tuesday, March 21, at 9:15 am in McDonough Hall at St. Giles. Our guest speaker will be our own **Deacon John Walters**, with a Lenten reflection, **"Who Am I and What is My Life About?"** Come meet us at the 8:30 am Mass and then we will proceed over to

McDonough for a nice continental breakfast together. Please join us, all are welcome.



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.

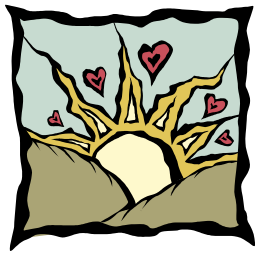


### Feasibility Study Underway

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)).

# Parish Life



## Lenten Opportunity

### **Easter Sunrise Shoeboxes**

**Shoeboxes collected will be donated to various Outreach Organizations, including the Franciscan Outreach.**

**Starting Ash Wednesday – February 22, 2023  
Ending Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023**

Fill a shoebox or a comparable-size container (you provide the container) with a variety of the following suggested items:

Tube Socks  
Deodorant  
Wash/Face Cloth  
Hand Lotion  
Disposable razor  
Baby Powder  
Small towel

Hotel Size Soap & Shampoo  
Brush and/or Comb  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste  
Kleenex (personal size)  
Shaving gel/cream  
Plastic rain poncho  
Other small items

**Gift Card from McDonald's, Burger King, etc.  
(not to exceed \$10.00)**

**Please be sure to include these two items:  
Word Search or Crossword Puzzle Book  
(with Pen or Pencil)  
and some wrapped Easter candy**

When your container is filled you can decorate it (if you choose to do so) or just put a rubber band around it. Be sure to mark the box either "Man" or "Woman". Place it on the last bench in Church or drop it off at the Parish Center. Then during Holy Week all the Easter Sunrise Shoeboxes will be delivered to the various locations so that they can be distributed on Easter.

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## ***Food For Thought*** **Pastor To the World**

*"At times our own light goes out, and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." (Albert Schweitzer)*

Ten years ago tomorrow a puff of white smoke floated from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. George Mario Bergoglio, an Argentinian Cardinal, was elected as the new Pope, and has chosen the name Francis. As a man of humility, mercy and love, from the center balcony at the Vatican, his message of what to expect in directing the barque of Peter was clear: a Pastoral Pope who welcomes people with open arms, bringing a special sensitivity for those caught at the margins, the poor, indigent, and those trapped in the tragedy of constant warfare. On that Blessed Day of Joy, Jesus at his side, he prayed with the crowd, asked them to pray for him, bowed his head in silence, then gave his blessing, and wished them all a good night.

His openness is refreshing as a cool breeze. He caused an early stir when a reporter asked about gay priests: "If someone is gay and searches for the Lord, and has good will, who am I to judge?" We saw in him a pastor more interested in encouraging them rather than judging them. In his homilies he has a way of getting to the heart of the matter that resonates with the people in the pew. But his pastoral life can make liberals a bit queasy. Early in his pontificate, the Pope was mentioning the devil more frequently than his predecessors. Seeing evil as something personified is not the way most moderns tend to think about evil, but Jesus had no such compunction. Popular piety expressed the idea that evil is a powerful personification.

In his early years Pope Francis mixed with the crowd, stopping to hold and bless a mother's baby, or to caress a man with a disfiguring disease. These images showed someone who engaged the world through Jesus' eyes, defining "pastor." He has harsh words for hypocrisy; with people of God, he is generous and sympathetic. Injustice brings his ire. But he loves people pitched to the side of the road; he is at home with the poor, having seen extreme poverty. Francis walks into the world with open arms, and the world loves him for it. He's the world's parish priest, and that quality grounds and shapes every other aspect of his papacy.

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