


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



THE LORD
IS MY
SHEPHERD.

Psalm 23

MARCH 19, 2023 • Fourth 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 Community,

As Pastor my primary responsibility is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to provide you with tools to help make disciples of others. This is at the heart of the Renew My Church process and the Building a New Reality message as our parishes are united creating a new path forward. That is why this Lent our parish is asked to participate in a survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish

effectively supports that growth.

This web-based survey will be accessible online and in paper form through March 31. At the completion of the survey, our parish will receive a summary report of the results. We will not have access to individual survey responses but will learn about issues that are important to parishioners in a confidential and professional way. The results will be used to look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and create goals and plans to achieve that growth.

Please access the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey using the QR Code in today's bulletin. It will take you to a LINK for parish sign up, or directly to the sign up. Everyone in the family over the age of 14 can participate. This is a 75-question survey and will take about 20 minutes to complete. **We need to hear from all parishioners! Your feedback is important!**

This past weekend, a good number of folks showed up to discuss a mission statement around the idea of an adult formation center for the Oak Park Catholic Community. This is part of a shared vision for our parishes to create for the future. While there were many beautiful thoughts and excitement around the vision and creation of this center, it is clear there are questions and emotions that need to be addressed as we move forward. More discussion and conversation will follow. And more information and clarity as the process unfolds.

One thing for us all to keep in mind is that our church and the structures we are familiar with are in the process of renewal and change. This can be an uncomfortable place to be. Our work together is to create spaces in our church buildings that are centered on mission, making disciples. We have challenges before us as well as wonderful opportunities.

We can learn an important lesson from today's gospel. To see God's wonders in a new way must have astonished the man born blind. John pulls together human discovery and its link to faith. The blind man finds himself moving away from the associations of the past and embracing a new way of seeing. Faith in Christ has replaced the old worship. Perhaps this Lent we can look at Renew My Church and Building a New Reality, this new phase we have begun, and reflect upon how Christ has set us free to live in the freedom of a new vision, one in which we help create. And one that reflects, in faith, a vision where, in the end, all creation will be gathered into God's glory!

In His Peace and Love,

Fr. Carl

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Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 20

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 — † Tom Guare

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 — † Ray Hedges

† Michael Haddad

† Alyce Bourjaily

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, March 23

8:30 — † James Banks

Friday, March 24

6:30 — † Albert Joseph

† Tilly Knowles

† Betty Shaker

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 — † Louis and Elizabeth Toth

† Dr. Robert Hammer

† Russ Greco

2:30 — Wedding: Callie Dwyer and Adam Doruff

*4:30 — † Dorothy Plays Stevenson

† Robert Berning

† Rose Jantelezio

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 — † Chris and Anne Crispin

† Phyllis Bukowski

† Eleanore Rosasco

10:30 — † Katherine and William Sargent

† Andrew McKenna

† Mary Anne and Terry Keshner

**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, March 22

8:30 — † Sue Vanek (5th anniversary of passing)
by The Konecki Family

Saturday, March 25

5:00 — † Donna Kanapes
by Choir Pals

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 — † Raymond Smith
by Evie Stockinger

† Burt Bacharach

by Pat Nelson

Signs of Lent

Laetare Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent

This weekend is Laetare Sunday, a celebratory day in the more austere season of Lent. Laetare Sunday is always the fourth Sunday of Lent. It comes from the Latin introit for the day, "Laetare Jerusalem," which means **Rejoice, O Jerusalem**. We catch a glimpse of the Easter hope and joy! On this day, the Priest may wear rose instead of purple and flowers may be placed on the altar. Let us rejoice in the coming of our salvation!

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, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, Cary Phillips, John Poplett, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Dennis Rusin, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Renee Smith-Quinn, 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 Jean Carew, mother of Pat Carew, and Charlotte Cacciatore.

WEDDING BANNS

III Callie Dwyer and Adam Doruff

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

	3/12/2023	
	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 14,628.00	\$ 617,335.95
Loose	\$ 2,143.97	
Electronic*	\$ 10,821.00	\$ 417,673.87
Total Giving	\$ 27,592.97	\$1,035,009.82

*3/8/23-3/14/23

Thank you to all who continue to support St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish. 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!

Lent 2023 Week 4

*At the midpoint of Lent,
let us take a deep breath
and commit again to listening for God's voice.*

Reconciliation



Monday, March 20

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

Contemplation, Prayer and Discernment: Day of Prayer



Thursday, March 23

Stop in and Pray at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church: 2:30 - 7:00 pm

Stop in for a few moments of peace and quiet with the Lord!



Eucharistic Adoration at St Giles Church, 7:00 - 10:30 pm

St Giles Church will be open for extended prayer and adoration.

Prayer and discernment resources will be available at each church.

All Are Welcome.

Devotion: Pilgrimage of Prayer



Friday, March 24

Stations of the Cross at St Catherine-St. Lucy, 7:00 pm

These stations, a stop on our Pilgrimage of Prayer, are focused on almsgiving. Donations to Housing Forward are welcome.

Suggested needs: gentle used and new clothing for men and women, shirts, pants, socks, t-shirts, and gift cards from any groceries or fast-food restaurants. (Jewel, McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, etc.)


You can still sign up for the Hallow App!

It's not too late to access all of Hallow's content for free this Lent.

Register today by selecting our parish here :
Hallow.com/holyday or scanning the QR code:



LENT WEEK 4- HOW CAN WE SEE DIFFERENTLY?



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

We do not see as God sees. God anoints the unexpected - the youngest of Jesse's sons, surprising even Samuel. Our biases can cause us to overlook others and fail to recognize the quiet ways God is leading us. But- just as Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man, we too begin to see in new ways through our relationship with the Good Shepherd. We begin to recognize the many gifts in our midst, particularly among the people present in our lives.

Questions

As we continue our journey of discernment, reflect:

How is God calling you through others and through your relationships?

Who are those in your life that have gifts and talents to share that need to be affirmed and supported?

How can Jesus' healing and companionship help us to unleash the gifts and talents of those in our community?

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

Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

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

Spiritual Life & Worship

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 determining the location for our services: The **FINAL DETAILS** are listed here.

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

WEEKLY CONFESSION AT ST. GILES CHURCH

Saturdays, 8:30 – 9:00 am

Exception: Holy Saturday, April 8, no Confession

COMBINED PARISHES LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST. GILES CHURCH

Monday, March 20, 7:00 pm

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 1/2

Saturday, 4:30 pm at St. Giles Church

and 5:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church

Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30 am at St. Giles Church

and at 9:00 am at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church

10:00 am Family Mass Community in the St. Giles School Gym

Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 6

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am at St. Giles Church

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church

Adoration until Midnight

Night Prayer - 11:45 pm

Good Friday, April 7

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am at St. Giles Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 pm at St. Giles Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church

Living Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church

Family Mass Community Good Friday Prayer Service with Silent Passion - 7:30 pm
in the St. Giles School Gym

Holy Saturday, April 8

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am at St. Giles Church

Blessing of Easter Food - 11:00 am at St. Giles Church

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter - 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church

Initiation of New Members

(No 4:30 pm Mass at St. Giles Church

and no 5:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church)

Easter Sunday, April 9

Sunrise - 6:00 am in the St. Giles Church Courtyard (Weather Permitting)

8:00 and 10:30 am at St. Giles Church

9:00 am at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church

with the combined Celebration and St. Giles Choirs

10:00 am Family Mass Community in the St. Giles School Gym

Please see our website, www.stgilesparish.org, for further information.

Lifelong Formation

Continuing Development of a Center for Catholic Faith

On Sunday, March 12, 75 people gathered to contribute toward the Mission and Vision of the Oak Park Catholic center focused on spiritual growth. Conversation was lively and a lot of ideas for the center emerged. Now a smaller group of people will synthesize the feedback from Sunday, the survey and townhall meeting into a Mission Statement and a Vision Statement.

One hundred and sixty people completed the survey. The responders were asked what their worshipping community is. The following is the percentage breakdown:

Ascension 44%
Family Mass 16%
St. Catherine-St. Lucy 15%
St. Edmund 23%
St. Giles 26%

The responses to the questions are being compiled and will be shared in the upcoming bulletins.

PREP

We had a great month looking for the lost sheep, learning about St. Valentine and making valentines for our loved ones. Miss Janet and Miss Cindy have the kids engaged in crafts and plays that coordinate with our lessons. In Jesus Calms the Storm, Miss Cindy made JELLO for the kids, and they made small pictures of Jesus and stuck them in the cup. Many of the kids had never seen JELLO before - we got a mixture of thumbs up and thumbs down.

We will be participating in our Lenten Service Project this Sunday making bagged lunches for the homeless at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy shelter site.

SPRED

"SPRED has given our intellectually disabled daughter the blessings of a spiritual and social life in her Catholic Parish that she would not have had otherwise."

(parent of SPRED Friend)

This is just one of the reasons we are expanding our SPRED ministry to the community. If you would like to know more about SPRED and or would like to be a "Helper Catechist" please contact Kelly McCreary at kmccreary@stgilesparish.org.

UPCOMING: Helper Catechist Training
Saturday, March 25 1:00 pm-6:00 pm
Special Religious Development
Archdiocese of Chicago
2956 S. Lowe Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616
312-842-0139
info@spred.org

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 2nd 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.

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. Ascension Church is located at 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60304.

Parish Life



COMMEMORATIVE EASTER FLOWERS

Honor deceased loved ones

Decorate our churches 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 churches 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.

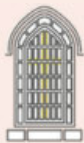
I would like to donate _____ plants (# of Easter flower plants) in honor of:

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

Name and address of donor (for receipt purposes):

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

Parish Life



St. Giles PTO Mother's Day Plant Sale

Order now through March 24.

Plants arrive May 12

www.stgilesppto.org

Looking forward to spring? So are we!

The St. Giles PTO Plant Sale benefiting the outdoor classroom is now open!

Order your annuals, hanging baskets, herbs, vegetables and Mother's Day Planters!

Order online at stgilesppto.com or use the QR code here.

Questions or need assistance? Contact St. Giles PTO at pto@stgilesschool.org.



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 morning Mass and then we will proceed over to McDonough for a nice continental breakfast together. Please join us, all are welcome. PLEASE CALL Joan Wojcik 708-771-4783 if you intend to come.

Disciple Maker Index Survey FAQs

Why are we asked to do ANOTHER survey?

This survey is being conducted across the entire Archdiocese. By taking it, you will be reflecting on your own faith journey, and sharing how your parish supports that journey. Our parish will be able to see our results.

The Disciple Maker Index has been given across the country, and provides new and exciting information about various ways parishes function.

I don't go to Mass every week. Should I take this survey?

Absolutely. **Every single parishioner** should take the survey – whether you go to Mass every day or just occasionally. Every voice counts – especially those who aren't always heard! **The survey is completely anonymous.**

How long will it take?

Anywhere from 10-20 minutes.

How do I take it?

Go to this link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ggppxg> or scan the QR code below. You may also pick up a paper copy at the back of church.



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 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.



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.

***Thank you for caring and participating!!
Know that your work of mercy will make a difference
in someone's life!!***

For additional information or questions, please contact Barbara Schulz at 773-622-2121

Food For Thought

The Light and Wisdom of Prayer

*"...in every prayer and application with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 4:6-7)*

The disciples had seen him in prayer.

He would step away,
raise his face to the sky, and hold up his arms.
It was Jesus the Son, in an intimate encounter
with God the Father.

It was so much like a child
reaching for a loving parent;
Jesus was being embraced,
and he invited his disciples
to share his own relationship with his Father.
He has them stand with him,
lift up their minds, hearts, bodies and souls,
assuring them they're in God's loving gaze.
Prayer is a relationship that changes us,
by opening minds and hearts.

When we pray with Jesus, we exercise
our essential dignity as children of God.

By our baptism, we are incorporated
into the risen body of Christ,
becoming his presence in the world.
We are flooded with light and wisdom
by the Holy Spirit. When we pray,
God hears our voices with the voice of Jesus.
*"Your Father knows what you need,
before you ask him. In this manner
shall you pray: 'Our Father, who
art in heaven...'" (Matt 6:8-13)*

The petitions of the "Our Father" align us
with God's will, to grow in the Eucharist,
our daily bread, and give us
the power to offer and seek forgiveness.
God will be with us always.

The prayer of Jesus is a creative exchange
between God and humanity. It uncovers
the mystery of God and ourselves
as part of the family of God.
This is our home base for our Lenten Journey,
giving us confidence we are loved
and empowered to love one another.
That is Jesus' answer to our request,
"Teach us to pray."

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com

Sources: NCR, P. Marrin, 2/28/23
Matthew 6:7-15.

Note: Tips on asking through prayer:

- >Do not ask for a new nose;
He won't send you one of those.
- >If a bright red sports car's your desire,
you may get a Radio Flyer.
- >If you have a nasty neighbor,
don't waste time on prayerful labor.
- >Remember baseball's Spahn and Sain;
pitch them both, then pray for rain.

TGL



But wait! There's more!

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