

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



THIS IS
THE DAY
THE LORD
HAS MADE;
WE WILL
*rejoice AND
be glad.*

PSALM 118

APRIL 9, 2023 • Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK
NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 pm; and Sunday at 9:00 am

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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



Happy Easter to all!

Pope Francis reminds us of what it means when we proclaim that Jesus is risen.

"It means that the love of God is stronger than evil and death itself and that the love of God can transform our lives and let those desert places in our hearts bloom. God's love can do this! ...Jesus did not return to his former earthly life, but entered into the glorious life of God with our humanity, opening us to a future of hope."

"He no longer belongs to the past, but lives in the present and is projected towards the future. ...God's newness appears to us as victory over sin, evil and death, over everything that crushes life and makes it less human. ...If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you. He is with you and will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do."

This Easter, pray and reflect on where we need Jesus to help us welcome him more fully into our lives and follow him more closely each day.

Let us remember as well what spring is:

... a time when delicate roots must push through the dirt
... the realization of how much darkness we've survived
... the knowledge that not everything blooms at the same time
... the astonishment of regrowth and of the forgotten reawakening
... the season of hope or trying before you know you'll succeed.

All around us in this springtime season are the glimpses of God who, through the resurrection of Jesus, has opened for us the way to eternal life.

I encourage all to take the time to read the interesting and beautiful Easter reflection included in our bulletin written by one among us, Sister Sue Paweski.

Have a blessed Easter all, be well and safe and may the peace of our Risen Lord be in your hearts and homes.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl



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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, 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, Morton Johnson, 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.

(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 Thomas J. Byczek.

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 10

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, April 11

8:30 — † Daniel Whiston
† Eleanor Rosasco
† Anthony De Leon

Wednesday, April 12

6:30 — † Wayne Hedges
† Jane Daley Clark
† Megan Shaker
8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, April 13

8:30 — † Dr. Robert Hammer

Friday, April 14

6:30 — † The Kessler, Bennett, and Grassberger Families
† Bill Rice
† The Deceased of the Shaker Family

Saturday, April 15

8:00 — † The Deceased of the Daley and Archibald Families
† Owen Petrzelka
† Betty Shaker

*4:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, April 16

Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 — † Rev. Thomas B. McDonough (4-16-1989)
10:30 — † Mary Jane Majer
† June Higgins-Woolfe
† Diane Hanley

**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, April 12 (no 8:30 am Mass this week)

Saturday, April 15

5:00 — † Rita Stokes
by Lisa Puccinelli
† Marlene Polasek
by Evie Stockinger

Sunday, April 16

Sunday of Divine Mercy

9:00 — † Jennifer Bartoli-Kalina
by Donna Kanapes
† Rita Stokes
by Lisa Puccinelli
† Robert A. O'Connell
by Tom and Pat Nelson



Praying the Rosary on Zoom Fridays at 7:00 pm



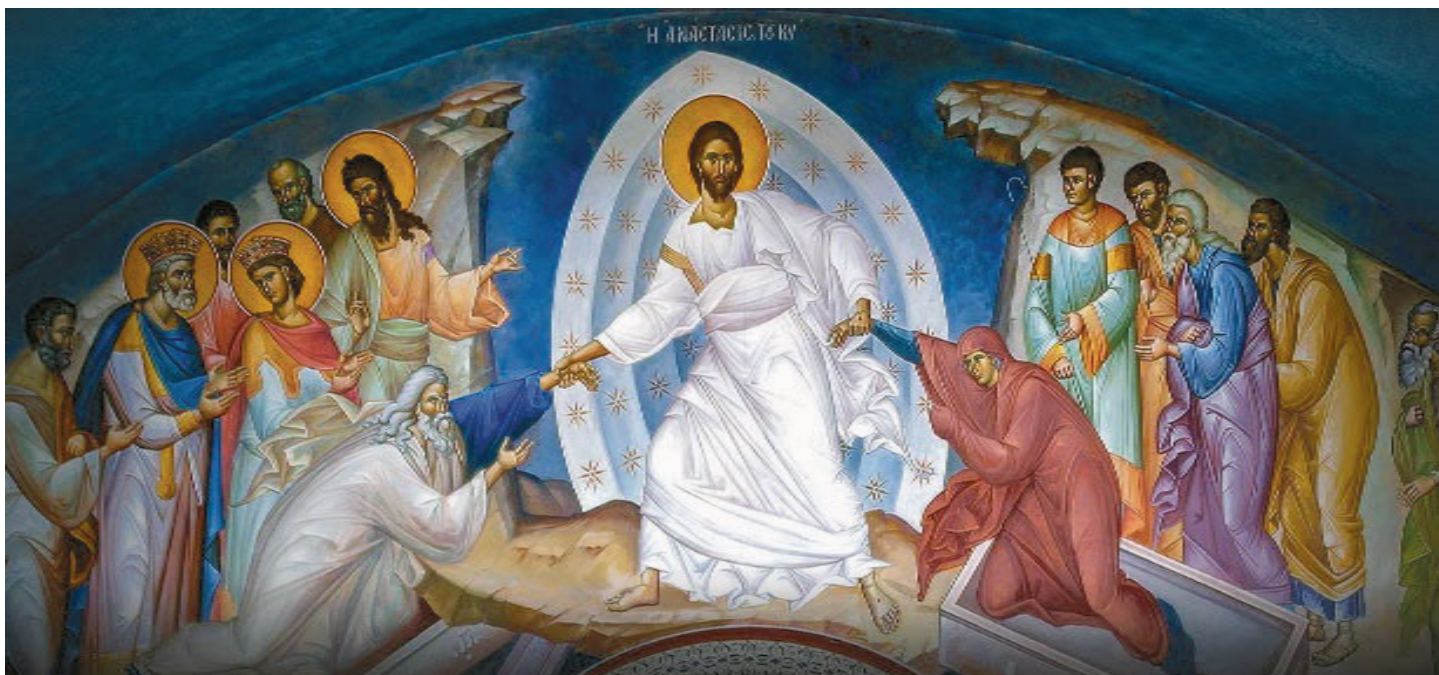
Join Deacon Kevin
and Marci Morgan
on Zoom to pray the Rosary
on Friday evenings
at 7:00 pm.

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New Parish Pastoral Councils Are Forming

An informational meeting will take place on **Monday, May 1, 7:00-8:30 pm, in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus** (1101 Columbian Avenue).

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC) for our new unified parishes, please join us and former PPC members from across Oak Park to learn more. Rick Moreno from the Archdiocese will share the new PPC vision and qualities of a Renew My Church Council and its members. From this meeting, you can discern your own interest and future engagement.



An Easter Reflection

After 40 days of immersing ourselves in Lent culminating in the sacred days of the Triduum, we have the joyous celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. In my readings, I came across a wonderful book by John Dominic Crossan and Sarah Sexton Crossan, Resurrecting Easter. The premise of the book is that the Eastern understanding of the Resurrection as a *relationship* defers from the Western understanding that focuses solely on Jesus. The book is filled with marvelous images that enlighten the reader about how Easter is depicted through the eyes of our Eastern brethren.

These icons represent the Western and the Eastern interpretations of the Resurrection. The Western icon shows Jesus in glory with adoring angels at his feet. Crossan names this image the “individual Resurrection.” The Eastern icon represents Jesus in glory surrounded by prophets and bringing Adam and Eve with him in what Crossan names the “universal Resurrection.”



The idea of a “universal Resurrection” sparked a fire within me. It speaks to our journey of combining our faith communities of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles. (I prefer this to calling it “combining churches.”) We are preserving our customs and traditions through conversations and sharing; thereby creating a vibrant community based on our faith and grounded by our relationships with one another.

The word “Anastasis” is the word used in the Eastern tradition rather than “Resurrection.” Anastasis means rebirth -- rebirth in the in fullness of God’s love. And, as depicted in the icon, we are reborn with Jesus! We are transformed. Think of the joys and challenges we are experiencing as we move from I-to-We-to-One Faith Community. It is holistic not individualistic. The rebirth occurs in relationship.

How are we moving toward a holistic understanding of the gospel values of Love, Mercy and Justice?

Are we bringing our individual gifts to the community at large to foster the One?

Happy Anastasis! Alleluia!

Sr. Susan Paweski, SP

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!



All throughout Lent, we have been reflecting and discerning how God is at work in our lives and in the life of our parish. This Easter Sunday, our journey of discernment is not over- we are just beginning! Throughout the season, we will walk with the early Christian community through our scripture readings, as we continue to reflect on how God is working in our lives. Today, and every day, Christ calls each of us to new life with Him. As we continue through the Easter season, pick up a little white book (available at all the worship sites) for daily prayer. Watch this space in the bulletin for more reflections and questions to ponder throughout the Easter season. We will also provide information later in the season about workshops and gatherings to explore the many gifts that flourish in our hearts.

What new life or new joy is Christ giving you today?

How can you share the bread of sincerity and truth with others this Easter Season?

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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalms 118

1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8

John 20:1-9

Take some time this week to experience the joy of the resurrection! Also check the website for prayer, song and video playlists, and ideas for home.

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10:30AM Mass

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Lifelong Formation

Faith & Fellowship



“Six Degrees of Separation” – NOT!!

“Six degrees of separation” might be OK for Kevin Bacon, but it’s certainly not the case with Faith and Fellowship!

It begins with **St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church** where the ministry of **Faith and Fellowship** has its home. It travels to **Catholic Theological Union (CTU)** and the Field Ed students assigned to F/F, and leads to the **Peacebuilders Initiative**, a now-defunct CTU youth program that brought teens to hang out with F/F. One of these teens attended **St. Francis College Prep** in Wheaton; she began an ongoing series of social activities at F/F, which drew St. Francis folk into the SCSL family. That interest motivated them to help with the collection of items for **Housing Forward**. Their tons of donations stored in the Rectory were schlepped into the church for the Almsgiving Stations of the Cross on March 24 by students from **SCSL school**. Back to St. Catherine-St. Lucy...full circle!

Six degrees of connection!

Stay tuned for more Survey results...

Survey Results regarding the center for Spiritual Growth and Development will resume in the April 14 bulletin. We are working to provide transparent results and look forward to sharing them after Easter. Praying for a blessed Holy Week and Easter for all.



The Senior Corner



Join us for a special treat after Easter Sunday as we will present a guided tour of St. Giles Church given by Denise Hartney and Russ Parker. Learn about the intricate details of our exquisite architecture, several historic symbols within the church, our altar, the beautiful stained glass windows, as well as the storied history of how this all came to be. Our get-together will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at 11:30 am inside St. Giles Church. Following this program, we will move over to McDonough Hall for a Brown-bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. All are invited to attend this special presentation on the history of St. Giles Church!

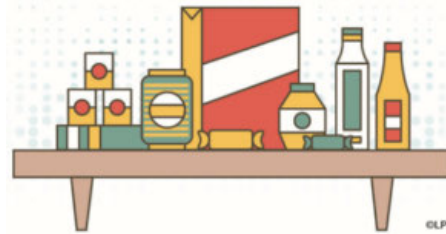
The Baby Bottle Project

Beginning April 15-16, our parish will again participate in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies and have saved over 40,000 babies and their mothers from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you on April 15-16, fill it with your spare change, and return it on the weekend of May 13-14. The bottles will be available in the gathering space of both Church sites. If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. You can also go directly to their website at: GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note that the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. *Thank you for helping defend life* and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.



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 **May 6/7**. 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.

Parish Life

Sharing the Word of God: Christine Wedekind

When Christine Wedekind steps up to the mic to read the Scriptures at Mass, she has a focused intention. “I try to read it as if I was talking to somebody, or as if I’m the apostle talking to a group of people. I try to put some Spirit into it,” she says. “When I am reading, I try to look around at people as I read, to share with them.”

When Christine was taking a class in public speaking, she told Sister Teresita Weind that she would like to be a lector at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church, and she said, of course. “I feel it is part of my responsibility as a member of the Catholic Church. And it is a privilege,” Christine says. “It’s a way to minister to people by sharing the Word of God with them.”

Christine has lived in the Austin area of Chicago, in Berwyn, Riverside, and Brookfield. She was baptized at St. Catherine’s church, went to St. Catherine’s grammar school, and married in SCSL church. After getting her associate degree in business at Morton College, she went on to Rosary College, which changed its name to Dominican University the day after she graduated. Later she gained a master’s degree in business and a certificate in pastoral ministry at Dominican.

She taught in the Religious Education program at SCSL while her daughter was enrolled and later when her grandson attended the program. At the request of Father George Omwando, she agreed to be the coordinator of the program, a role she continued until 2019. Currently, she is funeral coordinator for the SCSL community. She also is a member of the committee exploring possibilities for the Center for Lifelong Learning.

Recently, she joined in the efforts to communicate Lenten observances and Easter celebrations as an outreach at all four churches of St. Catherine of Siena–St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish and Ascension and St. Edmund Parish. Though she has a lot of ideas and likes to see them materialize, she tries to fly under the radar. When praised for her creativity, she says, “It’s not *me*. It’s the *Spirit* that gets me going.”

On the first Sunday of Lent, Christine was asked to present a short reflection on the Gospel after Communion. Speaking about the temptations of Jesus by Satan, she noted that with each temptation, God showed his love for his Son. “It allows me to stop and think: how many times have I been tempted by the Devil, and God has shown his love to me? Every day I wake and see the sun shining through the clouds and say, Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Help me to do what you would want me to do today by showing your love to others through kindness, honesty, empathy, forgiveness, love. Whatever love You would give to me, let me give it back.”

If you would like to know more about becoming a lector at Masses at St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles parish, contact Jeanne Visteen at jvisteen@yahoo.com or Alex Ryan at alexryan@stgilesparish.org



Wednesday Night Bible Study - Resumes April 12!

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!



Parish Life

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish Council of Catholic Women

Woman of the Year Nominations

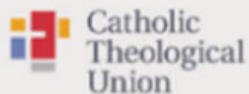
*Do you know a female parishioner who deserves to be recognized for her contributions to our parish community?
If so, please nominate her for the*

CCW Woman of the Year Award.

*Please submit her name and a brief description of her contributions to the CCW mailbox at the Parish Center
or send your nomination by email to Peggy Connerty-Lau at mac03chi@yahoo.com.*

Please submit your nomination by April 15. Thank you.

***Please join us as we announce the 2022-2023 Woman of the Year on April 30 at the 10:30 am Mass
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Food For Thought

The Resurrection of Hope

*"It is a beautiful piece of our human nature
that we are so often driven to return, to strive,
to persist and to care, even against all odds.
Let us nurture the hope that lives within our hearts,
while also placing our trust and our joy in the
resurrection God has in store for us."
(Living Liturgy, p. 97)*

Jesus' moment of glory
is his devastating death,
through which we are given life:
His suffering sets us free from sin.

This gospel of mercy
is God's unconditional love
revealed in his Son Jesus.

We open our hearts
to the ineffable mystery of God.

All who believe,
all who have faith,
will earn eternal life.

Braving darkness and chaos
to visit the tomb, Mary of Magdala
came to honor and to lament
what had been.

Then the explosion
of unintelligibility:
The tomb disturbed;

The Realm of Death disrupted.

An angel appeared to Mary:
"He is risen; He is not here."

She was first to know,
and to see the risen Lord.

Jesus later appeared to the disciples;
They believed he had risen,
but did not understand.

Peter admitted he and the disciples
failed Jesus. "We all deserted him."

The foundation of our faith,
is that despite our failure,
Jesus does not fail us,
but reveals the community
of forgiveness that continues
to tell of God's Mercy
for a sinful world.

Today we begin the joyful pilgrimage
of the Easter season, not only
moving us into faith,
but also understanding better
what this feast means in our lives.
We are submerged in living infinity,
becoming new, breathing in a new Spirit,
receiving a new fire of life,
putting on the mind of Christ.

An effective Lent leaves us now
as empty tabernacles,
awaiting Christ in us.

It is an assured pledge.

Our future resurrection

Is the subject of greatest joy
to the children of God.

It is the groundwork of our faith,
and the mainspring of our hope.

Tom Lynch. tg17714@gmail.com. April 9, 2023

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone, P. Marrin;
John 3:16; "Invitation to Joy," JP II;
GIA Quarterly, Vol. 34, Nr. 1

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