


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



Then the two recounted what had
taken place on the way and how he
was made known to them
in the breaking of bread.

-Luke 24:35

APRIL 23, 2023 • Third Sunday of Easter

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH

38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK

WEEKDAY MASS: 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



As we continue to celebrate Easter and Christ risen and among us, one of the most beautiful ways is by attending Mass and participating in the EUCHARIST. In a book I have been reading, *Living with Real Presence* by S. James Meyer, he offers some profound and interesting thoughts I want to share with you. He writes, "If our experience of Eucharist does not reflect our actual life experience, then we are being disingenuous about Eucharist and dishonest about our lives. Or both."

Meyer continues, "I wonder if we struggle to understand Eucharist in church because we don't first open ourselves up to Eucharist in the world. If we close ourselves to the basic humanity in one another, how will we ever see the Divinity in bread and wine?"

We bring ourselves, who we are and whatever is happening in our lives, to the table when we come together at Mass. Joy or sorrow, the good times and bad, our struggles, uncertainties and doubts, we bring it all and recognize we are companions on this journey of faith. And in all our life experiences, we are encountering EUCHARIST, the Risen Christ among us. What a lesson for parents to model for their children and to remind ourselves of.

Meyer writes, "Eucharist is so much more meaningful when we bring our own flesh and blood to it, when we bring the real presence of our own human experience of brokenness and vulnerability, when we come giving the fruit of our labors and the work of our hands, when we offer ourselves up in love for and with one another."

What a gift we have in the Eucharist! As we make our way from this table into the week ahead, be aware of how *living with real presence* reminds us that our lives, Christ's life, and all lives are united in a sacred communion with our creator and creation.

Have a great week ahead.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

Congratulations to all our students who were confirmed this weekend by Bishop Birmingham. A special word of thanks to Alex Ryan and all the adult group leaders who worked with the students preparing them for this special sacrament which completed their initiation into the church: Baptism, Eucharist and now their Confirmation.

Below are donations received to date during this Easter season. It is not too late to send in your offering if you were away. Online donations for Easter can always be made through GiveCentral.

Holy Thursday donations will be shared equally by the Homeless Shelter at St. Catherine-St. Lucy and the Refugee Resettlement Program to aid the Venezuelan refugees. Good Friday donations will support the care of the Holy Places and Christians in the Holy Land. As always, thank you for your generous support of parish and our outreach this Easter!

Easter Collection as of 4/17/23	\$	68,017.95
Holy Thursday	\$	2,380.00
Holy Land	\$	1,086.00

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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, Ginny Jones, Phillip Jones, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Kimberly Lester, Dennis Le Valley, 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.

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

4/9/23-4/16/23

	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 27,373.00	\$695,875.02
Loose	\$ 2,555.22	
Electronic*	\$ 28,606.74	\$474,415.24
Total Giving	\$ 58,534.96	\$1,170,290.26

*3/30/23-4/17/23

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!

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 24

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, April 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:30 — † Tom and Annie Joyce
† Chester Hammer

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 — † Anthony Abraham
† The Jane and Phil Downey Family
† The Deceased of the Shaker Family
8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, April 27

8:30 — † Joseph J. Archibald, Jr.
† The Senese Family

Friday, April 28

6:30 — † The Shaker and Crispin Families

Saturday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 — † Kathie Nardi
*4:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 — † Marilyn Hammer
† Betty Shaker
† Owen Petrzela
10:30 — † Louis and Elizabeth Toth
† Lorraine Kirsten
† Jean Carew

**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 26

8:30 — † Puangphet Phromthep
by Pat Nelson

Saturday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

5:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 — † Donna Kanapes
by Choir Pals



Praying the Rosary on Zoom Fridays at 7:00 pm



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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/](https://us02web.zoom.us/MeetingID:86588957490)
Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490
Passcode: 634955



COMMEMORATIVE EASTER FLOWERS

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles ASP Team thanks everyone who helped support their spring activities this Easter Season while honoring friends and family. They are proud to honor those that have gone before us into eternal life while creating a beautiful Easter environment in our church. Thank you, and happy Easter to everyone!

Helen Allen
 Mario Angelini
 Joan Angelini
 Joseph J. Archibald
 The Deceased Members of the Bahlau Family
 Ronald J. P. Banks
 Linda Bare
 The Bennett, Kessler, and Grassberger Families
 James Beznoska
 Emil and Henrietta Bezouska
 Carol and Marty Blake
 The Beloved Dead of the Blake and Gorski Families
 William and Eleanor Bobco
 Dr. Harold and Carol Bonus
 D. Robert Bresnahan
 Charles Brownfield
 Audrey Brumund
 Phyllis F. Bukowski
 Robert and Elaine Bull
 Al, Anne and Elaine Burel
 Bob and Jan Chapman
 Lester and Kathleen Collins
 Frieda Corrado
 Fr. Joseph Corrigan
 Tom and Ellen Cuculich
 Michael and Elsa Cue
 Dennis Cusack
 The Deceased Members of the Daley and Archibald Family
 Frank De Alba
 Sharon De Alba Norton
 Danny Denise
 Oscar and Pilar Despe
 Dr. and Mrs. Peter Di Francesca, Jr.
 Peter Di Francesca, III
 Anne Elizabeth Earl
 Michael Elsen
 The Enderle and Turner Families
 Jain Esthappan
 Wanda M. Everett Perry
 Mello and Patricia Ferrarini
 The Ferrarini, McGregor, and Dezewski Families
 The Fischer and Steffens Families
 Mrs. Alice Fox
 Robert Joseph Fox
 Raymond Galuska
 Audry Girard
 Sheryl Govedarica
 Thomas Guare

Claire, Gloria, and Phyllis Hallinan
 James Hancock
 The Deceased Members of the Hedges Family
 Dirk Charles Heezen
 Robert and Elizabeth Heitzman
 John and Maureen Hennelly
 Marilyn Hines
 Geraldine Hoening
 Jim Hulefeld
 The Deceased Members of the Janush Family
 Ernest and Dorothy Jilek
 Arne and Rose Jirasek
 Joe and Paul Jirasek
 The Jones Family
 The Deceased Members of the Joyce Family
 Donna Kanapes
 John and Mary Kaufman
 Madeline Kay
 Henni Keland
 The Keller and Zych Families
 Eugene Kelly
 Barbara Kelly
 Howard Kiley
 The Kroth Family
 Richard Lescher
 Robert Lescher
 Ruth Lescher
 Kathy Lesniak
 The Locke and Sirota Family
 Ed Lynch
 The Deceased Members of the Marshall and Sisco Families
 Mary McCauley
 Father James McDonough
 Barbara K. McGee
 Loretta Michaels
 Kaye and Allen Mitzenmacher
 The Deceased Members of the Moch Family
 Patrick Montroy
 Joseph A. Moore
 The Morello Family
 Joe Murphy
 Marion and Paul Nelson
 Stanley, Sue, and Christopher Niezgoda
 Harold and Sophie Olsen
 Gary Osga
 Clarence Osga
 Pearl Osga
 Liz O'Shea

Con and Catherine O'Shea
 Mary Ann O'Shea
 Clarence Pedersen
 Lucille Pedersen
 Gina and Alphonse Petrecca
 The Powers Family
 Aleksander Praczuk
 Mary and Jim Prindiville
 Robert and MaryJane Reardon
 Dianne Renspie
 Nella and Domenic Rossi
 The Ruckauf Family
 Bob and Rob Sansone
 Karen Schmalen
 Mary Jo Schmitz
 Theodore A. Schmitz
 Richard and Grace Schouten
 The Schulz Family
 Ceon Schumacher
 The Deceased Members of the Schweih's Family
 Mary Scouffas
 Frank Senese, Jr.
 The Shaker and Abraham Families
 James Shanahan
 Eileen Shilling
 The Deceased Sisters of Mercy
 Lorraine Skrzniarz
 Alexander Skrzniarz
 The Sloan Family
 Eva Smith
 Francis D. Steinbach
 Marie Stockinger
 Ramona Tauer
 James Thalhammer
 Wendell G. Venerable
 Robert J. Walsh
 Daniel and Rosemary Whiston
 Brent Whiston
 Sean White
 George, Erma, and Laverne White
 Jalen Williams
 Joan Wortman
 The Deceased Members of the Wozniak Family
 Peter Wrenn
 Gertrude M. Yardley
 Catherine and John Zachar



EASTER SEASON - WEEK 3

DOES YOUR HEART BURN WITHIN YOU?



The disciples were returning to Emmaus, afraid and confused. Jesus had been crucified, and no one was sure what came next. Should they go back to their old lives as if nothing had happened? Emptiness must have filled their hearts. But then a stranger joins them, talks with them, asks them questions, discusses Scripture. The disciples hearts began to stir. And as Jesus broke the bread, their eyes were opened, they were filled with joy and went forth to share the news.

As we walk along our roads, we all have time of confusion, of emptiness. We may be drawn back to our old and familiar ways of being. But God meets us on the road in ways we may not even recognize at first, filling our hearts with new understanding and direction, and calling us to share the good news.

When has Jesus met you on the road? Was it hard to recognize?

How is your heart burning within you now to respond to Jesus' presence and call?

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 2: 14, 22-33

Psalms 16

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Take some time this week to experience the joy of the resurrection! Read the readings over again and think about what they are saying to you; share some thoughts with a friend over coffee; make time to do something that brings you joy.

Confirmed in the Spirit!

We celebrate the Confirmation candidates of 2023,
who were confirmed on Saturday, April 22, by Bishop Kevin Birmingham.
The entire St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles community prays for and congratulates you!

Anthony *Paul* Acevedo
Lana *Anne* Apacible
Lucca *Patrick* Biancalana-Marsh
Emmi *Joan of Arc* Bozarth
Jackson *Martin DePorres* Bracey
Maria *Thomas More* Brennan
Jack *John the Baptist* Breuer
Freia *Francis of Assisi* Brostrom
Morgan *Jude* Browder
Sebastian *Sebastian* Builes
Leonidas *Francis of Assisi* Campbell
Edith *Joan of Arc* Carroll
Brendan *Nicholas* Collins
Makai *Michael* Conway
Noah *Joseph the Worker* Corro
Matthew *Martin de Porres* Davis
Grace *Therese of Lisieux* Demes
Julia *Cecilia* Dormanen
Isaiah *John the Silent* Espinosa
Jemiah *Anne* Funches
Eleonora *Sabina* Galavotti
Timothy *Thomas Aquinas* Gall
Tommy *Michael* Gallagher
Jude *Norbert* Gonzalez
Matthew *Joseph of Cupertino* Guido
Andrew *Matthew* Heinzmann
Marek *Mark* Hill
Charles *Patrick* Hughes
Arlo *Luigi Scrosoppi* Hungerford
Enzo *Joseph* Iannantuoni
Adrian *Adrian* Jaimez
Weston *Ignatius* Johnson
Collin *Patrick* Kjarsgaard
Ellie *Mary, Mother of God* Knackstedt
Nathan *Raphael the Archangel* Kralik
Connor *Christopher* Krumrei

Emma *Gianna* LaChance
Alexander *Matthew the Apostle* Lambe
Benjamin *Jerome of Stridon* Lambe
Michael *Michael the Archangel* Leal
Terence *Drogo* MacCarthy
Jovanni *Anthony of Padua* Martinez
Mallory *Cecilia* McConville
Josie *Elizabeth* McConville
Brendan *Brendan* McEnery
Cecilia *Mary Magdalene* Miller
Charles *Bridget* Molony
Grace *Bernadette* Moran
John *Sebastian* Murphy
Gavin *Patrick* O'Brien
James *Sebastian* Obaldo
Jake *Christopher* Pflederer
Anthony *John the Evangelist* Pinzari
Roman *Dominic* Povilaitis
Faith *Catherine of Alexandria* Power
Linus *Bathazar* Quinn-Pasin
Liam *Vincent de Paul* Racine
Luke *Anthony of Padua* Reale
Emerson *Joan of Arc* Reisor
Graham *Thomas Aquinas* Roberts
Samantha *Margaret of Scotland* Ryan
Claudia *Francis of Assisi* Smith
Tegan *Marie Amadine* Smith
Liam *Patrick of Ireland* Smith
Anthony *Mark the Evangelist* Trotta
Natalia *Teresa of Calcutta* Urso
Teresa *Gemma Galgani* Urso
Jack *Luigi* Walby
Haley *Helena* Walkup
Sara *Catherine of Bologna* Wallace
Kenan *Jean de Brebeuf* Walsh
Mae *Elizabeth* Warzocha
Grayson *John the Apostle* Waters
Caden *Anthony of Padua* Weaver
James *Francis of Assisi* Woods

Be
Filled WITH
THE
Holy Spirit



Parish Life

Almsgiving for Pilgrimage of Prayer Stations of the Cross at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church on March 24

Hi Christine and congregation,

I would like to personally thank you, and all the wonderful people who donated gifts of love to people in need. You all are the reason we can continuously support others in need, and truly can't thank you all enough for your love offerings.

Thank you,
Dannette Kennedy-Salaam (she/her/hers)
Shelter Manager, Housing Forward



The Prayer Shawl Ministry, which now has a membership of over 40 women and men continues to distribute prayer shawls/lap blankets to those needing prayers. We are delighted that a donor, Cindy, has provided the ministry with 62 large and beautiful lap blankets. We have begun distributing them. If you have yarn that you are not using, please consider donating it.

To receive a shawl or lap blanket, call the Parish Center office at 708-383-3430, or come by during business hours. All shawls and lap blankets are lovingly made and intended to provide warmth and embrace the recipient through the prayers of a loving St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish and the presence of a loving God.

May you feel the warmth of God's love,
Margie Rudnik, for the Prayer Shawl Ministry

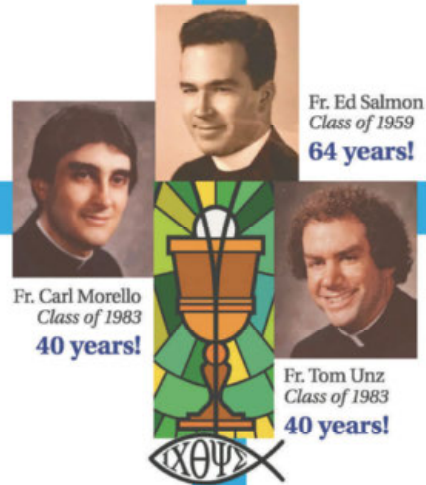
This spring, our parish will again participate in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies and have saved over 40,000 babies and their mothers from abortion since opening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



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend, fill it with your spare change, and return it on the weekend of May 13-14. The bottles can be found 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.

CELEBRATING 144 Years OF ORDAINED MINISTRY!



Saint Giles Church
Sunday, May 7, 2023
10:30AM Mass

Reception follows after Mass at McDonough Hall
Hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and lots of great conversations!

Faith & Fellowship



"BIG SHEBANG" - ???

What is this word "shebang"? asked a Maryknoll sister from Tanzania when she read the schedule of events for her internship from Catholic Theological Union. Well, we tried to explain it to her, but the bottom line was: the "Big Shebang" is Faith & Fellowship's annual end-of-year celebration, a Mass followed by a catered dinner from "Corky's."


This year's Big Shebang will be **Monday, May 8, 7:00 pm**, at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy campus, and we'd love for you to join us. Mass is y'all come; for dinner, RSVP by Tuesday, May 2, is a must so we can confirm our food order.

PLEASE COME!!!

Contact Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276.

Parish Life

ST. VINCENT FERRER
Presents
**"Christ-Lock:
Identity Theft No More!"**
A parish mission directed by Fr. Bill Garrett, O.P.



Monday, May 1st through
Wednesday, May 3rd
at 7pm
in Kyte Hall

Rosary at 6:30pm each evening
Confessions after lecture each evening

The Christ-Lock mission is a unique, grace-filled evangelical moment in the life of parish led by Fr. Bill Garrett, OP which aims to help parishioners enter more deeply into the life of the theological virtues of faith, hope and love.

Everyone is welcome!



Semi-Retired? Retired? Open the Doors of Your Heart



The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** may be for you! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities two days per week (September-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, companions to the elderly, hospital chaplains, and more! Detailed information is online www.ivcusa.org/chicago

Join us for an information session to learn more and meet current IVC volunteers on **Thursday, April 27 at 2:00 pm** in the **St. Giles Parish Center, 1025 Columban Avenue, Oak Park**. Please RSVP to Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312-961-6206 or jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org.

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.

Spiritual Classics – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer is the Spiritual Classics choice for our next discussion on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:30 pm** over Zoom.

In *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, renowned Christian minister and professor, recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. Giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945) was a renowned and beloved Christian minister, seminary professor, and theologian who was imprisoned and later executed by the Nazis for his resistance to Hitler.

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to llaafc@ascensionoakpark.com with the name of the book in the subject line. You'll receive a return email before the discussion with a link for the Zoom meeting. For more information, links to obtain the book, and details for the upcoming discussions on spiritual classics, go to www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome. Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and learn about Dietrich Bonhoeffer's ideas on spirituality and community. All from the unified Oak Park parishes are welcome.



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- Learning centers for Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies
- Daily faith formation exploring God's creation and love for us
- 10:1 student/teacher ratio
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- PreK-8 learning opportunities through cross-grade experiences with older "buddies"

CALL FOR A TOUR:

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MORE CONTACT INFO:

office@stgilesschool.org

www.stgilesschool.org

Dear friends, consider this:

The Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality is a small organization with a big mission, world peace through interreligious understanding, respect and friendship. Commissioned by the Second Vatican Council, this mission goes beyond the dialogue with other Christian Churches also called for by the Council. It means engaging the non-Christian traditions of the world with an openness that can help move our world toward the peace we so deeply desire. By doing so our faith is deepened not diminished as we join in this, the sacred endeavor of our time.

Our name, *Shem Center* uses a root Aramaic word from the language Jesus spoke, a word referring to the divine light that is in all that God creates.

We're offering a Sunday afternoon of beautiful music in a beautiful setting, St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church in Oak Park. Our three musicians, Jean Bacom-Detmer, flutist, Michael Surratt, organist, and Jeffrey Wagner, pianist will delight us with their performances. The program will include a song we sing together composed especially for this occasion.

All are welcome including children. Please plan to join us and let us know you are coming so we have enough coffee, tea, lemonade and dessert to enjoy together afterward. Your donation in any amount will help us continue our mission, begun during the 1993 Chicago Parliament of the World's Religions.

With respect and gratitude,
Br. Joseph Kilikevice, OP

Music to Save the World

*Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality
Gala Concert*

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Organ, piano and flute music
by Cesar Franck, Frederic Chopin
and others

featuring

Jean Bacom-Detmer, Flutist

Michael Surratt, Organist

Jeffrey Wagner, Pianist

St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church

Washington Blvd. and Austin Blvd.

Oak Park, Illinois



*Since 1993 furthering the cause of world peace
through understanding, respect and friendship
among the world's religions.*

<https://shemcenter.org>

Registration on the The Shem Center
website is appreciated.

[https://shemcenter.org/
music-to-save-the-world-may-7-2023/](https://shemcenter.org/music-to-save-the-world-may-7-2023/)

Food For Thought

The Line of Small Coffins

*"You will show me the path to life,
abounding joy in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever."
(Psalm 16:11)*

*"Gun violence is a family's worst nightmare.
It is ripping at the very soul of the nation."
(President Biden)*

A line of six small, wooden crosses,
all with flowers, three with plush animals,
stands in memory of the adults and children
killed several weeks ago,
in a vicious, tragic attack by a crazed gunman
at Covenant School in Nashville.

Three innocent adults should not die that way,
nor three loving, beautiful children,
all taken from family and friends
because their nation doesn't care enough
to do what's needed.

How many coffins will we tolerate?

Jesus has us stand with him in prayer,
lifting up our minds and hearts,
bodies and souls, assuring us
we're in God's loving gaze,
changing us by opening minds and hearts.
But prayer may not be enough.

I. James 2 is clear about faith without works.

Prayer gives us confidence
we are loved and empowered
to love one another;
just ask Shannon Watts,
gun safety crusader.

Moms Demand Action
for Gun Violence in America
was founded by Watts in 2012,
after 20 first graders
were gunned down at their school.
She knows the power of a mother's love.

Some positive action has been taken,
but the slaughtering continues.
Gun-supporting legislators
must be removed from office.
God awaits more prayers, and action.
Think when asking "deliver us from evil."

"Guns are laying waste to our kids,
killing their classmates,
killing their teachers,
killing their parents,
and killing their friends."
(Heidi Stevens)

Guns are the leading cause of death
for American children.
Can we engage our brains and hearts
on behalf of children's
whole beautiful selves?
Do we care enough?

The undeniable testimony
of our actions will be that
our children kept dying
because some of us
did not love them enough.

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