


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



LET
THE EARTH
CRY OUT
TO GOD
WITH **JOY.**

PSALM 66

MAY 14, 2023 • Sixth 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



Henry Ward Beecher, an American Congregationalist clergyman, once wrote "Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul." It is from the bottom of our hearts and souls that Fr. Ed, Fr. Tom and I extend our gratitude to all who wished us well, attended the Mass and/or the reception in McDonough Hall, and for the cards and gifts offered in celebration of our special anniversaries. The liturgy was beautiful, and you could feel the good will and joy as we concelebrated our Mass of thanksgiving. The music was uplifting, and we thank Michele on

piano, Nicole on flute and vocals, and Elliot, our cantor and drummer, for their gifts of music and song.

The reception in McDonough Hall was elegantly decorated by Larry and Ellen and a team of extra hands, including Maria, Felecia and Sherry, that helped to set a celebratory atmosphere. The food was plentiful and delicious, prepared by Montrose Catering, and so creatively displayed before being enjoyed by all. Thank you to Theresa for arranging CCW members to bring baked goods to help create a sweet table that called the attention of all, even if you did not care for sweets! Thanks to all who helped make this day so wonderful and special. Our gratitude springs from our souls!!

In what I tried to keep as a brief reflection last Sunday at our anniversary Mass, I mentioned one of the most important gifts I was given, and which has served me well in my priesthood - the gift of hospitality. This is something I learned from my mother. Although she has been deceased for 25 years, each time I offer a cup of coffee or invite family or friends over to visit, I cannot help but think of my mom and how the door was always open for others with a pot of coffee always on or ready to be brewed. On this Mother's Day, let us take the appropriate time today to honor and pray for all our moms, living and deceased, who have been like shepherds in our lives. Not only moms but others who have loved us, cared for us and helped us on our way.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OUR MOMS!

I invite everyone to pay special attention to this week's bulletin and what has been written regarding the Catholic Community of Oak Park and the development of our social service ministry center at the St. Catherine-Lucy site. We have about 13 dedicated and talented volunteers representing each parish site participating on committees working on a feasibility study. Read more in the article printed in today's bulletin on page 5. It is inspiring!

As we go into the week ahead, let us keep these few inspirational reminders before us.

Depend more on God less on self.

Be a doer not just a talker.

Aim to serve, not to be served.

Disagree without being disagreeable.

Keep first things first.

"DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD." Romans 12:21.

Have a great week ahead. With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

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Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 15

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish
† Lillian Carr

Tuesday, May 16

8:30 — † Joanie Donovan
† Fernando Galang, Jr.

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 — † Mercedes M. Grassberger
† Judith Nugent
† Jerry Klonke
† Shirley Zamito
8:30 — † Sheryl Govedarica

Thursday, May 18

8:30 — † John F. and Ellen Zwislser
† Daniel Patrick Grimley

Friday, May 19

6:30 — † Owen Petrzalka
† The Mary and Merrill Sklenar Family
† Betty Shaker

Saturday, May 20

8:00 — † Marilyn Hammer
† Cynthia Robertson Davis
*4:30 — † Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio
† Mary Anne and Terry Keshner

Sunday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 — † Dr. Robert Hammer
† Bob McCarthy
† Owen Petrzalka
10:30 — † Fred Cafasso
† All Deceased Members of St. Giles School
Class of 1977

**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, May 17

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, May 20

5:00 — † Charles Scott
by the Parish staff

Sunday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 — † Tristan Faulman
by Rachel Faulman

WEDDING BANNES

Il Iolanda Bilotta and Jimmy DeVito
Il Lauren Slaton and Charles Saporito

Praying the Rosary on Zoom Fridays at 7:00 pm



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490
Passcode: 634955

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Jori Baker, Phyllis Baker, Marissa Becker, Kyle Becnel, Joe Bigliotti, Danita Bowie, Herbert Breidenbach, Phil Calabrese, Tiffany Church, Patrick Cibula, Ray Cimms, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Bill DeBiase, Andrea Dickson, 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 LeValley, Jim and Linda Lewis, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Anne Muldhill, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, John Poplett, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Lillian Ricci, Dennis Rusin, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Barbara Schulz, 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 Frank O'Hara, spouse of Anita O'Hara, Morton Johnson, and Stanley P. Cmiel.



Mother's Day Bake Sale This Weekend!

The Fraternité Sisters of Notre Dame will be back at St. Giles Church selling their French tarts, breads, cakes and cookies this weekend, May 13 and 14, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and both morning Masses on Sunday. Stop in the gathering space of Church to find delicious treats to compliment your Mother's Day celebration. All proceeds support their ministry to the homeless on Chicago's Westside.



THE "CENTER" FOR LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION SURVEY RESULTS

QUESTION 2: WHAT WOULD YOU IMAGINE FOR A CATHOLIC CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING?

122 people responded to this question. Respondents could write what they wanted in a free text answer. Several themes emerged, summarized below. These responses are quoted and paraphrased from what respondents wrote in their surveys, and grouped based on themes.

Some respondents spoke of a physical and/or digital space, which had space for resources and places for gathering. Some didn't mention a physical space at all; most responses were able to be grouped into these themes:

Welcoming

- A place of diversity of all kinds
- Inviting to Catholics and non-Catholics
- Intergenerational
- A place for seekers, no matter where they are
- Offering events at diverse times, to be open to people at different stages of life

Fostering Growth in Faith

- Small faith groups where people can share what God is doing in their lives
- Spiritual Direction
- Retreats
- Sharing life experiences

Building Community

- Social gatherings based on interest
- Places for groups to meet with a common goal to improve the life of citizens that need assistance
- Lay led endeavor
- Coordinated effort of both Catholic parishes and all four sites
- Rooted in Catholic identity but reaches out to other churches, synagogues and mosques
- Broadens what the parishes can offer

Learning: Programs for all ages

- Sponsored lectures and programs on the tenets of the Catholic faith
- Small groups to read and discuss Catholic authors
- Accessible learning for all levels of understanding
- Formation for children and adolescents

Comments with Concerns: Questions were asked about the purpose and need for the center. Some felt faith is an independent journey. Others were concerned with the institution of the Catholic Church and divisive politics. Finally, concerns were raised about the role of the parish vs. the center.

Parish Life

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish joins Catholic Charities in support of mothers and babies across Cook and Lake counties!

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago helps families access a broad array of supports and services. Each day, Catholic Charities serves thousands of women and their children through their Family Support Program, and other behavioral health, domestic violence support, and basic needs programs. Please donate today at

www.catholiccharities.net/give/mothers-2023. Your generosity brings hope and joy to the whole family as they experience St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish's support behind them.



Catholic Community of Oak Park Social Ministry Center on the SCSL Campus

History

Parishioners of all the Catholic churches in Oak Park have been involved in social ministries for years. By serving the homeless, the lonely, the mentally challenged, the hungry, those hospitalized, those seeking refuge, infants & toddlers, teens, and the elderly we have served God by serving each other.

During the Renew My Church (RMC) process, the recommendation of our collective churches to use the St. Catherine-St. Lucy (SCSL) campus, located at Washington and Austin Boulevards, as a social ministry center supported by both consolidated parishes in Oak Park was endorsed by Cardinal Cupich. This vision is an extension of the social justice outreach to Austin and beyond that has been occurring on each of our campuses and intended to add to those efforts, not replace them. SCSL is an ideal location to continue the outreach the Oak Park Catholic community has been engaged in to serve those in need on the west side of Chicago.

The SCSL School educates about 190 students, 85% of whom live in Austin, and is thriving. For many years, the SCSL ministry called Faith and Fellowship has served the needs of mental health-challenged residents in two facilities in Austin; the SCSL convent is now the residence of women recovering from addiction through SisterHouse, sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The current rectory was converted in December to serve as an emergency shelter run by Housing Forward, and Beyond Hunger has a cold storage unit in the rectory's garage. As other social services agencies began inquiring about renting space on the campus, it was decided last fall to "take a breath and study the vision." At that point, Fr. Carl Morello, pastor of St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish, commissioned a Feasibility Study for the re-use of the SCSL rectory.

Feasibility Committee

Fr. Carl asked Jack Crowe (from St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles) and Dan Doody (from Ascension and St. Edmund) to serve as co-chairs of the Feasibility Study Group. Their work began in October and was placed on hold when it was decided part of the 2nd floor of the rectory would be leased to Housing Forward. When the shelter was opened in January 2023, the Feasibility Study resumed.

Dan Doody introduced the Feasibility Committee organization and model to our collective parishes through the church bulletins in an article that ran for three weeks in late February and early March. Questions were encouraged and interested volunteers invited to participate. An article on the Feasibility Study ran in the Wednesday Journal and Austin Times in March. The Feasibility Study group has three committees: Facilities (working on the physical structure and needs of the rectory), Outreach (seeking input through surveys, visits to social service organizations, personal dialogue with leaders in the Austin community, and our various parish ministries) and Development (identifying both financial and human resources required for long-term success).

Currently there are thirteen dedicated volunteers working diligently on the work of the committees. Most importantly, the findings and recommendations of this committee will be presented to our pastors, staff, and parishioners once the committee's work is completed, sometime this summer.

The anticipated Social Services Center is a long-term commitment by the people of our Oak Park Catholic parishes. Once the Feasibility Study is completed and presented to our parishes, the next steps in the process will be identified. We pray for the Spirit to continue to lead us as we move forward.

Please direct any questions to Dan Doody at dan@doody.com.

Parish Life



Parish Men's Society Smoker 2023

Join us for the Fourth Annual Men's Society Smoker. The evening will be filled with friendship, humor, beverages, and grilled meat. What more do you need?!

We will be awarding the Fr. Carl Morello Award for the Man of the Year. That person will be chosen by a select committee of John Gallo and the prior

award winners: Fr. Carl, Pat Carew, and Frank Hulefeld. If you would like to nominate someone, send an email to johnngallo@gmail.com. You'll recognize the prior winners at the event: they'll be wearing their Men's Society MOTY tuxes.

The event will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus at 1101 Columbian Avenue in Oak Park, IL 60302

Cost should not be an obstacle to coming! Pay what you can. That said, we are suggesting specific amounts to offset the costs of food and beverages. In other words, if you can pay the suggested amounts, do so!

Specifically, a single-sign-up is \$50. There is deep discount if you buy a table of eight, which goes for \$350. Those buying a table can also reserve seats for eight dudes at that table.

Please, please, please register as soon as possible so that we can get a good head count for food and beverages. Scan the QR code here to register.

We're looking forward to another great event celebrating the Men of the Parish.

--The Leadership Council



Intercultural Immigrant Ministry: Planning to Host Another Migrant Family

The Catholic Parishes of Oak Park (St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish and Ascension and St. Edmund Parish) are submitting a request for funding to Catholic Charities to partially support a second migrant family for at least six months. Catholic Charities will act as case management, ensuring that the family is complying with all legal migrant requirements and applying for any benefits to which they are entitled. They will also accompany the parish team, identifying families who will be good fits for the program, training the mentors, helping to secure an apartment, and maintaining regular communication with the parish team.

Volunteers are needed to accompany the family during their first few months in activities such as shopping, using public transportation, assisting with communication, and becoming comfortable with a new area and language. Ability to speak Spanish is ideal but not required. Finding and moving needed furniture and household items will also require volunteer assistance. Children will need to be enrolled in school and accompanied. Ongoing fundraising will be needed to support the family.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of this, please contact either Celine Woznica, celinewoznica@gmail.com, or Margie Rudnik, margaretrudnik@gmail.com.

To make donations, please write a check to St. Giles Parish and note that it is for the St. Giles Refugee Fund. Thank you for your generous heart!

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

5/7/2023

	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$16,577.00	\$ 742,301.01
Loose	\$ 2,622.11	
Electronic*	\$ -	\$ 500,083.63
Total Giving	\$19,199.11	\$1,242,384.64

*(data not available at time of printing)

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!

Parish Life

Social justice and action: Kralik family values

In 1999, when Katie was living in Berwyn and David lived in Oak Park, they were each looking for something more in their church experience. Katie wanted the sense of engagement she had experienced in college at the Newman Center. David wanted a church with a strong commitment to social justice. In a visit to St. Giles Church, they saw an announcement in the parish bulletin about a special liturgy of the Family Mass.

The next Sunday, David went to the 10:00 am Mass in the gym. He met several community members who invited him to a meeting of the Action for Justice ministry that evening. When Katie attended Mass the following Sunday, she was invited to sign up for the Women's Advent Night. "It felt like a place where people do church, not just where people receive church," she said recently.

After they got married in 2001, their involvement in the community increased. Even after they moved to Rogers Park to be closer to Katie's new teaching job at New Trier High School, they "commuted" to Oak Park to maintain their community connections. In 2008, when their daughter Rachel was a toddler and their son Nathan was on the way, they moved back to Oak Park. "We wanted our children to grow up in this faith community," Katie said. Her father, a deacon at St. Francis de Sales Church in Lake Zurich, was able to baptize both Rachel and Nathan at Sunday liturgies within the St. Giles Family Mass Community.

Service and social justice have been unifying values for the Kralik family. Over the years, Katie and David have been liturgy coordinators, sacristans, and eucharistic ministers. David has been a member and leader of the Family Mass Coordinating Board and a member and leader of the Action for Justice ministry. Katie has been a member of the Liturgy Roundtable for nearly a decade. She has also been a catechist and is currently leader of the Level Two catechists in the parish Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Nathan and Rachel help with audio-video technology that has enabled streaming of outdoor and gym Masses.

Some years ago, the family joined other parish volunteers in providing a hot dinner once a month to homeless people sheltered in the PADS program at First United Church of Oak Park. As PADS became Housing Forward, and the Covid pandemic required other arrangements, shelter at various church locations has been replaced with individual rooms at a hotel. Though the team misses the personal interaction with our sheltered neighbors, they still enjoy assembling the meals together in McDonough Hall once a month. On any second Monday of the month, you might find Katie scooping mashed potatoes, Rachel slicing meatloaf, and David and Nathan packing the meals for delivery.

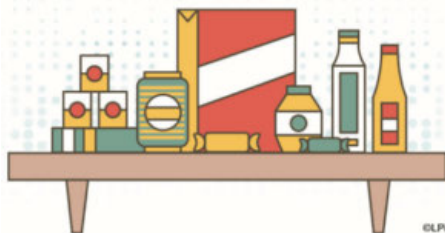
"The amount of gratitude that people have for this small offering of a hot dinner is just heartwarming... and it helps put so many other things in perspective," she said. "It is our duty to hold our blessings loosely and pass them along as best we can."

Katie is meal coordinator for the second Monday of the month's team. Volunteers sign up for one or more tasks as their schedules allow, using an easy internet form. "This is a simple, practical opportunity for people who want to fill a great need in our community. For someone who likes to cook, or doesn't have a lot of time, or doesn't mind throwing an extra package of juice boxes in the grocery cart, this is a flexible effort with a really big payoff."

If you would like to volunteer, as your schedule permits -- or if you would be interested in being a meal coordinator for an additional day each month -- contact Katie at katiekralik@gmail.com.



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 **June 3/4**. 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

Women's Spring Courtyard Evening

On the agenda: *FUN, FUN & FUN!*

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30-8:30 pm
St. Giles Church Courtyard

(If inclement weather, we will gather in McDonough Hall.)



Don't miss out on a chance to connect with other women in our parish! Come on over for the evening—or just stop by for a bit! Bring a bottle or appetizer if you can. We hope you will join us!

Questions or interest in helping? Contact Sue Canepa (suecanepa@gmail.com) or Andrea Grote (andreagrote@comcast.net).

Return Your Filled Baby Bottles This Weekend!

It's time to return your change-filled baby bottles, which benefits 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.

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.



Faith & Fellowship



"You Need the Church"

When Ricardo moved into Central Plaza, he looked up on the Internet "Catholic parishes nearby" and the phone number for St. Catherine-St. Lucy popped up. His call there was automatically forward to St. Giles where receptionist Sue answered. Although she wasn't sure exactly what he needed or how to help, she gave him attention, took his phone number, and told him she'd follow up. Wayne (from "Family Mass" and a long-time friend of Faith & Fellowship), and Alex (St. Giles music minister) providentially were nearby, and when they heard Sue's story, they said, Well, that sounds like Faith and Fellowship's mission.

Fast-forward a few weeks – Ricardo is now a member of our Thursday morning group. His remark was, "To stay on track, you need the Church." (Not to mention, the Internet, Sue, Wayne, and Alex!)

Spiritual Classics – Dorothy Day

Loaves and Fishes by Dorothy Day is the Spiritual Classics choice for our next discussion on **Tuesday, June 6, at 7:30 pm** over Zoom. The discussion will be led by Marci Madary, Director of Lifelong Formation at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish in Oak Park. All Oak Park parishes are welcome.

Dorothy Day was an American journalist and social activist who became a Catholic and continued a life of activism. In the 1930s, Day worked closely with fellow activist Peter Maurin to establish the Catholic Worker movement which today continues to provide direct aid for the poor and homeless. *Loaves and Fishes* is full of memorable stories about Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement, based on poignant examples and inspired descriptions of individuals in the movement. A revered figure within the U.S. Catholic community, Day's cause for canonization was recently opened by the Catholic Church.

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to laffc@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 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 Dorothy Day's amazing life and heartfelt service to the poor.

Parish Life

Prayer Shawl Ministry at St Catherine-St. Lucy

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will have prayer shawls and lap blankets available at St. Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy Church at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 20 and the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 21, and at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 27 and the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 28.



These items are lovingly made by members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry as a reminder of God's love and the support and prayers of our parish community. If you or a family member are suffering or if you are celebrating a life event, you are welcome to choose one of these items. There is no charge, though donations are welcome.

To receive a shawl or lap blanket at other times, please call the Parish Center office at 708-383-3430 or stop by during business hours.

If you have yarn that you are not using, please consider donating it to this ministry.

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

Interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister of Communion for our veterans? The Archdiocese of Military Services includes Edward Hines Jr. Veterans Administration Hospital in Hines and Jesse Brown Veterans Administration Hospital in Chicago.

You are invited to a mandated training for Eucharistic Ministers offered by Fr. Filbert Ngwila of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Archdiocese of Military Services on Tuesday, May 16, at 10:30 am, in the Chapel area at Hines VA Hospital, located at 5000 5th Avenue in Hines, IL. The chapel is located on the 1st floor of the main hospital building.

Questions? Contact Mary Sue Egan at m.egan@comcast.net or call 708-383-1899.



But wait! There's more!

Want to know ALL the latest parish news? Sign up for the weekly parish e-news via our broadcast email program, **flocknote**! To sign up, just scan the QR Code here, or go to this URL in your browser: <https://stjilesparish.flocknote.com/ENews>, and the information you need will be right in your inbox!



Food For Thought

The Heartbeat in the Home

*"Love is patient, is kind; love does not envy,
is not pretentious, is not puffed up,
it is not ambitious, is not self-seeking,
is not provoked; thinks no evil,
does not rejoice over weaknesses,
but rejoices with the truth;
bears with all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things."
(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)*

Nothing Paul wrote has more beauty
for us than his song of love,
a glorious reminder of the love
and beauty brought to us by our mothers.
A mother's love is born of God,
the greatest love we'll ever know.
A mother is known for the beauty
that comes from within, the unfading beauty
of a gentle, quiet spirit, so precious to God
and to us.

A mother's love is unconditional,
with eternal encouragement,
and the warmth and sunshine of optimism.
That love does not set with the sun;
It blankets us through the dark of night.
Protective and patient, strong and steady,
she sees all, says little;
sacrifices all, complains little.
Our first and best teacher is the heartbeat
in our home.

We respect the depth of our mother's wisdom,
the consistency of her compassion,
the insight born of her intuition,
and her support and foresight
at the moment of noticeable need.
Her kindness and generosity surface
at a time we are most ready
to be embraced by her blessing.
Her loving hug lasts long after
she lets go.

Mothers serve as our directional signal,
always mindful of her child's happiness;
She is passionate in her careful,
well-thought guidance,
where encouragement or discouragement
is her mindful and insightful call.
The bond between a mother and her child
is a Holy Union of perfection and purity.
With us or gone, she reminds us who we are,
born of love, and into love.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 5/14/23

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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 15 people.

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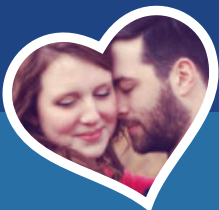
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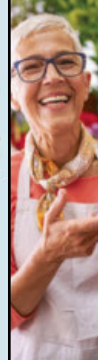
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