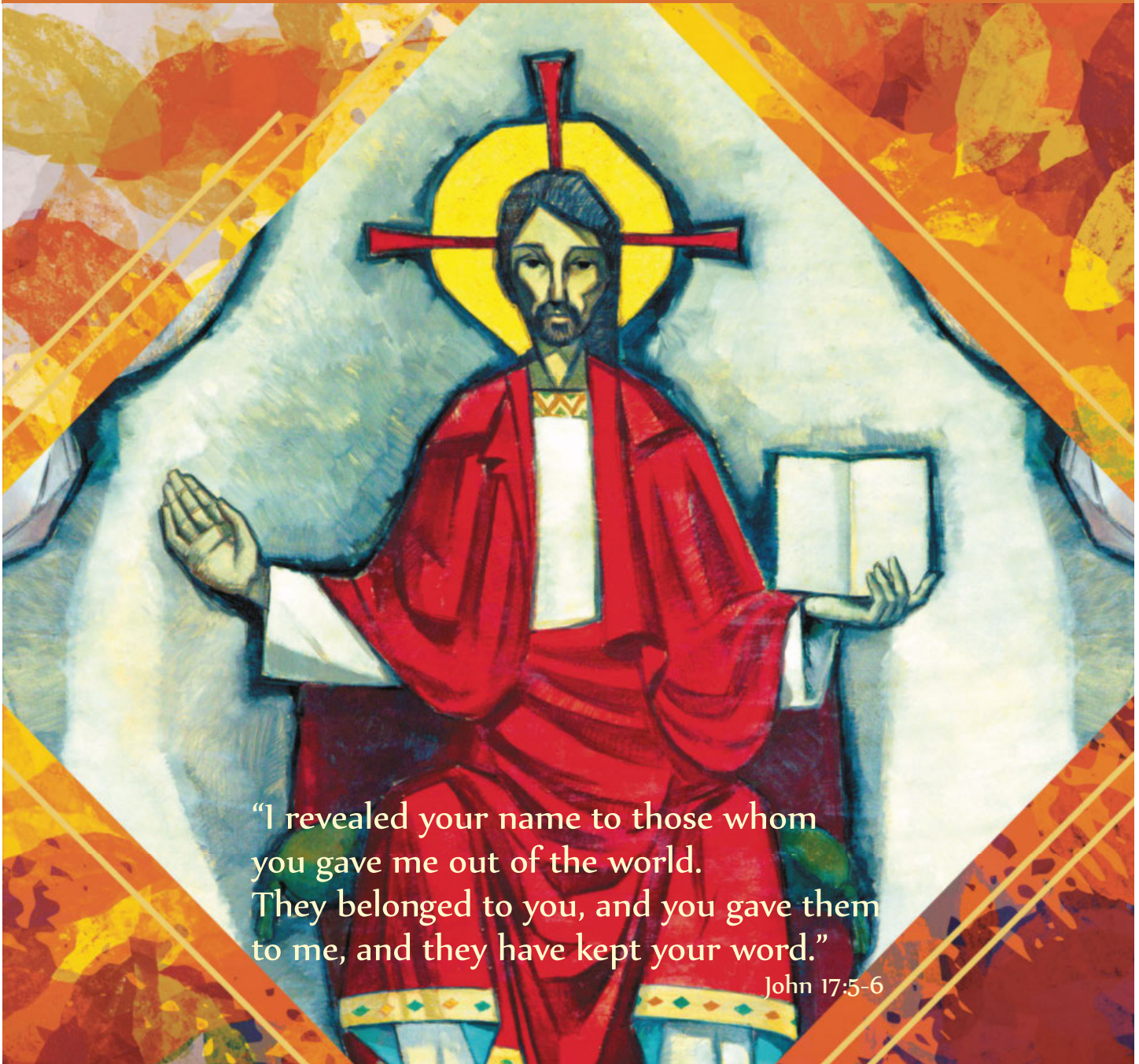


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



"I revealed your name to those whom
you gave me out of the world.
They belonged to you, and you gave them
to me, and they have kept your word."

John 17:5-6

MAY 21, 2023 • The Ascension of the Lord

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 you heard last weekend in the announcements, the Archdiocese has announced the return of the distribution of the Blood of Christ, the communion cup. We are planning to begin offering the Precious Blood at Masses beginning on the Feast of Pentecost, which is next weekend, May 27-28. We will begin with two stations on each side of the church. This is a good time to remind everyone that reception of the Body of Christ is full participation in the Eucharist, meaning it is both Body and Blood received. Partaking in the cup is a fuller

identification with the invitation, take and eat, take and drink. Just as before the pandemic, we support each person's individual decision to partake or not in the cup.

This is also a good time to examine your desire to help in the liturgical ministries as a communion minister or lector, reading at mass. Because of the pandemic, many former communion ministers and lectors stepped away and we now need to add new members to the ranks. We need and desire participation from the members of the community in these vital roles at Mass.

I also want to share some information that was received from the Archdiocese of Chicago. This will be shared in both Oak Park parish bulletins this weekend.

"We know that the Oak Park parishioners are interested in next steps in addressing the unfortunate situation at St. Edmunds Church which suffered significant damage from a micro-burst storm just prior to Easter. The property has been secured and the loose stones have been secured in place on the structure. Each of these stones weighs several hundred pounds. To ensure everyone's safety, the church remains closed and parish activities have been transferred to the Ascension campus.

The Archdiocese has commissioned a structural engineering and architectural firm to perform a complete assessment of the exterior of the building, not just the damage from the April storm. An interior assessment will be done concurrently. We expect the assessment to be complete in July.

Once the assessments are complete, we will be able to assess the findings, costs, and potential timetable, etc. and develop options for moving forward. We will continue to work with the Village of Oak Park as part of the process. We are grateful for your understanding and support."

This information is from the Archdiocese. I am glad they are keeping us updated and realize there is not much new information at this time. The process is slow, patience is a virtue that is needed and one that will be tested!

Today in our readings, we are reminded with the Ascension, Jesus not only returns to his Father but does so as the Risen Lord! From this great moment on, all humanity has a place in the eternal life of God. For now, one like us has ascended and taken his place at the right hand of the Father. Where in our mind, hearts and souls do we need today's celebration to fill us with peace and hope in the eternal life of God?

Have a beautiful 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 22

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, May 23

8:30 — † Sheila Curran
† Frank Senese, Jr.
† May Stern

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 — † The Deceased Members of the Abraham Family
† Albert Hall, Sr.
8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, May 25

8:30 — † Deacon Gerry Zych
† Dr. John A. Zwisler
† Frank De Alba

Friday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

6:30 — † Ted and Mary Mueller
† Anthony Abraham

Saturday, May 27

8:00 — † Steven Thomas Hammer
12:00 — Wedding: Iolanda Bilotta and Jimmy DeVito
2:30 — Wedding: Lauren Slayton and Charles Saporito
*4:30 — † Dr. Harold and Carol Bonus
† Robert Engles

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 — † Phyllis Bukowski
† Owen Petrzela
† Betty Shaker
10:30 — † Rose Jantelezio
† Chester Hammer
† 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, May 24

8:30 — † Rosalinda Rodriguez
by The Yee Family

Saturday, May 27

5:00 — † Joe Hargadon
by Rachel Faulman

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 — † Harry Belafonte
by Tom and Pat Nelson

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Jori Baker, Phyllis Baker, Marissa Becker, 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, 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 Joaquin Vergara-Petersen, grandson of Astrid Schuler and Larry Disch.



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.

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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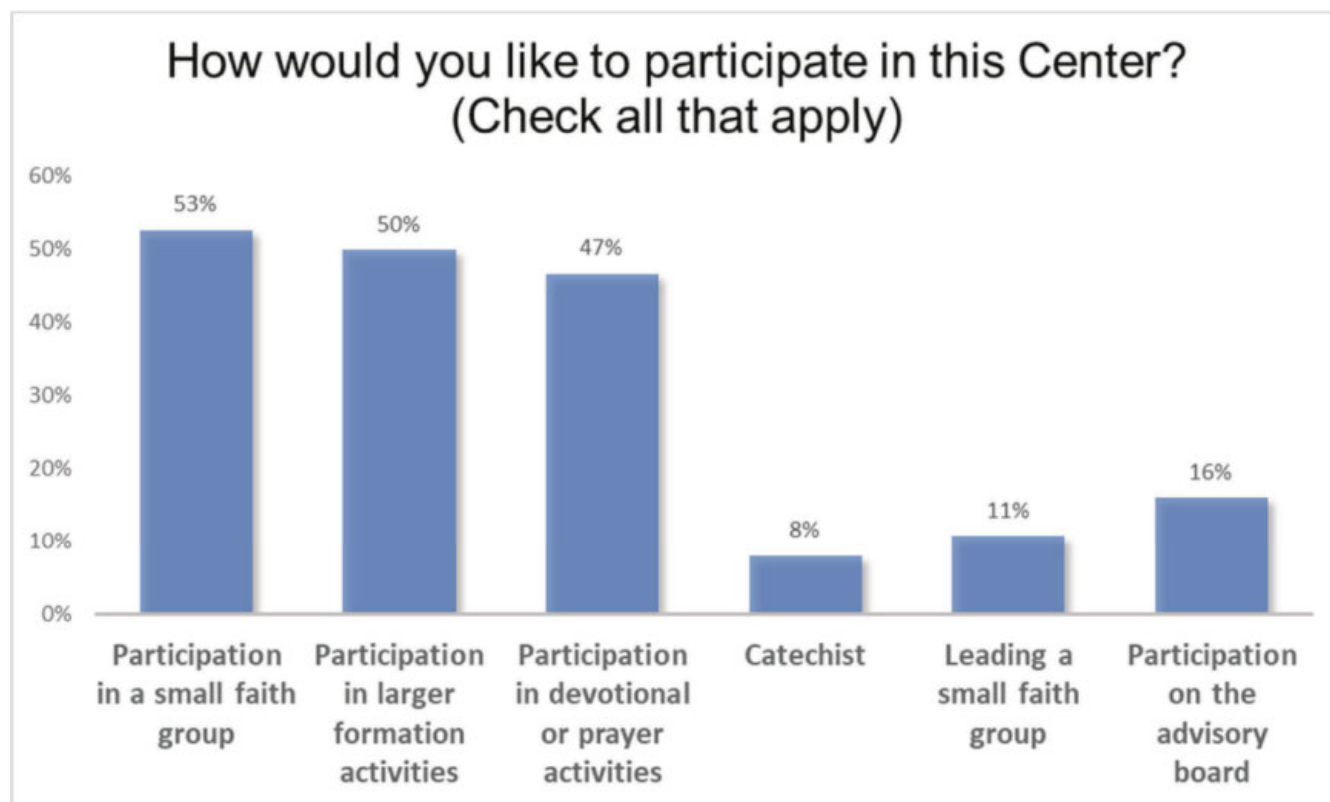
Lifelong Formation

Center for Spiritual Growth and Development Survey

We are continuing to share the results of the Survey conducted in January, which began to gather the community's input on the development of a center for Spiritual growth and faith formation.

Question 3: How would you like to participate in the proposed Center?

127/167 respondents answered this question.



Other responses included:

- 4% stated that they would not participate.
- 5% stated that they are not currently sure, or would participate as the Spirit leads.
- Other individual responses included participating in, assisting with or helping lead:
 - ◊ Retreats
 - ◊ Social Justice as an integral part of faith formation
 - ◊ Pre-evangelization
 - ◊ Meditation
 - ◊ Lunch and learns
 - ◊ An atmosphere of welcoming
 - ◊ Family activities inspired by the liturgical seasons
 - ◊ Participate in integrating the Center into the wider community, helping its members to grow as a unified - and unifying - body, bringing the light of Christ to the world.

Lifelong Formation



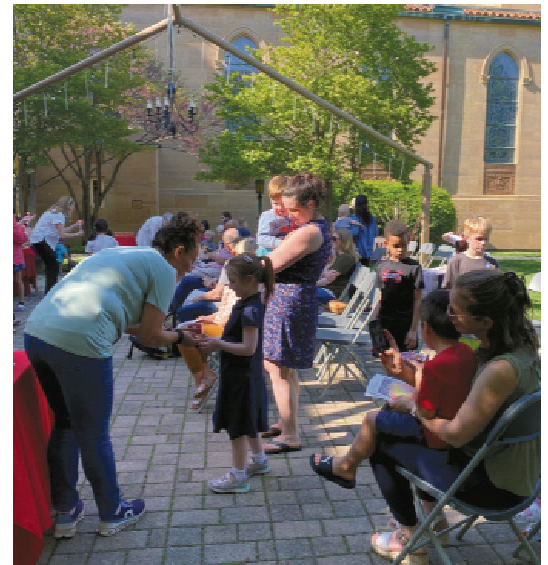
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Year-End Pentecost Celebration

Last Wednesday, we gathered in the church courtyard for our year-end prayer service for all the children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, celebrating the gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit.



After listening to scripture and singing together, the children and their family members had a moment to reflect on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and select one from which to light their own votive candle. After they lit their candle, they could take a prayer card with the name of the gift they chose.

Thank you to all who assisted our celebration. We pray that everyone will have a spirit-filled summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



SPRED Volunteers Needed!

Since SPRED is not a classroom model of religious education, we need adult volunteers who will be trained to form a small community of faith and grow in their own faith as they welcome people of a particular age group.

You do not need experience or have a degree in special education to volunteer with this program. Extensive training is provided, so you just need a willingness to grow in your faith and to welcome our friends!

If you are called to service in this ministry, please contact Kelly McCreary, kmccreary@stgilesparish.org



Faith & Fellowship



Good-bye to the Catechists

I am Sr. Youngmi. I am a Korean nun and CTU student. Since September, we met during Monday Evening Prayer at Faith and Fellowship for my Ministry Practicum. The time I prayed and talked with you every Monday for almost a year has been a great gift to me. As a Catechist, seeing you accompanying the sick has taught me how to live with them. You have been a good teacher to me. Your existence was a gift from God to me. Please don't forget that I really enjoyed meeting you every Monday. I will remember you in my prayers. May you be happy and healthy in God's care.

The Emergency Overnight Shelter is Now Year-Round!

St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church
38 N. Austin Boulevard in Oak Park



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The opportunities for this shelter are:

> **Site Captain**

Site captains recruit and manage a team of volunteers from their congregation to fill volunteer needs and/or meals for a night of shelter operation.

> **Evening Shelter Host** (6:30 pm–10:00 pm)

Volunteers help get set-up for the evening, greet the shelter guests as they arrive help them to set up their sleeping area, host dinner, and interact with clients until lights out.

> **Overnight Attendant** (10:00 pm–5:00 am)

Volunteers support staff in ensuring a safe experience for the shelter guests.

> **Breakfast Host** (5:00 am–7:00 am)

Volunteers serve a light breakfast, help shelter guests exit and assist with light clean-up.

> **Meal Provider** (To be delivered at 7:00 pm)

Volunteers donate and deliver a hot dinner meal, and/or a continental breakfast and/or a sack to-go lunches for 15 people.

To sign up, please scan the QR code to access the interactive calendar. Additional job descriptions and volunteer requirements can be found on the calendar.

For additional information, contact Cherrell Jackson at cjackson@housingforward.org

Parish Life

Healing Prayer, Healing Song

The next *Healing Prayer, Healing Song* service is on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 pm at Ascension Church. This service includes an ecumenical and multicultural prayer team with musical leadership provided by the Ascension Choir and music ministry. This will be our final service until fall!

As we offer special prayers for the healing of systemic racism, racial divisions, poverty, and gun violence in our country, we encourage people of all faith traditions and races to join in this service of prayer for unity and healing. The service lasts one hour.

The service will also be live-streamed! All are welcome! For questions concerning the service, or to offer feedback on the service, contact David at

d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com

WEDDING BANNS

- I Susana Volpe and Timothy Volk
- III Iolanda Bilotta and Jimmy DeVito
- III Lauren Slayton and Charles Saporito

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 llaaffc@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.



Our Baptism Preparation Team is looking for new members

Do you love babies? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Then this is the ministry for you! The Baptism Preparation Team is looking for individuals and couples to help prepare first-time parents for their child's Baptism. The preparation classes are held once a month on either a Monday or Tuesday evening and take place in the prayer space behind the altar. Training and support will be provided. For more information, please contact Sharon at the Parish Center at 708-383-3430 Ext. 420.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm in the St. Giles Campus
Parish Center Living Room
at 1025 Columbian Avenue,
and over Zoom



All are welcome - It is **NOT** necessary or required to attend each week... Come when you can!!

Join us for a new series of meetings on the **Acts of the Apostles!** We'll be sending out study guides, including bible verses/chapters that will be referenced as well as questions to ponder and discuss together.

Contact **Maria Samatas** at msamatas@me.com for more information!



ST. GILES SCHOOL

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MORE CONTACT INFO:

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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).

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

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

	5/14/2023	
	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 12,370.55	\$ 757,371.49
Loose	\$ 2,699.93	
Electronic*	\$ 17,727.50	\$ 517,811.13
Total Giving	\$ 32,797.98	\$ 1,275,182.62
*5/3/23-5/15/23		

Easter Collection to date \$ 73,657.95

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!

Return Your Filled Baby Bottles!

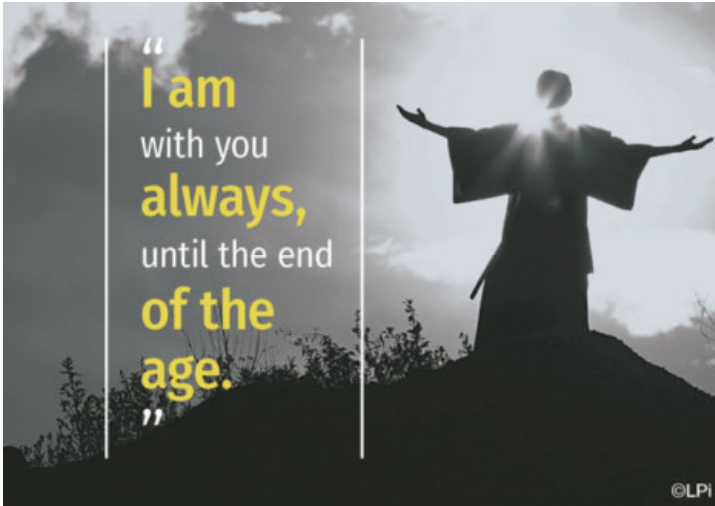
It's time to return your change-filled baby bottles, which benefits The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies and have saved over 40,000 babies and their mothers from abortion since opening in 1984.

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.



Parish Life



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!

But wait! There's more!

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Food For Thought

Worshipping and Doubting

"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call... God put all things beneath his feet, and gave him as head over all things to the Church, which is his body..." (Ephesians 1:17:23)

The significance of today's readings cannot be overstated:

They mark the very beginning of our beloved Catholic Church.
"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them all that I have commanded you."
(Matthew 28:20)

Following his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples, telling them he'd passed through death, and was teaching them again: *"The reign of God is among you."* (Luke 17:21) Going to a mountain of encounter with God, they were reconstituted for Pentecost; On that threshold of faith were worship and doubt.

The disciples saw Jesus, and truly came home, as with doubt and confusion, joy and wonder, they encountered the one who knew and loved them like no other. His message about the path to deep belief was to step out and walk on the water of faith in the one who sends you into his mission that unending love was the only genuine power.

Paul's letter has God's iteration of the Word, putting all things under Jesus' feet (above). Ephesians tells us faith in Jesus is really *"...a belief in and through the community that is his body."* The Ascension reminds us that our vocation is to continue being and seeing God with us *"until the end of ages."*

Prayer: *All powerful God, amidst shouts of joy and a blare of trumpets, you were lifted into the sky by a cloud, promising one day to return. As we who remain set about the mission you gave us, grant us zeal, persistence and patience. Through us, may the whole world come to know your good news. Amen.*
(Living Liturgy)

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 5/21/23

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone, 5/31/23:
Ephesians 1:17-21; Acts 1:1-11;
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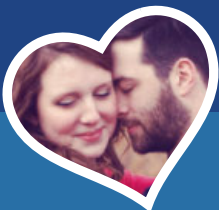
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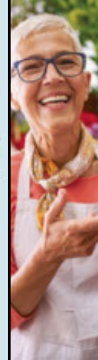
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