

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



SPEAK

WITH

THE

HOLY

SPIRIT

MAY 28, 2023 • Pentecost Sunday

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 (Memorial Day) at 8:30 am; 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



I hope all have enjoyed these beautiful days reminding us of the gift and beauty of God's creation. While the sunshine and nice temperatures have made me smile, I also have a heavy heart as I must share some important information with you. Last week, I spoke to the members of our community who attend the 5:00 pm Mass at our St. Catherine-St. Lucy worship site. After almost a year, with the hope more parishioners who have been away during the pandemic would return to that Mass time, we are still a very small number. Regrettably, after

consultation with staff and members of the community whom I personally spoke with, the 5:00 pm Mass will end as of June 24. Julius White and the Praise Choir have been a significant part of that Mass time and of the community, faithfully providing music for many years. We understand the importance of coming together in worship and the spiritual nourishment that this Mass in particular provides. However, continuing as is with little attendance and support played into making this difficult decision. I understand that for many this will be disappointing.

I can share with you that Julius White and Sue Kaszynski, both involved in the music ministry at our two worship sites, the Praise Choir and our united Seasonal Planning Liturgy team will have conversations on how best to continue to include what has been an important part of the community for many years. Nothing will change with the 9:00 am Sunday morning Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy.

I hope and pray that those who have been regular 5:00 pm Mass attendees will now join us at the 4:30 pm Mass at our St. Giles site or the Sunday morning 9:00 am Mass at St. Catherine-St. Lucy. Building a new reality is a process ... we are on that journey together.

This weekend, we celebrate Pentecost and hear some helpful advice for our journey. What is the first thing Jesus says to his startled, confused disciples? "PEACE BE WITH YOU." He says it twice! In this same meeting, the disciples receive the Holy Spirit and Jesus once again "sends" them on a mission. The great reminder of Pentecost is that Christians are a *sent* people. And the impetus of Renew My Church and Building a New Reality is sending us in new directions and on a new mission. In all that we are doing, let us recall that we are commissioned to take Jesus Christ with us and introduce Jesus wherever we go. But we cannot do this until Jesus has said to us, "SHALOM!" PEACE BE WITH YOU.

I understand that with change and a new way of thinking of ourselves as "united" and being church in a more "Oak Park" community way may be challenging. These are all new ideas from what we have been used to as just our individual parish communities. For this reason, and many other personal concerns we carry, many of us are not at peace. We're fractured, confused and just as muddled as the disciples were in today's readings. When we pass the peace of Christ at Mass, wherever we gather, it is not an idle exercise. It is a call to wholeness so that we might be equipped to bring Jesus to one another and to the world.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. Let summer begin and may it be relaxed, fun and safe for all! Summer courtyard concerts will begin in June on the third Friday of each month! Keep your eye open for details!!

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 29

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Memorial Day**

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, May 30

8:30 — † Dennis Lamb

† Liam Herling

Wednesday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 — † Sr. Norella Hartnett, RSM

† The Deceased of the Shaker Family

† Frances Zamato

9:00 — School Graduation Mass

Thursday, June 1

Saint Justin, Martyr

8:30 — † Regina McElwain

† Patricia Huebner

Friday, June 2

6:30 — † Joseph Grassberger

† Jack Roche

Saturday, June 3

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 — † Jack Roche

*4:30 — † John and Bernice Zych

† Louis and Lena Calonico

Sunday, June 4

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 — † Anne and Chris Crispin

† Steven Thomas Hammer

† Josephine Petock

10:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

**This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website,
stgilesparish.org.*

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Saturday, June 3

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5:00 — † Gene Solome

by Evie Stockinger

Sunday, June 4

The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 — † Joe Hargadon

by Cynthia Weaver and Jim Bowers

† William Bender

by Jim and Linda Lewis



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.

<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, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Anne Muldihill, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, John Poplett, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Lillian Ricci, Dennis Rusin, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Barbara Schulz, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, 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.

WEDDING BANNES

II Susana Volpe and Timothy Volk

The Body and Blood of Christ

This weekend, we resume sharing the Blood of Christ in the shared cup at Communion. The Eucharistic Ministers have been re-trained in purification techniques for distributing the Precious Blood.

As always, taking communion from the chalice is a personal decision, and receiving either the Body or the Blood of Christ is full participation in the Eucharist. Please participate in the Eucharist in the way that you feel most comfortable.

We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers – and all liturgical ministers! Please contact Alex Ryan (alexryan@stgilesparish.org) if you are interested in training to serve as a Eucharistic Minister or any other liturgical role.

PENTECOST: SEND US YOUR SPIRIT



Reflection

Last week, we heard in the readings that after Jesus ascended into heaven, the apostles were left looking at the sky in wonder and confusion. Maybe they were looking for answers; maybe they were just in shock. How often do we feel like just standing and looking up at the sky? Are we paralyzed, huddled in an upper room, waiting for our next instruction, hoping for a sign in the heavens?

Fear does not have the final word. The Holy Spirit breaks through our fear with a transforming fire - a fire that gives the disciples the strength to go out into a hostile world and spread the amazing News of the great love of God. We, too, are given that flame of the Spirit in our Baptism; we, too, are given everything we need to bring God's presence to the world.

Questions

As we celebrate the gifts of the Spirit in Pentecost, reflect:

What gifts have you received from the Holy Spirit? What gifts do you see in your family and friends?

What would it look like if our parish community was "Filled with the Spirit?" How can we be open to the manifestations of the Spirit in our parish?

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 is the Spirit calling you to, in your life, today?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104

1 Corinthians 2: 3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

How will you live Pentecost in your daily life? Take time this summer to gather with friends, listen for the movement of the Spirit in your life, and pray for our parish community to be open to wherever the Spirit leads us.

Parish Life

Update from the Parish Operations Director

A part of Parish Operations is facility management, maintenance, and repair. St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish has one Facilities Committee made up of members of both church worship sites.

At the St. Catherine-St. Lucy site, a number of facility repairs or maintenance has been completed or will be completed in the next four weeks:

The Church sound system has been serviced and repaired.

Two wireless microphones were purchased and installed for the deacon and priest.

LED lighting was installed in all church light fixtures.

The front vestibule of Church was professionally cleaned before Easter.

The gardens in front of the Church have been worked on by a local landscaper.

Coping/flushing on the Church roof has been refashioned and replaced.

A new boiler for the Rectory will be installed in June (with an \$85,000 grant from the Archdiocese).

The exterior doors of the Church have been sanded and refinished.

The Rectory was prepared for a shelter used by Housing Forward.

(Pictured at right, top to bottom: SCSL Church front vestibule, the old boiler at the SCSL Rectory, damaged coping/flushing on the SCSL Church roof.)

At the St. Giles site the following projects have been started as we move into spring and summer repairs:

Installation of drain tile and two sump pumps in the crawl space of the Gleeson Building at 1101 Columbian. The building has an excessively high percentage of humidity due to water that doesn't drain properly in the crawl space.

Installation of a new condensate and vacuum pump for the boilers that heat the following buildings: Corrigan, Frawley, the Church and Rectory *(pictured below)*. The current vacuum and condensate pump has reached its life expectancy and has leaks that cannot be repaired. The unit is located behind the boilers in the Frawley Building at 1034 Linden.

Painting of all classrooms and the band room in the Corrigan Building at 1030 Linden.

Painting of the school library on the second floor of the Dore Parish Center at 1025 Columbian.

Replacement of original plumbing (1928) hot and cold water lines in the lower level of the Frawley Building. Currently there is only one water shut off for three buildings: Frawley, the Church and Rectory. For a recent plumbing problem, we had to shut down all three buildings to fix a toilet that wouldn't shut off. This job was put on hold last year by the Facilities Committee, but recent plumbing issues have escalated the project to the top of the list.

New fencing will be installed on the preschool playground behind the Gleeson Building. The old wooden fencing is worn and is a safety hazard for our children.

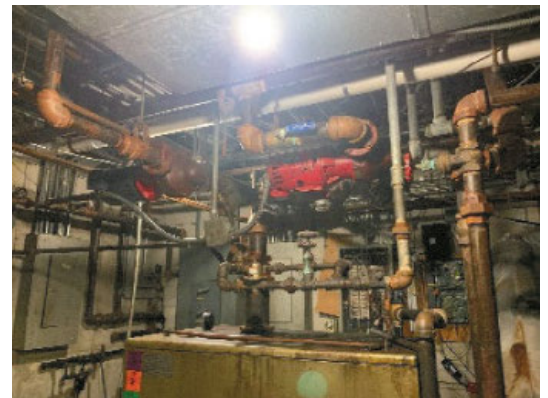
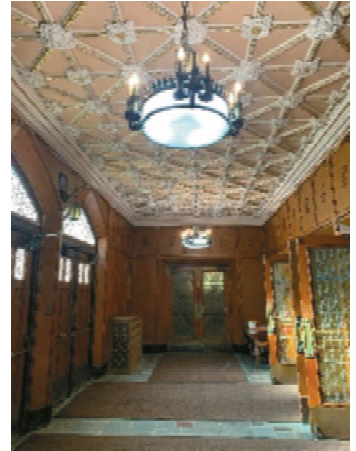
Installation of soft surface material for the Corrigan playground on top of the rubber mulch. The soft surface playground material will be a safety feature for the children.

Tear up and replace the black top on the Corrigan playground with a new blacktop. The current blacktop is uneven and a fall hazard for all that use the playground.

Trimming of trees on the main parking lot across from the Church. Possible replacement of the chain link fence and additional benches placed throughout the campus.

I would like to thank the Facilities Committee for their expertise in reviewing the project needs, determining what projects are more immediate, and working with Fr. Carl and me, as well as the Archdiocese Office of Facilities and Construction.

If you have any questions, please contact me either by phone at the office, 708-383-3430 ext. 102 or by email at mbrophy@archchicago.org



THE "CENTER" FOR LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION SURVEY RESULTS

QUESTION 4: IF THERE IS ONE THING THE CHURCH COULD OFFER YOU, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

116 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.

Community and Connection

- A spiritual family and spiritual companionship
- Friendship involving action
- A sense of belonging
- Opportunities and activities for all ages – from families, to singles, to young adults, to seniors
- A community that cares for newcomers
- Connections free from politics
- Pastors who are connected and care

Liturgies and Prayer

- Opportunities for prayer and quiet time
- Relevant liturgies addressing today's issues
- Mass and the Eucharist as central to our faith
- Improved sound systems for the experience of Mass
- Engaging, inclusive, and theologically sound preaching
- Transcendence
- Variety of Masses including Latin
- Daily access to Sacraments

Mission, Vision, and Gifts

- Return to genuine Gospel values, and less business decisions
- Better sense of mission
- Places for people to share their gifts of all kinds
- Guiding people in how to live the Eucharist in our complex world
- Vision of hope

Welcome and Acceptance

- Inclusive to all people, love and acceptance
- Outreach to the most diverse Catholics
- Hospitality
- Living the motto "All are Welcome"
- Safe place to renew connection with God, even if estranged.
- Healing of past religious trauma

Other comments: Many people commented that the church is serving their needs well, and could not think of anything to add. Others spoke of a disillusionment with the church. Several spoke of a need for true listening, change of church policies, and transparency and servant leadership.

Parish Life

Save the dates!

Summer Concerts in the Courtyard are returning!

Be sure to save the dates of the third Fridays during the months of June, July, August and September!



Our very own "Minivinia" season is being planned with some of our favorite musicians from our parish community. More information to come!!



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

5/21/2023

	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 17,202.00	\$ 776,912.64
Loose	\$ 2,339.15	
Electronic*	\$ 13,421.63	\$ 531,232.76
Total Giving	\$ 32,962.78	\$ 1,308,145.40

*5/16/23-5/22/23

Easter Collection to date \$ 76,310.95

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:

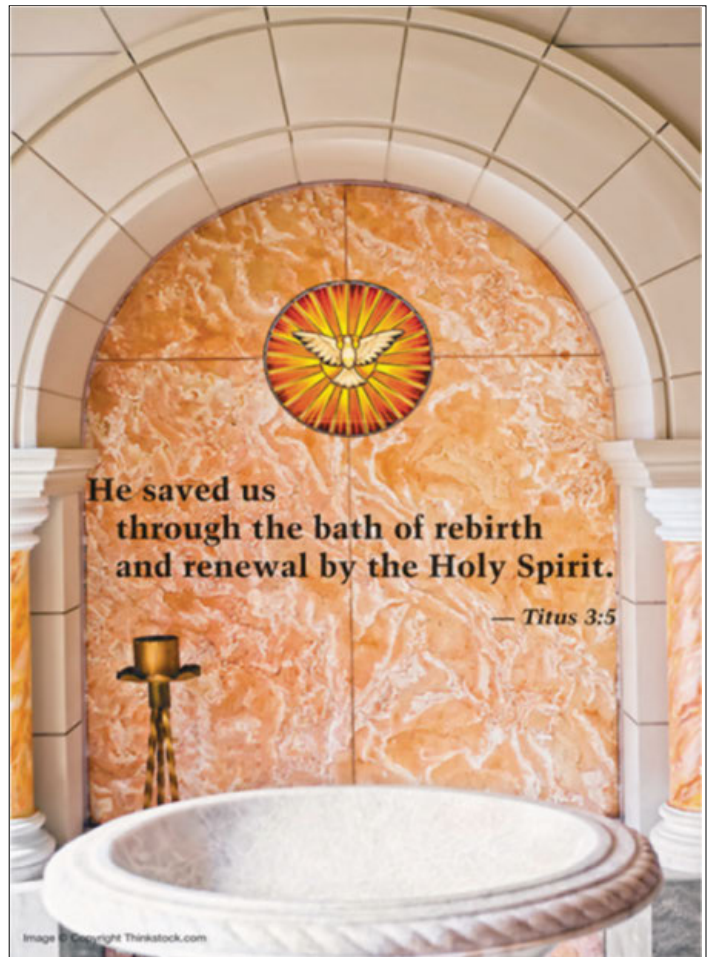
www.stgilesparish.org OR www.stcatherinestlucy.org.

Contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430 Ext. 420, with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!

What gifts are you being called to share?

As we reflect on the Holy Spirit's work in the world during this Feast of Pentecost, we remember that all of us are given gifts to share with the world. Do you feel like you are being called to something new? Multiple opportunities exist to share our gifts within our parish – in liturgical and other ministries – and in the larger community – in social outreach and volunteering.

Please reach out to together@stgilesparish.org with any reflection or ideas on how to share your gifts, or to learn about the different ways to serve in the parish community. A member of the parish will reach out to you to continue the discussion.



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.

The Emergency Overnight Shelter is Now Year-Round!

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



**VOLUNTEERS ARE A KEY PART OF OPERATING OUR
EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER
FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.**

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

Eat Some Pie and Support SPRED!

Apple Pie! Apple Pie!

Purchase an Apple Pie at the Happy Apple Pie Shop (on Harrison Street at Harvey Avenue) between June 6 and June 10 and 10% of your purchase will support **SPRED (Special Religious Education Development)**.

If you are interested in being a catechist, the process is simple, **CALL US!**



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The Senior Corner



We had a fine group gathering on May 16, as we learned how to recognize emergency situations and how to properly respond, as part of our Safety and Emergency Awareness program led by Denise and Julie Hartney and Maureen Shoevlin. Afterward, we all shared tasty pizza and a luscious array of desserts. Thank you to all who came and brought something to share.

Our next grand event will be our annual **Senior Indoor Picnic**, scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, at noon in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus. All attendees are encouraged to help bring along something to share. Please call Ann Sullivan 708-345-3374 to register and to see what types of items may be needed. More information on the picnic will be forthcoming.

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 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

Faith & Fellowship



On May 8, Faith and Fellowship gathered for the "Big Shebang," marking the end of our regular meetings until the Fall. Fr. Carl celebrated Mass with Catechists and Partners, along with folks from St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish and the St. Giles Family Mass Community. We gave thanks for the relationships that developed throughout the year and the new friends we made. Songs filled the air, and we made as much noise and glad tidings as we could muster blessing the Lord! Bonds of togetherness and the simplicity of being connected to one another were celebrated: to love, value, and listen to the dignity of each other. After Mass, chicken, salads, mostaccioli, and desserts nourished body and spirit. We experienced the Lord with each other: a great year, and a wonderful group of people to share it with. The perfect definition of Church.



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

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 laaffc@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.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED



The **FOOD FIRST** collection at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be next weekend, on **June 3/4**. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products with you to

the weekend Masses. Donations are brought to the altar during the Offertory.

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.

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.

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://stgilesparish.flocknote.com/ENews>, and the information you need will be right in your inbox!



Food For Thought

A Ray of Light Divine

*"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful, and kindle in them
the fire of your love."
(Pentecost Gospel Acclamation)*

This is our Pentecost Song,
as we celebrate all creation
in a revelation of God's very being:
"From the beginning of the world,
the mystery of Christ is at work...
in the natural world." (Francis, "Laudato Si")
Despite finding God in all things,
Francis warns us in "Fratelli Tutti,"
we imagine dread beyond our walls:
an ancient culture differing from ours.
Sounding like a direct warning,
he says in "Fratelli Tutti":
"Those who have walls become slaves
within those walls they have built,
lacking interchange with others."

Today we celebrate Pentecost,
the feast of God's filling the earth
with all her creatures and cultures.

What is the invitation?
John's gospel speaks of the progression
of the early Church's reflection:
the Spirit's effect
on the Christian community.
He begins with opening the window
of the locked room where the apostles
were gathered together in fear.
Jesus appears among them,
shows his wounds, bids them peace,
and breathes his Spirit into them,
to carry on his mission.

The Spirit if God rids them of inertia,
and impels and tasks them in their apostleship,
to broaden horizons, continuing for centuries,
sending disciples, impelled by the Spirit,
to all peoples and cultures of the world.

At each step, Christians needed
to broaden their outlook, and
question their dogmatic assumptions.
Paul describes that process in 1 Corinthians,
when he speaks of rejoicing
in the Spirit's diverse gifts.
Today all the world is reachable,
and translations are instant.
"Fratelli Tutti" tells us to appreciate
we're all part of one another.

The Holy Spirit is the engine of history,
the wellspring of liberation, healing
and reconciliation that Jesus initiated,
then entrusted to his followers.
The Spirit calls us to action on real issues.

Tom Lynch. tg17714@gmail.com. 5/28/23

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone, 5/28/23,
and P. Marrin, 5/19/23;
1 Corinthians 12:12-13.



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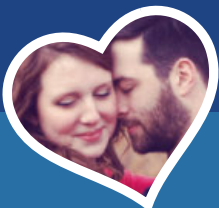
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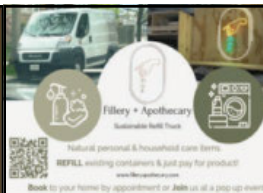
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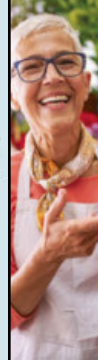
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