

# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



**JUNE 4, 2023 • The Most Holy Trinity**

**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



What a fabulous weather weekend for Memorial Day! I honestly don't remember when we had such a perfect complete weekend for that holiday. Whatever you did I hope it was enjoyable and safe! Let summer fun and relaxation begin and may it be safe for all. Remember, our first outdoor courtyard concert will be on Friday, June 16, at 7:00 pm. Our own Elliot Wimbush will be performing with Bill Serritella as they sing the songs of Frank Sinatra and the "RAT Pack." They were such a hit last year and we are delighted to welcome them back. A free will donation is taken up to support the performing artists.

This past Wednesday and Thursday evenings were important milestones for students here at St Giles and St. Catherine-St. Lucy Schools, GRADUATION! Congratulations to all our 2023 graduates. Please join me in praying for all graduates. These young students are capable of achieving great things. Pray for them to always remember to work hard, be kind and never give up on their dreams. They are the future of our church and our world.

Congratulations, graduates, and best wishes from all in our faith community on the next phase of your journey.

As Dr. Suess tells us, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

Food for thought: If you were to ask the Lord for one thing, what might it be? Recently, I read a survey that suggested the following:  
~We want more time, but we waste time in the worst possible ways.  
~We want to be in a happy place, but seldom seem to arrive or know how to get there.  
~We want good relationships but can't wrap our heads around what it means to live sacrificially.  
~ We want more flexible work hours and more remote options.  
~We admire self-discipline, but have very little in terms of exercise, portion control and lifestyle habits.  
We are a mess of wants and desires with voices on our shoulder arguing against the best choices we could make.  
(*"The Search for Satisfaction," January 2023*)

As we enter into Ordinary time in our Church cycle, remember the importance of Mass and prayer. It is in our best interest to be close to God, and to keep God at hand as our closest advisor and protector.

Have a beautiful week ahead. Be safe and well.  
With you a Christian. For you a priest.

*Fr. Carl*

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# Spiritual Life & Worship

## We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Jori Baker, Phyllis Baker, Marissa Becker, 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 Goodman, 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, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Barbara Schulz, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, 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 Theresa Mannion and Richard Carey, father of Rocky Carey.

*Welcome  
our new friends*

*We are very pleased  
to welcome  
the following new parishioners:*

Amanda Bustos and Stephen Zurilla, Natalie Marino, Monique and Gary Fernando, Perry Goerish and David Glawe.



## WEDDING BANNS

- I Ashley Beaudoin and Andre Barsanti
- III Susana Volpe and Timothy Volk

## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, June 5**

**Saint Boniface, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

**Tuesday, June 6**

8:30 — † Robert Steeves

**Wednesday, June 7**

6:30 — † Aurora Loca Bebas

† The Deceased of the Shaker Family

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

**Thursday, June 8**

8:30 — † MaryAnne and Terry Keshner

**Friday, June 9**

6:30 — † Robert Wenshutonis

† Alyce Bourjaily

† Owen Petzelka

† Bill Rice

**Saturday, June 10**

8:00 — † Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio

† Chester Hammer

2:30 — Wedding: Susana Volpe and Timothy Volk

\*4:30 — † The Deceased Members of the Sarah and

J. Frank Kelly Family

† Delores Fortune

**Sunday, June 11**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

8:00 — † Patricia Daley O'Keefe

† Isebel Briones

† The Deceased Members of the Abraham Family

10:30 — † Louis Cipparone

† Katherine and William Sargent

† Catherine Marciniak

*\*This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website, [stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org).*

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Wednesday, June 7**

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

**Saturday, June 10**

5:00 — † Homer and Edna Lindsey

by Era Yee

**Sunday, June 11**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

9:00 — † Joseph DiSalvo

by Jim and Linda Lewis

† Nellie Vincent

by The Vincent Family

## BAPTISMS in our Parish

*"Little ones, the Christian  
Community welcomes you with  
great joy into our family of faith."*

**Benjamin Davis Rodriguez**, Michael and Jennifer (Kmet) Rodriguez;  
**Andrew Everett Abrego**, Joshua Abrego and Megan DeMarco; **John Attilio Devine**, Eugene and Michelle (Keag) Devine; **Gianni Carmelo Moreno**, Isac Moreno and Adriana De La Mora; **Avery Rose Scheel**, Michael and Laura (Rhoney) Scheel.



# Lifelong Formation

## Mission, Vision, and Name Survey

The team for the new Oak Park initiative that will unify Religious Education for our children, offer opportunities to people of all ages, and reach out to people in the parishes as well as people who are searching has been working diligently and prayerfully. Multiple people from five worshipping communities were asked to participate.

Bringing together all the feedback from the previous Survey, the Town Hall, the Vision Day, emails, and conversations, a group of volunteers crafted a Mission Statement and a Vision Statement. We now seek your feedback on these statements. Please follow the link below for this survey, which will close on Sunday, June 18.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRZ7T9>

Paper copies are available in the back of the churches.

### 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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### Faith & Fellowship



#### More Than Chocolates, More Than Quiche

The mini-quiches were great, and so were the chocolates. So was the beautiful ambiance in McDonough Hall. So was Father Carl running around replenishing our beverages. It was the Catechist Appreciation Brunch, and our Faith & Fellowship Catechists were there enjoying quiche, chocolates, ambiance, and Father Carl. And especially enjoying being in a place with such warmth and so many great people. We felt blessed to know that we – and our ministry – are appreciated; we ran into old friends and discovered new ones. Everyone shared stories of their various catechetical ministries, and the F&F Catechists knew that amidst all the changes and challenges of Renew My Church, we *belong*. Sister Sledge said it best: *We are family*.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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



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*Second Collection Next Weekend!*

## Our Promise to Our Priests

Please support the health and well-being of our priests by making a generous gift to the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA collection for the benefit of their healthcare and retirement needs.

**Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA**  
1400 South Wolf Road  
Building 3, Floor 2  
Hillside, IL 60162

**prmaa.org**



### 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

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

5/28/2023

	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 8,524.00	\$ 787,340.14
Loose	\$ 1,903.50	
Electronic*	\$ 8,853.50	\$ 540,086.26
Total Giving	\$ 19,281.00	\$1,327,426.40

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

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](http://www.stgilesparish.org) OR [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://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!



### 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!!







ST. GILES SCHOOL

Preschool

**SPOTS  
AVAILABLE!**

Our Early Childhood program has limited spots open in PreK 3 & PreK 4 classrooms for the 2023-24 school year. Half-day and full-day options are available.

### OUR PRESCHOOL IS A MAGICAL PLACE:

- Guided physical activity, directed social time, music and art
- 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
- Dedicated preschool playground
- PreK-8 learning opportunities through cross-grade experiences with older "buddies"

### CALL FOR A TOUR:

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### MORE CONTACT INFO:

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## Parish Life

### Pipe Organ Refurbishment Is Back on Track. Contract Signed!

"Let us make music to the Lord," the psalmist wrote. We are excited to announce that the sound of a pipe organ once again will be heard at the St. Giles worship site in 2024. Here is a bit of the history of our current organ. In 1949, the original St. Giles pipe organ installation was poorly designed. In fact, some of the installation was unstable and dangerous. The chambers are so small that technicians could not access them to make proper repairs. There are holes in the flooring and the electric wiring is not up to code.

The original organ has many missing parts. More than 32 years ago, an attempt was made to repair the organ. The company that did the work took out many of the best pipes and even the original console (the part where one sits and plays) and replaced it with an old electronic console. Over one third of the organ does not work or is missing parts – that means hundreds of pipes! The pipes that remain are bent or damaged from improper handling or careless tuning.



The organ is under pitch. The trumpet and flute pipes in the organ chamber, which are used for weddings, funerals, holidays, and other special occasions, can no longer be tuned since they are permanently damaged or missing. The sound is often unpleasant because of unsteady wind pressure caused by poor workmanship.

As a result, the organ has not been functional for quite some time. Much of the organ simply does not work at all. Because of all the missing parts and the poor installation, it would not be cost effective or even possible to try and restore the organ.

The project, although stalled for some years now, has not been forgotten. Sue Kaszynski, the Music Director, Fr. Carl and Matt Brophy, the Operations Director, have been working on the organ project for the past year. They have investigated the availability of organs at closed churches that would work for a church our size and with the space allotted for the pipes and chambers.

The parish partnered with Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders. Berghaus is a local company that is one of the finest pipe organ builders in the country. Berghaus identified an organ in a church in Chicago that will be demolished, and the organ must be removed before the demolition. The organ is a 1928 Austin Universal Air located in the Second Church of Christ, Scientist in Chicago. Pipe organs can last for centuries due to their fine craftsmanship. Many pipe organs in Europe are centuries old.

Berghaus would remove the pipe organ, refurbish, repair, improve, and install the organ in the two organ chamber rooms located behind the St. Joseph Altar. Additional information about the project will be shared in next week's bulletin.



*Pictured, top to bottom: bent pipes in organ chamber, missing pipes, and collapsed duct work for blower motor.*



# 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](mailto:cjackson@housingforward.org)



## Parish Life

### The Senior Corner



Our next grand event for our St. Catherine-St. Lucy-St. Giles Seniors will be our annual **Senior Indoor Picnic**, scheduled for **Tuesday, June 20**, at 12:00 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus. In addition to tasty hot dogs and trimmings, we will engage in fun activities (bingo, etc.) All attendees are encouraged to help bring along something to share. Please call **Ann Sullivan at 708-345-3374** to register and to see what types of items may be needed. We hope to see you there, everyone is invited for loads of fun.

### 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](mailto:msamatas@me.com)  
for more information!



### 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 IMAGINE Campaign

*Imagine all the people  
Livin' life in peace.*

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month and local congregations will be displaying orange banners with the words "**Imagine** a world without gun violence." The Catholic Parishes of Oak Park are joining in this effort to blanket Oak Park and River Forest with this life-affirming message. The image will also be displayed on yard signs.

The campaign was inspired by the timeless song, "Imagine," written by John Lennon, himself a victim of gun violence. The banners have an orange background, the color hunters wear when they don't want to get shot. The Waging Peace team at First United Church designed the image.

Our children are forced to **imagine** an active shooter and practice the actions they would take. Let's change the narrative and **imagine** a world without gun violence, taking actions to make that a reality. We can do this. There are many gun violence prevention groups to join and important legislation to support.

A local vendor is providing the banners and yard signs at a deep discount because he so believes in the cause. If you are interested in purchasing a banner or yard sign, scan the QR code to reach an order form. The banners come in various sizes and prices; the yard signs only cost \$14. Any questions, email Celine Woznica at [celinewoznica@gmail.com](mailto:celinewoznica@gmail.com)

*You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one.*



# Parish Life

## FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED



The **FOOD FIRST** collection at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be this 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.

## 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](mailto:celinewoznica@gmail.com), or Margie Rudnik, [margaretrudnik@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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 Deliver Us from Evil

*"Brothers and sisters, rejoice.  
Mend your ways, encourage one another,  
agree with one another, live in peace,  
and the God of love and peace will be with you...  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."  
(2 Corinthians 13:11-13)*

What does evil look like?  
It's mostly heard in the religious world,  
as though in our modern world  
malevolent force is an outdated myth.  
Nevertheless, we do witness the power  
of arrogance and lies to corrupt  
social cohesion and integrity.

We watch as our politicians  
take the global financial system  
to the brink to score media points.  
What collective spirit  
blinds us to truth and common sense?  
Is it not evil turning us against  
one another, hurtling toward self-destruction?

The erosion of ethical standards  
within the financial industry,  
on whom global commerce integrity depends,  
can wreak havoc on investments and savings  
of most ordinary people.  
Dark money has corrupted the process  
of handling trillions of dollars every day and hour.

Jesus warns his disciples that their mission  
of justice and love will be tested by those  
who benefit from inequality  
and exploitation. Paul warns the church  
that "savage wolves" will ravage the flock.  
But the Holy Spirit is at work in the world,  
inviting us to move history towards God's plan.

Because other free human cooperation  
is part of the plan, other spirits  
will attack the process. When wealth and power  
infect humans, truth and justice are first casualties,  
its victims being mostly innocents.  
We pray to work each day for generosity  
and justice, as is Pope Francis' challenge.

At Pentecost we prayed for a full measure  
of the Holy spirit. Add our commitment,  
As we pray to God:  
"...Deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the Kingdom,  
and the Power,  
and the Glory,  
Forever, Amen."

Tom Lynch. [tgl7714@gmail.com](mailto:tgl7714@gmail.com). 6/4/23

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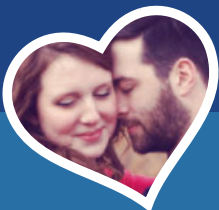
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