

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

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“The seed sown on rich soil is
the one who hears the word
and understands it.”

MATTHEW 13:23

JULY 16, 2023 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK
WEEKEND MASS: Sunday at 9:00 am

ST. GILES CHURCH
1045 COLUMBIAN AVENUE, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES: 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, 10:30 am and at 5:00 pm

Fr. Carl's Corner



Dear Community,

After a few days in Michigan with my twin brother and his family celebrating our birthdays, and now with the 4th of July Holiday and a trip to Phoenix to celebrate a dear friend's 80th birthday all behind me, I am back in the saddle, so to speak, ready to step into my new responsibilities as pastor of our two newly united parishes. I am grateful for the dedicated staff members in each of the parishes, and for Fr. Rex and Fr. Carlton as well as Fr. Bob and our retired priests, Fr Ed and Fr. Tom, who all make a difference in the ministries and sacramental life of our parishes

and the Catholic Community we are a part of.

What will be my focus as I begin what may seem at times an impossible task as Pastor? Certainly, this will be new to how we are used to operating as parishes, each formerly with its own Pastor. However, times are changing in our church with fewer folks attending Mass and fewer vocations to the priesthood. As a side note, I hope when Pope Francis has the Synod meetings in October, the feedback from folks around the world will include a conversation on who is allowed into the priesthood. As I am reminded by many of my women friends who struggle to remain in the church that there is not a shortage of vocations, only the limitation of who we as a church accept into the presbyterate.

Now, back to my point which was on what will be my focus. As a hint, Ephesians 4:12 teaches that "God gives pastors the responsibility to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry."

I will try to stick to what I can do that I alone can do, which is celebrating the sacraments, saying Mass and preaching, leading our parish staffs and very importantly now, setting up our Finance Councils and Parish Councils. There will be meetings and appointments for counsel and guidance as well as the "pop ins," as I call them, at different functions. I know realistically that I cannot do everything or be everywhere.

And this is where you come in. The list of other parish functions and ministries is lengthy in our parish communities. Some unique and individual functions are already being consolidated and shared. What is true about each of these functions is that they can be done by someone other than a priest or pastor.

I hope that I, together with our two staffs, will continue to encourage and set a culture that guides and inspires people to step into service and empowers them to serve.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

All are invited to pray for our teens heading out soon on their ASP experience and service mission. We will bless them at the 5:00 pm Mass in the Courtyard of St. Giles this Sunday.

Also, plan on coming to St. Giles Courtyard on Friday, July 21, at 7:00 pm for the concert offered by members of the Lyric Opera. Any donations will be given to the Infant Welfare Society.

The Parish of

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Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 17

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, July 18

8:30 — † Daniel Whiston

Wednesday, July 19

6:30 — † Chester Hammer

† Betty Shaker

† Anne Gallo

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, July 20

8:30 — † Dan Foley

Friday, July 21

6:30 — † Marion Haddad

† Owen Petrzela

† The Deceased of the Shaker Family

Saturday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 — † Marilyn Hammer

*4:30 — † Louis and Elizabeth Toth

† Frank Senese, Jr.

Sunday, July 23

The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 — † The Deceased of the Shaker Family

† Owen Petrzela

† The Deceased of the Abraham Family

10:30 — † Louis and Mae Marie DeLuca

5:00 — Oak Park Catholic Parishes Mass at St. Giles

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

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

Sunday, July 23

The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 — † Johnnie Ernst

by Evie Stockinger

Our Parish Weekly Stewardship For Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

7/9/2023

	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 7,926.00	\$ 21,232.96
Loose	\$ 1,350.96	
Electronic*	\$ 12,573.00	\$ 16,282.00
Total Giving	\$ 21,849.96	\$ 37,514.96

*7/4/23-7/10/23

Thank you to all who continue to support St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish. Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow instructions on the church websites:

www.stgilesparish.org OR

www.stcatherinestlucy.org.

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

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, Melissa Brumund, Phil Calabrese, 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, 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, Paul Schleitwiler, Barbara Schulz, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, 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.

First Responders Honored this weekend at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Giles Church



This weekend, we welcome Fr. Dan Brandt, chaplain of the Chicago Police Department at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Giles Church to celebrate a Mass in honor of all those who serve us as **First Responders** in our community. All active and retired first responders are especially invited. There will be a brief reception in the courtyard with Fr. Brandt following the Mass.

Under The Stars



An evening of opera and show tunes with LOSA
(Lyric Opera Stage Artists)

Friday, July 21, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
St. Giles Courtyard
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Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan
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Parish Life

Catholic Parishes of Oak Park Migrant Ministry

New migrants are arriving in Chicago daily and the Catholic Parishes of Oak Park (C-POP) have been supporting them in many ways: providing a place to shower and have breakfast at St. Catherine-St. Lucy on Tuesdays and Thursdays, providing new underwear and socks, activities with children, basic ESL with adults, and a place where they can meet with case managers to help them sign up for benefits. This week we are hoping that a local priest who speaks Spanish will join us as they are very hungry for Mass and prayers. You are welcome to join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Today we agreed that C-POP would provide **Lunch on Fridays** starting Friday, July 14, at the District 15 Police Station, 5701 W Madison, Chicago. There are usually about 35-40 migrants and anything left over the migrants share with the homeless people in the area. Nothing goes to waste. You could partner with someone to get enough. Deliver the food there at about 11:00 am. Having some skills with Spanish would help. We will try to let you know the approximate number of people at District 15. Suggestions:

- Rice, beans, shredded beef/chicken/pork, tortillas plantains; quiche, sweet potatoes, pasta with meat sauce, pasta salad with protein and vegetables, sandwiches (ham and cheese with butter), lasagna, hot dogs, fruits, and vegetables, especially mangoes, watermelon, and cantaloupe
- Order catered Venezuelan food from Rica Arepa, www.ricaarepachicago.com, RicaArepaCatering@gmail.com, 773-543-3000. Call at least two days ahead. Tell them you are ordering for asylees at a police station and request a discount. Suggested menu for about 30 people: Shredded Chicken Tray, White Rice, Black Beans Tray, 60-90 Viudas (plain arepas).
- Fried chicken party pack 96 pieces with tater babies and coleslaw from Jewel-Osco. About \$130.00.
- Meat lasagnas from Costco. Each 2-pack costs about \$20 and feeds about 12 people. A simple side salad with creamy ranch goes well with this.

If you would like to help and prefer to donate, you can do that through the St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles website under Migrant Ministry. Please note that it is for **Lunch on Fridays**. Please note that the cost will be about \$100-\$130, so partnering with someone would make it more manageable. We can place an order for you.

We will be doing this for several weeks - probably through August. Please let us know which Friday you could cover: **July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11, August 18, August 25.**

Margie Rudnik, margaretrudnik@gmail.com, or
Celine Woznica, immigrantministry@gmail.com

Barbecue for Teens!!

CHAOS – St. Giles Youth Group

*Join us for an evening of food, fun,
friendship,
and so much more!*

When: Tuesday, July 18

Time: 6:30 to 10:00 pm

Where: Backyard of one of the teen leaders
(details will be sent out later)

What is CHAOS you ask? Hard to describe, but here goes:

It is a youth group that meets once a week in The Alley – a special room located at the back of the Parish Center. Our primary focus is building community and being radically inclusive of all teens. The teens describe the Alley as their safe place – a place where they can be themselves, hang out, have fun, develop relationships that support all parts of their lives, including the exploration of their faith and spirituality – and all without judgement. We also promote community service and outreach programs, such as the Appalachian Service Project and Housing Forward.

CHAOS is a unique program led by teens, supported by youth ministers, who empower teen leadership that is rooted in the Spirit of Love and Compassion for all.

Come join us on July 18 to have a lot of fun, a lot of food, and great games!!!

Be prepared to laugh a lot and meet new friends – that is guaranteed!!

Peace.

Teen Leaders: Mary, Rachel, Kaden, Callie, Luisa

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Parish Life

St Mary of Magdala: Apostle to the Apostles - Feast Day July 22

Sue Paweski, SP



What image comes to your mind when you hear the name Mary Magdalene? A woman with loose, long hair holding a skull? A woman scantily dressed, prone on a rocky entrance to a cave?

Or do you see, in your mind's eye, a woman startled by the risen Jesus near his empty tomb? A woman standing with authority in front of the disciples of Jesus telling them what she witnessed at the tomb? So much of what we think about Mary of Magdala has to do with how her story has *devolved* and *evolved* throughout the millennia.

Let's begin with Scripture. Mary of Magdala is mentioned 12 times in the canonical Gospels, more than any other woman. She is specifically named "of Magdala" or Mary Magdalene after the town of her birth. The

accounts of the Resurrection are at the heart of Mary's relationship to Jesus and his mission and are the reasons St. Thomas Aquinas named her Apostle to the Apostles. Each of the four Gospels has a different perspective of what occurred after Jesus was entombed. She is the one who relates to the apostles that Jesus has risen. And yet, the popular image of Mary Magdalene is of a repentant sinner, a prostitute. How did *that* happen?

The metamorphosis happened when Pope Gregory the Great (c 590-605) conflated different women in the Gospels into a new and different Mary of Magdala. Here is the mix: first there is Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, who anointed Jesus' feet and dried them with her hair; then there is the unnamed adulterous woman whom Jesus' saves from stoning; there is another unnamed woman identified only as "a sinner" who anoints Jesus and also dries his feet with her hair; and then Mary of Magdala whom Jesus exorcised of seven demons. Biblical scholars give us an insight into the interpretation of those suffering from severe ailments. They were understood to be demonic in nature. Whatever ailment Mary suffered from must have been serious. When Jesus healed her, she became his devoted follower.

What were Pope Gregory's motives for this confluence? There are conjectures regarding the tensions between the Western and Eastern Churches. The Eastern Church did, and does to this day, recognize Mary of Magdala's important influence as a leader in the early church. In the Eastern Church, Mary's story remains intact.

During his papacy, Pope Gregory was consolidating the governing system in the Western Church and might have considered the prominence of women as an obstacle to his vision. Whatever the motive, the model of Mary Magdalene as a prostitute and reformed sinner took hold and became a favorite subject for artists for millennia.

In 1969, Pope Pius VI untangled the "Mary web," making the distinction of Mary of Magdala, Mary of Bethany and the unnamed "sinful woman." That began an *unremarkable* acknowledgement that Mary of Magdala was a prominent follower of Jesus and was again referred to as the "Apostle to the Apostles," recognizing her distinctive role as the bearer of the news of Jesus' resurrection to the other apostles. However, not until Pope Francis elevated her memorial status in the Liturgy to an official feast day on July 22 did the entire Roman Church acknowledge the canonical recognition of St. Mary of Magdala.

"The importance of this (Mary of Magdala's announcement of the Resurrection) continues today in the Church, as is evident in the new evangelization, which seeks to welcome all men and women "of every race, people, language and nation" (Rev 5: 9), without any distinction, to announce to them the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ while accompanying them on their earthly pilgrimage, and offering them the wonders of God's salvation. Saint Mary Magdalene is an example of a true and authentic evangelizer, that is an evangelist who announces the central joyful message of Easter."

Her single dedication was to Jesus and his message. Her belief led her to Jesus, who healed her. Her suffering must have been so great that from that moment on, she joins the apostles and others who follow Jesus from town to town to bring the Good News. So great is her love and devotion, even after witnessing the gruesome torture and crucifixion; she goes bravely to his tomb to anoint him. Faithful in any and all circumstances, she is a model of resolve, dedication and compassion. She is a model for women leaders and those young women who look for female models of faith leaders. Nothing deterred her from her commitment to the Way that Jesus and his followers forged for all. We all continue that legacy of faith. Let us celebrate the Feast Day of Mary of Magdala, Saint of God.

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- > **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

Food For Thought The Great Banquet

Jesus said: "A certain man gave a great supper, and he invited many. He sent his servant at supper time to tell those invited to come, for everything is now ready. And they all with one accord began to excuse themselves... And the servant returned and reported these things to his master. The master was angry, and said, 'go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the crippled, and the blind, and the lame...go out into the highways and hedges, and make them come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you that none of those who were invited shall taste of my supper.'" (Luke 14:15-24)

The tragedy of the Jewish rejection of Christ opened the door of salvation to the Gentiles. The blessings of the Kingdom are open to all who will come to Christ by faith.

But we also hear of some Catholics who appear to pick and choose, leaving behind the distasteful parts.

We well may all be "Cafeteria Believers;" In the Church's 2,000-year history, global reach and "Big Tent," we pick from a vast menu of thought, theology and practice, reflected in the parish we attend, books we read, causes we support, votes we cast and popes we prefer.

Do we support migrants at the border? Right to Life? Some bishops say Black Lives Matter is atheist; other bishops say it's a legitimate protest. Our Big Tent is a beauty; In some churches, views on theology or politics are left, center and right. What counts is the banquet feast.

Psalm 23 reminds us our cup overflows; Jesus in John's gospel tells friends he has more to tell. We are reminded of the fullness we have received, with God's grace upon his grace. Ephesians prays we all have the strength to comprehend the love of Christ is filled with the fullness of God.

Is that all God has to say? Or are there many more things? Jesus told Nicodemus the Holy Spirit is like wind—we hear but don't know where it's been or going; To say that we know it all and hold all truth is to undermine the freedom and liberating energy of the Holy Spirit.

Hans Kung wrote that just as grace overcomes sin, the Gospel truth shines more brightly as it corrects our errors, if we're open to the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit's under no law other than his own freedom, no justice but his own grace, and no power other than his own fidelity.

Vatican II is an example of collective choosing: some say it saved the Church from irrelevance; Others believe it has harmed Catholicism. Truly global in its documentary approval, one document, *Lumen Gentium*, emphasizes more deeply and more fully that God's wisdom, mercy and justice have yet to be exhausted.

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new." (St. Augustine.)

Tom Lynch. TGL 7714@gmail.com. 7/16/23

Source: NCR, Daryl Grigsby, 7/7/23

Final few St. Giles ASP Teen-assembled planters available!

Would you like one of these great tall planters? They were assembled as part of the skills development training in preparation for our ASP trip to Kentucky. Each planter comes with a plastic insert ready for planting! We will deliver it to your home! Please contact



ASP@stgilesparish.org if you are interested. Donations of \$20 per planter are welcome, but not necessary. (Most are white, some are natural wood as well.)



Faith & Fellowship

Who Knew?

A couple of weeks ago, there was an article in the parish bulletin describing our not-really-empty Faith & Fellowship meeting room now that we're on Summer hiatus. It mentioned paper, puzzles, markers and other supplies that carry the Spirit of our community. The intention was to express that the space still has the love of the people, if not the people themselves. One woman, however, read this as an appeal to help sort through puzzles with missing pieces, dried-out markers and broken crayons, and other items that needed to be inventoried. She is a long-time friend and supporter of this ministry and gave an entire morning to cleaning out our stockpile.

Even "worker bees" like her are part of the Spirit that infuses Faith & Fellowship. Who would have guessed?





Night of Mercy

Friday, July 21, 2023

St. Vincent Ferrer

1530 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL 60305

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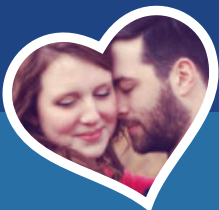
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