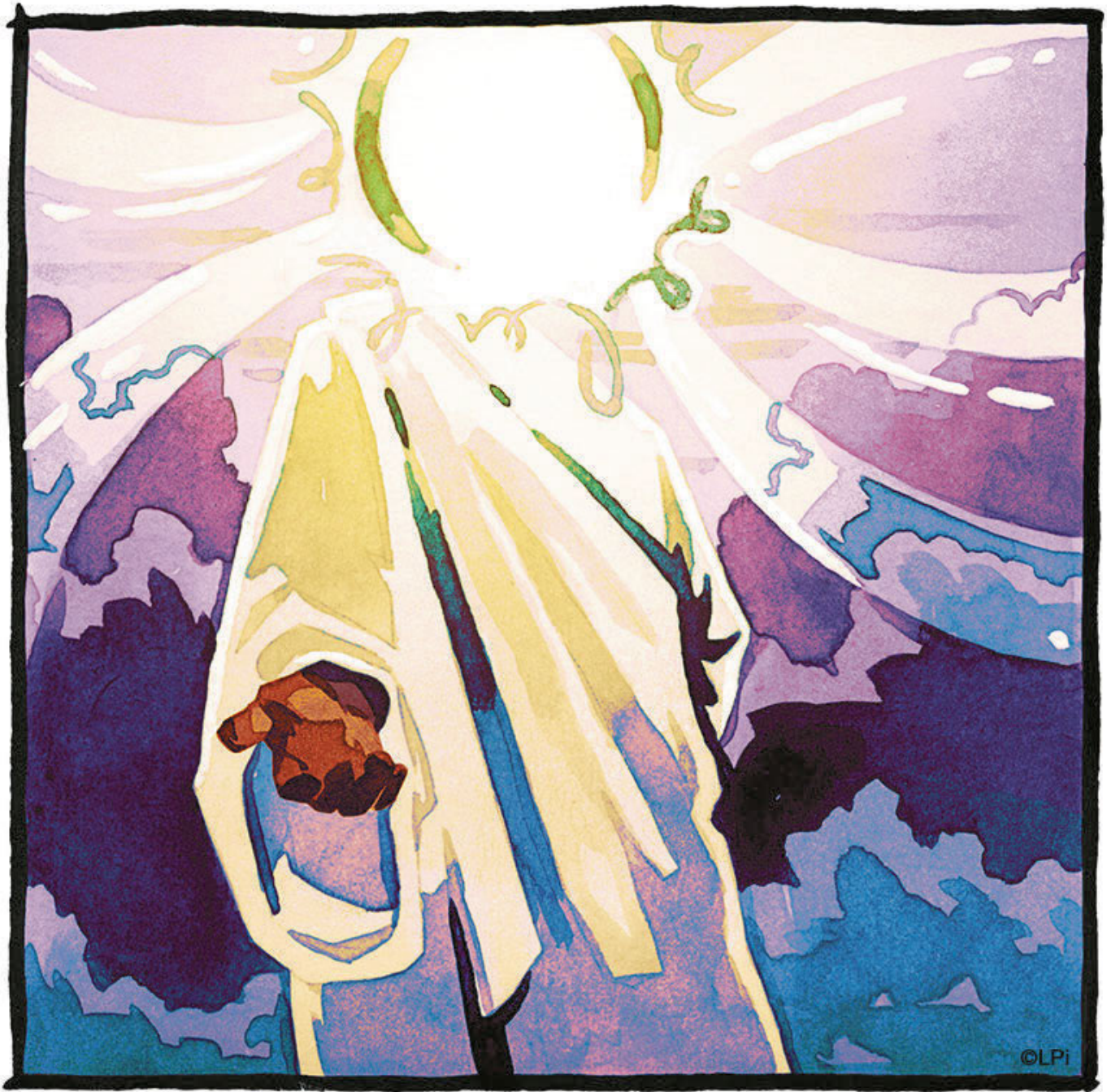


# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



AUGUST 6, 2023 • The Transfiguration of the Lord

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 Faith Community,

Last weekend's Gospel had a message that bears repeating as we navigate the changes of Renew My Church and now Building a New Reality (BNR). We have been given a treasure, our faith in Jesus Christ! Jesus' gift of his body, broken and shared for us all, is the treasure we seek. Jesus is ultimately the reason why our communities exist. To support each other in growing and living our faith as well as bringing others to come to know Jesus is at the heart of BNR and the reason for coming together in ways that support our mission.

The mantra I have heard over these last years as I have been attending meetings preparing for the process we are entering into is, MISSION over MAINTENANCE!

I think this is important for us all to remember and pray about as we work together to face the challenges and opportunities that are set before us.

I have said this more than once, I truly believe that the same Holy Spirit that moved the disciples at the first Pentecost is also with us now guiding us. I also recognize in this new structure that I am blessed to have Fr. Rex, Fr. Carlton, Fr. Bob and Fr. Lucas (Ascension and St. Edmund), and Frs. Tom and Ed (St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles), and our deacons, to continue the important work of pastoral care in the community. Likewise, we already have strong lay leadership that we can build upon as we walk this journey together.

There are some very constructive suggestions that have been presented to me that I, with our pastoral team, will do my best to address. Some of the concerns I've heard are "being present at important events; working on listening and healing hurts, real or perceived; transparency in communications; getting our parish councils started; having two new parishes that still have four building sites and how we will care for them."

Along with these concerns was also the recognition of the wonderful opportunity to take the gifts offered by different lay leadership and empower more of the same.

Three things I have come to realize as we begin the journey, which I'd ask you to keep in mind:

First, we will set priorities and take this all one step at a time. (Staff, Finance Councils and Parish Councils will be a guide along the way.)

Secondly, I know that at the end of every day, there will always be unfinished business. (I, we, can't be too hard on ourselves! No matter how hard we work, this is just the reality.)

Finally, this is a different structure for being a pastor. There will not be enough of me to go around in the ways I, and parishioners, are accustomed to having a "Pastor." That's where our "team" - our priests, deacons, and lay leaders come in as representatives of the Pastor and will share the responsibility to guide and grow our community.

I realize there are concerns, questions and uncertainty all mixed in with some excitement about what we can do as we build a new reality, being church together for all the members of the Oak Park Community and all our members beyond. As we share Eucharist, let us ask God for an understanding heart to distinguish, in our words and actions, what tears down and what will help build up who we are as followers of Jesus Christ and who we will become.

With you a Christian. For you a Priest. Have a joyful week ahead.

*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, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Herbert Breidenbach, Melissa Brumund, Phil Calabrese, Patrick Cibula, Ray Cimms, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Bill DeBiase, Eugenia de Morales, Andrea Dickson, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Katherine Fisher, Tom and Carol Frank, Mary Ellen Frank, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Michael Gallo, Marcial Gomez, 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, Gabriela Machado, Jim 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, Paul Schleitwiler, Barbara Schulz, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Nancy Wesclitz, Nichol Williams.

*(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 Ivan Jelencic.

## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, August 7

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday, August 8

#### Saint Dominic, Priest

8:30 — † Dan Foley

### Wednesday, August 9

6:30 — † Richard Fimoff

8:30 — † Deceased of the Parish

### Thursday, August 10

#### Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:30 — † Mary Rita Bresnahan

† Gloria Hallinan

### Friday, August 11

#### Saint Clare, Virgin

6:30 — † Dr. Robert Hammer

† Owen Petzelka

### Saturday, August 12

8:00 — † Tara Katherine Bassi

\*4:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Sunday, August 13

#### The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Cathy Keegan

† Mary Anne and Terry Keshner

† Wilma June Keene

10:30 — † John and Peggy Petroccione

† Dr. Chester Gruszka

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

*\*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

### Sunday, August 13

9:00 — † Kay Kinkela

by Evie Stockinger

† Kathryn M. Gawne

by Tom and Pat Nelson



"This is my beloved Son, with  
whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."

Matthew 17: 5

*Welcome*  
*our new friends*

We are very pleased  
to welcome  
the following new parishioners:

Katie and Aaron Ambrite, Miriam and Heriberto Rios,  
Charlotte and Ryne Laster, Allison and Thomas  
Huston, Rebecca Mitrovich and John Madonna.

## BAPTISMS in our Parish

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

**Mirabelle Cecilia Fernando**, Gary and Monique (L'Heureux) Fernando;  
**Salvatore Anthony Cataudella**, Natalie Marino and Salvatore Cataudella; **Frances June Ori**, Joseph and Kristen (Lukaszak) Ori; **Theodore Luca Rios**, Heriberto and Miriam (Sierra) Rios; **Max Floyd Brumfield**, William Brumfield and Alexa Plate; **Sienna Cuellar**, Brian and Giuliana (Bernardi) Cuellar.



# Parish Life

## St. Giles Pipe Organ Project Update

The Pipe Organ Project is well under way. Berghaus Organ Company worked for four weeks on the removal of the pipes from the north side church that is being demolished for housing. Each pipe had to be individually categorized and boxed to be taken to their warehouse in Bellwood.

At the same time, Berghaus did a pipe-by-pipe inspection of the remaining pipes of the St. Giles organ. There are two areas in St. Giles Church where the pipes are currently located: on the south side above the baptistery and on the north side in two rooms above and behind the St. Joseph altar.



The next steps in the process are cleaning, repairing and refurbishing the pipes from the north side church as well as the pipes that are salvageable from the St. Giles pipe organ. The pipes from St. Giles will need to be boxed and sent to the shop in Bellwood for repair. The non-salvageable equipment at St. Giles, like the blower, duct work and casement for the organ pipes will have to be dismantled.

The total cost for the project is \$727,188. We are blessed that one family stepped up with a donation of \$50,000 for the pipe organ refurbishment project.

The remaining funds needed to complete this project is \$188,078. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one as a lasting memorial, please contact Fr. Carl or me at the parish office. I can be reached at 708.383.3430 ext. 102 or [mbrophy@stgilesparish.org](mailto:mbrophy@stgilesparish.org)

*Matt Brophy, Operations Director*

## Faith & Fellowship



### **Come to the Cookout !!!**

On Sunday, August 13, at 1:00 pm, Faith & Fellowship will hold our annual cookout on the lawn of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church. It will be our first since Covid put the kibosh on this traditional event – so we're all excited!

Of course, it takes a village to have a cookout, and we could use some people-power...

- ⇒ ***shopping with us for menu items and supplies***
- ⇒ ***putting up/taking down tables and chairs***
- ⇒ ***transportation to and from Central Plaza and Columbus Manor***
- ⇒ ***assisting with grilling***
- ⇒ ***serving food***
- ⇒ ***cleaning up***
- ⇒ ***hanging out***

This will be a great opportunity to help, to have fun, and to get to know Faith & Fellowship! Contact Connie Rakitan – [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) or 708/383-9276.



## **2023 Missionary Cooperation Plan – This Weekend!**

Each summer, parishes traditionally host a missionary representative who will speak and seek contributions in support of their cause. This weekend, August 5-6, we welcome Sr. Perpetua Chime, OP who will share information on the work of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Gusau, Nigeria. A second collection will be taken up. The needs are great and your generosity is appreciated.





# Parish Life



## Theology on the Green Welcoming the Stranger: Immigration

Margie Rudnik and Celine Woznica

St. Giles Courtyard  
**Sunday, August 6**  
6:00 pm (following 5:00 pm Mass)

The Corporal Work of Mercy, *Sheltering the Homeless*, is attending to people who

are unhoused, but this imperative is also for people who have migrated, fleeing from violence, war and famine.

This Theology on the Green will include an overview of the need in the area of immigration in Chicago, focusing on the humanitarian needs of the migrant. There will be discussion of how Oak Park Catholic Parishes' migrant ministry has developed as well as where we are right now and what the hopes are for the future. Additionally, Margie and Celine will share their own stories of how they got involved in migrant ministry.

*Margie Rudnik worked until retirement in home health and hospice, is a co-founder of Companions Journeying Together, and is now a Mercy Associate. After retirement she began to volunteer for ICDI now Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants. In 2022, Margie made an immersion trip to the El Paso/Juarez border and observed the massive amount of volunteer work being done by the people and churches in those cities. Earlier in 2022 volunteers from Ascension invited her to join them in meeting with people from St. Leonard to look toward ways to accompany the migrants as a joint Oak Park effort.*



*Celine Woznica and her husband, Don, have been members of Ascension-St. Edmund since 1992 when they moved back to Oak Park after serving for 11 years as Maryknoll Lay Missioners in Nicaragua and Oaxaca, Mexico. Since returning to Chicago, Celine has worked with immigrant and refugee populations in the area of community and public health and recently retired from teaching in Northeastern Illinois University's MPH program.*

*She is an active member of Ascension-St. Edmund Peace and Justice Committee and has her finger in way too many pots!*

### Upcoming **Theology on the Green**

Sunday, August 13 – Anne Keenen Gallagher speaking on Conscious Dying

Light refreshments will be served  
and be sure to bring a chair.

**See you on the Green!**

## Catholic Parishes of Oak Park Migrant Ministry

The last week of July we were able to hold a Spanish Mass for the migrants sleeping at District Police Station 15 and the volunteers who have assisted them on Shower Days at St. Catherines-St. Lucy's Rectory. Father Leandro Fossa, Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Melrose Park, presided. We hope to hold similar Masses on a regular, perhaps monthly basis.

We are still waiting to meet our new family. It is possible that we will end up with two new families. We need volunteers for the team hosting them. **Would you be interested in accompanying a migrant family?**

We continue to welcome migrants to St. Catherine-St Lucy's Rectory on Tuesdays and Thursday for showers and we need new underwear for women, men, and children. There will be baskets in the back of the churches for these items. Thank you to those who have already donated.

Here are the recommended sizes:

### Men:

Small and Medium boxer briefs,  
patterned or colored  
Small and Medium sleeveless  
and/or short sleeved T-shirts, grey or  
black colors

Women: Small or Medium underwear  
(most of the women are young)  
Small or Medium sports bras

### Boys or Girls:

Small, Medium, and Large  
underpants

If you would like to help and prefer to donate, you can do that through the link to GiveCentral on the St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles website ([stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org)). Click through the link to find the Migrant Ministry.

Margie Rudnik, [margaretrudnik@gmail.com](mailto:margaretrudnik@gmail.com), or  
Celine Woznica, [immigrantministry@gmail.com](mailto:immigrantministry@gmail.com)



# Parish Life

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

### Contact Us Today

**Tuesdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Beginning September 12, 2023**  
**McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus**  
**1101 Columbian Avenue, 2nd Floor,**  
**Oak Park, IL 60302**  
**Contact Geri Tapling, 708-223-4912**  
**[griefshare@stgilesparish.org](mailto:griefshare@stgilesparish.org)**



### **Our Next Concert in The Courtyard at St. Giles! Dennis O'Brien with John Paruolo, Pete Kruse and Jim Cerceo**

**Friday, August 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

*"This has become one of my favorite concerts of the year! The beautiful courtyard at St. Giles is a perfect setting for live music and I love performing in the town where I was born.*

*St. Giles has had a full summer of musical shows and we are honored to be part of their concert series.*

*Call it a mini Ravinia! Bring your beverage of choice, lawn chair, blanket and munchies. We will be performing our classic musical covers and enjoying the beautiful outdoor night sky while you enjoy the great music! I'll be with John Paruolo, Jim Cerceo and Pete Kruse."*

-- Dennis O'Brien

(Note: the concert will be moved indoors to McDonough Hall in case of inclement weather.)

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

	7/30/2023	
	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 10,049.00	\$ 58,333.47
Loose	\$ 1,817.62	
Electronic*	\$ 14,072.00	\$ 52,063.13
Total Giving	\$ 25,938.62	\$ 110,396.60
7/25/23-8/1/23		

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!

### **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!





# Parish Life

## Food For Thought The Yearning to Breathe

*"Give me your tired, your poor,  
your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
the wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me.  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.  
(Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island)*

There, facing East in New York Harbor, stands the brazen beauty of Lady Liberty, lifting her lamp in warm welcome to all immigrants seeking a better life. While along the Texas-Mexico border, thousands of miles to the southwest, the Governor of Texas oversees "Operation Lone Star," which should be named "Operation Border Cruelty." What's happening to our country?

Governor Abbott's escalating political stunts at the border are dangerous and clearly illegal, have been in force for over two years, operating fully separately from all branches of federal government. The Supreme Court of the United States found Abbott's actions in violation of federal law, and our Mexican treaty. Can politics negate laws and treaties?

President Biden has every right and every responsibility to enforce federal government border authority without state interference. The DOJ has just filed a lawsuit calling on Gov. Abbott to remove the dangerous floating barrier of buoys he installed in the Rio Grande. Abbott's clear: he refuses to comply. Do we care he's causing suffering and deaths?

Texas troopers have also installed razor "traps," in addition to the wall of floating buoys, that force asylum seekers into more dangerous parts of the river. Last week a medic with the Texas Dept of Public Safety blew the whistle, reporting troopers were ordered "to push small children and nursing babies back into the Rio Grande." Is this what a "More Perfect Union" does?

The U.S. Border Patrol reports that Operation Lone Star is preventing them from processing migrants and providing humanitarian aid. Last year, a record 890 migrant drownings occurred. Joe Biden's Victory came with a promise to restore our country as a safe haven for migrants. Has Joe discussed this with the Holy Spirit?

Our Founding Fathers risked their lives to escape tyrannical rule and form a land where people can live and breathe freely. The Holy Spirit had surely gifted them with the Wisdom and Fortitude to do so.

Tom Lynch. [tgl7714@gmail.com](mailto:tgl7714@gmail.com). 8/6/23  
Reference: NYT, B. O'Rourke, 7/25/23



## Wednesday Night Bible Study New Series!

**7:00 pm**  
**Dore Parish Center Living Room**  
**on the St. Giles Campus**  
**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 **Letters of St. Paul!** 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 **Alex Ryan**, [alexryan@stgilesparish.org](mailto:alexryan@stgilesparish.org)  
for more information!

## CHAOS - St. Giles High School Youth Group

It's a bit difficult to describe what **CHAOS** is and how important it is to the high school students who attend. In the words of one of the teen leaders: "It is a place where I feel safe, seen, heard, and totally respected." Other participants feel that in addition to having so much fun, the relationships they develop have deepened their relationship to God and a growing awareness for community service and outreach programs.

In other words, it is a ministry rooted in the Spirit of Love and Compassion.

Our primary focus is building community and being radically inclusive (she/her, he/him, they/them) Together we create a safe space where teens can be supported in all aspects of their lives, without judgment. We are a unique program, led by teen leaders, supported by two "senior" Youth Ministers!

**CHAOS meets every Thursday evening from  
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm in the Alley (room at the back of the  
Parish Center, right off the alley).**

Peace.

Teen Leaders: Mary, Rachel, Kaden, Callie, Luisa  
Youth Ministers: Annette and Frank Hulefeld  
[hulefeldannette@gmail.com](mailto:hulefeldannette@gmail.com); [fhulefeld@comcast.net](mailto:fhulefeld@comcast.net)

Don't hesitate to contact Annette or Frank for information.



## 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**

## *Oak Park Catholic Religious Education*

We are excited to announce an update to all the Religious Education programs in the Oak Park area! Historically there were separate Religious Education offerings in each of the four Oak Park Catholic Churches as well as the Family Mass Community. Over the past few years, there has already been some collaboration between those Religious Education departments. This year, that collaboration will be even stronger.

With a unified Religious Education, families will be able to discern which Religious Education model works best for them, empowering parents to truly be the first teachers of their children. Religious Education will be more responsive to unique situations. Some classes have a Montessori style learning environment with experiential opportunities. Others have a more traditional classroom and use a text book. One has families coming together to share prayer and engage faith.

Catholic families across Oak Park and surrounding areas will be able to get to know one another better, creating a broader community and stronger sense of identity.

Sacramental preparation for First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation are a part of this collaboration. While most children will receive sacraments at their home parish, with a unified preparation program, families can now select the day and time of the classes that work best for them.

This unified Religious Education is a part of *Spirit and Light: A Catholic Collaborative for Living Faith*. It is a catechetical resource for the Catholic Community in Oak Park and the surrounding areas. Its mission is welcoming all and sharing Christian faith within the Catholic context.

Here is a listing of our 2023-24 program offerings.

PREP (Preschool Religious Education Program) is designed to give pre-school children (ages 3-5 years - PK3, PK4 and K) an introduction to basic Catholic Christian Principles.

PREP (PK3, PK4 and K) at St. Giles Campus in the Gleeson Building, Rooms A & B  
Classes offered on Sunday during Mass at 10:30 am

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) is a faith formation program based on the Bible, the Liturgy of our Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children and Catechists gather to further experience their relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and their life in the church. The CGS program has three multi-age levels for children in grades Pre-K through 6th.

CGS - LEVEL I - 3 to 6 Years Old (PK3, PK4 and K)

CGS - LEVEL II - 6 to 9 Years Old (Grades 1, 2 and 3)

CGS - LEVEL III - 9 to 12 Years Old (Grades 4, 5 and 6)

At Ascension Campus in the Parish Center; and at St. Giles in the Dore Parish Center (Level I and Level II) and the Gleeson Building (Level III).

Classes offered at various times on Sunday mornings, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons and evenings, and Saturday mornings. See upcoming registration for more details.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is an opportunity for the entire family, parents and children in Grades 1-6, to grow in faith. The child along with parents attend a monthly meeting where there is time for family conversation as well as age-appropriate activities. The remainder of the month, students work with parents at home using a text book.

Family RE - Catechesis (Grades 1-6) at St. Giles Campus in McDonough Hall  
Monthly Meetings on Sundays from 9:00 to 10:15 am



TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (TRE) is a text-based faith formation program for Grades 1 – 8. The program is designed for students to learn about our Catholic faith, teachings, and traditions.

TRE (Grades 1-8) at Ascension Campus in the School Building  
Classes offered on Sundays (9:00-10:15 am) or Tuesdays (6:45-8:00 pm)

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY is a religious education opportunity for 7th and 8th Grade students. Learning occurs primarily through discussion and activities at tables with a table leader. Students meet in person twice a month and have an at-home activity once a month.

Middle School Ministry (Grades 7-8) at St. Giles Campus in McDonough Hall  
Meet twice a month on Wednesdays (4:30-5:45 pm **or** 7:00-8:15 pm) with a monthly at-home activity

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program of the Archdiocese of Chicago whose purpose is two-fold: the inclusion of the developmentally disabled into the liturgical and community faith life of the parish and the formation of a small faith community where both special friends and their catechists nurture their faith. Ages 6-10 years old.

SPRED at St. Giles Campus

Classes are offered twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15 pm

*Registration for SPRED will not be online - Contact the Spirit and Light RE Office for more information and registration.*

**Sacramental Preparation** is a parish-wide endeavor, with children from the Religious Education programs and our parish schools coming together to prepare for these most important steps in their faith journey. The First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation preparation sessions are in addition to the Religious Education classes and school religion curriculum. Preparation sessions will be available at Ascension and St. Giles churches. The children will ordinarily receive sacraments at their home parish, but with a unified preparation program, families can choose which site, day and time for preparation sessions will work best for them.

**Spirit and Light** is a team of people: coordinators of various programs who are responsible for their specific areas yet support one another. The entire team is here for the children, families and all parishioners. Please feel free to contact them.

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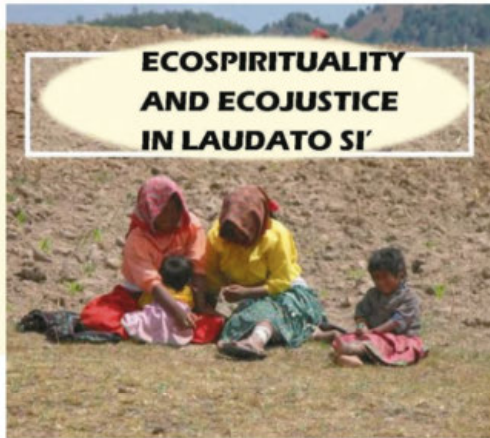
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Mary Evelyn Tucker, a leader in the field of religion and ecology, will speak to the essential role of religious leaders at this time of ecological crisis. Her talk launches a new initiative at The Well, to awaken us to the spirituality of Laudato Si' as it flows from The Universe Story, and to the ways we can take action for the care of Earth.

Bill McKibben, the climate activist, has called Laudato Si' "perhaps the most important document yet of this millennium." Its ecojustice message, "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" brings together the suffering of people and planet in a compelling manner. Mary Evelyn will discuss some of the main influences on the encyclical as well as some of the resulting movements. We will be inspired to take action. Cost: \$30



## Spiritual Classics In-Person Discussion on Cardinal Bernardin's *The Gift of Peace*

*Starting in September, Spiritual Classics will be meeting in-person once a month at the Ascension campus in the Parish Center.*

*The Gift of Peace* by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, a former Archbishop of Chicago, will kick off Spiritual Classics for the 2023-2024 year, on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Ascension Parish Center Dining Room**. The discussion will be led by Jeff Wood. All from the Oak Park parishes are welcome.

In the last two months of his life, Cardinal Bernardin made it his mission to share his personal reflections and insights on a string of traumatic events in his life, including his battle with pancreatic cancer, a false accusation of sexual abuse, reconciliation with his accuser, and his decision to discontinue chemotherapy and live his remaining days as fully as possible. Bernardin tells his story openly and honestly, and shares the profound peace he viewed as a gift from God.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Spiritual Classics discussions, send an email to [laffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:laffc@ascensionoakpark.com). Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and learn more about Cardinal Bernardin's inspiring thoughts as he approached the end of his life.

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### Make a difference!

The Dominican Literacy Center is in need of tutoring volunteers for the 2023-24 sessions.

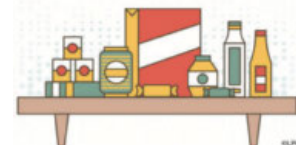
The Dominican Literacy Center offers tutoring in speaking, writing, and reading of English to immigrants and Citizenship exam preparation. It is unique in that it offers tutoring on a one-to-one basis (one student with one tutor). Sanitizing protocols are consistently followed.

A time commitment of 1 and 1/2 hours per week is all that is necessary. Classes are held at the Dominican Literacy Center, which is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 1503 Rice St. in Melrose Park. Classes are offered in the morning and afternoon.

The tutor-training sessions will be held on Aug. 22, 24, 28, and 30 at our Center (1503 Rice St. in Melrose Park) from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

To volunteer or to find out more information, please call the Dominican Literacy Center at: 708-338-0659. Thank you!

Sr. Judith Curran, O.P. and Sr. Beverly Jeanne, O.P.



## FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

The **FOOD FIRST** collection at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be **this weekend, on August 6**. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products with you to the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. 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.

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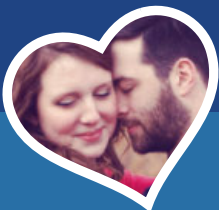
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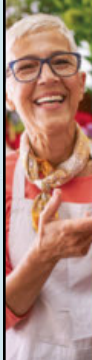
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