

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



AUGUST 13, 2023 • Nineteenth 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 Faith Community,

Let me begin by clarifying something I said last week. When I wrote about caring for the Pastoral needs of the community, both our newly united parishes and the larger community, I mentioned the help of our priests and deacons.

To clarify this, they of course help specifically with sacramental care and ministry. Our dedicated and talented lay staff also carry the responsibility of formation and care for the members of our parishes. I did not intend to imply that only the ordained offer "Pastoral" care. I wanted to be sure I clarified this as we are a community blessed with good staffs that bring vibrancy and care to Building a New Reality, BNR, of who we are and will become as the beloved of God.

Last week, I stopped by the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory where we open the building on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for the migrants living at the 15th District Police Station to come and shower. It was a beautiful and touching sight to see these young mothers and their children, patiently and orderly, waiting to shower. (Imagine, only twice a week!) My heart smiled at the sight of the volunteers helping serve a light breakfast for the individuals and families. Other volunteers sat on the floor playing games with the children and putting puzzles together. It was a heartwarming sight. I knew instantly this was the right thing to do.

Recall with me in the scriptures how God fed the Israelites with manna as they wandered in the desert. Also, remember the story of Jesus and how he feeds the 5,000 men, women and children. These stories are meant to show us how God provides! Being Christian means learning to trust in God's generosity. It also means learning to help those in need. Today, our world is filled with hungry people, enabling us the opportunity to do what Jesus did by noticing their hunger and doing something about it.

Politics and personal opinions aside, I am proud of our parishes and the larger community we are a part of: Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, and Jews all coming together to assist the migrants on our doorstep that are in need. I also am gratified that at this time we have been able to repurpose an underused building, the Rectory on our St. Catherine-St. Lucy campus, to help the homeless and the migrants with showers. And of course, all along the Faith and Fellowship ministry of Connie Rakitan that has been active well before these new opportunities to help others in need came along.

If someone was hungry, Jesus provided. We are doing the right thing as we follow in the footsteps of our Lord!

Have a joyful safe week ahead. With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

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Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

8:30 — † The Deceased of the Daley and Archibald Family

† Kathryn Zwisler

† Mary Hawkins

† James P. Powell

Wednesday, August 16

6:30 — † William John Cavanaugh

† Mark Anderson

8:30 — † Rocco Dagostino

Thursday, August 17

8:30 — † Frank Senese, Jr.

† Anto Perrfetto

† Geraldine McCormick

Friday, August 18

6:30 — † Owen Petrzelka

Saturday, August 19

8:00 — † Connor Roche

4:30 — † Nella and Domenic Rossi

Sunday, August 20

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Joseph Abraham

† The Deceased of the Shaker Family

† Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio

*10:30 — † Edward and Caroline Umbricht

† Chester Hammer

† Harold Huebner

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, August 20

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 — † Mary Ann Matysik

by Evie Stockinger

† Nellie Baker

by Era Yee

† Helen Quinn

By Renee Smith Quinn

† Jemaria Quinn

by Renee Smith Quinn

Back to School Blessing!

August and September bring the end of summer and the beginnings of a new school year.

For the next two weekends, August 12-13 and August 19-20, **all students, teachers and staff** heading to school will be blessed at each Mass at both sites – whether they are starting kindergarten, heading to high school, going off to college or starting at a trade school.

You will get a small token to carry with you through the school year.

Come, start your new year with the prayers and love of your whole faith community!

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 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, 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 Jack Rowan, brother of Tracey Rowan.



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



Parish Life

ADDRESSING THE MIGRANT HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Members of the Catholic Parishes of Oak Park (CPOP) met recently to discuss how we can respond to our baptismal call to welcome the stranger and serve those in need. Many of us have been involved in meeting the immediate needs of the asylum-seeking migrants sleeping on the floor of a nearby Chicago police station. We have donated meals, bedding, and clothes, organized showers, purchased socks and underwear, and set up trips to the laundromat. We have also been accompanying one asylum-seeking family since last fall and are in the process of helping to resettle and accompany two more families.

But that is not enough. As Catholics and as members of a well-resourced suburban community, we need to develop a local, sustainable response to this humanitarian crisis. The City of Chicago is overwhelmed. Nearly 12,000 migrants have arrived in Chicago since last fall, most being sent by bus from Texas. The migrants include families with small children, married couples, single adults, and seniors. From the bus station, the migrants are to be placed in city-run shelters where they await housing placement facilitated by Catholic Charities (CC) and New Life Center (NLC). CC and NLC are also overwhelmed and can't meet the demand, and the result is 5,800 migrants stuck in shelters, some since last fall. With the shelters full, arriving migrants are taken to Chicago police stations where they sleep on the floor and are dependent on local volunteers for their food and other physical needs. Over 900 migrants are currently sleeping on the floor of Chicago police stations, including 45 at nearby District 15. Some migrants have been there for over 6 weeks, and new migrants are arriving every few days.

The most urgent needs are housing, jobs, legal assistance, and connecting to social services. As a Catholic community, how can we respond in conjunction with other local faith centers, community-based organizations, and our local government? If you are interested in volunteering to help meet the immediate needs of the migrants sleeping on the floor of the Austin-based police stations and/or would like to be part of a group looking to organize a broader, more sustainable response, please email us at immigrantministry@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Celine Woznica (Ascension and St Edmund) and Margie Rudnik (St Catherine-St Lucy and St Giles)

Faith & Fellowship



"Accompaniment"

Pope Francis continually reminds us of *accompaniment* as a core Christian value, and "Renew My Church" has picked up on this essential theme. All of us in Faith and Fellowship smile and nod: we've been doing accompaniment long before Pope Francis and Renew My Church.

We are grateful to all who have chosen to accompany us in so many ways: coming to our events, helping with our projects, providing supplies, monetary donations, and especially making sure that we are integral to the parish.

But the most important accompaniment is in each of the three small faith-sharing groups where we hang out and enjoy being together, gather in a prayer circle, and share an Agape table. This is the heart and soul of Faith and Fellowship. It is the heart and soul of accompaniment.



The Senior Corner



To begin our new year ('23-'24) of activities, we will convene in St. Giles Church on Tuesday, September 12, at 11:30 am for our "Inaugural Mass" celebration with Fr. Tom Unz. Following Mass, we will move over to McDonough Hall for lunch. Sandwiches, salad and beverages will be provided. If you would like to bring a dessert to share, that would be nice. More information to follow.

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!



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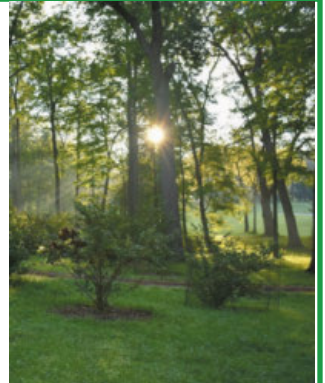
Theology on the Green Conscious Dying

Speaker: Anne Gallagher Keenan

St. Giles Courtyard

Sunday, August 13

6:00 pm (following 5:00 pm Mass)



Attending to those who are dying and have died is a corporal work of mercy. While our society struggles with death, our faith tells us we have nothing to fear as Jesus promises us eternal life. When we can be at peace with the reality of death, we might live with more intention.



Anne Gallagher Keenan is a nurse, midwife, and Conscious Dying Educator trained as an End of Life Doula. There is a labor to birth and death. Join us as we reflect on our bodies, our instruments in this life, and caring for our own and those we love in the sacred transition of death.

Anne was born into and raised in Ascension parish in Oak Park. She is currently a catechist in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is a retired nurse and midwife. After 40+ years of helping new souls pass into this life, she is now dedicated to helping people approach the finish line of the great race of human life arms raised, triumphant, with a sense of accomplishment, satisfaction, gratitude and wonder.

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

See you on the Green!

Quiere Recibir los Sacramentos?

¿Qué es RICA o Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos?

Las clases de RICA son parte de la catequesis que ofrece nuestra parroquia y está orientada a aquellas personas adultas de 18 años en adelante que desean aprender más acerca de la Iglesia Católica Romana y ser miembros en plena comunión con la Iglesia. En este bonito caminar aprendemos a ver como la iglesia ve a la persona en su semejanza e imagen de Dios, qué importancia tiene la vida cristiana para nuestra comunidad, usamos el catecismo de la iglesia, la Biblia y folletos. Los temas que estudiamos son muy variados, algunos de ellos son:

- ¿QUÉ ES LA IGLESIA?
- PERSONA DE JESÚS
- HISTORIA DE LA IGLESIA
- COSTUMBRES Y ORACIÓN
- LITURGIA, MISA
- LA BIBLIA, MAGISTERIO Y TRADICIÓN
- LOS SACRAMENTOS Y SACRAMENTALES
- MARÍA Y LOS SANTOS
- EL CREDO

EL REZO DEL SEÑOR Y SUS PETICIONES

Este camino de Fe termina su jornada en la Vigilia Pascual -Sábado Santo- celebración muy solemne en la cual no sabemos si es el cielo que baja o es la Iglesia que sube. La iglesia te espera, no faltes! Si usted es bautizado/a y no ha hecho la primera comunión ni confirmación le invitamos a la oportunidad de continuar aprendiendo más sobre su fe. Por favor contacto Mateo en la oficina parroquial al 708.383.3430 extensión 102 o por correo electrónico mbrophy@stgilesparish.org.



Becoming Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) in English

Have you or someone you know thought about officially joining the Catholic Church? Have you decided you want to become Catholic but are not sure where to start? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process to guide you in your discernment as well as a pathway to become Catholic.

On Monday, September 11, there will be a gathering for anyone interested in RCIA or those would like to begin the process. We will meet in the St. Giles Parish Center at 7:00 pm.

For more details, contact Marci Madary at 708-383-3430 ext.404 or mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org

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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

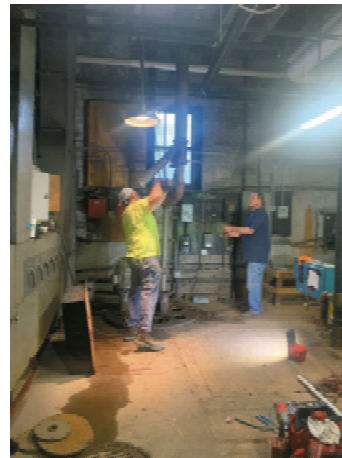
Tuesdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Beginning September 12, 2023
McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus
1101 Columbian Avenue, 2nd Floor,
Oak Park, IL 60302
Contact Geri Tapling, 708-223-4912
griefshare@stgilesparish.org

GRIEF SHARE

Facilities Updates for St. Catherine-St. Lucy Campus

The summer has been quite busy on the St. Catherine-St Lucy Campus.

- Two new sump pumps installed in the Rectory
- New boiler (furnace) installed in the Rectory
- Two new pumps for the Church installed in the boiler house
- Flat roofs replaced on the Church over the sacristy, the chapel, the music room and baptistry.
- Broken or missing slate tiles on the Church roof have been replaced
- Secured and replaced downspouts, scuppers and exterior roof drains on the Church
- Parking lot asphalt replacement with 3 new handicapped spaces



- Parking lot asphalt replacement for area behind former Convent
- 10 classrooms have been painted
- School main hallway painted
- School main entrance painted
- Installation of new electric and AC Units for the 4th floor School lunchroom
- Installation of new sinks in first floor School bathrooms



Parish Life



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.)

Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command me
to come to you on the water."

Matthew 11:10



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
for more information!

Food For Thought

The Unlikely Candidate

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation." (Psalm 85:9). In Matthew's gospel, not only does Jesus bring stillness, but he also shows power over the forces of water and wind that so frighten the disciples. God is all-powerful, but chooses to exercise his power in gentleness. He may speak to us in the softness and calm of whispers, bringing us peace, and helping us trust his unfailing power.

When Jesus called him as a disciple, the simple fisherman saw his life change dramatically, with no turning back, and Peter became the most prominent of Jesus' disciples, their leader long range, and spokesman of a fledgling Christian Church. All four gospels cover Peter's calling, with Luke's the most dramatic.

Jesus was teaching alongside the lake where men were washing nets after a night of bad luck. Stepping into Peter's boat, he had him pull from shore, then sat and taught. When finished, he told Peter and all in sight to go into deep water and drop nets. They did so, and the nets began pulling with the weight of a huge catch.

Peter knew then that he was in the presence of a power he could not comprehend, in the person of Jesus. On his knees, in fear and unworthiness, he said, "Depart from me, O Lord, for I do sin befriend." Jesus said tenderly: "Do not be afraid; Henceforth, you will be catching men." And so Peter joined Jesus.

In Matthew today, the gentleness and calm of Jesus dissipates the frightening storm, as in our lives. Peter's candle of faith flickers in the wind and turbulent waters, but Jesus reaches out in saving form, strengthening his fire of faith. As with Peter, our baptismal grace bonds our common faith: Lord, we trust your loving power.

On another occasion, Peter again combined insight with seeking to understand Jesus' mission. Jesus asked one dawn who they thought he was. Peter answered for them: "You are the Christ." Powerful words of faith. Jesus said: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church. He blessed Peter, charging him with founding his Church.

On that fateful night preceding Jesus' death, Peter felt his panic rising. Pointed out by others as a follower of Jesus, he denied, and denied, and denied.

Then the cock crowed, and he remembered... and he went out and wept bitterly.

As he had vowed, Peter would eventually die for his Master. He had come through the crucible, burned by the fire of weakness.

He was restored to love and service by Jesus' resurrection. In the reality queue of our devotion to him lies the surest test of the purity of our faith.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 8/13/23
Sources: NCR, M. McGlone, 8/13/23;
"Who's Who in the Bible."

Spirit and Light

Registration for Religious Education begins Thursday, August 10!

Families who had children in Religious Education last year will receive a link to register online. If you do not see it in your inbox, check your spam or junk folder.

New families to the program will need to contact the Religious Education office at 708-434-1554 or sreligioused@spiritandlightcenter.org to obtain a new family registration link once the registration opens on August 10.

2023-24 Religious Education Tuition

(1) Child Family – \$300

(2) Children Family – \$450

(3 +) Children Family – \$550

A CALL FOR CATECHISTS – You are invited to become a catechist of any of our Religious Education Programs – There are opportunities to share your faith with our children (3 years – 8th grade). No experience is necessary except for an open heart and a willingness to share your faith with the future of our collaboration. A benefit to being a catechist, if your child is enrolled in the program, there will be a 50% reduction in your tuition.

If you would like to be a catechist or volunteer for any of the faith formation offerings, do let us know. If you have any other questions, we would love to hear from you. **Please email the Religious Education office at sreligioused@spiritandlightcenter.org or call 708-434-1554**

For more information, check out either website:

<http://www.stgilesparish.org/religious-education/>

<https://ascensionoakpark.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/RERegistration>

Or contact the Spirit and Light Religious Education Office at sreligioused@spiritandlightcenter.org or 708-434-1554

2023/24 Program Offerings

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

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) is a faith formation program based on the Bible, the Liturgy of our Church, and 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)

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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.

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

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.

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 is not available for registration through this online form - Call the Spirit and Light RE Office for more information and registration.

Registration for Sacramental Preparation (Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation) will happen in September.

Have questions? Contact the Religious Education office at
sreligioused@spiritandlightcenter.org or 708-434-1554

***Spirit and Light: A Catholic Collaborative for Living Faith* is looking for people to be members of an Advisory Board.**

As you may remember, the mission of ***Spirit and Light*** is to kindle the fire of faith in each person to bring the joy of the Holy Spirit and Christ's presence to the world.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is as follows:

- Help shape the mission and vision of ***Spirit and Light***

- Advise and consult with the ***Spirit and Light*** Director

- Plan, organize and execute activities to raise funds for ***Spirit and Light***

- Plan, organize and execute activities to build community among the families that participate in the programs of ***Spirit and Light***

- In conjunction with the Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, and St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish Pastor, Directors of Operation, Finance Councils, ***Spirit and Light*** Director and Director of Administration create the budget for ***Spirit and Light***

- Participate in the hiring process of those employed by ***Spirit and Light***

- Offer feedback to the Pastor regarding the job performance review of the ***Spirit and Light*** Director

The Advisory Board will meet once a month with some work between meetings.

If you are interested and would like to know more about joining the ***Spirit and Light*** Advisory Board, contact Marci at mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org

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[csjthewell.org/programs/
tucker-ecospirituality/
find out more/register](http://csjthewell.org/programs/tucker-ecospirituality/)



with **MARY EVELYN
TUCKER**

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 16
6:30 - 8 PM (CT)**

**IN-PERSON AT THE WELL,
and ON ZOOM**

Co-sponsored with the
Siena Center of Dominican University

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 millenium." 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. 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.

Be an angel!

Make a difference!

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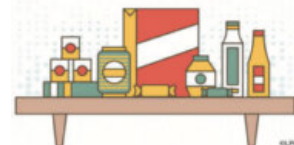
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A time commitment of 1 and 1/2 hours per week is all that is necessary. Classes are held at the Dominican Literacy Center, which is located on the 2nd floor at 1503 Rice St. in Melrose Park. Classes are offered in the morning and afternoon.

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!

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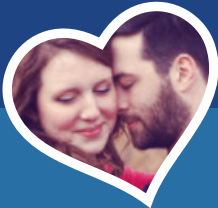
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