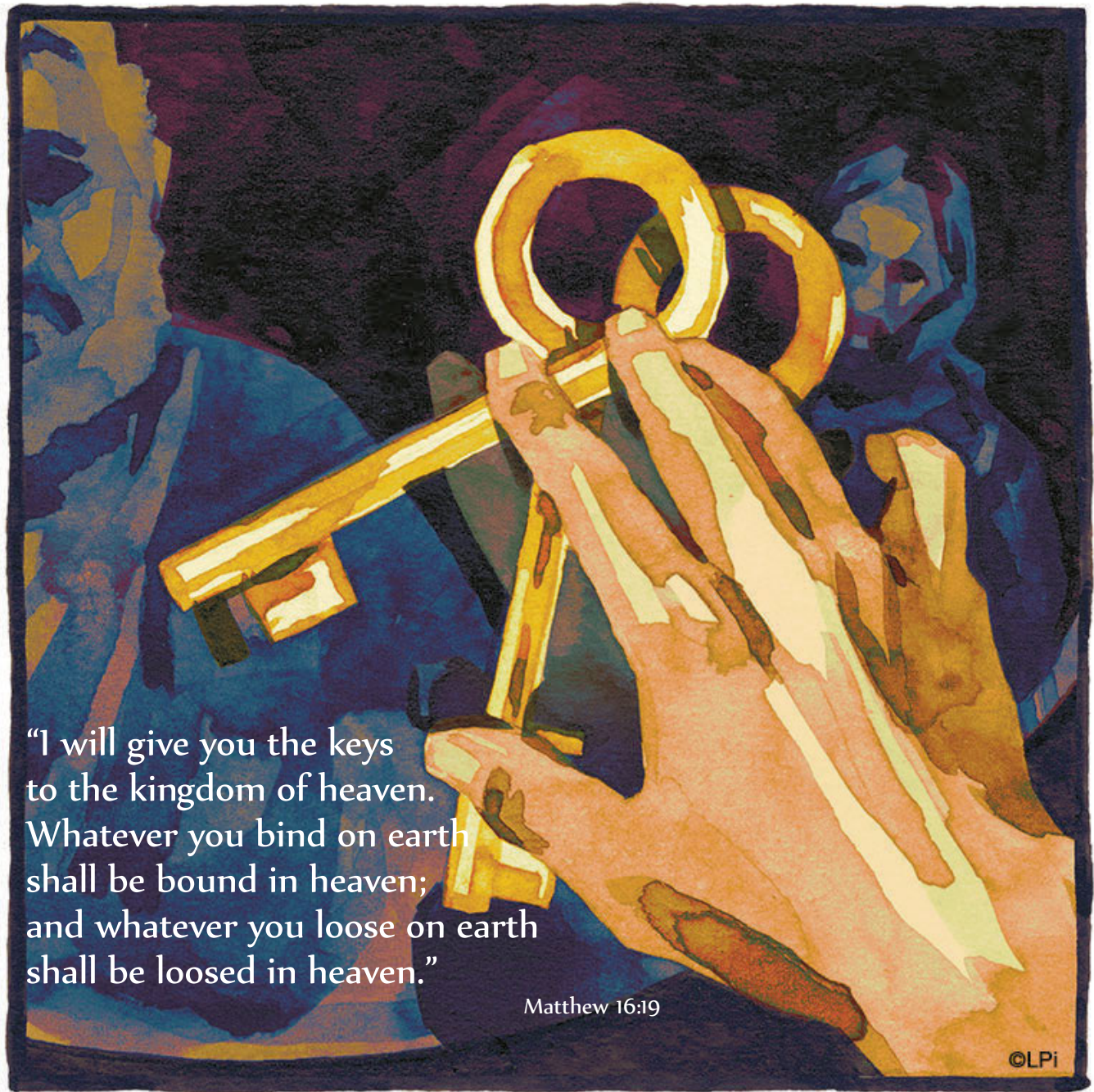


# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



“I will give you the keys  
to the kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth  
shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth  
shall be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 16:19

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AUGUST 27, 2023 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH  
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK  
WEEKEND MASSES: 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 Parishioners,

Last weekend, I traveled to St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, to celebrate with Sr. Sue Paweski, a Sister of Providence, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the taking of her vows. The Sisters of Providence are a community of Catholic women religious who collaborate with others to create a more just and hope-filled world through prayer, education, service and advocacy. I had never been to St Mary-of-the-Woods. It is built in a beautifully wooded area and houses a shrine to Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence. Mother Theodore also founded a school, convent and church on that very property in the mid 1800's. She came from France expecting reasonable lodging and a building to begin her school for girls. However, when she arrived, there was nothing but a long cabin where the local priest said Mass. He was able to secure lodging with a nearby family who farmed some of the land and this is where Mother Guerin and her associates stayed for seven years as they began to build what now stands as the mother house for the Sisters of Providence.

I stopped for a visit at the shrine to Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and was moved as I read her story and knelt at her casket which contains her remains. Her courageous and faith-filled story includes praying to the God of Providence, trusting that God brought her to this desolate place, and accepting that this is where she needed to be. It was overwhelming to consider what her work, through her faith, had accomplished as I knelt beside her casket these many years later. And then, I thought about you and me, the communities being served, and the changes and new territory we are chartering with Renew My Church (RMC) and now Building a New Reality.

This prayer, on a card I picked up at the shrine, written by a Sister of Providence, spoke to me and I hope it will speak to you as well.

*God whose name is providence, God whose name is love, you have created each of us with special loving care. Remembering that we are connected to every bit of this boundless and beautiful universe, we turn to you with all our hearts and pray, show us the path, teach us the way.*

*God whose name is providence, God whose name is love, you hold each of us close and care for us every day of our lives.*

*Because we want to thank you by living in harmony with everyone and everything, we pray, show us the path, teach us the way, help us to share your love today.*

*Sister Rosemary Nudd*

As we continue to walk the journey of working at unification this coming year, as we face challenges and new opportunities, as we deal with the reality and uncertainty that comes with change and anything new, let us remember and trust that the God of Providence will show us the way.

FYI ... Many have asked what is happening with the Church at St. Edmund. I am waiting to hear who will be chosen as the contractor for the work to repair the storm damage. Once that is decided, I will have more information on the scope of the work and a time frame for when the work will begin and be completed. Stay tuned.

Also... the 5:00 pm Sunday evening Mass is again on the move as we make our way back to St. Edmund, at some point! **Starting the Sunday after Labor Day, September 10, the 5:00 pm Mass will move to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church.** Please take note. It seems to make sense in the spirit of RMC and our unifications that, after traveling from Ascension to St. Giles, we would go full circle and worship for a time at St. Catherine-St. Lucy. The Holy Spirit is never stagnant, and neither are we at this time!

Have a joyous week ahead. With you a Christian. For you a priest.

*Fr. Carl*



# Spiritual Life & Worship

## We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Anthony Arena, 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, Leolina Rodriguez Meira, Anne Muldihill, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Mark O'Reilly, 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 Ed Arman, father of Laura Jamar, and Susan Arostegui.

## FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED



The next **FOOD FIRST** collection at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be **Sunday, September 3**. 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.

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.

## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, August 28**

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

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

**Tuesday, August 29**

**The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

8:30 — † Hope Marie Banks

† Diane Hullinger

**Wednesday, August 30**

6:30 — † Marilyn Hammer

† Elizabeth Groff

† Owen Petzelka

8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

**Thursday, August 31**

8:30 — † Rev. Thomas M. Dore

**Friday, September 1**

6:30 — † All Victims of the Maui Wildfires

**Saturday, September 2**

8:00 — † Ary Gomes Sowza

4:30 — † Mary Tapling

**Sunday, September 3**

**The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

\*10:30 — † Katherine and William Sargent

† Robert Groff

† Joseph Prosper Mushi

5:00 — *Oak Park Catholic Parishes Young Adult 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, September 3**

**The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 — † Raymond Cassagnol

by Tom and Pat Nelson

## WEDDING BANNES

II Angela Pelagio and Frank Casaccio

## Eucharistic Revival Meeting

Please join Fr. Robert Carlton and Deacon Kevin Morgan on Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus for a presentation on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be discussion on the church teachings on the importance of the Eucharist, and testimony from parishioners on how the Eucharist has impacted their lives. All parishioners from the Oak Park area Parishes are welcome!

This will be the first of events for the Oak Park area Parishes as we look forward to the Eucharistic Congress next July in Indianapolis. Please contact Fr. Carlton at [rcarlton@archchicago.org](mailto:rcarlton@archchicago.org) if you have any questions.



## 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

# Spirit and Light

## **Register Now for Children's Religious Education Programs!**

Registration for Religious Education classes has been extended to September 1st.

Families who had children in Religious Education last year received the registration link through the *flocknote* communication platform. If you do not see it in your inbox, check your spam or junk folder.

Families new to the RE program will need to contact the Religious Education office at 708-434-1554 or [sreligious@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:sreligious@spiritandlightcenter.org) to obtain a registration link.

### **2023-24 Religious Education Tuition**

- (1) Child Family – \$300
- (2) Children Family – \$450
- (3 +) Children Family – \$550

For more information on program offerings, tuition and start dates, be sure to check out either website:

<http://www.stgilesparish.org/religious-education/> or  
<https://ascensionoakpark.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/RERegistration>

**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 church. 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 by contacting the RE office.

If you have any other questions, we would love to hear from you.  
Please email the Religious Education office at [sreligious@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:sreligious@spiritandlightcenter.org)  
or call **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)

# Spirit and Light

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org)

# Meet our new Parish Council!



**Sandy Blake** - Sandy Blake is a graduate of St. Giles School, and is an almost lifelong parishioner. She helped bring the innovative Theology on Tap to St. Giles and assisted in founding the Ministry of Care. She has been involved in music ministry, is a past president of CCW and currently serves as a lector, greeter and Eucharistic minister.

Sandy attended Clarke College (now University) where she double-majored in Spanish and Bilingual Journalism, spending her junior year in Madrid, Spain. She worked as an editor of the monthly magazine published by Lions Clubs International while attending Loyola University Chicago School of Law part time. She served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County for 14 years, concentrating on criminal prosecution, investigation of cases of child sexual abuse, and drug treatment courts. She then worked as a staff attorney for Life Span, where she represented battered women in a full range of family law matters in civil court. Most recently, she serves as an Assistant Public Defender in Kane County, where she represents patients in approximately 200 civil mental health petitions annually, including commitment and forced medication petitions.



**Lynne DesLauriers** - I've lived in Oak Park since 2005. My career is in teaching and I love it. I taught in Maywood for a few years and now I teach in South Berwyn. I have been active at both St. Edmund and St. Catherine-St. Lucy, and I look with hope to working in our

newly created parish. I have a twin sister (Andrea Legatzke) who is an active member of our parish, so you may feel like you see me around a lot.



**Kimberly McGuire** - Kim and her husband John joined St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish in 1989. Through the years she has served on the Parish Pastoral Council, taught Religious Education, ministered as a lector and Eucharistic minister, pitched in on many fund-raising efforts, and partnered with Faith &

Fellowship. After graduating from Knox College, Kim worked as a writer, editor, high school English teacher, and full-time mom to now-grown Joshua, Madeline, and Grace. For the last 16 years Kim has worked in public libraries focusing on children, families, and early literacy and is currently a Youth Services Outreach Specialist at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. She is a Master Naturalist and can often be found volunteering in the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Serving on the Parish Council affords Kim an opportunity to listen and learn while supporting the New Life of our parish.

**Maudette Carr** - I grew up on the westside of Chicago in North Lawndale, only child of two parents who were Baptist who felt the best education for me was to attend Catholic school. As a result, I fell in love with the teachings of the church and was baptized Catholic at the age of 7 and have been involved in the church ever since. I have been a parishioner of St. Giles since 2012, very involved in many capacities. Prior to being a member of St. Giles, I was a member at St. Catherine-St. Lucy parish. Now that we are a unified parish it has brought me full circle.

I have been a Social Worker for over 30 years, earning a BA and Master of Social Work from Loyola University Chicago. In my early career, I worked with children and families. Since that time, I've worked in Hospice and Palliative Care and have found it to not be just a "job" but a ministry where it has been the most rewarding and meaningful work I've ever done in my career.

In 2019 I became a Sinsinawa Dominican Associate, a second calling that has allowed me to follow in the Dominican charism and that has provided me with many opportunities to deepen my relationship with other Sisters and Associates while growing in the Dominican tradition. Faith has been such an important part of my life and St. Giles has been at the center of it.

I love to read, dance, theatre, and listen to music. Gospel, Motown, contemporary Jazz are among my favorite genres of music, not to mention, anything by Barbra Streisand!



**Miles Jackson** - I spent a year on the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish Pastoral Council in 2008. I've been an active member of the parish for twenty years. My background in higher education has given me the understanding and patience to be a resource for our parish community on its journey of faith and growth.

I enjoy golfing, listening to live music, playing Texas Holdem' with neighbors, and reading books of encouragement in my free time. My most recent book read was Living the Psalms by Charles Swindoll.

Last year I was gifted a StoryWorth account <https://welcome.storyworth.com/> from my daughters. I received prompts that inspired me to write, and at the end of June 2023 my stories were bound into a keepsake book that I could share with my family.

My wife, Cheryl, and I have been residents of Oak Park for 28 years. Our twin daughters are Skylar and Sydney. Sydney is studying for her LSAT and Skylar has one more year to complete her Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago.





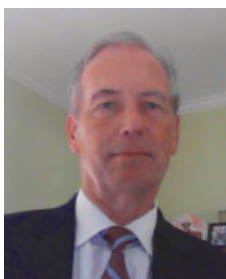
# Meet our new Parish Council!



**Kevin Morgan** - I've been married to my wife Marci for 35 years, and we have 2 sons: Kevin Jr. (age 30) and Kyle (age 26).

I operate a small trucking company that is contracted with FedEx.

I have been a parishioner at St. Catherine-St. Lucy for the past 10 years, and I'm currently serving as a Deacon for St. Catherine-St Lucy and St. Giles Parish.



**Bob Roscoe** – Bob and his wife, Linda, have lived in Oak Park and have been St. Giles parishioners for over 30 years. Their daughter, Veronica, is a graduate of St. Giles school and Fenwick, and was recently married at St. Giles. Bob received his bachelor's degree from DePaul University, and an MBA from Benedictine University. He works in

the commercial real estate industry.

Bob has served on the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee at St. Giles in the past and looks forward to serving again as St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles builds towards the future.



**Maria Samatas** - My family and I have been St. Giles parishioners since 2012. My husband Bill and I live in Elmwood Park and have three adult children. I have been actively involved in several ministries over the years: I have served as a member of the Liturgical Ministry as a Eucharistic Minister and as a Lector; I have served as a member of the Parish Pastoral Counsel for several years; and I

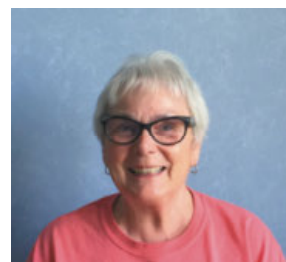
have volunteered as an assistant for Family Religious Ed. I have the pleasure of serving as the head of the St. Giles Hospitality Ministry, and I continue to enjoy facilitating the Wednesday Night Bible Study group which I co-founded with Alex Ryan several years ago.

**Kathie Nash** - I have been a member of the St. Giles Family Mass Community for 46 years. When I stepped into that upper room gym for my first liturgy, I knew in an instant that I had found a church home for my young family. Over the years I have grown spiritually, enjoyed many deep friendships and participated in most ministries; as a catechist, liturgy coordinator, member of the Pastoral Team, homilist and treasure hunt planner to name a few.

I've been thinking about what gifts I might bring to this new Parish Council. I have worked with and led teams throughout my four-decade long career as hospice nurse and administrator.

I rarely make important decisions without praying for guidance. I know this group must be Spirit led.

As we build our unique Oak Park Catholic Community, I can bring some ideas to create enduring structures for processes, decision-making, outreach, and communication that are more synodal (lay-based) than hierarchical. I believe we all have a piece of the wisdom, no one person has it all.



**Bob Wieglos** - I have been a member of St. Giles since 1998 through the Family Mass Community. My wife Maura and I raised our two sons in the church. I taught in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for seven years, served on the Coordinating Board for three years and I took

three trips with the Appalachian Service Project. In my professional life, I am a self-employed executive coach and I help leaders in large companies improve their skills in leadership and teamwork. Maura and I love to travel and we recently returned from a week in Prince Edward Island, Canada. Our next trip is to Liverpool, England to see a Premier League soccer game and to visit every Beatles' tourist sight we can find.



## 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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# Parish Life

## Faith & Fellowship



### Tootsie-Rolls – A Tradition Returns

For many years, Faith & Fellowship participated actively with the Knights of Columbus and their annual Tootsie Roll campaign. This year, we will be working with the Commodore Barry KC Council on **Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9** at the intersection of **Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street** in Oak Park.

Commodore Barry funds both F&F and SPRED – and the more people helping, the more money we raise!!

As has been our tradition, we'd like to sign up volunteers for 2-hour shifts (Friday, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm). Many of you will remember (maybe fondly) Jim Rakitan's tireless effort to organize this project. Let's make it happen again!!! Contact Connie Rakitan, [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) or 708-383-9276.

## CHAOS - 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 on the St. Giles Campus - right off the alley).**

Peace, from Teen Leaders: Mary, Rachel, Kaden, Callie, Luisa, and Youth Ministers: Annette and Frank Hulefeld **Don't hesitate to contact Annette or Frank for information:** [hulefeldannette@gmail.com](mailto:hulefeldannette@gmail.com); [fhulefeld@comcast.net](mailto:fhulefeld@comcast.net)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org)



# Parish Life

ProBono  
NETWORK

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Join the Pro-Bono Network on Wednesday, August 30, as we kick off this year's Justice Boot Camp with an amazing presentation that you will not want to miss!

Marshall Hatch Jr, the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the MAAFA Redemption Project will share

perspectives on Chicago's West Side, on his work and on the need for legal aid there. After his presentation, we will talk a bit about PBN and how you, as an attorney, can be a part of the solution.

Whether you are new to PBN, or one of our strong core of committed volunteers, we urge you to come to this event. We expect that this will be both educational and inspiring! We will also have staff there as well as project managers to answer any questions you have.

**WHEN: Wednesday, August 30, 6:00 pm**

**WHERE: St Catherine - St Lucy School,  
27 Washington Blvd in Oak Park.**

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

	8/20/2023	
	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 16,409.00	\$108,331.41
Loose	\$ 2,342.52	
Electronic*	\$ 10,931.63	\$ 83,529.76
Total Giving	\$ 29,683.15	\$191,861.17

8/15/23-8/21/23

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!

## Update from the Catholic Parishes of Oak Park Migrant Ministry

About a decade ago, a small group of St. Giles parishioners began a Sleeping Bag Ministry to make them for the homeless using donated material such as blankets, comforters, etc. Over the years, that ministry has moved to United Lutheran Church where there is much more space and the membership is much more interfaith.

Recently that group learned that the District 15 Police Station volunteers were out of blankets for the new migrants arriving.

Immediately, they made their stash of sleeping bags available to the

District 15 volunteers. Here is another way we can contribute to serving the migrant at our door.



If you have any flannel sheets, mattress pads or comforters, please consider donating them. Items may be brought to Mary Vostal's back screen porch, 715 N. Oak Park Avenue in Oak Park

We continue to welcome migrants to the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory on Tuesdays and Thursday for showers, and have a continuing need for the underwear listed below. There will be a basket in the back of the church for these items. ***Socks are no longer needed; you have been so generous.***

Here are the needed items:

**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 St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles website ([stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org)) and go to the link for GiveCentral, and then choose the option for Migrant Ministry.

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***Food For Thought***  
**The Purity of Our Faith**

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom  
and knowledge of God! How inscrutable  
are his judgments and how unsearchable  
his ways!

*'For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?  
Or who has given the Lord anything  
That the may be repaid?'*

From him and through him and for him  
are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen"  
(Romans 11:33-36)

Indeed, deeply inscrutable judgements,  
as our piece two weeks ago has Peter  
being Jesus' choice to become his Rock.  
It does appear that Jesus chose Peter  
not for what he might accomplish,  
or for his wisdom or his strength,  
but for his willingness to change and learn,  
to cultivate ever-broader vision.

Peter's faith supported him as he grew in his commitment: keeper of the keys for a frail Church. By professing Jesus as the Christ, Jesus' followers all pledged to follow him, not flawlessly, but faithful enough to stand up and keep going after they had fallen. When we're asked by Christ, just what do we say?

On Sundays when we profess the beauty and strength of our faith, does historical/ philosophical language of the creed cushion us from the radicality of Peter's simple, compelling commitment statement: "You are Christ ?" Do the readings, the creed, the commandment "Do this in memory of me" inspire awe?

Today we find ourselves called to answer Jesus' question for ourselves. We don't need to figure it out—and live it—alone. God's revelation' comes through community, word and sacrament. And in that, we can believe, and that's awesome. Peter had come through the crucible damaged but recovered from weaknesses.

Peter was restored to love and service by Jesus' resurrection. The warmth of our devotion to him is a clear test of the purity of our faith.

We can identify with Peter  
in our own weaknesses.  
But it will be his privilege  
and the privilege of his successors  
in the Petrine Ministry to unlock  
the riches of the revelation  
of Jesus Christ entrusted to the Church.

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*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 [laaffc@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:laaffc@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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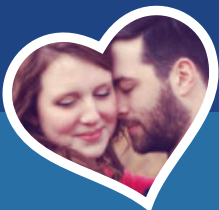
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