

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



BE THE LIGHT

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK
WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday at 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES: Sunday at 9:00 am and 5:00 pm (Oak Park Catholic Community Young Adult Mass)

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 and 10:30 am

Fr. Carl's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

The past fourteen months have been challenging and exciting times for our faith communities as we walk through the process of Building a New Reality in our church and parish communities.

I recently read that the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, six centuries before Christ, gave voice to the concept of the constancy of change. His famous words are "No man (or woman) ever steps into the same river twice."

Disney proclaims these words in a song from Pocahontas, "Just around the River Bend." Its lyrics, "You can't step in the same river twice, the waters always changing, always flowing." As we continue on the journey of Building a New Reality in our church communities, it would be helpful for us to reflect on this.

Each of us, especially those who long to hold onto what was, needs to remember that bit of wisdom. When one steps into the river and chooses to become stuck in the mud, the flow of the river and thus the life-giving water passes them by, leaving them behind.

Whether desired or not, leaving room for change in our lives is much needed. Allowing room for change will bring forth freshness within us. It's not easy embracing change constantly. However, it's interesting how many of us seem to embrace and enjoy the latest iPhone, yearning for the latest model when the old one still does the trick.

All life evolves and we celebrate this truth, constant change, in the liturgical year and in each academic year. We are different people as life forms us. People take on new roles and new titles. One day you're a young adult, then a fiancé, then a spouse, then a parent! You cannot go back.

Every river bend has a purpose. We learn something new about ourselves at each turn and have something different to give as well. We have challenges and opportunities ahead of us. Let's keep in mind that there is no stepping back to the river that once was, as it has flowed onward.

Our Feasibility Study group has had two meetings sharing information about repurposing the Rectory at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy site for ongoing ministry. Check the schedule (see page 4) for a date when you can come and listen, ask questions and share your feedback. Your thoughts do matter to us!

Last weekend, the united Religious Education Program (RE) began and is off to a good start. Other than some folks looking for an unfamiliar building on one of our campus sites, most of the feedback was positive. Parents shared how they like the many options for class times and availability offered this year.

Looking for some quiet time to reflect and pray? Stop by St. Giles Church on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm for a holy hour with adoration and benediction.

Have a joyous 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, September 18

8:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, September 19

8:30 — † Jerry Fitzpatrick
† Chester Hammer
† Bridget Waltz Sievers

Wednesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 — † Sheila Curran
† Sister Ann Therese Hedges
† Owen Petrzalka
8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 — † Mary Scouffas
† Daniel Whiston
† Thomas Roberts
† John and Claire Hallinan

Friday, September 22

6:30 — † Sr. Evangeline McSloy
† Brenda Scanlon
† Ruth Bourjaily
† Helen Shaker

Saturday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietreicina, Priest

8:00 — † Marilyn Hammer
† Steve Pizzello
2:30 — *Wedding: Kerry Lange and Jonathan Blazejewski*
4:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, September 24

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Louis and Elizabeth Toth
† Mary Rita Bresnahan
† Owen Petrzalka

*10:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

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

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

Tuesday, September 19

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, September 24

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 — † Alex Berens
by Jim and Linda Lewis
† Sr. Jeanne Marie Suerth, SND
by Tom and Pat Nelson

5:00 — *Oak Park Catholic Parishes Young Adult Mass*

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 if you have any questions.

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Anthony Arena, Jessica Scanlon Bailey, 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, Virginia 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 Poppett, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Lillian Ricci, Dennis Rusin, Maureen Sansone, Paul Schleitwiler, Barbara Schulz, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Nick Sorrentino, 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 Martin Quinn, father of Muriel Quinn, and Kevin McCauley.



October is Respect Life Month

During the month of October, the Respect Life Committee will be praying the Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary with intentions for Life. We will begin the Novena on September 28. If you would like to join us and receive online petitions, please contact Denise Hartney at dhartney14@gmail.com. There will be paper copies in both Churches, so you can pray with us. We will also pray together with a Holy Hour for Life on October 6 at 7:00 pm at St. Giles Church. Please contact Denise if you have any questions.

WEDDING BANNES

- I Daniela Cozzone and Connor Murphy
- III Kerry Lange and Jonathan Blazejewski

Oak Park Catholic Community

Save the Date! Upcoming Information Sharing Sessions for

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish and St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish

Join us as we share updates on various areas of interest throughout our Oak Park parishes.

These updates will include:

~ Our shared outreach ministry at St. Catherine-St. Lucy

~ Construction work to repair St. Edmund Church

~ The Spirit & Light Collaborative

~ General Q & A

Choose from one of the 3 sessions that is most convenient for you:

Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 pm: St. Giles McDonough Hall

Monday, October 2, 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm: St. Edmund Murphy Hall

Both locations have ample parking and can be accessed by everyone. We look forward to having you join us!



Public Forum

Discussing a proposed plan for social ministry outreach to Austin residents from St. Catherine – St. Lucy Campus

Since January 2023, at Fr. Carl Morello's direction, a group of volunteers from the Oak Park Catholic Community has been studying the feasibility of repurposing the unused rectory at St. Catherine – St. Lucy (SCSL) as a base for social ministry outreach to the residents of Austin. This initiative is a direct outgrowth of the third stated outcome of Renew My Church for the Oak Park Catholic community:

"The Archdiocese affirms the Oak Park grouping's vision to use St. Catherine – St. Lucy campus as a base for powerful ministry outreach to the West Side of Chicago... supported by the entire Oak Park Catholic community."

A primary motivation of the Feasibility Study is addressing the needs in Austin, beginning with SCSL School families. This project will be an OP Catholic Community response to our neighbors' identification of need. The Renew My Church vision offers a unique opportunity to collectively provide this support.

The volunteer group recently submitted its Feasibility Report and recommendations to Fr. Carl, who in turn gave the report to Bishop Birmingham. Both Fr. Carl and Bishop Birmingham have encouraged the group to share its findings with the community for feedback before a final plan is developed.

The Feasibility Study Team will be holding a series of public forums throughout the community between early September and late November at a variety of locations and times in a deliberate effort to engage the community as fully as possible. The public forum will feature a 30-minute presentation by members of the Feasibility Study Team followed by a question-and-answer session.

Please review the schedule of the planned forums and plan to attend the one that is most convenient for you. Please bring family members and friends.

Sunday, Sept 17, 11:30 am – St. Giles McDonough Hall
Sunday, Sept 24, 12 noon – Ascension Pine Room
Sunday, October 15, 12 noon – St. Edmund Murphy Hall
Tuesday October 24, 7:00 pm – St. Luke School Waldron Room
Thursday, November 2, 7:00 pm – St. Bernardine Cafeteria
Sunday, November 12, 11:30 am – Oak Park Temple

Please register for the meeting most convenient for you to attend by [clicking here](#) or using the QR code below. Pre-registration will enable us to prepare each venue for the number of people we are expecting to attend. We will anticipate additional attendees due to last-minute scheduling changes, so please come even if you were unable to register. Questions? Please contact Feasibility Study Team co-chair Dan Doody at dan@doody.com.



Spirit and Light - Catechetical Sunday

*Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me;
And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me.*

--Mark 9:37

Today, we express our gratitude to all those who share their faith with the children and adults of the Oak Park Parishes through our Spirit and Light Religious Education programs. We acknowledge that serving as a catechist is a significant commitment of time and treasure.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Laura Kelley, Co-Coordinator
Peggy Plastina, Co-Coordinator
Rachel Faulman, Co-Coordinator
Carol Bularzik, Level I Leader
Katie Kralik, Level II Leader
Catherine Gallogly, Level III Leader
Katie Claussen Bell
Kat Briones
Annie Breitenstein
Ana Builes
Jess Wright Buha
Margaret Burk
Sue Cadero
Joanne Corwin
Sarah Duffy
Lisa Fischer
Deb Fiumefreddo
Veronica Flores
Joanna Foehringer
Linda Greene
Sarah Guzman
Issy Hanson
Anne Gallagher-Keenan
Laura Keffer
Kate Klein
Cathi Knickrehm
Ava Konecki
Mary Ellen Lesniak
Kelly Maginot
Yesenia Maldonado
Carolina Martin
Mary Beth May
Anne McDonnell
Gayle McMenamy
Sharon Morgan
Meghan Mulcahy
Mary Beth Mulcahy
Jolene Ostry
Traci Pratt
Susan Purdie
Lisa Runge
Beth Saunders
Mary Sluka
Blair Strom
Susy Sullivan
Peggy Swanson
Mary Swiontoniowski
Fern Turner
Katherine Villasin
Jen Wenschhof-Gallogly
Camilla Willson

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Kathleen Gorman
Diane Lawrence
Marci Madary
Mary Catherine Meek
Deacon John Walters

Traditional Religious Education

Terri Monaco, Coordinator
Lorelie Buckley
Francine Belmonte Buhmann
Maia Conner
Sara Connolly
Kathleen Fergus
Ed Garcia
Matt Goto
Michi Goto
Sharon Homan
Jane Houle
Edi Hurtado
Gina Kreidler
Gowri Kuda-Singappulige
Sharon Kutta
Giovanna Lizzio
Maria Lozano
Aggie McGrane
Peter O'Leary
Theresa Olson
Julia Patston
Mariana Perepitchka
Pat Pruitt
Paul Rubio
Courtney Sakellaris
Amy Skapek
Sue Stefano
Michelle Steinmann
Katrina Vigsnes
Bill Wallace

Family Religious Education Catechists

Tim Smyth, Coordinator
Sharon Payton
Emily Gallagher
Mary Mitrovich
Natalie Raghu

Middle School Ministry Table Leaders

Marci Madary, Coordinator
Gerry Downey
Margaret Field
Frank Hulefeld
Tatia Gibbons
Bill Jany
Lou LaRocco
Steve Legatzke
Lenora Pizzello
Soledad Ruiz-Wikell
Mary Schmitz
Tegan Smith
Sharon Zinkula

PREP - Pre-School Religious Ed Program

Kelly McCreary, Coordinator
Cindy Jewell
Janet Schroeder

Baptism Preparation

Sharon Bresnahan, Coordinator
Mary Ellen Lesniak, Coordinator
Tatia Gibbons
Diane Lawrence
Maura O'Hara
Kelly Maginot
Marilyn Power
Debbie Ruff
Deacon John Walters

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Alex Ryan, Coordinator
Terri Monaco, Coordinator
Jonathan Beato
Erick Breckenridge
Linda Brown
Heather Cohen
Julie Denise
Matt Goto
Annette Hulefeld
Frank Hulefeld
Yedlin Jesuit
Laura Kelley
Rich Kordesh
Jim Kula
Lisa Magnuson
Paul Rubio
Shelly Uhler
Rene Villasin

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Kathy Ritten, Coordinator
Anne Brady
Joey Cocco
Dan Joya
Sarah Joya
Alyssa Kelly
Terri Monaco
Pat Ophalt
Therese Sabo
Sherry Scouffas
Joyce Volpe

Faith & Fellowship

Connie Rakitan, Director
Don Gimbel
Marcial Gomez
Joan Johnson
Patrick King
Rick Leninger
Lucan Myers
Sharon Paluch
Shirley Rissman

Marci Madary, Director of Lifelong Formation

Christi Walkup, Director of Administration

Kelly McCreary and Sue Santin, Faith Formation Administrative Assistants

Spirit and Light: A Catholic Collaborative for Living Faith

Spirit and Light is a collaborative among Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish, and Family Mass Community

Parish Life

YES IT'S LADIES' NIGHT!
COME JOIN THE FUN

CCW COURTYARD PARTY
(BETWEEN ST. GILES SCHOOL & CHURCH)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 2023
6:30-8:30PM

**SUPER CASUAL.
COME AS YOU ARE.**

**ENJOY FOOD,
DRINKS, FRIENDS.**

**BYOB IF YOU CAN. OR
JUST COME ON OVER
AND HAVE FUN.
WE'VE GOT YOU
COVERED!**

To help/more info:
Sue Canepa
312-203-0848
Andrea Grote
773-727-7665



Faith & Fellowship



Cookout – We Had Fun!

Last month's Faith & Fellowship cookout was a blast. Burgers, brats, potato salad, baked beans, ice cream – and an amazing group of amazing folks. A planning team Zoomed to get the show on the road; a committee developed a shopping list for their trip to Aldi; we schlepped tables and chairs; we played badminton, bean-bag toss, and Bingo; we grilled and ate and talked and laughed. And who was this "we"? Partners, Catechists, friends, supporters, and parishioners. Sound like fun? Sure was! Want to have fun with us? Contact Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276.

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Halloween Bake Sale, October 29

The Halloween Bake Sale will be held October 29, in Maguire Hall on the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Campus, following the 9:00 am Mass in church.

Sign-Up sheets for bakers, clean-up assistance and other volunteer opportunities will be in the welcoming area of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church.

Come and join us for this wonderful (and delicious) parish event!



"Bread of Life: Mother God Among Us"

Women's Retreat of the Family Mass Community

Registration is open to all women of the parish.

Join us!

September 22-24, 2023

LaSalle Manor Retreat Center Plano, Illinois

Register online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/womensretreat2023>

**Or contact: Kathy Flanagan
at kathymflan@aol.com or 312-659-2789**

Parish Life



We Stand On Their Shoulders

Mondays, September 18 and 25 1:30-3:00 pm

This series explores four women from various continents, time periods, and walks of life on whose shoulders we stand in caring for Earth. Today they would be called environmentalists. We will explore these women through the lens of the poetry of Edwina Gately in ***Mothers, Sisters, Daughters: Standing on Their Shoulders***. It is not necessary to buy or read the book, as Shelby will provide all materials needed each time we meet.

Session 1: Hildegard of Bingen and Rachel Carson

Session 2: Sr. Dorothy Stang and St. Brigid of Kildare

This program is a hybrid: Participants have the option to meet In-Person at The Well or to join on Zoom.

Facilitator is In-Person.

Zoom registrants will receive Zoom sign-in information via email upon registration and a reminder the day before the program.

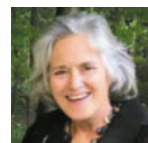
To register: please visit

<https://csjthewell.org/programs/standing-on-shoulders/>

Facilitator: Shelby Boblick - Shelby has a background in spirituality and loves the outdoors. Trained as a pastoral associate, she serves on the board of The Well and facilitates a variety of spirituality conversations. Her recent pilgrimage to Iona and immersion in Celtic spirituality will enrich our discussion of St. Brigid.



1515 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park, IL 60526 <https://csjthewell.org>



The Music Box

Welcome to the **Music Box**, a place to find information about music ministry at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish. It is a location for music opportunities, invitations and announcements, and our organ project updates.

Last week, the Berghaus Organ company spent two days removing re-usable pipes from our organ chambers. Here are a couple of pictures from the week.



The second picture was taken from the chamber above the Baptistry. It gives you an idea of the number of pipes they took from the chamber as well as a view through the louvre doors to the stained glass window across the nave of the church.

Next week, We will post pictures and information about the pipes taken from the church in Lakeview. Our new organ will be a combination of the two organs.

For more information about this project, Cantor training, the Combined Choir, or the Praise Choir please contact

Sue Kaszynski at the Parish Office.

skaszynski@stgilesparish.org

708-383-3430 ext. 423

Watch this space for upcoming musical treasures and tidbits.



FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED



The next **FOOD FIRST** collection at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be **Sunday, October 1**. 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.

Parish Life

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
Second Collection This Weekend

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



Thank you for supporting our seminarians through your generous gift to their education.



archchicago.org/seminarianfund

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

9/10/2023

	Total	YTD
Weekly Budget	\$ 30,000.00	
Envelopes	\$ 20,006.00	\$ 157,998.58
Loose	\$ 1,671.19	
Electronic*	\$ 11,215.00	\$ 117,495.76
Total Giving	\$ 32,892.19	\$ 275,494.34
9/5/23-9/11/23		
Overage	\$ (2,892.19)	
Total Mass Count	602	

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

www.stgilesparish.org OR
www.stcatherineslucy.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!



Meet
Meg
Kissinger,

Award-winning mental
health journalist and
author.

Sunday, October 8, 12:00 p.m.

McDonough Hall, St. Giles Campus
1101 Columbia Avenue, Oak Park

"Shame kills. Don't be embarrassed to talk about mental illness. People don't ask to have depression or anxiety or schizophrenia any more than someone with cancer or diabetes asked for their diseases. Love them. Listen to them. Try to understand them. Help them as best you can."

Meg Kissinger

Meg will discuss her book and talk with all.

Book talk is free for all ages.

THE BOOK TABLE will sell copies at the event.

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



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!



Finance Committee

Capital Projects Update

At the Finance Committee meeting on September 5, it was recommended that Operations Director Matt Brophy give a detailed listing of all capital projects and expenditures at both the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Campus and the St. Giles Campus. Below is the list of capital projects as well as some other projects at both sites from June 2023-Present. Each project is listed by campus name, project name, scope of the project, cost of the project and source of funds for the project. If you have any questions regarding these or any other projects on either campus, please contact Operations Director, Matt Brophy at mbrophy@archchicago.org or 708.383.3430 ext. 102

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Campus			
Project	Scope	Cost	Source of Funds
Main Parking Lot Resurfacing	Total pavement milling, grading, restructuring of sewers, resurfacing, and striping	\$64,800.00	To Teach Who Christ is Funds at Archdiocese Bank
Church Roof Repairs	Repairs to the flat roofs, slate roofs and downspouts	\$19,875.00	To Teach Who Christ Is Funds at Archdiocese
Rectory Boiler Replacement	Asbestos Abatement, Removed old boiler, installed new boiler	\$85,000.00	Grant from the Archdiocese
Collapsed Sewer Line Replacement	Replaced 25 feet of storm sewer and sanitary sewer north of the Rectory	\$17,925.00	Parish Funds
Main Boiler Repairs	Replaced 11 tubes in one boiler and rebuilt refractory walls.	\$19,400.00	Shared Costs \$11,640.00 Parish, \$7,760.00 Big Shoulders
Boiler and AC Yearly Maintenance	Maintenance twice a year on 4 boilers and 2 AC Units for the Church	\$15,400.00	Shared Costs \$9,240.00 Parish Funds, \$6,160.00 Big Shoulders
Boiler Chemical Maintenance	Chemical products to maintain rust free boiler lines	\$2, 225.92	Parish Funds
Wi-Fi/Internet Upgrades	Upgrade Wi-Fi system in the Rectory	\$6,265.00	Parish Funds
Second Section of Collapsed Storm Sewer between Church and Rectory	Replacement needed for collapsed sewer under walkway on the south side of Church	Estimates Average \$39,000	Parish requesting financial assistance from Archdiocese as either a grant or loan
St. Giles Campus			
Project	Scope	Cost	Source of Funds
Main Parking Lot Fence Replacement	Remove old fencing and trees, install new fencing	\$22,100.00	School PTO & Parish
Domestic Water Pipe Replacement	Replace all hot and cold water feeds in the Frawley basement for the School, the Church and the Rectory	\$35,500.00	Funds from the Capital Account
Booster Pump	Booster pump added for School, Rectory, and Church	\$25,450.00	Funds from the Capital account
Refurbish and Install Pipe Organ	Remove pipe organ from closed church and refurbish pipes and console for St. Giles Church. Completion Spring 2024	\$727,188.00	\$480,220.96 Organ Donation Funds on Deposit, \$246,967.04 Transfer from Parish Savings
St. Giles School			
Project	Scope	Cost	Source of Funds
Corrigan Playground Asphalt Repaving	Replaced asphalt on Corrigan Playground	\$28,500.00	School received a grant
Corrigan Playground Soft Surface	Installation of rubber cycle soft surface	\$80,981.00	School trust fund withdrawal
Gleeson Playground Fence	Remove old wooden fence and replace with new metal fencing	\$13,200.00	Grant to the School
Gleeson Playground Soft Surface	Install soft surface (October 2023)	\$43,450.00	Funds will be withdrawn from School Trust Fund

Parish Life

Food For Thought The New Sixty?

*"The secret of genius is to carry
the spirit of the child into old age,
which means never losing
your enthusiasm." (Aldous Huxley)*

Our country's become longer in the tooth,
with seniors soon outnumbering our youth.
A nation of caregivers we've become;
For love and true respect we beat the drum.

A plus with aging is no goin' to work,
or cultivating some old-person quirk.
And people think that wisdom comes with age;
In their eyes you're omniscient—an old sage.

Good looks will bring respect, like perfect hair,
and certain qualities set you aglare:
Show deep concern for global climate heat;
Be sad and angry with the migrant beat.

Do you possess a refreshing outlook?
Is it as clear as is a flowing brook?
Are you creative in use of new ways,
discarding yesterday's thoughts for today's?

As older people, we gracefully claim
the credit often, but rarely the blame,
when our abundant exposure to life
helps a community dealing with strife.

Remaining integrated is our call,
in preference to remain behind a wall.
Freedom to contribute chases wrinkles,
changing them to bright and shiny twinkles.

Suggestions about ways to stick around,
include discussions from the higher ground;
Set up and follow an exercise time;
Enjoy the gentle sounds of a wind chime.

Get a loving Sheltie— they're shepherd's dogs;
Quite smart and will enjoy your monologues.
One "don't"...if you're past 90, do not drive,
especially if you like staying alive.

We all need to feel useful, says our Church;
If you really want to help, stop your search.
Your faith community provides God's grace
to help the needy, in their Worship Place.

The alternative to giving of your talent
and of your time, is the equivalent
of sitting in your chair
with a frowning stare.
That's like turning the beach over
to the plover.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 9/17/23



Tuesday was Migrant Day at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory in Oak Park.

Donated clothes have been
moved to a larger room in the
Rectory.

Araceli's Bakery from Cicero
donated Pan Dulce, which was a
big hit with the migrants!

Quite a few new faces from the
new arrivals last weekend. Many
of the young men who arrived
were in need of basics...

Fr. Carl stopped by to visit and
also had a chance to spend some
time with the migrants in the
kitchen.

Celine Woznica and her
husband, Don, did their magic in

the coordination of shower day!

What a great community...

The volunteer team receives more blessings than we can possibly
give. Our hearts are full of joy!



Spiritual Classics October Discussion on the Writings of Saint Francis

*In connection with the Feast of Saint Francis in October, our next
Spiritual Classics discussion will be on the Writings of Saint
Francis, to be held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:30 pm in
the Ascension Parish Center Dining Room. Our own Father Bob
Hutmacher, OFM, will lead the discussion. Please note we are
meeting on Thursday this month.*

Saint Francis, the patron saint of Italy, animals, and ecology,
founded the Order of the Friars Minor. He, more than anyone,
imitated Christ in his own life, living in poverty and giving to
everyone in need. He had thousands of devoted followers. His
writings are part of his legacy to Christians all over the world.

Our discussion on October 5 will focus on significant writings and
prayers of Saint Francis. For a pdf copy of the selections for our
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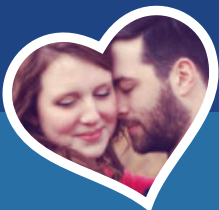
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