

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 • Twenty-fifth 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,

In today's Gospel the workers gather to receive their day's wage. They are surprised, we are told, to learn that the wage promised them is not based on merit but based on generosity and love. They are surprised to realize that they are part of a bigger circle of God's love, his kingdom. For many of us, God's circular love looks flat and straight and even unfair at times. Just as one needs to be high above the earth to see its curve and higher still to see it as a full circle, our faith calls us to trust that God's kingdom is not about straight lines but about the circle that is God's all-embracing and eternal love. Here, the first are last and the last are first and love is a gift God freely gives us without exception and without end.

Our Gospel lesson today reminds us of this truth, no matter what we might see or experience in life, we live in that circle that is God's all-embracing and eternal love.

What a gift it is to have this faith, and trust it, wherever we are on our journey in life!

Some things you should know:

The St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles' newly formed Parish Council met for the second time on Monday, September 18. Some of the main discussion points were helping with clear and transparent communications to parishioners. We looked at the importance of hospitality and the need to grow our committee for welcome weekends. The role of the council as an advisory board was discussed as well as creating goals for the year. This will be ongoing in our conversation at future meetings.

Ascension and St. Edmund's newly formed Parish Council will meet for the first time on Monday, September 25. The agenda for this meeting will be introductions, prayer, the role of the council and discussion on immediate concerns or needs that need to be addressed.

Please see the dates for the information-sharing meetings scheduled at each parish. Information is on page 4 of this bulletin. It will be a time for you to ask questions. We will also be addressing some questions that have already come to our attention. The meeting dates are Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00 pm in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus and Monday, October 2, at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm in Murphy Hall on the St. Edmund campus. Please plan on joining us for one of these information sessions.

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish Update:

After discussion and consultation, I want to share the following changes in job titles and responsibilities.

- David Anderson will now serve as Director of Pastoral Music and Liturgy. He will continue as organist, Director of the Choir, Scola, Choristers as well as our Ecumenical outreaches: Taizé Prayer, the Contemplative Christian Meditation Group, and Healing Prayer and Song.
- JaneAnne Campbell will minister as Liturgy Coordinator as well as Coordinator of our Catholic Community of Oak Park, Sunday 5:00 pm Mass.
- Michael Silhavy will be the Associate Musician and Director of St. Edmund Singers.
- Elizabeth Coffman is the Associate Organist and String Ensemble Director for the Parish.

Thank you to all on the team who oversee the liturgy and music.

I am happy also to report that this team is currently working to form a new liturgy committee composed of members from both worship sites.

Let us remember God's generosity in the gifts, talents and blessings in our parish communities.

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, 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, 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, Linda Lewis, 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, Jose Torres, 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 Mary Campbell, sister of Steve Rowley, Theresa Martino, and David Gregoire.

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 25

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, September 26

8:30 — † Rosario and Mario Aldape
† Steve Pizzello

Wednesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:30 — † Dr. Robert Hammer
† Carol Mazzone

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, September 28

8:30 — † Robert Wenshutonis

Friday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Shaker Family

Saturday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 — † The Deceased of the Costa Family

4:30 — † Terry Keshner

† Michael Gipson

† George, Erma, and LaVerne White

Sunday, October 1

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

*10:30 — † Joseph J. Archibald, Jr.

† Margaret "Pea" Lattner

† Victor Guarino

**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 26

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, October 1

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 — † James Lobbins

by Renee Smith Quinn

† Bercilla Landerdale

by Renee Smith Quinn

† Louis S. Bourjaily

by Tom and Pat Nelson

5:00 — Oak Park Catholic Parishes Young Adult Mass

WEDDING BANNS

II Daniela Cozzone and Connor Murphy

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.

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.

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:

- ~ Parish structure-clarification of several roles and formation of councils
- ~ 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!



The Music Box

Last week, we shared some pictures and information about pipe removal from the St. Giles organ chambers by the Berghaus Organ company.

This week, we would like to tell you about the pipes that we received from Second Church, Christ Scientist in Lakeview. All the pipes are in the process of being cleaned, repaired or replaced as necessary. The records list the Lakeview organ as being Austin Opus 1646, built in 1928. Through the restoration process at Berghaus, our builders have discovered that the organ was most likely a re-build when it was installed in 1928. They know this because each pipe is marked as Opus 525 and is stamped by the pipe maker, Alfred Peterson, who was an excellent pipe maker who used high quality metal. Our technicians at Berghaus are reasonably certain the pipes were made prior to 1910 based on the metal and the style of construction.



To see more pictures of the Lakeview pipes, scan the QR Code here.

For more information about this project or music opportunities 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.

Oak Park Catholic Community

Young Adult Mass

Come join the Oak Park Catholic Parishes Young Adults for Mass!

Come and see how to get involved with service activities, Bible study and more.

The next Young Adult Mass is **this Sunday, September 24** at 5 PM.
St Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church
38 N. Austin Blvd, Oak Park

Living the Mass: How Liturgy Shapes Our Lives

Each Sunday at the end of Mass, we are sent out on mission! The priest or deacon announces: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life" challenging us to deeply live out our faith in the world. "Liturgical spirituality" brings together liturgy and spirituality by examining how our lives are formed and nurtured by the Church's liturgy, how our "being" in the world is shaped by the way we worship. This year, the Oak Park Catholic Community will be invited to explore Liturgical Spirituality through a ten-part speaker series. Sessions will be held on Sunday mornings between the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses once or twice a month from October through May. The first session is scheduled for **October 29 at 9:15 am** in Ascension's Pine Room. Led by Fr. Bob Hutmacher, ofm, this session will serve as an introduction to Liturgical Spirituality. Parishioners and Parish Staff from both Oak Park parishes will lead the subsequent sessions, exploring the liturgical year, signs and symbols of worship, and the parts of the Mass. Save the date for October 29! A full schedule is forthcoming. If you have any questions, please email JaneAnne Campbell at ja.campbell@ascensionoakpark.com.

Public Forum

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

Since January of 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 to Fr. Carl, who has encouraged the group to share its findings with the community for feedback before a final plan is developed.

The Feasibility Study Team is holding a series of public forums throughout the community from now until late November at a variety of locations and times 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.

Several public forums have taken place, with others still to come. 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, September 24, 12:00 noon – Ascension Pine Room
Sunday, October 15, 12:00 noon – St. Edmund Murphy Hall
Tuesday October 24, 7:00 pm – St. Luke's School Waldron Room
Thursday, November 2, 7:00 pm – St. Bernardine Cafeteria
Sunday, November 12, 11:30 am – Oak Park Temple
Thursday, November 16, 7:00 pm – Pilgrim Congregational Fellowship Hall

We are hoping to schedule one or two more events in November.

Please register for the meeting most convenient for you to attend by scanning the QR code to the right. Please come even if you were unable to register. Questions? Please contact Feasibility Study Team co-chair Dan Doody at dan@doody.com.



Parish Life



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Leadership Award



Hon. Cathy Adduci
River Forest Village President

Service Award



Rev. Carl Morello
Pastor, Ascension and St. Edmund Parish &
St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish

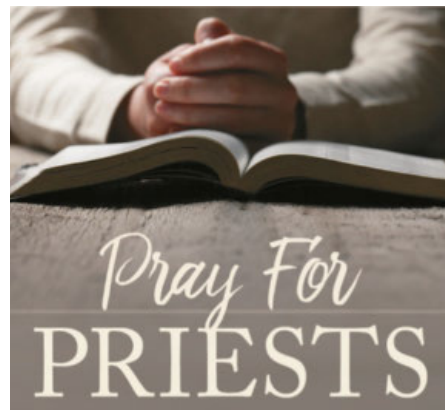
Celebrating Community Partnerships

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!



Faith & Fellowship



And Now a Word from Dorothy Day: "Oasis"

Dorothy Day, the co-founder of *The Catholic Worker* and whose cause for canonization to sainthood is in process, is quoted as saying:

We can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world.

This is the oasis that is found in our Faith & Fellowship groups. All of us have busy, hectic lives; all of us cherish the opportunity to bask in an atmosphere of peace and quiet; all of us – Catechists and Partners – discover God's joy for 2 or 3 hours each week.

Please come to this little cell and discover an oasis.

faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708/383-9276.



It's time for the Oak Park Catholic Parishes

YOUNG ADULT HANGOUT

Come to this young adult sponsored event!
Sept 24 ▪ Directly after the 5 PM Mass
Refreshments and more
at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy
38 N. Austin Blvd, Oak Park

Parish Life

Facility Updates for St. Catherine- St. Lucy (September 2023)

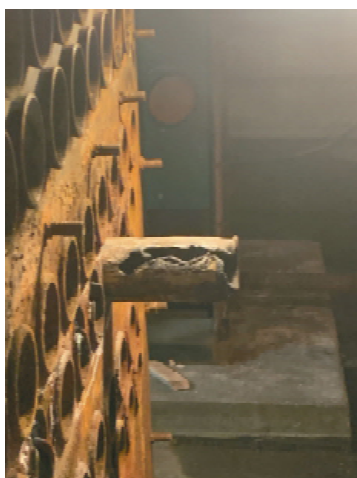
The Rectory boiler installation has been completed. It's a high efficiency furnace that required a new chimney flue and intake for the boiler. The next step is to manually bleed the air out of every radiator in the building so that the boiler is operating at full capacity.



The first section of the Church and Rectory storm sewer that runs along the exterior of the north wall of the hallway from the Rectory to the Church has been replaced.

Both the storm sewer and the sanitary sewer lines were cracked. Most of the sewer problems were caused by the tree that's in the church courtyard.

The plumbers were able to camera from the clean out in the newest section of pipes about 30 feet east toward Austin Blvd. Unfortunately, there is a second section of collapsed storm sewer that runs under the walkway on the south side of the Church. At the time of this publication, three plumbing companies have looked at the site and scoped out the work that needs to be done but only one proposal has been submitted. In order to proceed, the Archdiocese requires three written proposals for a job of this size. Therefore, we must wait for the other two proposals before a decision to complete the repairs is made. Operations Director, Matthew Brophy, has asked that the Archdiocese provide financial assistance to cover the cost of the second sewer repair.



The School, former Convent and Church are all heated by two boilers in the boiler house located behind the former Convent. There are approximately 30 heating tubes in each boiler that need to be cleaned yearly for proper maintenance. Operations Director, Matthew Brophy, had three boiler companies provide estimates on the repair of one boiler that had 11 leaking tubes and the rebuilding of the refractory walls. The 11 new pipes were installed, and the refractory walls were rebuilt the week of September 11. The next step is the cleaning of each boiler and realigning the flames. Both boilers will be fully ready and operational the week of September 25. The boiler in the Gym will also be cleaned and serviced for the upcoming heating season.

As we end the month of September, the parking lot has been completed, roofs have been repaired, a new boiler was installed for the Rectory, the main boilers were repaired and cleaned for the School and the Gym, additional WIFI access was added to the

Rectory, new sump pumps were installed in the Rectory and the Church, new sections of the storm sewers were replaced and a few other smaller projects around the campus. This past winter, LED lighting was installed in the Church, upgrades were made to the sound system including new wireless microphones for the deacon and the priest. Recently, it was brought to my attention that there are some concerns about the caulking around the Church windows that need to be assessed before winter sets in.

If there are any questions regarding the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Campus, please contact Operations Director, Matthew Brophy at mbrophy@archchicago.org or 708-383-3430, ext. 102.



Parish Life



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Gathering "Who Is The Child?"

Saturday, October 7

9:00 - 11:00 am

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

One definition of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is: **the meeting of two mysteries: the mystery of God and the mystery of the child.** If we, as adults and Catechists, wish to serve as a matchmaker for these two parties, we must know as much as possible about each to help facilitate the match. Come on October 7, when we will look at who the child is at 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12. Together we'll think about: what speaks to the child's heart, what do they hunger for, what helps them grow in the love and knowledge of the Good Shepherd?

By better understanding the child we become better Catechists, bringing a deeper humility and joy to our work in the atrium; the beautiful work God has called us to do.

Our speaker will be Betsy Peterson. Betsy fell in love with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 1990, and she still is in love today. She is currently a Level I Catechist for 3-6 year olds at St. Teresa of Avila in Chicago and a Level III Catechist for 9-12 year olds at Church of Our Saviour, also in Chicago. She has been a regional formation leader for adult Catechists since 1996.

This morning of reflection is open to all -- Are you a parent, grandparent or caregiver of a child currently in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, or are you an adult who wishes to understand more about the child's relationship with God? Please join us!



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
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**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.

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:
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Site captains recruit and manage a team of volunteers from their congregation to fill volunteer needs and/or meals for a night of shelter operation.
- > **Evening Shelter Host** (6:30 pm–10:00 pm)
Volunteers help get set-up for the evening, greet the shelter guests as they arrive help them to set up their sleeping area, host dinner, and interact with clients until lights out.
- > **Overnight Attendant** (10:00 pm–5:00 am)
Volunteers support staff in ensuring a safe experience for the shelter guests.
- > **Breakfast Host** (5:00 am–7:00 am)
Volunteers serve a light breakfast, help shelter guests exit and assist with light clean-up.
- > **Meal Provider** (To be delivered at 7:00 pm)
Volunteers donate and deliver a hot dinner meal, and/or a continental breakfast and/or a sack to-go lunches for 15 people.

To sign up, please scan the QR code to access the interactive calendar. Additional job descriptions and volunteer requirements can be found on the calendar.

For additional information, contact Cherrell Jackson at cjackson@housingforward.org

Parish Life

Food For Thought The Joy of Living Generously

*“Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous...
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to labor and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do your will.”
(Prayer of St. Ignatius)*

The laborers who worked all day in the landlord's vineyard, grumbled when all workers were paid the same, no matter how many hours worked. This parable can make people feel resentful, but it calls for us to give thanks for what we receive from God. Other people's rewards do not diminish our own. We're reminded by Isaiah that God is generous with mercy, in ways that are well beyond our imagination.

This parable can disturb us: Is it fair? Does heaven run on this sort of rule? Really, why work all day, while others working just an hour receive the same reward? But—one line in this parable is key to understanding it. In reply to those disgruntled, who bore the burden and the heat, the owner asked, “Are you envious Because I am so generous?” He'd focused on the common good, not just on the work.

Jesus had said this parable spoke of the kingdom of heaven. Sometimes we look at religion as a transactional affair. If we do good, we'll see rewards. But in heaven, the system's not transactional. The owner in the parable cares for workers and the vineyard—he's an owner to be trusted. In St. Paul's words, he looks for people who will live for something more than just themselves, who'll be one with God.

Isaiah left us asking how to find God. And this parable suggests doing God's work reveals who God is, and draws us into the joy of living generously.

Tom Lynch. tgi7714@gmail.com. 9/24/2023
Resource: idea from NCR, M. McGlone, 9/24/2023

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

	Total	YTD
Weekly Budget	\$30,000.00	
Envelopes	\$ 15,937.00	\$175,659.71
Loose	\$ 1,724.13	
Electronic*	\$ 12,126.63	\$129,622.39
Total Giving	\$ 29,787.76	\$305,282.10
9/5/23-9/11/23		
Shortfall	\$ 212.24	
Seminary Collection	\$ 2,665.05	

Mass Count Week of 9/17/23

9/16/23 4:30 pm	137
9/17/23 8:00 am	90
9/17/23 9:00 am~	**
9/17/23 10:30 am	204
9/17/23 5:00 pm~	**

** not available at time of publication

Total Mass Count 431

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

www.stgilesparish.org OR www.stcatherinestlucy.org.

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

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 discussion, please send an email to llaafc@ascensionoakpark.com. If you don't have email access, you may call 708-557-2265 to request a copy.



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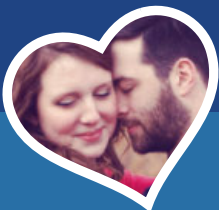
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