

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



REMEMBER YOUR MERCY, O LORD.

PSALM 25

OCTOBER 1, 2023 • Twenty-sixth 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, I have happy news to share!

Three members of our Oak Park Catholic Community will receive special awards at Holy Name Cathedral this weekend. Cardinal Cupich will lead the prayer service and their names will be called to recognize their dedicated and selfless service to our community and those we serve.

The Bishop Quarter Award is given to one who understands the Church's teachings on social justice and uses their talents to deepen the life of the Church by their consistent and extraordinary ministry. This award is given to only one person in each Vicariate. I am proud to announce that Celine Woznica will be given this award for the selfless work she has done for the migrants in our area and for creating the shower program at the Rectory on our St. Catherine-St. Lucy site.

The Christifidelis Award is given to a member of the community who also shows dedicated service. From Ascension and St. Edmund, the award will be given to Dan Doody for his work with Housing Forward and the Feasibility Study Committee which was organized to gather the needed information to build ministry outreach at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory.

From our St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Family Mass Community, Margaret Rudnik will also receive this award for her work with Celine organizing housing for the migrant family we have sponsored, her assistance with the shower program, and her support in arranging food, clothing and needed volunteers.

Congratulations to all! Thank you for helping us remember who we are as Church, and living in the light of Christ as we care for each other, especially those who are most in need.

This past Monday, the Archdiocese held a Day of Renewal at the Rosemont Theater. Over 1,000 clergy and staff attended. The focus was on moving from the structural changes of Renew My Church into the Building a New Reality stage.

Some structural changes are still being made and Bishop Casey, Vicar General, acknowledged how difficult and painful this stage can be. He expressed gratitude for the prayers, patience and persistence individuals and communities have shown throughout this challenging process. Having come through this, most parishes are embarking on an exciting new phase, growing into missionary disciples. We are on the way, however not there yet. Core elements are Prayer, Vision Casting, (which we are doing with the ministry center idea at St. Catherine-St. Lucy and with our Spirit and Light Collaborative) Leading as a Team, Accompaniment and Hospitality. Pieces of this are beginning to take shape, but we still have work to do.

Perhaps one of my most important takeaways came from Fr. John Riccardo, a priest from the Diocese of Detroit. He founded Acts XXIX (29) a program to help proclaim the Gospel in a compelling way in this age God has chosen us to live.

There are only 28 chapters in the Acts of the Apostles. He explained, in more detail than I will here, that Acts XXIX (29) is meant to remind us that each of us is being written into the next chapter! We are called, in our own unique way, to share the mission of Christ, to share the work of ministry and remind one another where our salvation comes from, God who loves us.

It was a well-organized and structured day, and I was happy to have been a part of this Day of Renewal. And honestly, I was a bit exhausted when I left thinking of all that is before us, the challenges **and** the opportunities! Come Holy Spirit, guide us and give us strength for the journey we are on.

I also want to share that I will be away from October 6 through October 18 on a much needed (and I might add well deserved) vacation to Italy! You will be under the capable care of our pastoral staffs. Fr. Rex, Fr. Carlton, Fr. Unz and others who help with sacramental needs will be available as needed. I have asked Fr. Carlton to write for the bulletin while I am away. He has become the Catholic representative for our Oak Park Police Department and is working with Deacon Kevin Morgan on the Eucharistic Revival. Stay tuned and he will share more details about both.

As we enter into Respect Life month, let's take to heart these words of St. Basil the Great, "You need only to look at the vine to be reminded of your own nature... Each of us has been grafted onto the church by faith the Lord calls branches, and he urges us to bear much fruit."

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, Baby Sofia Rose, 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, Gabriela Rodriguez 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 Poplett, 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 Linda Lewis, spouse of Jim Lewis.

ST. GILES CHURCH

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, October 3

8:30 — † Fred Preuss

Wednesday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

6:30 — † Isaac Shaker

† Gene Lizak

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, October 5

8:30 — † Tom Locher for healing

Friday, October 6

6:30 — † Owen Petzelka

† The Deceased of the Shaker Family

† Thomas Guare

Saturday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 — † Jake Carlson

1:00 — *Wedding: Daniela Cozzone and Connor Murphy*

*4:30 — † Andrew Locke

† Anna Marie Sciaraffa

† Theresa Martino

Sunday, October 8

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 — † Margaret Mary Daley McGurn

† D. Robert Bresnahan

† Evelyn Dagostino

10:30 — † Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio

† Louise Cafasso

† Richard Tomaso (30th Anniversary)

**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, October 3

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, October 8

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 — † Joseph Stockinger

by Evie Stockinger

† Oscar Smith

by Renee Smith Quinn

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

WEDDING BANNS

- I Amy Sullivan and Brendan Kelley
- III Daniela Cozzone and Connor Murphy

BAPTISMS in our Parish

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



Maya Joelle McNulty, Jermaine and Danielle (McBroom) McNulty; **Elliott Jorge Margil**, Candelario and Emelia (Bedolla) Margil; **Samuel James Lepere**, Andrew and Alia (Hassanali) Lepere; **Dominic Rossi V**, Joseph and Andrea (Cangialosi) Rossi; **Isabel Mae Schweitzer**, Steven and Kelly (Smith) Schweitzer; **Arturo Leonardo Barragan**, Arturo Barragan-Diaz and Dana (Avila) Barragan.

Welcome our new friends

We are very pleased to welcome the following new parishioners:

Rebecca and Daniel Strugala, Melissa and Gerardo Godinez, Beatrice Maldonado and Malcolm English.

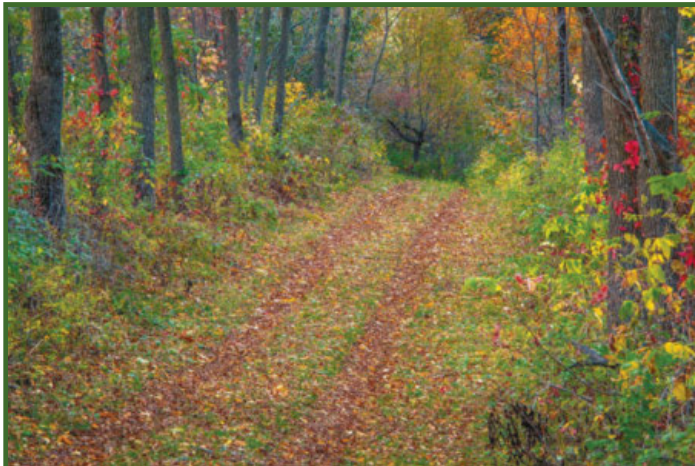
Spirit and Light Collaborative

Pope Francis, as are many others in the church, is using the word "Evangelization" more and more in our Catholic context. But what does it really mean, and why is it so important? Evangelization can have many negative connotations; but if we explore the concept to its deeper meaning, we find a vision of our life in faith that is rooted in an encounter with Jesus Christ. Each week, the Spirit and Light team will be taking this space in the bulletin to share thoughts, quotes, and resources that will help us wrestle with what evangelization means in the modern Catholic context.

Did you know that the Archdiocese requires that a child participates in two years of Religious Education before they can receive the sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion?

If you haven't already, register your child for Religious Education today!

<http://www.stgilesparish.org/ReligiousEducation/PasswordCreationNewFamily.php>



NEXT - New Catholics In Conversation

NEXT is for adults who came into Catholicism through RCIA and want to continue exploring and growing their faith through small group sharing. We will dive deeper into topics of Catholic teaching and practice covered in RCIA and reflect together how they so far have helped us grow in Christ. Also, we will tackle questions and barriers we may be facing. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm sharp in the Parish Living Room at the St. Giles campus.

Schedule

October 10 - Belonging vs. Fitting In

November 14 - Eucharist 201:
We Are The Wheat and Grapes

December 12 - No Room?

The Christmas Story Nobody Sings About

January 9 - Eucharist 201: Taking it to The Streets

February 13 - Lent, An Interior Journey

March 11 - Growing in Daily Practice

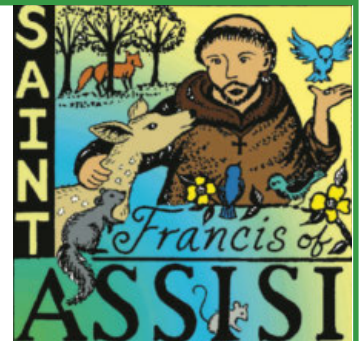
April 9 - Resurrection

May 14 - Mary and The Bearing of Holy Love

For more information, contact Pat Carew:
pat@enerstar.net

**St. Catherine-St. Lucy
and St. Giles
Pet Blessing
on the Feast of
St. Francis of Assisi**

*Calling all creatures,
great and small!*



Bring your animal friends
to the parish Pet Blessing!

**Wednesday, October 4,
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

**5:00 pm in the Courtyard,
south of the Church
on the St. Giles Campus**

*Fur or feathers, scales or gills –
let us celebrate creation together!*



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

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Halloween Bake Sale

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!

Parish Life



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

Saturday, October 7

9:00 - 11:00 am

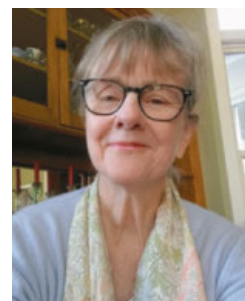
St. Giles Campus, McDonough Hall
1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park

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!



Faith & Fellowship



First Meeting of the Season – Part I

Tonight's the excitement of our first Catechist meeting of the season! We have a new Catechist, so we'll start with introductions and an overview of our program. Then we'll go over the calendar to make sure the dates are OK, and take care of other routine matters. This nitty-gritty out of the way, we'll read a brief section from a piece of fiction and take some time to meditate on the story's theme. With a background of subdued lighting and quiet music, we'll relate our own experience – sharing in trust and openness. The Scripture, a blessing, and prayer will express God's presence. Finally, we'll discuss the upcoming session with our Partners: what the symbol will be, how the theme will be explored, what hymn we'll sing – and who will bring what for our Agape. It may not sound all that thrilling – but we're excited anyway!

A BEST BOOK OF SEPTEMBER
CHOSEN BY INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES



**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.

Parish Life

TRINITY
Bal Dominique
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Honoring

Leadership Award

Hon. Cathy Adduci
River Forest Village President

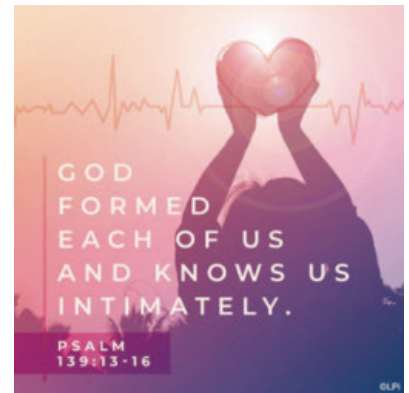
Service Award

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

Celebrating Community Partnerships

SENIOR CORNER

Come join the St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Seniors for a brown-bag lunch and an afternoon movie. We are meeting on Tuesday, October 17, at 12 noon in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus, where we will be showing the 1943 classic, **Casablanca**, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Enjoy some popcorn and a beverage while we enjoy the show. "See you at Rick's." "Here's looking at you, kid." Please call Joan Wojcik at 708-771-4783 to register.



The Music Box

The organ project is moving along nicely. Last week Larry, Fr. Alexis (Fr. Carl's friend from Germany), and Sue Kaszynski visited the Berghaus Organ Company and saw their work in progress.

Top right is a picture of a large wooden pipe taken from the Lakeview church. The pipe was too tall to fit in our chamber, so the shop "mitered" it to change its height. It will not alter the sound. The center right picture shows Larry inspecting a pipe from the St. Giles organ. And at lower right, here is a picture of one of the new pipes made in England. It is one of our smallest pipes, a high B flat.

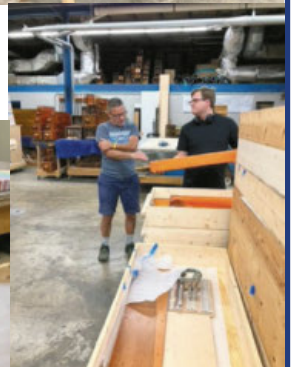
The Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy Praise Choir will sing at the 4:30 Mass at St. Giles on Saturday, October 14. Watch for more details next week.

For more information about the organ 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.



Parish Pastoral Council

Several years ago, the Chicago Archdiocese embarked upon the Renew My Church journey. In part, the journey was prompted by the fact that fewer people were attending Mass and fewer vocations to the priesthood. We have made some difficult decisions along the way, which led to the unification of the Oak Park Catholic churches into two newly formed parishes, and we have now embarked on the second leg of the journey. We are now working on Building a New Reality.

Fr. Carl has pointed out that in Building a New Reality, we are coming together in ways that support our mission to support one another in living and growing our faith. We are also bringing others to come to know Jesus. One of the first tasks in that mission was forming new Parish Pastoral Councils for each parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council of the unified St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy, St. Giles, and the St. Giles Family Mass Community was appointed and has met twice since. On August 14, the council members identified a primary goal of supporting and promoting a vision for hospitality and bringing people together. As we move from maintaining our faith to living it with a mission, our focus is on welcoming all who come to church in our unified parish. Our measure of success is that all feel welcome and at home here. As a first step, the Parish Pastoral Council hosted Mix and Mingle hospitality following each Mass the weekend of September 9-10 at both worship sites. It was a wonderful opportunity for continued conversation on the unification process. The Parish Pastoral Council has decided to meet on the third Monday of every month.

On September 18, the first item on the agenda was a discussion of the things that we are hearing from our parishioners. Included in this "News from the Pews:" some parishioners shared a feeling that many of the changes taking place involve Masses and activities being discontinued at St. Catherine-St. Lucy, with nothing being added to replace them. Others pointed out that they might be more likely to attend Mass at the another church location if the Mass times were more staggered. Two things that distinguish St. Catherine-St. Lucy are the Praise Choir and the *Lead Me, Guide Me* worship missals (geared towards African-American Catholics), both of which are being under-used. The administrative cost of all sacraments has increased. A lot of parishioners want to be involved, and they want more transparency. There was an additional suggestion that parishioners wear name tags as we continue to get to know one another. The unified Parish Pastoral Council is in its infancy and feeling its way; however, we would like parishioners to know that they can expect at least a monthly article in our bulletin following each meeting.

Fr. Carl reported that Information Sharing Sessions have been planned and are being held to discuss the feasibility of repurposing the unused Rectory space at St. Catherine-St. Lucy as a base for social ministry outreach to the residents of Austin. This has been termed the "evangelization" component of Renew My Church—drawing people to the faith through service. The Feasibility Study Team has invested countless hours in an effort to identify the unmet needs of Austin and the extended West Side of Chicago. These efforts were recognized in a positive article in the *Wednesday Journal*. They are also looking to reach out to a larger audience for fundraising to avoid putting all the financial burden on the parishioners. The Praise Choir is currently scheduled to sing at Mass at both St. Catherine-St. Lucy and at St. Giles worship sites. Recognizing the request for more transparency, updated social media pages can be developed.

The Parish Pastoral Council has a liaison on the Finance Committee, through which we learned that the fiscal year ends in June. St. Giles ended in a deficit last year and looks like it could this year, too. In general, while unexpected expenses do occur, St. Giles maintains its campus with a capital plan. St. Catherine-St. Lucy breaks even with help from benefactors, but long-term projects are not in the budget. The other Oak Park churches also do not have long-term maintenance budgets. It is foreseeable that the community will need to make some hard decisions in the near future.

Following the September 9-10 hospitality weekend, the Parish Pastoral Council determined that these opportunities of welcoming need to continue. We will continue to use these Mix and Mingle events to get to know one another better and to facilitate greater communication and awareness. Some ideas to make this happen are to ask everyone to wear name tags, provide a Q & A table, mount a QR code to a form so parishioners can ask questions and send comments using their phones, and to highlight the parish ministries. The next hospitality weekend for St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles will be October 14-15. St. Giles Family Mass Community will continue celebrating Hospitality Sunday on the first Sunday of each month.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for October 25, when we will meet with a representative from the Archdiocese.

Oak Park Catholic Community

How to help the Asylum Seeker as a layperson

Immigration Attorney Ana Fuentes of FuentesPalmisano PC will be giving pointers for those interested in helping immigrants who are navigating the complex asylum process on their own

**Saturday, October 21
9.00 am to 11.00 am**

**McDonough Hall @ St. Giles Campus
1101 Columbian Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302**
Coffee and donuts will be provided

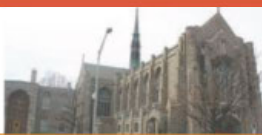
RSVP by October 16
<https://forms.gle/Yi7ot8uKkHYZTvs97>

Organized by
Intercultural Immigration Ministry (IIM)
Ascension and St. Edmund Parish



SEEKING SITE CAPTAINS, VOLUNTEERS, & MEAL PROVIDERS FOR OUR EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER

**St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church
38 N. Austin Boulevard in Oak Park**



**VOLUNTEERS ARE A KEY PART OF OPERATING OUR
EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER
FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.**



The opportunities for this shelter are:

- > **Site Captain**
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



Be an Advocate for Victims of Domestic Violence.



**True change happens
when everyday people
contribute to large movements.**

You don't have to be famous, on TV, or have a huge online following to make a difference. It starts with the small step of believing the stories of survivors, and then committing to learn more about the problems facing those survivors and their children.

Everyday you can be an advocate just by chatting with others at school, work, church, wherever. Let others know you care about domestic violence. Wear purple during Domestic Violence Awareness month in October. When you're asked what it's about, explain why you are concerned about domestic violence.

If someone says, "Well, why don't they just leave," respond with, "Why are the abuser's actions allowed to go unpunished?" Misunderstandings about domestic violence are perpetuated because people simply accept them as the truth. Start a conversation that might lead to a changed mind.

You can let lawmakers know that protecting domestic violence survivors through strong and safe policy is important to you. When Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach (ACDVO) sends you a call to action on pending legislation, you can reach out to your legislator.

**If you are a victim or survivor
of domestic abuse seeking help:
National Hotline: 1-800-799 SAFE (7233);
1-800-7873224 (TDD)**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION

Oak Park Catholic Community

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, 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.



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 remaining sessions that is most convenient for you:

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

There is ample parking and the Hall can be accessed by everyone. We look forward to having you join us!



Living the Mass: How Liturgy Shapes Our Lives

Each Sunday at the end of Mass, we are sent out on a 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.

Parish Life

Food For Thought Words to Gild the Heart

We hear his writings read, and
we appreciate his messages.
The beauty in his words
cause our hearts to sing,
and our souls to dance happy steps.
While imprisoned in Rome,
Paul wrote to the faithful in Philippi,
thanking them for their kindnesses.
Our second reading today
is an excerpt from that letter.
Settle in for a paced read
of this gift of warmth and joy.

*"If there is any comfort in Christ,
any solace in love,
any fellowship in the Spirit,
any compassion and mercy,
complete my joy
by being of the same mind,
with the same love,
united in heart.*

*Do nothing out of contentiousness
or out of vainglory; rather, humbly
regard others more important
than ourselves, each looking out
not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.*

*"Have in you the same attitude
that was in Christ Jesus, who,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant;
Appearing in human likeness,
he humbled himself, becoming
obedient to the point of death,
even to death on a cross.*

*"Therefore, God also has exalted him,
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven
and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that the Lord Jesus Christ
is in the glory
of God the Father."
(Philippians 2:1-11)*

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 10/1/23

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

9/24/2023

	Total	YTD
Weekly Budget	\$30,000.00	
Envelopes	\$ 9,645.00	\$187,157.30
Loose	\$ 1,852.59	
Electronic*	\$13,279.50	\$142,901.89
Total Giving	\$24,777.09	\$330,059.19
*9/19/23-9/25/23		
Shortfall	\$ 5,222.91	

Mass Count Week of 9/24/23

9/23/23 4:30 pm	138
9/24/23 8:00 am	135
9/24/23 9:00 am	99
9/24/23 10:30 am	177
9/24/23 5:00 pm*	57

*Young Adult hosted @ St Catherine-St Lucy

Total Mass Count 606

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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,
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imitated Christ in his own life, living in poverty and giving to
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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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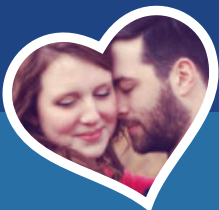
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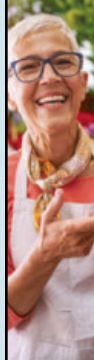
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