

June 26, 2016
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Weddings:

Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

Baptisms:

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

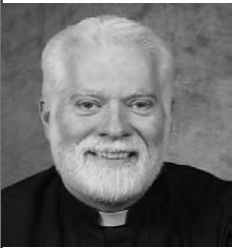
Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut Ins:

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers:

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

Thoughts From the Administrator



My name is Fr. Dennis Stafford and next Friday, July 1, I join St. Catherine of Siena / St. Lucy Parish as Parochial Administrator. I am not a replacement for your pastor but an interim minister from July 1 to December 31, 2016. Your pastor should be returning at that time. A Parochial Administrator's role is the same as a pastor but it does not accrue tenure. It is my intention – and the inherent role as administrator – to not make change nor initiate new items in the community. My role is to maintain balance, continuity, purposeful worship and effective ministries. Let me provide a snapshot of 'who I am' and 'where I have been.'

I turn 65 next month and was born and lived in the Austin neighborhood in the 1950's (LeClaire Avenue; St. Peter Canisius Parish), attended St. Patrick High School on Belmont Avenue and Northern Illinois University in DeKalb (Business Administration; Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity). My Masters degree is from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein – I recently celebrated my 25th Anniversary.

I am a 'second career' priest having 12 years corporate experience before entering the seminary. I have been a Product Analyst, Merchandising Manager, Product/Brand Manager, and president/principal of an industrial marketing firm. I was a married man during those years: Many folks in the pews appreciate that experience.

As a seminarian I served internships at St. Procopius on 18th Street, St. John Brebeuf in Niles and St. Louis de Montfort in Oak Lawn. As a priest I have served as associate pastor of St. Anne, Barrington, St. Mary of Vernon, Vernon Hills and, most recently, St. Theresa in Palatine; resident and assisting priest at St. Denis in Chicago; administrator of St. Dismas in Waukegan and St. Emily in Mt. Prospect; pastor of St. Emily in Mt. Prospect, St. John the Evangelist in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin and St. Alphonsus in New Munster, Wisconsin. I taught Scripture and moral theology at Montini in Lombard and coached baseball. I served six years as the Director of Spiritual Formation for the Institute for Diaconal Studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake directing all aspects of first-year aspirants, being primary spiritual director and retreat master for all aspirants and candidates, and taught evangelization and homiletics to both deacon and priest candidates. I was a resident assisting priest during that appointment at St. Raymond in Mount Prospect and Holy Cross in Deerfield (three years at each parish). I am the author of Parish Evangelization Workbook (1995) and A Courageous Leap of Faith – Becoming a Disciple of Jesus in the New Evangelization (2013).

I am an avid baseball and hockey fan having played/coached organized baseball – high school, college club, industrial league and senior league - (hardball – pitcher, center field; pick-up pond hockey – left wing, defenseman) and played 12 inch softball in Morton Grove for Arthur Andersen LLP accounting firm's teams (Tiny Ticklers & the Fossils) and 16 inch softball throughout the Chicago Park District (Riis, Oriole, Olympia, Portage, Blackhawk Parks). Bursitis, shoulder impingement, gout and arthritis (as well as having my thyroid destroyed by nuclear medicine) have slowed me down and I haven't played golf in two years because of finger pain. If you see me bent over and hobbling on any given Sunday, remind me to stand up straight, eat cherries (supposedly good for arthritis) and take my medication.

I also was a guitarist/bassist in several bands and enjoy jazz (my first band, The Mimics was in 1966). At a couple of my parishes I initiated professional jazz shows with many prominent Chicago jazz musicians headlining. The arthritis has limited my guitar playing. I share a home in Powers Lake, Wisconsin with two Chicago priests.

We only have a short time so let's get to know Christ together and to worship our God – the one true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I hope you soon come to realize that I smile often, reverently celebrate the sacraments and pray for you daily.

Reverend Dennis J. Stafford



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday through Friday - 8:30am
Saturday - 9:00am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening - 5:00pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

Summer conversations about our Common Home— Monday, June 27: *The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis*

This summer treat yourself to some reading and conversation about our Common Home. Pope Francis released his encyclical "**Laudato Si**" one year ago. It is a compelling and careful intertwining of spiritual perspective with care of our physical earth and all its inhabitants.

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the conversations and will supply the relevant passages each week. Alternatively, it is available used from amazon.com for less than \$10.

You are most welcome to join us as and when your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged!

We'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at whichever time suits you and your life. No need to come at the same time each Monday.

Monday, July 11: Integral Ecology

Monday, July 18: Lines of Approach and Action

Monday, July 25: Ecological Education and Spirituality

We'll meet in the 1st floor gathering room (the "dining room") of the St. Catherine—St. Lucy Rectory, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL.

Please join us! Questions or concerns call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Weekly Offering



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Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.

Peter's Pence Collection *Be a Witness of* **CHARITY**

In the second collection **today**, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

500 Club Certificates

Have you purchased 500 Club certificates for the current season? Certificates are \$25 each and your certificate number (s) will be included in every weekly drawing for one year, even if already selected. Most weekends the drawing is for \$25 but there are three \$500 drawings during the year. Certificates can be purchased at the rectory or by mail. Application forms are available in the church vestibule. Many thanks!

~ The Fundraising Committee

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★ **500-CLUB WINNER** ★
★ **JUNE 26, 2016** ★
★ **\$25.00** ★
★ **Louis Bourjaily,** ★
★ **# 274** ★

At a Loss

*When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;
when health is lost, something is lost;
when character is lost, all is lost.*
—German proverb

Take me out to the Ballgame!

Chicago White Sox vs. Detroit Tigers

Thursday, July 21

Game Time - 7:10 p.m.

Cost - \$24 each

Tickets are on sale after Masses

Calendar Notes

Monday, June 27

1&7:30PM - Women Summer Series - RDR

4:00-8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Tuesday, June 28

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT

10AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH

7:00-9:00 PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, June 29

10AM-4:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD

11:00 AM-1:00 PM - Organ Lessons - CH

7:30-9:00 PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, June 30

4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

Saturday, July 2

9:30 AM - Rosary Group - CH

FOODFIRST NEXT WEEKEND

Won't You Please Help?!

Save the Date
Saturday, July 9
Donut Day
(Pilgrim Church)
Thursday, July 21 - 7PM
White Sox Game Outing
Thursday, August 18 - 7PM
A Night At the Races Outing

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. June 27
 8:30 † **Rosa Roman**
 By: Ministry of Care

Tue. June 28
 † **Bruno Ligenza**
 By: Ministry of Care

Wed. June 29
 8:30 † **Lois Lohman**
 By: Ministry of Care

Fri. July 1
 8:30 † **Michael McMillan**
 By: Ministry of Care

Sat. July 2
 9:00 † **Mary Lear**
 By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Rose Beesley**
 By: Ministry of Care

Sun. July 3
 8:30 † **Kathleen Cousineau**
 By: Donna Kanapes

10:30 † **Johnnie Evans**
 By: Members of the SCSL
 Fundraising Committee

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



June 19, 2016	\$ 4,445.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 332.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ (2,526.00)

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel — While journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the costs of discipleship (Luke 9:51-62).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JULY 3, 2016

5:00 PM **8:30 AM** **10:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Mr. S. Legatzke	Mr. Martin Senica	Leslie Agbefe
Mr. Michael Stec	Mrs. Mary Sim	Ian Elsen

Ministers of the Word

Mary Rose Nauss	Wrenetha Julion	Patricia Long
Christine Wedekind	Shirley Jones	Joyce Wade

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jim Hargadon	Valerie Jennings	Doris Brown
Pat Koko	Fannie Cooper	May Howard
Brenda Fojtik	Gordon Bell	Bern Wheel
Carol Brown	Ginny Jones	Marie Wheel
	Kevin Kell	David Geffe
	Marge Massarello	John McGuire

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Cyril of Alexandria

Tuesday: St. Irenaeus

Wednesday: Ss. Peter and Paul

Thursday: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Friday: Blessed Junípero Serra; Canada Day; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

Our Living Word: For Reflection

Take time each week to reflect upon the CURRENT Sunday's Scripture. We are fed by the Word so we can live out the Word.

JUNE 26, 2016—13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

... The one thing I must let go of in order to follow Jesus more faithfully to Jerusalem is . . .

1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

JULY 3, 2016—14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. In this reading (which is a poem), the prophet sees a bright future for Jerusalem, and uses the image of God as a mother.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

In Galatia, a group of Christians attacked Paul's credentials as an apostle and accused him of false teaching because he said people can be saved without abiding by the Jewish law. In this passage from the end of his letter to the Galatians, Paul defends his right to teach, and stresses that faith in the law has been replaced by faith in Jesus.

Table Talk" for families ("Families" are what you define family to be!")

This "talk" is based upon the Gospel from Luke (9:51-62)

1. Where in your life do you hear the Lord inviting you to a greater response to the Gospel?
2. How do you hear the Lord inviting "Church" to a greater response to the Gospel?

Praying for the Sick In Our Parish



Winifred Ballew, Richard Bongiorno, Jr., Fr. John Carolan, Lillian Czaplicki, Anabelle and Dale Deaton, Andrea Edwards, Donna Kanapes, Maggie Kearns, Virginia Keenan, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski, Ronald Norman, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Carlton Shanks, Gloria Vaughn, and Marguerite Welch .

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list.

If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

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School News

The school office will be open during the summer, Mondays through Thursdays, from 8am-1pm. Do not hesitate to call or come in if there is anything you need. Please use the back entrance.

Summer time, and the livin' is easy . . .

So goes the lyric to a beautiful tune from "Porgy and Bess." These days allow us to slow down, perhaps take a look back on the first six months of 2016 and seriously consider the next six months. It's also a time many folks like to read more and share what they are reading or have read. IF you are one of these folks you're welcome to let me know what you consider of substance as well as enjoyable so that we can spread the word. The email is: st.c.st.l.jim@gmail.com.

Wedding Banns



*Joseph Sserunkuuma
and
Caroline Kyeyune*

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.

Remember a Loved One


"The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death." -Pope Benedict XV

We have **weekday** Masses available in our 2016 Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

And Let It Begin With Me....

I do not want the peace which passeth understanding, I want the understanding which bringeth peace.

—Helen Keller



Every Tuesday at 9:30 am here at St. Catherine of Siena- St. Lucy's Rectory.

Donut Day at Oak Park Farmer’s Market – July 9, 2016

Once again our parish will be selling donuts during the Farmer’s Market at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Our sale date is Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 7am-1pm. The annual donut sale is a very successful fund raiser for our parish.

We need your assistance with the many tasks needed to sell the warm fresh donuts. Please consider volunteering for just a couple hours on that Saturday morning to help us reach our goal. If you can help or have any questions please contact Jeanette Cannon at patnette@comcast.net, or call her at: 708 383-0579 or Pierre Priestley at p.priestley@att.net or 708-369-3347

A YEAR OF MERCY
One Word at a Time

Extend

The mercy of God is not thwarted by the lack of human response. God will continue to extend his mercy until it reaches and touches those who will receive it. Our mercy, too, ought not to be thwarted by the lack of response. We need to continue to extend ourselves until our mercy can come to rest on those in need. *“Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.”* (Luke 14:21)

www.archchicago.org
More on Pope Francis’s vision at:
www.loyolapress.com/popefrancis

Vocations

“As for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Call Father Francis Bitterman 312-534-8298, or write: fbitterman@archchicago.org

MARCH AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE IN OAK PARK’S JULY 4TH PARADE

As Catholics in Oak Park and on Chicago’s Austin community, we are committed to the promotion of peace and bringing an end to gun violence in our communities and in our nation. Parishes Committed to Peace works within existing structures and with established organizations to seek solutions to the senseless death of so many of our brothers and sisters. One such organization is Gun Responsibility Advocates, an Oak Park-based organization dedicated to promoting greater public awareness of this nation’s gun violence epidemic and a wider sense of society responsibility among individual gun owners.

Gun Responsibility Advocates (GRA) will be marching in Oak Park’s July 4th parade and has invited like-minded Oak Park and Chicago citizens to march with them. We will be marching as supporters of our local gun violence prevention organization, so please no “swag” of other gun violence prevention groups. Everyone is welcome to carry signs such as “Universal Background Checks,” “End Gun Violence,” “Stop the Hate/Stop the Guns,” etc. The parade starts at the north end of Longfellow Park and everyone should be in place ready to go by 9:45AM. Look for the Gun Responsibility Advocates banner.

Catholic Charities Maternity & Adoption

PREGNANT? There are options. What do I do? Who should I tell? It’s scary. You can turn to us. Catholic Charities Maternity & Adoption Services has resources to serve teens, single women, and couples facing unplanned pregnancies. We are here to help, without pressuring you. We can talk about your options as you plan for your child’s future. We can help you whether you decide to parent your child, or make a plan of adoption. If you are not sure what to do, our 24-hour hotline has caring & professional counselors available to help you. Our services are free & confidential. Call 1-800-CARE-002 or 312-454-1717.

For more information visit:
www.catholiccharities.net/adoptionservices

SABBATICAL

OK, What is it?

Originally one would say a “sabbatical year” which refers to a Mosaic law among the ancient Jews. According to the law, every seven years the land and vineyards were to remain fallow and debtors were released from their obligations (Exodus 23:10, Leviticus 25:2-7; Deuteronomy 15:1-11). The land and individuals were refreshed, renewed.

Now we say sabbatical to refer to a period of time “away” for prayer, study, perhaps travel, and then a return to the regular duties of life.



“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God”

—Luke 9:62

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Parish Finance Council

John McGuire

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

Liturgy Committee:

Cantors: Gail Rohmann

Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann

Praise Choir: Julius White

Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen

Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

Servers: James Hargadon

Ministers of Care: James Hargadon

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): James Hargadon

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission

Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary and Martin Senica

Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Committee: James Hargadon

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:

Christine Wedekind

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Principal: Sr. Marion Cypser

School Board Chair: Gloria Baxter

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Fr. George Omwando,

Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

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Oops!

How about this for a church Bulletin blooper:

“Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm in the church hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.”

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

St. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means ‘Rock,’ because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul, was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He answered: “Who are you, Lord?” Christ said: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

—Catholic News Agency



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

Mercy Home Mentoring Program

A friend can make all the difference. Be that friend, consider mentoring.

The Friends First Program of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls is a one-on-one mentoring program for youth ages 9-17 in the Chicago area. Our purpose is to engage youth in fun, meaningful activities that promote healthy personal and social development.

To learn more about becoming a mentor, call the Friends First Program at 312-738-9560 or visit www.mercyhome.org/mentor