

**January 8, 2017**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

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**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Masses:**

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am*  
*Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am*

**Weekend Masses:**

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**Baptisms**

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd 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.

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## 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 Com.: James Hargadon

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

#### **Religious Education of Children:**

Christine Wedekind

#### **St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:**

School Board Chair: Natosha Lee

#### **Parish Development & Services Commission**

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee: Fr. George

Omwando, Amanda Pomareda

#### **Fundraising Committee:**

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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#### **Weddings**

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

#### **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 Our Religion Education Coordinator



They say good things come in threes, Christmas, Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. These are all important days during the Christmas Season. There were three Magi and they traveled to Bethlehem to seek out the new born king, bringing three gifts, Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

We put away all the Christmas decorations and trimmings, we have said good-bye to last year and greeted a New Year and we look forward to new ventures in this New Year.

There are three virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity.

In the New Year let's not forget these virtues. Faith, that ours will grow stronger as we continue to know that God is always present and with us. That he will not leave us, and we grow in our faith knowing this. Something we were taught when we were young children, let's not forget it.

Hope that things will be better, be it our health, job security, family relationships or just everyday life which can take a toll on us and cause unneeded stress.

Charity that we love each other and show that love just as Jesus showed us. Show charity in our everyday lives.

Pope Francis says "You need 3 phrases in a family – May I? Thank you and I'm sorry." Let's not forget three persons in the Trinity, Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

Let us enter this New Year with greater understanding, greater compassion and greater care of the world around us.

Blessings, Peace and Love to everyone.

*Christine Wedekind*



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Mon. January 9**

8:30 † **Jane Whiteside**  
By: Pat and Tom Nelson

**Tue. January 10**

8:30 † **Bob Serritella's special intention**  
By: A Friend

**Wed. January 11**

8:30 † **Frank Dell Aquila**  
By: The Dell Aquila Family

**Fri. January 13**

8:30 † **Jim and Mary Prindiville**  
By: Their daughter

**Sat. January 14**

5:00 † **Juanita Bitoy**  
By: Donna Kanapes

**Sun. January 15**

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

8:30 † **Etta Gardner**  
By: Cynthia Weaver

10:00 † **Stanislawa Matuszek**  
By: Donna Kanapes

**Our Parish Stewardship**  
**St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church**



December 18 2016	\$	3,222.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	812.00
Weekly Budget	\$	<u>7,308.00</u>
Amount Under Budget	\$	(3,274.00)
December 25, 2016	\$	14,899.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	1,077.00
Weekly Budget	\$	<u>7,308.00</u>
Amount Over Budget	\$	8,668.00
January 1, 2017	\$	9,284.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	922.00
Weekly Budget	\$	<u>7,308.00</u>
Amount Over Budget	\$	2,898.00

*Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)*

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**JANUARY 15, 2017**

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

**Altar Servers**

Mr. S. Legatzke	Mr. Martin Senica	Leslie Agbefe
Mr. M. Giometti	Mrs. Mary Senica	Ms. M. Lozes

**Ministers of the Word**

Susan Kumler	Wrenetha Julion	Kim McGuire
Erin Schifeling	Mary Jane O'Brien	Bill Sullivan, Jr.

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

<b>Chemetha Baker</b>	<b>Thom Schouten</b>	<b>Terry Sullivan</b>
Jim Hargadon	Marge Massarello	David Geffe
Brenda Fojtik	Marjorie Fields	Shelby Boblick
Carol Brown	Valerie Jennings	John McGuire
	Ginny Jones	Bern Wheel
	Elaine Podraza	Marie Wheel

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass. © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

## 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.

### JANUARY 8, 2017— THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

..# I search diligently for . . .

..# I am the Light of Christ for others when . . .

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.

### JANUARY 15, 2017— 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

The book of Isaiah in four different places speaks of a mysterious servant of God. This servant is sent to do great and marvelous things that touch the entire world. Christians have traditionally thought of Jesus as the fulfillment of these passages.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

For the next several Sundays our second reading will be taken from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. This reading presents the opening words of that letter. It is an example of the salutation used in classical letter writing: Paul identifies himself, acknowledges the community to whom he is writing, and extends warm personal greetings.

### And Let It Begin With Me

*Joy and growth come from following our deepest impulses, however foolish they may seem to some, or dangerous, or even though the apparent outcome may be defeat.*

—A. J. Muste



### Bible Study - Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study at the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

### 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.



### Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Winifred Ballew, Fr. John Carolan, Lillian Czaplicki, Anabelle Deaton, Ashley DeNyse, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Diane W. Kinamo, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Kyle Lee, Dolores Malkowski, Diane Meessen, Eileen Nauss, Elycia & Skylar Robinson, Carlton Shanks, Joyce Wade, and Valerie Williams

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.

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week  
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary time begins  
Friday: St. Hilary  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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### School News

..#We are all officially back at school, looking forward to all the New Year has to bring. We look forward to more events with the parish.

..#Thank you for your prayers, support, and love for our dear Ms. Baxter. It is a difficult loss for us; she was a part of the school family for many years. We will miss her terribly.

..#Mr. Bob Rabe, Director of Catholic Identity for the Archdiocese, will be here after school on Monday, January 9, to meet with our teachers.

### Faith and Fellowship Needs Help

Several of our long-serving Catechists in the Monday and Thursday evening groups have recently retired, and we are finding ourselves a little shorthanded. Could you give a couple of hours each week? It's an opportunity not only help others but also to enrich your own spiritual life as a part of the Faith and Fellowship faith-sharing community. Contact Connie Rakitan, 708/383-9276 or at [faith\\_fellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com) to learn more.

### “Time Table Talk” for families—(“Families” are what you define family to be!)

This “talk” is based upon Isaiah 60:3. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining abundance.”

1. How are nations walking by the light of the Lord?
2. How are nations still covered by a thick cloud?

## Keep Smiling

It is said that the ability to make and understand PUNS is the highest level of language development. Here are some top winners in the International Pun Contest.

1. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
2. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. But why they asked, as they moved off. Because,' he said, 'I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer.'
3. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named Ahmal. The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him Juan. Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, 'They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal.'

## National Migration Week 2017— JANUARY 8 – 14

National Migration Week is celebrated annually during the first full week of January. It is a time designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to remember the journey of the Holy Family as they had to live in the shadows and cross the border into Egypt to escape death at the hands of King Herod. The Church calls parishes, Catholic schools and religious communities to a heightened awareness of the difficult journey of today's immigrants and to work as a community so migrants can "step out of the darkness". For more information and resources, please visit [www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/resources/nmw2017](http://www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/resources/nmw2017).



## Epiphany

Solemn things of mystic meaning:

**Incense** doth the God disclose;  
**Gold** a royal Child proclaimeth;  
**Myrrh** a future tomb foreshows.

—Roman Breviary, Epiphany;  
Prudentius, fourth century

## Exploring Priesthood Weekend



January 20 - 22, 2017

Will be held at Mundelein Seminary, 1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, Illinois, 60060. This retreat is designed to help men discern God's call to the diocesan priesthood. To be called by God to serve him as a priest means to have one's soul stirred deep within.

Throughout a weekend of prayer, discussions, presentations of diocesan priesthood and group interaction, men begin to better understand God's movement in their life.

For more information contact:  
Father Francis Bitterman - Vocation Director at 312-534-8298 or e-mail: [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org)

## True Happiness

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso

## Treasures From Our Tradition

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright  
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**Pray For Our Deceased**



*Gloria Baxter*

*May she rest in peace!*

*We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her son, daughter and very extended family in a prayerful embrace.*

*May the angels lead her into Paradise*

**To Rise With Christ - Instruction on Burial Rites Involving Ashes / Cremated Remains of the Deceased**

Recently, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued an Instruction, To Rise With Christ, on the burial rites involving ashes / cremated remains of the deceased. Specifically, To Rise With Christ is addressing practices in society which have grown in popularity in recent years in regard to the care of cremated remains after death: the separation or scattering of ashes, the retaining or display of ashes in one's home, or the use of ashes in the creation of jewelry.

In all of these cases the Instruction reiterates the Church's firm belief in the respectful care of ashes / cremated remains of the departed, such that "the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose.

**Then what are to be done with the cremated remains of a deceased loved one?**

The Instruction notes that "when, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose...From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes 'in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church'."

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago are always ready to assist families who are dealing with the death of a loved one, and if cremation has been chosen, the Cemeteries are able to provide options for burial or interment of the cremated remains.



**Bequests**

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

*-Father George*

**Pro-Life**

"Cardinal O'Connor preached most powerfully by his example the necessity of seeing in every human being, from the first moment of conception to the last moment of natural death and every moment in between ... the image of a God to be loved and served. What a great legacy he has left us in his constant reminder that the Church must be always unambiguously Pro-Life."

Cardinal Bernard Law, in his homily delivered at the funeral of New York's Cardinal John O'Connor



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You can go directly to our website: [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*



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