

January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
Mr. James Hargadon, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Shelby Boblick, Pastoral Associate
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
Sr. Marion Cypser, RSM, School Co-Principal &
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal
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Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager / Adm. Ass't.
Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary

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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.

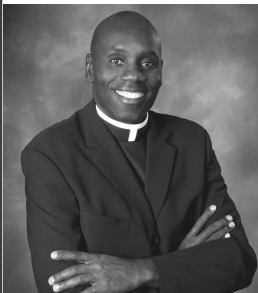
Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

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 Pastor



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am grateful for what has been happening in the parish; it almost feels like it is much better than when I left it for my Sabbatical. Thank you to all the staff, school principals, teachers, ministers, dedicated volunteers, and parishioners for handling everything during my absence.

As you have heard, our Pastoral Associate, Jim Hargadon is moving away from the parish. Jim has walked with so many of us in sacramental arrangements, prepared our liturgies, decorated our worship environment, visited the sick... and the list goes on and on. Jim will be missed a lot. I am asking you to pray for his well being and for this transition in our parish. Let him know that he is always welcome in our Community as the exceptional family member, and extraordinary man he is.

As you are aware by now, the *Renew my Church* initiative project has started and that involves all the people of the Archdiocese and their Faith Communities. The goal of *Renew My Church* is to make our parishes more vital and more sustainable. We do this not on our own initiative but in response to the call of Christ, as we heard last Sunday: how he called the first four disciples who were ordinary men to accompany him, to be his disciples and take responsibility for spreading the Gospel. The call now is the same as it was in those early times of our Church.

Important parts of the process of *Renew My Church* are the parish groupings that will work to plan for the future and discern where God is leading us. Each grouping will have guidance for its actions, time for reflection and discernment. Everything however, begins with building relationships across parishes in a given a group. Our Parish has been placed into the following group: Ascension (Parish and school), St. Edmund, St. Giles, St. Bernadine in Forest Park; St. Luke (parish and school) and St. Vincent Ferrer (parish and school), these last two in Lake Forest). But do not worry; I will be updating you with any new developments.

God bless you,

Rev. George O. Omwando

Saying Goodbye to our Very Dear Friend!

Today is one of the most difficult days that I have to endure at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church. My friend, co-worker, and partner-in-crime, Jim Hargadon, is leaving to start a new chapter in his life. Like me, many of you may be deeply saddened to see him go after so many years of loyalty, dedication and work with faith and integrity. But as we know, change is an essential part of our lives, and Jim, who is a blessing to each person whose life he has touched, is about to start a brand new adventure. All of us want to send him off with his heart full of love from us, with the best memories, and with all the good wishes in life.



Do join us today in Maguire Hall after 10:30 mass for a potluck and the opportunity to say, "Good luck, Jim, and may God be with you!"

-Amanda

500 Club Certificates

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE NEXT \$500 DRAWING!

On Sunday February 12th the 500 Club prize will be \$500 instead of \$25. Have you got the lucky certificate number? Certificates are \$25 each and are included in every weekly drawing through October 22nd, 2017 even if they have already been winners! The prize each week is \$25 except for the three weeks when the prize is \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Purchase forms are available in the back of church and at the rectory. Some of the proceeds from this year's 500 Club will be used for window repair in the rectory; the rest goes into the general operating fund of the parish. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone, not just members of our parish community. Please pass the word. Thank you!

~The Fundraising Committee

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 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
 ★ **\$ 25.00** ★
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 ★ **January 29, 2017** ★
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 ★ **# 347** ★
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Parish Calendar

Monday, January 30

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

Wednesday, February 1

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 6:30-8PM - Religious Education - LMC
- 6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - CH
- 6:30-8:00 PM - Religious Education - LMC
- 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, February 2

- 1-3PM & 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

Friday, February 3

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C

Reminder

There is only ONE Mass (10:00 AM) on Sunday, February 5.

African-American Heritage Celebration!

Next weekend at 10 AM we will be celebrating the gift of African-American heritage in our parish family. YOU are more than welcome and ENCOURAGED to invite family members and neighbors to our 10:30 a.m. Mass that day. Our annual brunch follows at Maguire Hall.

Please consider bringing one of your favorite "pot luck" dishes to share with all of us!! See our ad on page 7 of this bulletin.

This Week 2nd Collection is for: The Church in Latin America

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to people in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support the second collection. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Save the Date

Thursday, February 9
Mailing for Spring Raffle

Saturday & Sunday February 11-12 Church
Valentine's Bake Sale
500-Club Big Raffle



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. January 30**
8:30 † Marvin Deaton
 By: Jody Wittenberg
- Tue. January 31**
8:30 † Phil Keating
 By: Ministry of Care
- Wed. February 1**
8:30 † Susan Raucchi
 By: Sr. Marion and Sharon Leamy
- Fri. February 3**
8:30 Robert and Joyce Proce
(54th Wedding Anniversary)
- Sat. February 4**
5:00 † Virginia Keenana
 By: MaryRose Nausus & Carlton Shanks
- Sun. February 5**
NO 8:30 A.M. MASS TODAY
10:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
 † **Elie Pierre-Pierre**
 By: The Vincent Family
 † **James Pl. Gallagher**
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
 Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
 Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
 Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
 Mt 5:13-16

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday: St. John Bosco
- Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;
 Groundhog Day
- Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;
 Blessing of throats
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



January 22, 2017	\$ 4,428.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 782.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ <2,098.00>

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** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).
- Psalms** — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).
- Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).
- Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Altar Servers		
Mrs. Kathy Paoli	Mr. Miles Jackson	Mr. T. Frank Mr. Walter Washington

Ministers of the Word

Paul Koko Dan Brown	NO 8:30 am Mass	TBA
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan Pat Koko Brenda Fojtik Carol Brown	NO 8:30 am Mass	Shelby Boblick Mary Howard John McGuire Kim McGuire Scarlett Evans Bern Wheel
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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 29, 2017— 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- # The Beatitudes are alive in my family, in my parish, in my workplace when . . . by . . .
- # Jesus calling me to be blessed makes me feel . . .

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.

FEBRUARY 5, 2017— 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

The Jewish people had just returned from exile in Babylon. They were poor. The prophet in this reading reminds them of the religious practice that please God most of all, and he encourages them to share the little they have with one another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed a Christian named Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Some criticized Paul because his oratory didn't compare with that of Apollos. In this passage, Paul defends his preaching style.

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



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

Coletta Ali, Winifred Ballew, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Anabelle Deaton, Raymond Doelker, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski, Eileen Nauss, Agnes 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.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmations will be held during the spring months throughout the Archdiocese. Preparation groups are forming now. For information please telephone 312- 534-8032 or go to www.catechesis-chicago.org.

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School News

- #Welcome back, Fr. George! We missed you!!
- #Catholic Schools Week officially kicks off today. It's a weeklong celebration of the love and joy of being part of a Catholic school. We are especially proud of St. Catherine-St. Lucy and are looking forward to the activities the Student Council has planned.
- #Speaking of our Student Council, they will be selling "Candy Grams" for Valentine's Day. If you would like to send a candy bar to a special someone, contact the office for details.
- #On a sad note...we say goodbye to Jim Hargadon. Jim has talked to our students, prayed with our teachers, and loved our school. We will deeply miss his warmth and caring, and we are grateful for having had him in our lives. Thank you, Jim.



As the Coordinator of Religious Education I was recently contacted by a member of the Apostleship of Prayer and he reintroduced me to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Prayer is very important in our lives and after listening to Fr. George's homily this weekend, I realized that we need to do something out of the ordinary. Saying the Morning Offering is not something out of the ordinary, but remembering to include what the Pope's intention for the month is. The intention this month is for Christian Unity. If you wish to keep this in your prayer life, there are flyers in the back of church, the Austin Blvd. side and they are entitled "2017 Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis". Pick one up and remember to say it daily, the "Morning Offering" that is and remember the Pope's intention. Prayer is a powerful thing.

**Please Make Your Gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”**

This week, many parish families will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Cupich asking that you make a pledge to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. We ask that you respond as generously as possible. The Appeal supports both Parish and Archdiocesan ministries and services. The Appeal funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish. This year, the theme of the Appeal is *“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.”*

We have all received God’s love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God’s love to many, many others. As you review the mailing from Cardinal Cupich, please note the ministries and services funded by the Appeal, including the ones that directly support the work of our parish. Then please give generously.



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 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*

**Thank-you from
The Women’s Centers**

Dear Fr. George,

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church collected a total of \$ 1,431.13 for The Women’s Center in the 2016 Baby Bottle Project!

We are absolutely thrilled with the generosity of your parish and the donation we received from you. It is wonderful that you believe in our Life Saving Mission and that our parishioners are so charitable.

We appreciate your help with this endeavor. Since the Baby Bottle Project is an essential part of our organization’s fundraising, it is an incredible blessing to us and the women and babies we serve that we can count on your support year after year.

These funds allow us to provide real, practical assistance to women in crisis pregnancies. Not only do we help them choose life for their babies, but then we are able to provide them with much needed material assistance and emotional support.

We want to express to you, Amanda, the school staff, and all the parishioners involved at your parish our sincere appreciation.

Congratulations and thanks again!

Sincerely in Christ,

Mary Strom, Executive Director
Janet Back, Manager of Fundraising



St. Valentine’s Bake Sale

Our annual St. Valentine’s Day Bake Sale draws near. It will be held on **February 11 and 12.**

All parishioners are invited to “try their hand” at baking something for the sale.

A Valentine theme would be appropriate. On the weekend of the sale, please bring all baked goods to the Rectory any time on Saturday and drop baked goods off at Maguire Hall before the Masses Sunday. ALL are invited to the Hall for coffee and juice and to purchase delicious home baked goods on that weekend.

The 500 Club Drawing, for \$500.00 is part of the bake sale. Certificates may be purchased right up until the drawing. Come, enjoy, and be a winner! There will be door prizes for those in attendance.

And Let It Begin With Me . . .

All creation teaches us some way of prayer. —Thomas Merton

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

This “talk” is based upon Matthew 5:1-12. The Beatitudes are profound Christian teaching.

1. How do the beatitudes and values you hold compare with the attitudes and values given in the Beatitudes?
2. Do you believe the Beatitudes are a good “program” for spirituality?
3. Do you believe Jesus lived the Beatitudes?
4. Taking the time to study the Beatitudes, how do you feel toward Jesus after studying them?

NIGHTFEVER

HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL

Saturday, February, 18, 2017
Mass—7:30 p.m.
Celebrant & Homilist: Cardinal Blase Cupich, *Archbishop of Chicago*
Nightfever: 9:00 p.m.

Adoration—Music—Reconciliation

African American Heritage Celebration

Next Sunday, February 5th
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

St. Catherine—St. Lucy
38 N. Austin Blvd.
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Pot Luck Brunch after Mass
in Maguire Hall (parish gym).
Bring a dish to share!

Info: 708 - 386-8077

