

February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

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

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Hours: 8:30 AM-8:00 PM—Monday, & Thursdays
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
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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 Morning - 9:00am
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.

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 Kalkok

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.

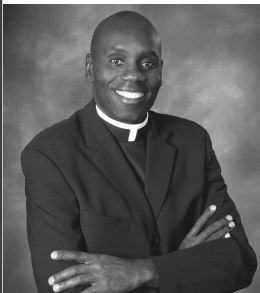
Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

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 so grateful for all the work you did in the preparation of Jim Hargadon's farewell party. The turnout was magnificent and I was amazed to see how many people came to say good-bye to Jim. To me, it was like a sign of the goodness within our community. We will forever miss Jim. Special thanks to all of you who planned, organized and prepared or brought food, those who served it, decorated and cleaned Maguire Hall so beautifully.

Today is our African-American Heritage Celebration. Let us learn from all the good things and positive contributions that they bring to our community. Thanks to our Liturgy Committee and those that have been involved in preparations for this day.

I was notified by the business manager that our contributions have gone down especially Sunday offertory and even attendance. I encourage you to be generous in sharing our God-given talents.

The Saturday 9:00 am Mass has resumed so please try to attend or have a Mass intention for your loved ones who have died or are sick.

Our St. Valentine's Day bake sale is next weekend. Please consider participating in this annual event which is not only "sweet" but, you have the opportunity to win \$500.00 cash from our 500 Club Raffle. This is one more way we get to share our gifts with our community. Thanks for your support.

Finally, pray for the Renew My Church initiative, it is a wonderful way of rebuilding our Church and meeting the ever changing world that we live in. Our Renew My Church initiative group is: St. Luke, and St. Vincent (River forest) St. Bernadine (Forest Park), and Ascension, St. Giles, St. Edmund, and our own parish (Oak Park).

God bless you!

Rev. George O. Omwando

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. February 6

8:30 † **Vicente Yee Canama**
By: The Yee Family

Tue. February 7

8:30 † **Charles Walgreens**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. February 8

8:30 † **Mildred McDonald**
By: The Mitchel Family

Fri. February 10

8:30 † **Grace Ernst**
By: Evie Stockinger

Sat. February 11

9:00 †
5:00 † **Clidie Yokely**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sun. February 12

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

8:30 † **Justine Berlinot**
By: The Vincent Family

10:30 † **Agnes Tobits**
By: Donna Kanapes

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday
 Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
 Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
 Friday: St. Scholastica; *Tu B'Shvat* (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset
 Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



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| January 29, 2017 | \$ 5,126.00 |
| On-Line GiveCentral | \$ 912.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 7,308.00 |
| Amount Under Budget | \$ <1,270.00> |

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 — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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

Altar Servers

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| Michael Giometti | Miles Jackson | Mireille Lozes |
| Steve Legatzke | | Grace McGuire |

Ministers of the Word

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| Erin Schifeling | Thom Schouten | Joyce Wade |
| Frank Pond | Jeanette Cannon | Bro. J. Kilikevics |

Ministers of the Eucharist

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| Chemetha Baker | W. Washington | Terry Sullivan |
| Brenda Fojtik | Ginny Jones | John McGuire |
| Pat Koko | Marjorie Fields | R. Smith-Quinn |
| Susan Kumler | Valerie Jennings | David Geffe |
| | Kevin Kell | Bern Wheel |
| | Kathy Mortell | Marie Wheel |

Resumption of 9:00 AM Saturday Mass

Effective IMMEDIATELY, the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturdays has resumed.

The Mass Intention Book is open again for the 9:00 AM Saturday Masses. Please contact the office to schedule Masses for your intentions

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 12, 2017— 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he urges his students to make the right choices in life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul continues to address the Corinthian community, who criticized him because, according to Greek standards, he lacked wisdom. To the Greeks, wisdom meant a certain pattern or logical reasoning that followed fixed forms. In this reading, Paul speaks of a wisdom that is far greater than this.

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

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.
312- 337-1962
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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

- #What a beautiful way to begin Black History Month – at the African-American Heritage Celebration. We are so happy to be a part of this!
- #Our Student Council is selling Candy Grams this week. For \$1, you can send a candy bar and message to your special Valentine, on Valentine's Day. Please call our office (708-386-5286) if you would like to buy a Candy Gram.
- #Operation Hope is bringing the "Banking on our Future" program to the school this Friday morning.
- #Breaking news – St. Catherine-St. Lucy School has been selected as one of three schools in the Archdiocese to participate in a blended learning program. Blended learning uses technology to personalize learning for students. We are beginning in grades 3, 4, and 5. Eventually the program will expand to all classrooms.



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 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.



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



Many of you have responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.”

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish.

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Chicago’s Got Sisters! **March 31-April 1**

Spend 24 hours visiting and praying with sisters from a variety of religious communities. Come experience community life, while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real time. For single Catholic women ages 18-40. For more information, contact Sister Theresa Sullivan, D.C., at sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org or 812-963-7556. Register now online at <http://called2.be/CGSMar17>

FOODFIRST IS THIS WEEKEND

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



Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.



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*

Renew My Church Fostering Mission Vitality; Inspiring Discipleship

Renewal has always been our call.
 You play an important role in this renewal of our Church.

The Archdiocese has changed in significant ways over the past several decades. Demographics have shifted dramatically, some buildings are in disrepair, and we have fewer priests to pastor. Yet, at the same time, there is new life as immigrants continue to make Chicagoland their home, as we ordain enthusiastic and energetic new priests and as we live in the historic time when Pope Francis is leading us to live in the joy of the Gospel. Thus, we should not be afraid to face our challenges, but embrace them, seeing this moment as a graced opportunity to chart new ways to live out our mission more fully.

Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$771.00 which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Just visit:

www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

HEART TO HEART



St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale

February 11th and 12th, 2017

Come to Maguire Hall and have some delicious, home-baked goods, coffee and/or juice.

***Father George---“More Tales From Kenya”**

(After 10:30 Mass only)

Certificates for the 500 Club drawing will be sold right up until the time of the drawing for \$500.00

(Door Prizes: \$25 Home Run Inn 8:30 Mass; \$25 Malnati's 10:30 Mass)

Please bring baked goods to the Rectory on Friday or Saturday and to MaGuire Hall before Masses on Sunday.

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Certificates Number(s) Requested (If Available) _____
Amount Enclosed: _____

(Your 500 Club Certificate will be mailed to you.)