

**March 5, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent**



**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**  
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**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager / Adm. Ass't.**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

**CONTACTING THE PARISH**

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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: TBA

Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

#### **Human Concerns Commission**

#### **Peace & Justice Committee:**

Mary and Martin Senica

#### **Transportation Committee:**

Tom Farwell

#### **Education Commission**

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

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,

Today we are the first Sunday of Lent. Lent began as a way for Catholics to remind themselves of the value of repentance. The austerity of the Lenten season was seen as similar to how people in the Old Testament fasted and repented in sackcloth and ashes (Esther 4:1-3; Jeremiah 6:26 and Daniel 9:3). However, over the centuries Lenten observances have developed a much more "sacramental" value. Many Christians believe that giving something up for Lent is a way to attain God's blessing. But the Bible teaches that grace cannot be earned, so grace is "the gift of righteousness" (Romans 5:17). Also,

Jesus taught that fasting should be done discreetly: "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men and women that they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men and women that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen" (Matthew 6:16-18).

We fast during Lent because fasting can be a good thing, and God is pleased when we repent from our sinful habits. There is absolutely nothing wrong with setting aside some time to focus on Jesus' death and resurrection. However, repenting of sin is something we should do every day of the year, not just the 40 days of Lent. If a Christian wishes to observe Lent, he or she is free to do so; the key is to focus on repenting of sin and consecrating oneself to God. Lent should not be a time of boasting of one's sacrifice or trying to earn God's favor or increasing His love. God's love for us could not be greater than it already is.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

God bless you during this season of Lent!

*Rev. George O. Omwando*

## Stations of the Cross

At St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



The Stations began on Friday, March 3, 2017 and run every Friday through Lent. Won't you please pick up your little

30 minute cross and come and pray with us, as we honor Jesus Christ and thank Him for accepting a painful death on His Cross for us.

Thanks and may the Peace of Christ be with you and yours...not only during the Holy Season of Lent, but every day of your lives.

**The women of Chicago's west side and the near-west suburbs are invited to gather this Lent for prayer and reflection at St. Catherine—St. Lucy Parish.**

### Monday, March 6:

What is the relationship between love and the quality of life?

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the meetings, and we'll use as a catalyst the 5 sections of the DVD titled **Love, Forgiveness, & Reconciliation**. This webinar by Joan D. Chittister shares her meditations on this cornerstone of Christian life. In support, we'll contemplate some Scripture and some art by Janet McKenzie from **The Way of the Cross: The Path to New Life**.

Shelby will supply the materials each week. No need to prepare in advance.

We'll focus on a different question each week. Drop-ins are encouraged!

We will offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m.

We will meet in the lower level gathering room of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. Unfortunately, this room does require attendees to descend and ascend 1 flight of stairs, so the room is not accessible to those with serious mobility disabilities.

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



Come and join  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Friday, March 31  
All Day in Church  
7:00 PM Benediction

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, March 6

- 1:00 & 7:30 PM - Women Lent Series - RD
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC

### Tuesday, March 7

- 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting - RDR
- 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:00 PM - PPC Agenda - RRT
- 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

### Wednesday, March 8

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:00PM - Finance Council Mtg. - RD
- 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir - CH

### Thursday, March 9

- 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, March 10

- 1PM - National Jr. Honor Society - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - CH

**FOODFIRST IS  
THIS WEEKEND**

## Lenten Regulations

(from March 1, 2017 Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

### Fasting and Abstaining From Meat

**One of our Lenten Practices uniting us with Catholics around the world! Fridays during Lent are days of abstaining from meat. Good Friday is a day of abstaining from meat and fasting.**

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.



Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

## 500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 22nd, 2017. The prize each week is \$25 except for 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. Thank you!!!

~The Fundraising Committee

### 500 CLUB WINNERS

\$ 25.00

February 26, 2017

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon. March 6**

8:30 † **Dr. Henry Heimlich**  
By: Tom Nelson

**Tue. March 7**

8:30 † **Nellie Baker**  
By: Tom and Carol Frank

**Wed. March 8**

8:30 † **Irena Baleisis**  
By: Era Yee

**Fri. March 10**

8:30 † **Nellie Baker**  
By: Era Yee

**Sat. March 11**

9:00 HEALTH **Agnes Robinson**  
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Jovan Wilson**  
By: Donna Kanapes

**Sun. March 12**

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

8:30 † **Lucienne J. Baptiste**  
By: The Vincent Family

10:30 † **Stella Galuska**  
By: Jeanne Mixa

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



February 26, 2017	\$ 4,467.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 932.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ <1,909.00>

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

Thanks for your continued financial support!

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Wednesday: St. John of God

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### MARCH 12, 2017

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

#### Altar Servers

Michael Giometti	Martin and Mary	Leslie Agbefe
Steve Legatzke	Senica	Mireille Lozes

#### Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond	Valerie Jennings	Rachel Faulman
Paul Koko	Tom Frank	R. Smith-Quinn

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

<b>Chemetha Baker</b>	<b>Claudia Zinanni</b>	<b>Terry Sullivan</b>
Paul Koko	Bill Cragg	David Geffe
Brenda Fojtik	Marjorie Fields	Shelby Boblick
Susan Kumler	Annie Rowan	John McGuire
	Ginny Jones	Bern Wheel
	Kathy Mortell	Marie Wheel

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.

**MARCH 12, 2017 -  
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4**

The first 11 chapters of Genesis have very little historical foundation but they teach religious truths in parable form. Today we begin the 12th chapter which contains stories with identifiable historical roots. The first of these is the call of Abraham, whose original name was "Abram".

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10**

The 2nd letter to Timothy, although probably written some 30 years after Paul's death, was written in his name. This was an acceptable practice at that time. It was not a forgery, but an acknowledged way of continuing someone's spirit and authority. In this passage, the author encourages the readers in the face of trials.

**Catholic Charities  
National Women and Girls  
HIV Awareness Day –  
March 10**

March 10 is a day of national observance to encourage people to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS and to raise awareness of its impact on women and girls. Today, women account for more than 1/4th of persons living with HIV/AIDS, and the majority of these women are 15 to 39 years of age. As of 2015, there were over 9,000 women and girls living with HIV in Illinois. Know your status, get tested, and encourage others to get tested. Throughout the year, please pray for those living with HIV/AIDS and all those affected by it. For more information, call 312- 948-6500 or go to:  
[www.hivaidservicesministry.org](http://www.hivaidservicesministry.org)



**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, Father John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Raymond Doelker, Katherine Gradnik, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski, Eileen Nauss, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, Agnes Robinson, Carlton Shanks, Sister Marion Cypser, and Joyce Wade

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.

**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*

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**School News**

- ..# The Illinois State Board of Education will be here for their five-year inspection on Monday, March 6.
- ..# The Mobile Care Dental Van will be parked in front of our school on Friday morning, March 10.
- ..# We will honor the newest members of the National Junior Honor Society Friday afternoon, March 10, at 1:15 in church. All are welcome to this beautiful ceremony.
- ..# Join us Thursday, March 16, at 8:15am, for Coffee with the Principal. We will have a speaker from Riveredge speak on bully-

**Save the Date**

**Monday, March 6—  
Monday, April 3**  
*Women's Group  
Lenten Series*

**Sunday, March 19**  
*Parish Raffle - Maguire Hall  
St. Pat/St. Joe Get-Together*

**Wednesday, March 22**  
*Lenten Reconciliation  
7:00 PM—Church*

**Friday, March 31**  
*All Day  
Sacrament Adoration -  
Church*

**Saturday-Sunday,  
April 8-9**  
*Easter Flower Sale*

**Saturday, April 22**  
*Four Winds Casino Trip  
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## Fair Trade: Next Weekend

The Fair Trade Sale is scheduled for March 11 and 12 after all of the Masses. Please support Fair Trade with your purchase of Coffees, Teas, and Chocolates. Thank you.

## Reminder

### To all organizational leaders and head ministers:

Please let Fr. George know if you have any announcements for the weekend masses at the beginning of the previous week. You can also leave the message with Amanda at 708-386-8077, ext. 122, or e-mail at [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net). Thank you.



Next Sunday Mar 12, 2017 – 2AM  
**Spring Forward**

### Daylight Saving Time Starts

Do not forget to move your clocks 1 hour forward. There will be more light in the evening.

### 9:00 AM Saturday Mass Mass Intentions

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

## Serve The Poor

*Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.*

—St. Louise de Marillac

## OOPS!

In preparing for our Bazaar follow-up meeting this week, it came to our attention that we thanked you for your wonderful participation in the 2016 Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon several months ago but we never reported our financial results. The 2016 Bazaar profit was \$9,817. Many thanks again for your support of this event, financial and otherwise, which benefits the parish in many ways.

~ The Fundraising Committee

## Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Peace and Justice

In the spirit of contributing to such a culture here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we encourage you to participate in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl program during this upcoming Lenten season. The CRS Rice Bowl program provides resources that bring the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to life for families, parishes, and school communities.

Pick up your box by the church exit doors and fill it with your almsgiving, return it by April 13, 2017 Holy Thursday to the church.

Thanks for your generosity!

## CHICAGO CATHOLIC

Newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago



Lent is the season of silence. It is a time to enter into the desert, as Jesus did for 40 days. In the February 26 issue of Chicago Catholic, please look for the article from Cardinal Blase Cupich about Lent and silence ([chicagocatholic.com](http://chicagocatholic.com)). In that piece, the Cardinal asks pastors to invite their communities to take extra time for silence after Communion to allow God to speak to us, for “nothing in all of creation is so like God as silence.”

 <https://twitter.com/CardinalBCupich/>
 [www.facebook.com/CardinalBCupich](http://www.facebook.com/CardinalBCupich)
 [youtube.com/user/CatholicChicago](http://youtube.com/user/CatholicChicago)

St. Pascal Women's Club is sponsoring for all the women of the parish and nearby parishes a:

**Morning of Reflection**

Saturday, March 11th,  
8:30 am Mass



**Women of the Word**

Our facilitator will be **Shelby S. Boblick, Pastoral Associate at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church.**

We will explore several women from the Bible in depth, including Scripture, art, music, lectio divina, prayer, poetry, and rituals to discover who they were and who they teach us to be as women of the word today.



We will start with Mass at 8:30 am then proceed to Heimsath Hall for light refreshments and the start of the program.

**PLEASE RSVP BY March 4<sup>TH</sup>  
CALL DEBORAH 773-283-1606**

**Vocations**

**Chicago's Got Sisters! | March 31-April 1 | Chicago, IL**

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 sisterthere-sa.sullivan@doc.org or 812-963-7556. Register now online at <http://called2.be/CGSMar17>

**St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy Church**  
Celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph at the annual **BIG RAFFLE** gathering!  
Light refreshments and good company will be provided.  
Be our Guest!!!  
Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 Mass in Maguire Hall

This year's prizes are cash prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100 and gift certificates to Drury Lane Oakbrook, the Parish Outing to Four Winds Casino and to Winberie's Restaurant.

Raffle tickets have been mailed and are available after Masses beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>. Winner need not be present but it is fun when you are!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

**Restoring Civility,  
a concert of classical music**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017, 3:00 pm**  
**St. Giles Catholic Parish**  
**1101 Columbian Ave., Oak Park**  
**Gleason Building, McDonough Hall**  
*(Parking available across the street.)*

This annual concert benefits *The Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality*, an Oak Park organization dedicated to respect and inclusiveness of all faith traditions as mandated by the Second Vatican Council.

Walk-ins are welcome. RSVP greatly appreciated. We are grateful for your tax deductible gift in any amount.

*Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality* - Br. Joseph Kilikevics, OP, 708-848-1095



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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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

