March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent





ST. CATHERINE

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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OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

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.

<u>Baptisms</u>

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 RE-LATIONSHIPS 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:

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: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services Commission Collection Counters: Carol Kallok Facilities Committee: Fr. George Omwando, Amanda Pomareda Fundraising Committee: Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver (cont'd from pg. 1)

<u>Weddings</u> Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

<u>RCÎA</u>

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.

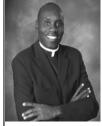
<u>Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized</u> <u>and Shut—Ins</u>

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's readings are remarkable as is always the case in the Sunday readings, but of particular note today is the way humans and God perceive the things of this world. In the first reading we hear "As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "surely the Lord's anointed is here before him." But the Lord said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks at the heart." This is a great advice for us! Sometimes we do not look beyond

appearances but we stick on what we see, what is pleasing to us. This is why we are always in trouble; that is why marriages are in trouble, families are in trouble, and our government is in trouble -- or simply said, everybody is in trouble. To look at something beyond our eyes, we need to be patient, to have faith and trust in God. But we do not necessarily have faith in God because we are not perfect. Sometimes we do not rely on God but instead we put so much energy on what we see.

From the first reading, after all Jesse's sons were rejected, there was one missing and who was not even presented because he was deemed to be young, a shepherd with no experience. After Saul failed to follow God's directions, God sent Samuel to anoint a new king. Samuel was led to the house of Jesse where he was presented with only the eldest sons. God did not pick any of them to be the new King. Instead he picked David, the smallest of all the sons. We learn from this episode that God knows each human being and what we are capable of.

Also, this Sunday is called Laetare, Latin for "Joy" or "Rose Sunday" because the priest wears rose vestments. It is called Joyful Sunday because it provides us encouragement as we progress toward the end of the Lenten season. Our second reading from the book of Ephesians encourages us to live as children of light for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. My prayer is that as we approach the greatest and singular event in the entire history of human salvation, the event which we call EASTER! can transform us to be not only listeners of God's message but also doers.

Finally, I want to thank Sue Schouten and the Fundraising Committee for organizing our spring raffle, and all those who participated in it.

God bless you.

Rev. George O. Omwando

And the Winner |s . . .

Thank you for your participation in our Spring Raffle fundraiser and gathering in Maguire Hall last Sunday.
Congratulations to this year's prize winners.

- «#\$1000 Kevin Morgan, Jr.
- «#\$500 Ernesto Borges
- «#\$250 Marge Massarello
- « #\$200 Drury Lane Oakbrook Gift Certificate - **Tom Farwell**
- « #2 Tickets to the Four WindsCasino Parish Outing

- Stephanie Cousineau «#\$100 - Sr. Marion Cypser «#\$50 Winberie Restaurant Gift Card - Patricia Long

THANK YOU, too, to all who helped make the raffle and gathering a social and financial success by donating time, talent and treasure to sell tickets, buy tickets, set-up the hall, provide refreshments, serve refreshments, clean-up the hall, secure donations, make donations, etc. Your participation is most appreciated!!! Our profit from this year's raffle is \$5,290.64 which will be added to the general operating funds of the parish. Many Thanks

~ The Fundraising Committee

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!!!

500 CLUB WINNERS \$ 25.00 March 26, 2017 GALUSKA-ELSEN FAMILY, # 424

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Attention Holy Week Liturgical Ministers!

There will be a very important preparation for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Sunday, April 2, immediately after the 10:30 Mass (around Noon). Everyone having a liturgical role in any of the services should be there.

Holy Week and Easter Services



St. Catherine-St. Lucy

Palm Sunday—April 9 5:00 PM~ Saturday 8:30 AM ~ Sunday 10:30 AM ~ Palms Procession

Holy Thursday—April 13 7:00 PM. ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until Midnight

<u>Good Friday– April 14</u> 12 Noon—Vigil at the Cross 7PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord

Holy Saturday– April 15 1:00 PM ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets 7:00 PM ~ The Great Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday — April 16 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Save the Date

Friday, March 31 All Day Sacrament Adoration

Saturday-Sunday, April 8-9 Easter Flower Sale

Saturday, April 22 Four Winds Casino Trip

Saturday, May 20 Fr. George's 10th's Ordination Anniversary Celebration



Come and join

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <u>Friday, March 31</u> All Day in Church



Monday, March 27

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**

<u>Tuesday, March 28</u>

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, March 29

11AM-1PM - Organ Lesson - CH 2:30 PM - Day Care - C 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, March 30

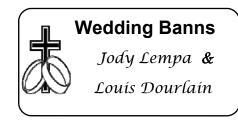
1-3PM & 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC 2:30 PM - Day Care - C 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

Friday, March 31

All Day Adoration in Church 2:30 PM - Day Care - C 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - CH



Mon. March 27				
8:30 †	Lt. James Williams			
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Tue. Mai	<u>rch 28</u>			
8:30 †	Soledad Moran			
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Wed. Ma	rch 29			
8:30 †	Louis Morgan			
	By: Ministry of Care			
Fri. Ma	rch 31			
8:30 †	Jack Tobin			
	By: Tobin and Herald Families			
Sat. Ap	ril <u>1</u>			
9:00 †	Elmer Portillo			
	By: Ministry of Care			
5:00 †	Ray Smith			
5.00	By: Evie Stockinger			
Sun. Ap	ril 2			
8:30	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH			
8:30 †	Sandy Adams			
	By: Ministry of Care			
10:30 †	Stella Galuska			
	By: Thom and Sue Schouten			
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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
	Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
	Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	First Saturday

Онг Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



March 19, 2017	\$ 4,622.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 952.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ < 1,734.00>

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 — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14). Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!

(John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS **APRIL 2, 2017** 5:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM **Altar Servers** Mrs. Kathy Paoli Mr. Miles Jackson Leslie Agbefe Grace McGuire **Ministers of the Word** Rachel Faulman Erin Schfeling Wrenetha Julion Christine Diaz Dan Brown Shirley Jones **Ministers of the Eucharist** Jack Kernan W. Washington Jeanne Visteen Pat Koko Ginny Jones Mary Howard Brenda Fojtik Gordon Bell Bern Wheel Carol Brown Annie Rowan **Bill Holmes** John McGuire Kevin Kell Marjorie Fields Marie Wheel



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School News

- ..# Our 4th Grade is off to the Art Institute this Friday.
- ..# Our Junior High is hosting a dance on Friday, April 7, from 7-9pm, in Maguire Hall. They have invited students from St. Luke's School to attend.
- ..# The school will be on Easter break, beginning Good Friday, April 14. We will return to school on Monday, April 24.
- ..# Our Holy Week service is on Wednesday, April 12. Please join our 2nd and 3rd grades as they reenact the Stations of the Cross.

Restoring Civility, a Concert of Classical Music TODAY

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*

Good Friday, April 14th, 2017 Way of the Cross – Downtown Chicago

Communion and Liberation and the Focolare Movement invite everyone to follow the *Cross through the streets of Chicago*. Witnessing to the sacrifice of our Lord on Good Friday, we follow the cross through the streets of our city, where so many take up their crosses daily.

The silent procession starts at 8:45am at Daley Plaza and ends at Holy Name Cathedral around Noon. Three stops include songs, meditations and Gospel readings.

--- All are welcome ---For more information: <u>www.wayofthecrosschicago.org</u> or call 312-725-2320



Bible Study -Join us! 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.



Coletta Ali, Winifred Ballew, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Raymond Doelker, Anita Evenson, Katherine Gradnik, Phillip Jones, 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

Volunteers We need you on Holy Thursday!!!

We are in need of pairs of parishioners who would like to participate in the sacred tradition of washing each other's feet during Holy Thursday Mass. **Can you help?.** We need 12 pairs of "apostle" volunteers. Mass is on Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm. All volunteers are asked to be in church about 30 minutes prior to mass for instruction, so 6:30 pm show-up time please. We have a sign-in sheet in the back of the church and in the rectory.

Also: We are calling for volunteers to help us decorate the Church on Holy Saturday, April 15 at 10AM. Come and have fun with other fellow parishioners decorating the altar, placing flowers, wreaths and easter eggs.

If interested, please contact Father George or Amanda at the Rectory, 708-386-8077. Thank you!

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.

APRIL 2, 2017 -5th SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

The prophet Ezekiel spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon, six centuries before Christ. In today's passage, the prophet (using the image of death and resurrection) assures the people that god will one day bring them back to their homeland.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. Throughout the letter, he teaches that Jesus overcame sin and the effects of sin. In today's passage, Paul stresses that through the Spirit, this saving power of Jesus is present and active in Christians of all times and places.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl -Fourth Week of Lent

Call to Family, Community and Participation

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, we remember that human beings are social by nature-we need each other. We, like the early disciples, are called to come together and grow as a community-whether that community is in our classroom, workplace or family.

As Pope Francis says, "Lent is the perfect time for charitable giving, in the Catholic tradition". Your donation to CRS today can provide health care, clean water and food to children & families in need around the world.

Do you have a box already? They are at the Church back exit. Return it by April 13, 2017 Holy Thursday to the church.

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.

St Bernardine Church presents: Soup For The Soul.... It May Not Be Chicken

Join the St. Bernardine Parish Community for a Lenten Enrichment Presentation

When: Tuesday, April 5, 7-9:00 p.m. Where: School Cafeteria 815 Elgin Ave. Forest Park, IL 60130 Menu: Soup and Fellowship and Presentation by Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, OSA Augustinian Vocation Director "The Restless Journey Are You Willing To Embrace It?

Stations of the Cross At St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



Stations of the Cross continues every Friday, through Lent in our church. 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 27

What is healing and how does it happen? What is the spiritual effect of pain & healing?

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.

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 Rectory, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. This room does require you to descend and ascend 1 flight of stairs, and is not accessible to those with serious mobility disabilities.

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

Easter Flower Sale

Spring flowers and plants will be arriving the weekend of April 8 & 9!

Come see what Easter lilies. Hyacinths. Tulips, Daffodils, Begonias, Azaleas and flower baskets can do to lift your spirit and bring color into your life after the grey winter.



Awake now wintry earth!

Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity Immigration Ministry

Did you know?

That more than half of registered Syrian refugees are children....

"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ... Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eves to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable.'

-Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2017

U.S. refugee resettlement The program is a life-saving program for the most vulnerable of the world's refugees. Welcoming people fleeing violence and conflict in various regions of the world is part of our identity as Catholics. We seek to protect the vulnerable and recognize human dignity of the all.

ACTION: This Lent ask Congress to support these people by welcoming them, offering assistance and seeking an end to the war. Send an email at confrontglobalpoverty.org or call your members of Congress: 888-562-8232.

For additional ways to advocate for Immigrants and Refugees visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org. esegura@archchicago.org

March 26, 2017



Hello Parishioners, Alumni, and Friends of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish:

The Fund Raising Committee is pleased to announce the 2017 SPRING EVENT: a chartered Bus Trip outing to *FOUR WINDS CASINO* in New Buffalo, Michigan! This adventuresome and fun day will be on Saturday, April 22nd. Charter package tickets for the event will be \$50, and include round trip bus transportation, a \$10 food credit that can be used in any of the four food venues, and a \$15 instant slot credit. Whether you want to try your luck at the casino games, or prefer to just enjoy the lovely landscaped surroundings and food at *FOUR WINDS*, gather your adult friends and family for this unique fund-raiser benefiting St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish. Come to the Church parking lot at 38 N. Austin Boulevard, and leave your car behind for a day of fun and relaxation. Leave the driving to us!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 Check-in at Lot starts at 9:30am ~ Buses depart Parking Lot promptly at 10:00am 50 passengers per bus ~ All times are Chicago time Buses depart from Casino at 3:30pm <u>sharp</u> ~ arrive St. Catherine's Lot by 5:00pm Must be 21 years of age; <u>please bring a valid picture ID</u> Final ticket purchase date is Monday, April 10th; sorry – no exceptions

Tickets for this enjoyable springtime day outing for \$50 per person are only applicable to the Bus Trip. All charter passengers must arrive to the casino on the bus with our group. Any group member that arrives to the casino by car will not receive the charter package. Please reserve your *FOUR WINDS CASINO* BUS TRIP tickets, using the form below, and return it with your payment to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket to arrive no later than Monday, April 10th. <u>Tickets will also be sold following Masses the week-ends of March 25/26, April 1/2, and April 8/9.</u> For more information call Carol Frank, 708-588-9770 or Pat Nelson, 708-456-0730, or visit <u>www.fourwindscasino.com</u>.

Thank you in advance for your generous support. We hope to see you on April 22nd!

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ST.	CATHERINE-ST. LUCY PARISH FOUR WINDS CASINO	BUS TRIP – Saturday, April 22, 2017		
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D	Delighted to participate! Over 21: Date of Birth (THIS INFO IS REQUIRED BY FOUR WINDS)	No. of tickets at \$50 each:		
Cannot attend, but would like to make a donation:		Amount enclosed:		
Please list other members in your group on a separate sheet with their address & DOB, so that we can assign you to the same bus traveling to FOUR WINDS CASINO .				