

May 28, 2017
Ascension of the Lord



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
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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.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord. Jesus was both human and divine, sent by his Father to restore the broken relationship that was brought about by our sin/s. After Jesus rose from the dead, He "presented Himself alive" (Acts 1:3) to the women near the tomb (Mathew 28:9-10), to His disciples (Luke 24:36-43), and to more than 500 others (1 Corinthians 15:6). In the days following His resurrection, Jesus taught His disciples about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave them a blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. The account of Jesus' ascension is found in Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:9-11. The Ascension of Christ to heaven was important: It signaled the end of His earthly ministry that God the Father had lovingly sent His Son into the world at Bethlehem; now the Son was returning to the Father. It signified success in His earthly work. All that He had come to do, He had accomplished, and it marked the return of His heavenly glory. Jesus' glory had been veiled during His sojourn on earth, with one brief exception at the Transfiguration (Mathew 17:1-9). It symbolized His exaltation by the Father (Ephesians 1:20-23). The One with whom the Father is well pleased (Mathew 17:5) was received up in honor and given a name above all names (Philippians 2:9). It allowed Him to prepare a place for us (John 14:2). It indicated the beginning of His new work as High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16) and Mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:15), and it set the pattern for His return. When Jesus comes to set up the Kingdom, He will return just as He left -- literally, bodily, and visibly in the clouds (Acts 1:11; Daniel 7:13-14; Mathew 24:30; Revelation 1:7).

In today's first reading from the Acts of Apostles, when the Apostles had gathered together and before the ascension, Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would come upon them and they would be his witnesses not just in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, but to all corners of the world. Once he said these words to them, and while they were looking, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we have received the Holy Spirit that was promised to the Apostles during our own baptism and confirmation. The Holy Spirit strengthened the Apostles, giving them the courage that they were lacking, and they began spreading the Gospel of Jesus. For the first time, the Gospel message would move to other parts of the world. To be a witness literally means to die for something that you believe in and indeed many of the Apostles would be martyred because of their belief in Jesus. Brothers and Sisters, we are the new Apostles and we need to preach the Gospel of Jesus and be living witnesses in our communities. Let us also remember the many brothers and sisters who experience difficulties in bringing the message of Christ to others.

God bless you and yours always.

Rev. George O. Omwando

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

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Tom Farwell

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Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

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Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok
Facilities Committee: Kevin Kell,
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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. May 29
 9:00 † **Gene Wilder**
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Tue. May 30
 8:30 † **Patsy Kernan**
 By: Ministry of Care

Wed. May 31
 8:30 † **Alexander Schramm**
 By: Ministry of Care

Fri. June 2
 † **Carmen Moscoso**
 By: Ministry of Care

Sat. June 3
 9:00 † **Diane Meessen**
 By: Betty Whiley

5:00 † **Gene Solome**
 By: Evie Stockinger

Sun. June 4
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 8:30 † **Laise H. Butler**
 By: Grace Bishop

10:30 † **Stella Galuska**
By: Cynthia Weaver and Jim Bowers

Our Parish Stewardship
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



May 21, 2017	\$ 6,020.00
GiveCentral	\$ 807.00
Weekly Budget	\$ (7,308.00)
Amount Under Budget	\$ < 481.00 >

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 — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JUNE 4, 2017

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Altar Servers		
Kathy Paoli	Tom Frank	Michelle Agbefe Ian Elsen

Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond Dan Brown	Sydney Jackson Shirley Jones	R. Smith-Quinn Patricia Long
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan Brenda Fojtik Chemetha Baker Susan Kumler	Valerie Jennings Fannie Cooper W. Washington Gordon Bell Bill Cragg Ginny Jones	Shelby Boblick Scarlett Evans John McGuire Mary Howard David Geffe Kim McGuire
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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day

Monday: Memorial Day

Tuesday: Shavuot ("Weeks"), the Jewish festival of the giving of the Law, begins at sunset

Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Justin

Friday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday

Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Saturday

Next Saturday, June 3rd...

...The 5 p.m. mass will honor:



1. This special anniversary for our faith-filled pastor and his classmates;
2. this birthday for our treasured pastor emeritus; &
3. the gift of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost.



The party to follow in Maguire Hall will include a catered, buffet dinner and music provided by a D.J.

A minimum donation to St. Catherine - St. Lucy Church of \$5 per individual or \$20 per family is requested, if possible.

Please join us at what promises to be a wonderful occasion for fellowship. We will celebrate our faith family and those who shepherd us in dedication to God.

To offer event assistance, contact:

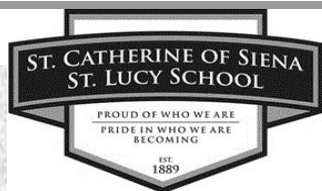
- Set Up -- Pat Nelson
- Serving -- Claudia Zinanni and Grace Bishop
- Welcoming -- Jan Kieckhefer
- Clean-Up -- Ginny Jones

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School News

1. This is the last week of school for our 8th grade students. Graduation is Friday, June 2, at 7pm, in church. We will watch them walk down the aisle one last time, knowing that they are headed to a bright and successful future. Although they are no longer students here, they will always be a part of the St. Catherine -St. Lucy family.
2. The last day for the rest of our students is Thursday, June 8. Our last event is an Honors Assembly that afternoon at 1pm.
3. Urban Gateways will perform two shows at our school. On May 31, students will be introduced to the art of improve. On June 5, a musical program will celebrate the heritage of West Africa. Both shows are at 9am in the gym; please join us if you can.



Congratulations Graduating Class of 2017

Congratulations to our class of 2017! They officially will graduate in a beautiful ceremony on Friday, June 2. We will miss their smiles, their enthusiasm, their joy. Although they are no longer our students, they will always have a special place in our hearts.

Mya Bragg

Maya Burns

Eryon Campbell

Tia Carter

Brittany Davis

Gabriel Enriquez

Jared Florent

Kareem Guyton

Jaylin Keys

Charles Morris

Amarion Nash

Torrian Olivier

Paris Patton

Aaron Rieger

Sydney Ross

Rashawn Smith

Jaydon Toney

Mariah Westbrooks

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.

JUNE 4, 2017 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians responds to a letter they wrote to him. They had asked him how to deal with the diversity of gifts in the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arose. In today's passage, he uses a comparison that we will recognize immediately.



Apartment for Rent

Spacious two bedroom completely remodeled second floor apartment located within the St. Catherine—St. Lucy Parish campus in Oak Park.

All NEW appliances included! Washer and Dryer in the apartment. Walking distance from Blue & Green Train Lines, CTA, and Pace.

Call **708-386-8077** for a showing.



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

Karla Alegria, Coletta Ali, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Anita Evenson, Tom Frank, Katherine Gradnik, Marcus Hall, Joe Hargadon, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Eileen Nauss, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, and Carlton Shanks.

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.

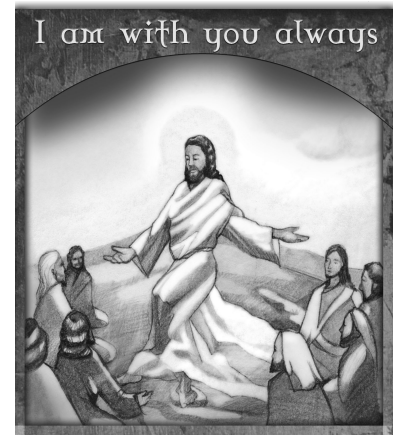
-Father George

Facility Requests Forms for our 2017-2018 Calendar



By now you must have received St. Catherine St. Lucy requests forms that were mailed last week. We are asking all parish organizational leaders and chair persons whose events are placed into our *St. Catherine-St. Lucy Facility Calendar* to please submit their *2017-2018* events and activities in writing on our **Facility Request Form** to the rectory no later than **Monday, June 26, 2017**.

You can also find these forms at the Rectory. If you have any questions, please call Amanda at 708-386-8077 during office hours. Thanks!



GiveCentral 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 understand that most transactions today are done electronically. 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*

Women from Chicago's west side and the western suburbs are invited to gather this summer for inspiring films and conversation

Our film series will open our eyes to some impactful women and to topics pertinent to women's lives. Shelby Boblick will facilitate the discussions.

On 3 (of the 4) dates, meetings will take place in McDonough Hall located on the 2nd floor of the Gleeson Building, 1101 Columbian, Oak Park, IL on the campus of St. Giles Catholic Parish. McDonough Hall is accessed via elevator, and the Gleeson Building is handicapped accessible.

Join us as and when your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged! Bring your female friends, visitors, or relatives. All are welcome: once, occasionally, or regularly.

For 3 of the 4 meetings, we'll offer duplicate sessions: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at the time that suits you and your life. No need to come at the same time each week. Sessions may last longer than 90 minutes, as noted. Film discussion will not extend beyond 20 mins. after film showing.

Tues., May 30 "Where to Invade Next" Set aside any pre-conceptions about Michael Moore. A comedy/documentary in which the Oscar-winning director confronts the most pressing issues facing America today and finds solutions in the most unlikely places. (120 mins.) Discussion to follow film. **NOTE: special date, time and place! St. Catherine – St. Lucy Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. The church is handicapped accessible. Afternoon session will begin as usual at 1 pm, but evening session will begin 30 mins. earlier at 7 pm.**

Wed., June 7 "Shifting Sands" Tells the story of how one region, where rare plants grow in the shadows of smoke stacks—adjacent to Chicago—sparked a movement for a national park, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. That movement led to game-changing environmental policies with worldwide impact and unique partnerships on the path to a more sustainable world. (57 mins.) Discussion to follow film. **Beth Botts, daughter of filmmaker and longtime environmental activist Lee Botts, both Oak Park residents, will introduce the film and participate in our post-viewing discussion focused on the Indiana Dunes.**

NOTE: There is only one showing of "Shifting Sands" at 7:30 p.m. There will be NO 1 pm session on Wed., June 7.

Mon., June 12 "Fierce Light: When Spirit Meets Action" In these times of crisis is change possible? Acclaimed filmmaker sets out to discover the power that is released when spirituality and activism meet. Sparked by what Ghandhi called "soul force" and Martin Luther King, Jr. called "love in action," this film spot lights remarkable individuals who are taking action from the heart. (95 mins.) *Discussion to follow film.*

Questions? Call Shelby Boblick (630-240-2765).

Archdiocese of Chicago Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2017 will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45 p.m. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

If you're married 50 years this year, or you were not able to come this past year and want to come next year, please keep this date free and keep an eye out for more information, coming soon!



Memorial Brick Garden

Our brick garden project is ongoing. The forms to purchase a memorial brick are in the back of Church and at the Rectory. After Easter we will be placing three special bricks in the garden honoring three very special people.

We honor Father George on the occasion of his 10th anniversary from ordination; we remember Alice Marshall for her commitment to our school, and we honor Sharon Bryant (teacher) for her 25 year teaching commitment to St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.