

June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

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

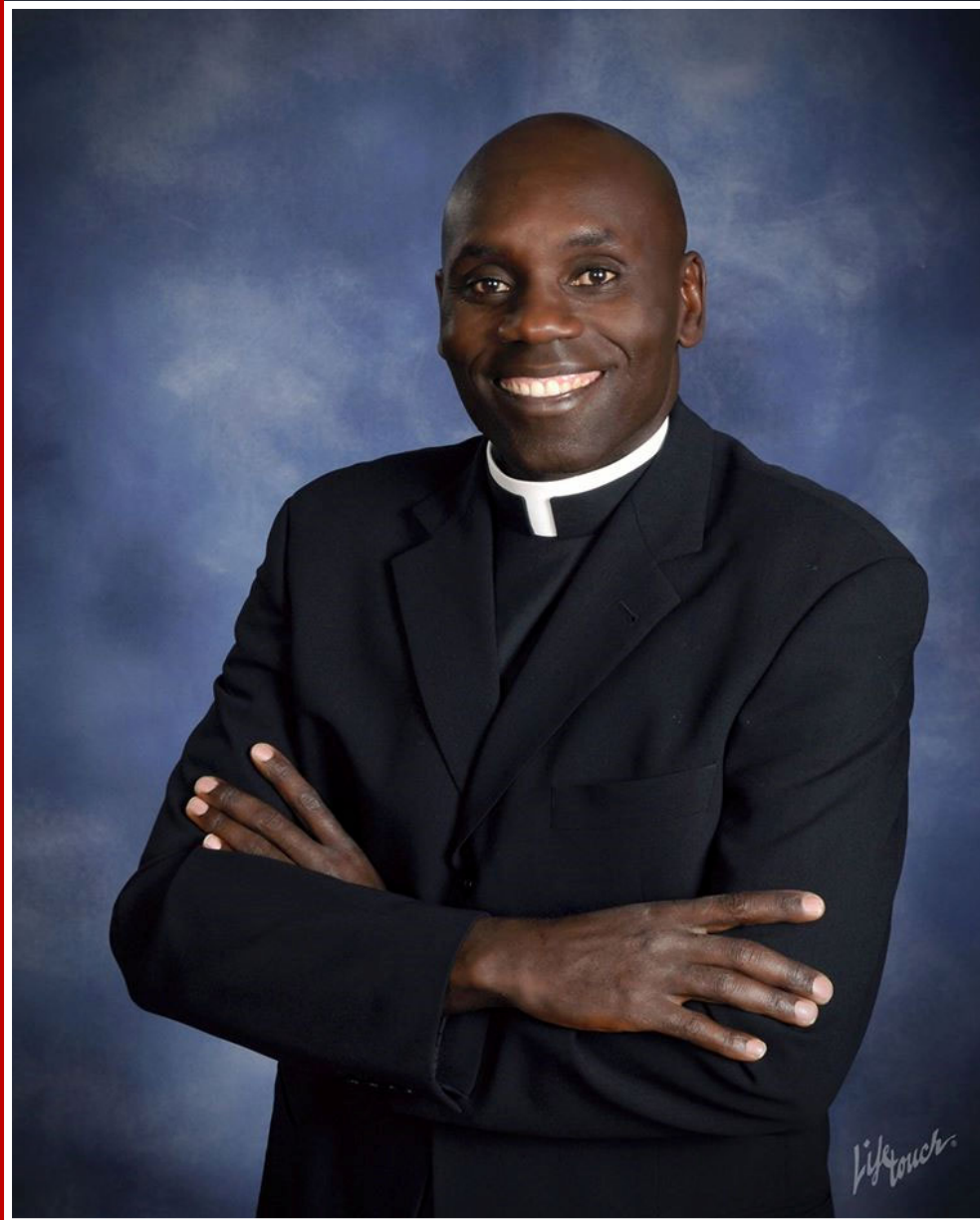
Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

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.

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*Happy 10th Anniversary as a priest Fr. George!!
Your staff and parishioners love you!*



*Thank you very much for your good wishes! You just made
my 10th anniversary day more special through your sweet
loving wishes. God Bless you always! - Fr. George*

*Happy 92nd Birthday Fr. John!!
Your staff and parishioners love you!*



*I am sincerely grateful with every one for taking the time to
think of me on my birthday, keep me in your prayers.*

Fr. John

Parishioners and Staff Thoughts



Fr. Carolan, Happy Birthday to you on this special celebration of your 92nd birthday. If you transpose your age, you are only 29, still young at heart. Thank you for being a special part of our lives at St. Catherine-St. Lucy parish.

Fr. George, when I first met you six years ago, you stood out among all the priest who was interested in St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy and you are still a person who stands out. Congratulations on ten years in the priesthood.

—*Christine Wedekind*

I have known and worked with Fr. Carolan for nearly 40 years. He remains as gentle and kind as the day I first met him. He was always so supportive of me and the school.



Fr. George has a very large heart; he opens it to everyone. He truly cares about each person in the parish. You are always in for a little surprise when working with him. He is a real joy! Thank you Fr. George for keeping us on our toes and challenging us! —*Sr. Marion Cypser, R.S.M.*



FATHER GEORGE is a man of faith and much energy. His love of the Lord shines forth into all areas of the parish. I do enjoy our conversations.

FATHER JOHN has devoted his whole life to the service of the Lord. He enjoys sharing a meal and conversation.

—*Pat Pomykalski*

Fr. George's arrival brought a new level of energy, a revitalization, to our parish. His commitment to parish community is heartening.

Fr. John was the pastor of the parish when we joined in 1974 and has been a rock ever since. I believe that his calm, welcoming demeanor set a tone for the parish decades ago that we still benefit from today. —*Ginny Jones*

Despite their difference in age, they both enjoy good food! Anytime, anywhere, any reason. —*Madonna Sloan*

Thank you Fr. John, for your great friendship over these many years. Your caring, compassion and deep spirituality have touched so many lives, among them our family. Between our six children, Tom and I, and my Mother, Mary Prindiville, you have conferred every Sacrament among us, with the exception of Holy Orders and Confirmation. We thank God for the gift of your presence in the rectory and your charming smile and gracious way! Happy Birthday, dear friend!

Father George, upon your arrival at St. Catherine-St. Lucy, you spoke of how this was to be your new and current HOME...not just a Pastoral assignment. We believe you have happily made it so! You are very real, direct, pro-active, a problem solver, and fun to be with. But at the same time, you mince no words about your spirituality and how we need to make our following of Jesus Christ the 24/7 of our life. Your energy and focus to a task or a need are wonderful. We are blessed to have you as our Pastor...shepherding us through Scripture, your words, and your actions...but also serving our Pastoral Community as your home. —*Tom & Pat Nelson*

The things I appreciate most about Father George are his willingness to forgive and his support. He trusts that I can do my job well and gives me the freedom to do it. If I make a mistake, he is always gracious and forgiving.



I wasn't Catholic when I was hired for this job. Father John gave the homily at the service when I was received into full communion. He told a story about a woman who lost a job at her last interview because she didn't share the faith of the church she was applying to. He said "we didn't do that to Gail!" His welcoming attitude and that of the community were part of the reason I chose to be Catholic. I will always be grateful for that. —*Gail Rohmann*



If you look up the word "kindness" in the dictionary, you will find a picture of Fr. John Carolan. No more needs to be said.

Fr. George's smile radiates the joy in his heart, his love for Jesus Christ, and his happiness in serving the Church as a priest. As we say in Polish, "Sto lat!" – good wishes, good health, long life. —*Connie Rakitan*

My husband Bill and I recall fondly a Sunday homily given by Fr. John Carolan many years ago during his tenure as pastor which exhibited Fr. John's characteristic gentility and grace. Fr. Carolan described how Catholics were always taught that theirs is the only path to salvation. Fr. John Carolan told the congregation kindly about how there are many paths to the truth. Fr. John Carolan is a profoundly wise man.



Fr. George is a dedicated pastor, and one of his greatest gifts is his energy. Fr. George exhibits his Christ-like wisdom when he states that he doesn't mind at all being the parish that makes sacraments possible (like funerals, marriages, baptisms, and even First Communions) for people who've been turned away elsewhere. —*Shelby and Bill Bollich*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. June 5		
8:30 †	John Carl Bedore	By: Tom and Pat Nelson
Tue. June 6		
8:30 †	Vincent Gorman	By: Ministry of Care
Wed. June 7		
8:30 †	James Trusclair	By: Grace Bishop
Fri. June 9		
†	Josephine Cotter (30TH DEATH ANNIV)	By: Mary Cotter
Sat. June 10		
9:00 †	Kamile Kalina	By: Ministry of Care
5:00 †	Jean Hourihan	By: Ministry of Care
Sun. June 11		
8:30	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH	
8:30 †	Lillian Czaplicki	By: A friend
10:30 †	Nellie Vincent	By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday; Julian Calendar Pentecost
Monday:	Ninth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Boniface
Tuesday:	St. Norbert
Friday:	St. Ephrem
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



Due to the bulletin early deadlines our stewardship reports for the weeks of June 4, 11 and 18, will be shown in the bulletin of June 25, 2017.

Thanks for your understanding!

Today's Readings

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JUNE 11, 2017

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
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Altar Servers

Michael Giometti	Martin Senica	Walter
Steve Legatzke	Mary Senica	Washington

Ministers of the Word

Christine Wedekind	Wrenetha Julion	Ken Blair
Erin Schifeling	Ginny Jones	Rachel Faulman

Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker	Kevin Kell	Terry Sullivan
Susan Kumler	Annie Rowan	Doris Brown
Brenda Fojtik	Marjorie Fields	Jan Kieckhefer
Carol Brown	Kathy Mortell	John McGuire
	R. Smith-Quinn	Bern Wheel
	Claudia Zinanni	Marie Wheel

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.

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.

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 Gandhi called "soul force" and Martin Luther King, Jr. called "love in action," this film spotlights remarkable individuals who are taking action from the heart. (95 mins.)
Discussion to follow film.



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



Facility Requests Forms for our 2017-2018 Calendar

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!

Next Weekend Second Collection is for:

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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.

Thoughts from Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, known in Exodus 23:14-17 as the first fruits of harvest or the harvest feast. This feast is important because the Church was born on Pentecost day. In our first reading today from Acts, the setting is fifty days after the first Easter and ten days since the Ascension of Christ. When he ascended to heaven, Christ told his disciples to continue to bring the Gospel to all corners of the earth. Before he went back to heaven, he told the Apostles, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5). So after Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem and the upper room (Acts 2:1); when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place.

Today therefore marks the birthday celebration of the Church founded by Jesus the Christ on Peter, the Rock. Pentecost means "50th day." The celebration was originally one of the mandatory feast days of the Old Testament for which all Jewish males over the age of 12 were expected to journey to Jerusalem. It was on this day, 50 days from the Last Supper, that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the Upper Room.

On Pentecost Day, the disciples suddenly heard a roaring sound—like a violent wind. Then they seemed to catch on fire! Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, tells us that tongues of fire settled upon them. Like the burning bush of Moses' day, the disciples appeared to burn, but the fire did not consume them. I wish I could have been there to see that. Then the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in foreign languages—languages they didn't understand—languages that they had never learned—languages that the Holy Spirit had miraculously given them, the ability to speak. The crowds were amazed. They said, "How do we hear, everyone in our own native language?" (Acts 2:8). Peter was the main preacher that day. He reminded people how they had looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. Then he told them about Jesus, who was the Messiah, and that when the Messiah had come, they had killed him. When they heard that, they were beside themselves. Peter's words cut to the bone. The people said, "What can we do?" and Peter told them, "Repent, and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). We need another Pentecost today! We need the Holy Spirit to fill and fuel us!

We need the Holy Spirit to breathe life into us and to set us on fire—just as it did at that first Christian Pentecost.

Rev. George O. Omwando

St. Catherine of Siena– St. Lucy Parish

Sunday Offering Envelopes

To receive Sunday offering envelopes, please contact the Church Office 708-386-8077, or by e-mail to: apomaredasesloffice@comcast.net. Your Sunday offerings go toward our parish's operating expenses. Your recorded donations to the parish are tax-deductible. Therefore, we encourage the use of checks and offering envelopes.

To Be a Christian Steward

A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10). What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.



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

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Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

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Cantors: Gail Rohmann
Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann

Praise Choir: Julius White

Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

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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

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Christine Wedekind

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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.

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