

July 9, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
Sr. Marion Cypser, RSM, School Co-Principal &
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal
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Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
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Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary

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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 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.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I explained last Sunday, the progress of replacing our aged church air conditioner is moving ahead gradually. I have been promised by the company that is undertaking this project that by the end of this month, we will have a new-functioning, air-conditioned church. Meanwhile, I am grateful for the efforts of our own parishioner, Mr. Kevin Kell, who brings a wealth of experience and is making sure that everything is running smoothly as promised. All this is possible because we had to tap the funds that were pledged during our "To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign. Initially the plan had been to tuckpoint the church roof, restore some of our stained glass, and with the availability of the funds, to replace the church air conditioner. Unfortunately, our plan did not go as anticipated; the air conditioner broke last year while I was on my sabbatical, taking the first priority. I wonder whether this has anything with Jesus's saying, the first will be the last and last will be first? Who knows how the Kingdom of God works except by mere speculation.

Did you know that the original air conditioner was installed in 1963 by Father Rynard in time for the 75th anniversary of the church? It took many months, as the ducts had to be placed in the tunnels of the basement where there was very little space. It was a big job but fun watching it progress. Very few churches had air conditioning at the time. Fr. Rynard wanted everything nice. He also put in the ceiling lights, changed the vigil lights from red to green, and built the rectory, all in a period of about 3 years. It is amazing what he accomplished in those times. We now are enjoying the beautiful environment in the church of those that have gone before us.

Along with the project of installing the church air conditioner is replacing the rectory windows. Some of the glasses are broken and therefore losing heat, especially during the winter months. This is being undertaken by the "Pick-a-Project" fundraising arm of the parish. Every year, \$5,000 is spent to do a project in our community. It was decided last year to replace the windows of the rectory. This project will take a total of more than \$40,000 to replace all the rectory windows; since "Pick-a-Project has only \$5,000 the replacement may be done in phases, starting with the windows that most urgently need repair. However, I am optimistic that a good will person or persons will come up and help in completing the replacing of the windows. In the past, someone has come to help us replace the doors the gymnasium, installed our updated telephone system, the Internet in the rectory, etc. Meanwhile, I am grateful for your generous contributions to this community.

Please continue making your pledge payments for TO TEACH WHO CHRIST CONTRIBUTIONS as the money that is being raised is what we will use to pay for the new church air conditioner. Finally, our apartment is almost rented and will provide the much-needed funds always to run our campus. Meanwhile, I wish you a restful time during these summer months. God bless you.

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
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: 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.

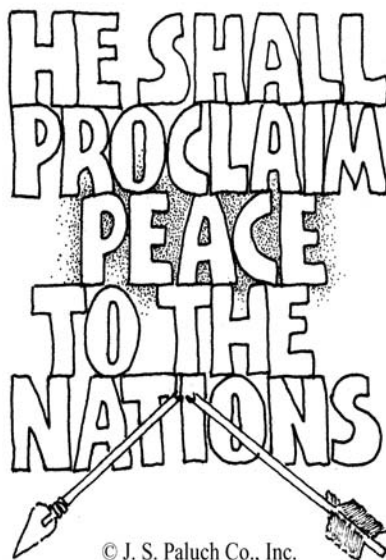
Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

A Humble King

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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Next Weekend Second Collection is for: Summer Mission Appeal

We welcome Sr. Margaret Nyangireici of Sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel next weekend for Summer Mission Appeal. Sr. Margaret's community was founded in 1939, in Mbarara diocese, Uganda, East Africa, by the Canadian Sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel when the first group of four Sisters arrived in Uganda. Until 1957, the professed Sisters were part of the Canadian Congregation. On Sept. 27, 1957 the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Mbarara were instituted by the Ret. Rev. John Mary Ogez then the Bishop of the Mbarara diocese. The special aim of the Congregation is: teaching of catechumens and school children in the catechumenate and parochial schools, the education of young girls, the care of the sick in the dispensaries and hospitals, as well as any other work, which the Diocesan Authority and the Superiors of the Congregation may judge necessary or useful to the Church. Sister Margaret will be speaking to us next week at all Masses with the purpose of raising funds for her congregation. Please, be as generous as possible. We are called to be missionaries in all parts of the world and this is one way of supporting the Church. God bless your prayers and contributions.

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



Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 10

4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Tuesday, July 11

9:00 AM - Bible Study - RRT

10:00 - 3:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Wednesday, July 12


11:00 AM—1:00 PM - Organ Lesson - CH

Thursday, July 13

10AM-4:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD

4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

6-8 PM - A.A. - RD



Ballgame!
Chicago White Sox vs.
Los Angeles Dodgers

Tuesday, July 18
Game Time - 7:10 p.m.

**SORRY THIS EVENT IS
SOLD OUT**

Save the Date

**Saturday-Sunday
July 15-16**
Summer Mission Appeal

Tuesday, July 18
White Sox Outing - OS

Saturday, July 29
*Mass at 4PM followed by
Parish Picnic - Courtyard*

Saturday, August 5
Donut Day - OS

Thursday, August 24
Night at the Races - OS

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. July 10

8:30 † **Margaret Cragg**
By: Ministry of Care

Tue. July 11

9:00 † **Nancy Price**
By: Grace Bishop

Wed. July 12

8:30 † **Helen and Kevin Cooper**
By: Gladys Evans

Fri. July 14

8:30 † **Mary Houck Olson**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sat. July 15

9:00 † **Jorge Pomareda**
By: Amanda Pomareda

5:00 † **Etta Gardner**
By: Madonna Sloan

Sun. July 16

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

8:30 † **Fred Dendy**
By: Jim and Linda Lewis

10:30 † **Dean Hall, Sr.**

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



July 2, 2017	\$ 4,928.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,022.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ -1,358.00

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 — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Benedict
Thursday:	St. Henry
Friday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Saturday:	St. Bonaventure

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JULY 16, 2017

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Servers		
Kathy Paoli	Miles Jackson	Thomas Frank

Ministers of the Word

Debra Lomax	Jeanette Cannon	Ken Blair
McLane Lomax	Peter Barber	Rachel Faulman

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan	Thom Schouten	Scarlett Evans
Pat Koko	Bill Cragg	Bill Holmes
Chemetha Baker	Gordon Bell	Jan Kieckhefer
Brenda Fojtik	Elaine Podraza	David Geffe
	Fannie Cooper	Doris Brown
	Marge Massarello	Terry Sullivan

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.

**JULY 16, 2017 -
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

Because the Israelites were exiled in the pagan land of Babylon, the assuring words that God had previously spoken to them now seemed empty. In today's passage, the prophet Isaiah will use an image from nature to describe how God's word always bears fruit and comes true no matter how unlikely it may seem.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

As we continue reading from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, he tells us that sin affected not only human beings but also all creation, and the coming of Christ had a healing effect on both. It is evident that Paul is not pessimistic about this world.

Desperation

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate.

—James Denney



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 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



**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, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Mary Cotter, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Anita Evenson, Marcus Hall, Joe Hargadon, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Eileen Nauss, 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

Remember a Loved One

"The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death." -Pope Benedict XV

We have **weekday** Masses available in our 2017-2018 Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

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School News

The school office will be open during the summer, Mondays through Thursdays, from 8am-1pm. Do not hesitate to call or come in if there is anything you need.

Please use the back entrance.

Liturgical Bits:

Book of the Dead

This book is displayed during the month of November to remember our friends and relatives who have gone before us. It is displayed with the paschal candle near the baptismal font. It is designed to allow parishioners to inscribe the names of those they wish to commemorate.

In our parish it is also carried in the Gathering Procession and placed, open, in the sanctuary for the Mass being celebrated. It is also carried out at the end of Mass and returned to the lectern at the paschal candle.



Faith & Fellowship – “Young Neighbors in Action” Thank You

Recently, our parish hosted a group of 5 young people from St. Noel Parish near Cleveland, Ohio, and their adult mentor, who were in town for a week of service as part of the “Young Neighbors in Action” program. They spent each morning cleaning and gardening in the school and around the parish premises. After lunch they participated in various Faith and Fellowship activities, including a prayer service, cleaning in Lucienne Ministry Center, excursions to McDonald’s and Aldi, and a cookout.

As usual, St. Catherine-St. Lucy was warmly welcoming and helpful with logistics. Much gratitude to Father George, Amanda, Derrick, Chuckie, Sharon (Leamy), Vicki, and Mike for their help in making the week successful. Also, many thanks to the Faith & Fellowship members who organized the afternoon events: Grace Bishop, Jackie Burks, Nate Garrett, Don Gimbel, Patrick King, Deacon Tom Lambert, Mary Rose Nauss, and Shirley Rissmann.

Finally – a great big THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS to our visitors: Alex, Dan, Daria, Natalie, and Rebecca, and their youth minister Erica. We hope they come back to see us!

Fall 2017 Vicariate

Ministry of Care Training—

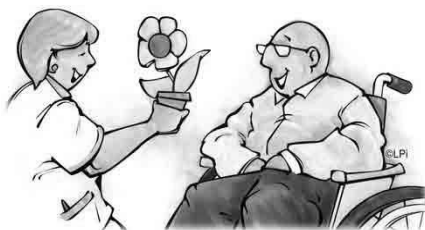
September 9 & September 23 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*A two session program designed for those preparing to become
Ministers of Care in a parish/hospital setting.*

Franciscan Ministries

Village at Victory Lakes
1075 E. Victory Drive
Lindenhurst, IL 60046

Training will take place in the Great Room in the 1075 building



Session I: September 9

- ...# Introduction / Spirituality of Ministry of Care
- ...# Pastoral Listening Skills
- ...# Aging Dynamics: practical tips for Ministry

Session II: September 23

- ...# Theology of Suffering
- ...# Theology of Eucharist / Sacraments/ Prayer
- ...# Nuts and bolts:
 - ∞ Hygiene in a Health Care Setting (Nursing Educator)
 - ∞ Parish specifics
 - ∞ Ministerial practicum in HCC

To register please call or email:

Debbie Armenta, Pastoral Care Director 847-356-4523

or email: darmenta@franciscancommunities.com.

Please provide: Parish name, parish staff contact, parishioner attending and a contact phone number. Refreshments and lunch are provided. There is no charge for this training.

Donut Day at Oak Park Farmer’s Market –

Once again our parish will be selling donuts during the Farmer’s Market at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Our sale date is Saturday, **August 5, 2017** from 7am-1pm. The annual donut sale is a very successful fund raiser for our parish. We need your assistance with the many tasks needed to sell the warm fresh donuts. Please consider volunteering for just a couple hours on that Saturday morning to help us reach our goal. If you can help or have any questions please see Jeanette Cannon or contact Pierre Priestley at p.priestley@att.net or 708-369-3347

Don’t Forget To Recycle In Our Parish Paper Retriever



When you come to Mass, bring your recyclable paper: Newspapers; Magazines; Mailings; Catalogs; Office Paper; School Paper. Help the earth.....help the parish!!

Hope

Never deprive someone of hope—it may be all they have.

—Anonymous

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—5:00 p.m. at the Holy Name Cathedral, 730 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611. 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.

The online web registration is located here - <https://pvm.archchicago.org/lifelongformation/events/golden-wedding>

Support Anti Violence and Gun Control Bill

A coalition of religious leaders from all faiths is launching a petition to ban assault weapons and pass HB5831, demanding that all guns are registered and titled just like cars.

This is a moment that God has called us to, to make a difference.

- ..# **Request handguns to be titled like cars.**
- ..# **Reinstate the ban on assault weapons – sign the petition at www.passthebill.us**

For more information call Saint Sabina at 773-483-4300.

Vigil

Solidarity prayer vigil for an end to human trafficking: July 29, 7 p.m., at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park; for information, email htcmolw@gmail.com



Celebrating 100 Years of History

Did you know Catholic Charities was founded by business leaders? In 1917, Cardinal Mundelein went to corporate philanthropic leaders with the desire to create a consolidated resource for charitable support to parishes and the needy. Since then, we have supported all who turn to us for help through services touching almost every human service need.

As an integral part of the fabric of Cook and Lake counties, we remain committed to the communities and people we serve. Help us celebrate Catholic Charities “Century of Hope” by sharing your stories and photos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the hashtag #ccofchicago100 and be sure to tag @CCofChicago.

To see our journey since 1917 and contribute your story, visit www.ccofchicago100.net

Pro-Life

"Thank you women who are Mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you ... the one who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life."

—Blessed John Paul II

Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity Immigration Ministry



"We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories."
—Pope Francis

Worldwide, there are 65.3 million people who have been forced out of their homes (with an estimated 34,000 people displaced per day). While the majority of forced migrants remain in their home countries, 21.3 million have been forced to flee and seek refuge in other countries. Over half of these refugees are under the age of 18.

ACTION: This month contact your legislators to welcome refugees to the U.S. and provide adequate funding levels to assist refugees worldwide. Call 202-224-3121 to connect to the Capital Switchboard.

Visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants website at www.JusticeforImmigrants.org for more information.

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

