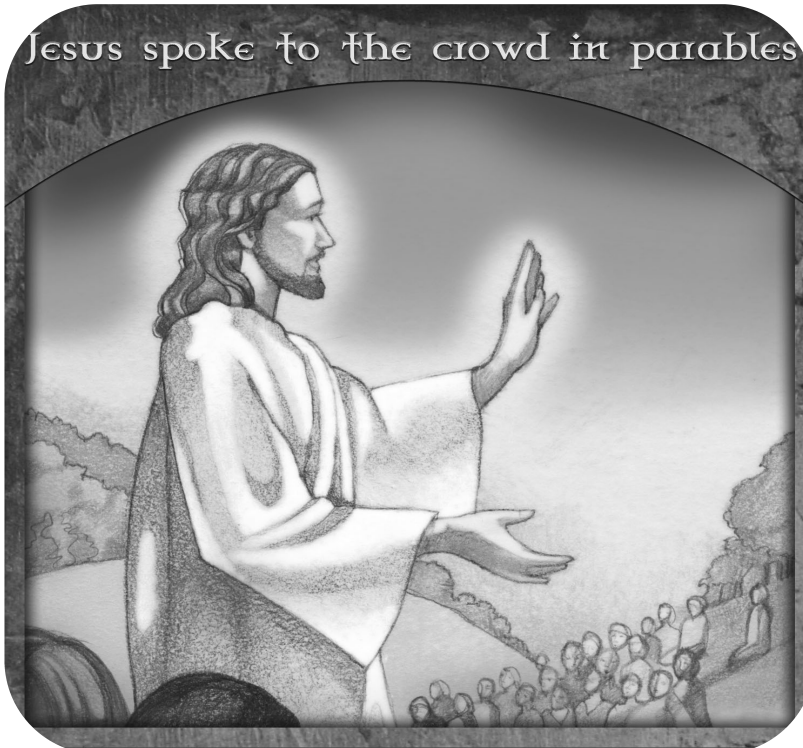


July 23, 2017
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

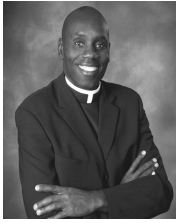
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The practice of lighting candles is an important tradition in Catholic churches, communities and families. Its origins may be traced back to the Old Testament times where an oil lamp was lighted to “keep a flame burning perpetually” (Exodus 27:19-20), as “perpetual incense before the Lord from generation to generation” (Exodus 30:7-8), and as a “lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting...set up before the Lord as He has commanded Moses” (Exodus 40:24-25).

The New Testament further highlights the sanctity of this light in the Letter to the Hebrews: “A first tent was prepared with the lamp stand, the table and the bread of the presence; this is called the Holy Place” (Hebrews 9:2). In today’s Catholic tradition, this light has a very special place because it symbolizes Christ who said, “I am the Light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light and life” (John 8:12). In almost every part of Catholic celebrations and rituals, lighting of candles plays a very significant role. Candles are lighted during the celebration of the Mass, on liturgical and funeral processions, and evening prayer ceremonies. Candles are lit before the Tabernacle to signify the Lord’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament and to call for reverence on the part of the faithful.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, as a person is initiated into the Church, a candle is lit from the Paschal Candle, the symbol of Christ’s Paschal Mystery – His passion, His death and His resurrection. The person receives the Light of Christ that he may live and walk the path of God’s children and keep the flame of faith burning alive in his heart. And as he receives this indelible baptismal mark, it is known that he shall meet the Lord and be one with all the saints in Heaven when the right time comes. Candles are lighted before an image of our Lord and before the saints. Catholics practice this not to honor the image itself but the one it represents. The lighted candle symbolizes a prayer offering where we present our petitions to the Lord and ask the saints to pray with us and to pray for us during our most dire need. This light, as it is kept burning, also shows our desire to remain in God’s presence as we go through our daily duties at home and in the workplace. Candles lighted before Christ’s image or in the Church also shows our reverence to Him who deserves our adoration and thanksgiving and who alone can forgive our sins and bring us back into a deeper relationship with Him.

In our church, candles for personal devotion are in the front of the church, near the statues of Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, should you wish to honor a loved one or offer a prayer intention by lighting a votive candle or candles. Please note that there is a suggested donation of at least a dollar.

And finally, thank you for your contributions to the second collection to help in the mission activities of the Church. 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.

Come to our Parish Picnic

Saturday, July 29, 2017. Mass will be celebrated in the Courtyard at 4:00 PM

St. Catherine—St. Lucy Parish
38 N. Austin Blvd. -
Oak Park, IL 60302

Pot Luck Picnic to follow mass. Bring your own grill and a dish to share! The Parish will provide you with water, napkins and silverware. Invite your family and friends!



Save the Date

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

Saturday, August 5
Donut Day - OS

Thursday, August 24
Night at the Races - OS

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

Night At the Races

Thursday, **August 24**, is the date for St. Catherine-St. Lucy's annual Night at the Races at **Hawthorne Race-course**.

Tickets are **\$35** each and include admission, the live racing program, and a delicious dinner buffet. Of course there is great camaraderie as well as and three from our group will get to ride in the starter car for one of the races!

Tickets will be on sale starting with the weekend of July 29-30 after Masses in the gathering area.

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 AM - Bible Study - RRT

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

Wednesday, July 26

11:00 AM—1:00 PM - Organ Lesson - CH

Thursday, July 27

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

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

6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

Saturday, July 29

4:00PM - Mass - CY

5:00PM - Parish Family Picnic - CY

500 CLUB WINNERS

\$ 25.00

July 23, 2017

George and Ginny Jones,

300

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**
Mon. July 24

8:30 † Norma McCorvey
By: Pro-Life Group

Tue. July 25

8:30 † Gary Leo Rehm, Jr.
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. July 26

8:30 † Albert Brion
By: Dorothy Brion

Fri. July 28

8:30 † Edmund Boyle
By: Sue Vanek

Sat. July 29

9:00 † Jaylynn Knight
By: Ministry of Care
4:00 † Stanislaw Matuszek
By: Ministry of Care

Sun. July 30

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † Diane Mussen
By: Fundraising Committee
10:30 † John Lotter (23RD ANNIV. RIP)
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Our Parish Stewardship
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church


July 9, 2017	\$ 5,486.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,632.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ -190.00

*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 — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

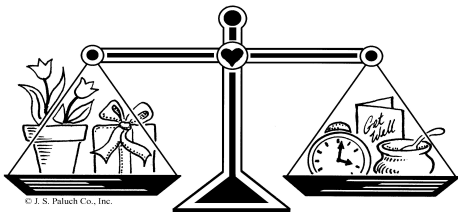
Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass.
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Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56;
Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
[44-46]


Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Tuesday: St. James
Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday: St. Martha

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
JULY 30, 2017
5:00 PM
8:30 AM
10:30 AM
Altar Servers

Michael Giometti	Martin and Mary Senica	Grace McGuire Ian Elsen
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Ministers of the Word

Erin Schifeling	Ginny Jones	Pat Nelson
Frank Pond	R. Smith-Quinn	David Geffe

Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker	W. Washington	Scarlett Evans
Pat Koko	Fannie Cooper	Terry Sullivan
Susan Kumler	Annie Rowan	Pat Nelson
Jack Kernan	Thom Schouten	Jan Kieckhefer
	Gordon Bell	Kim McGuire
	Claudia Zinanni	Diana Cameron

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 30, 2017 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

King Solomon ruled about 950 years before Christ. His wisdom was legendary. Today's reading describes an event from early in Solomon's rule that tells how he became a wise person.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As we continue our readings from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will today hear Paul use the word *predestined*. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provides abundant grace for everyone.

Remember a Loved One

We have **weekday** Masses available in our 2017 Mass Book. Also available is the 2018 Mass Book. Mass intentions are only \$10.00.

Please come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.



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, Dorothy Cobb, Mary Cotter, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Carlton Shanks, and Diane Ward

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

News from The Music Department

We have begun a new series of Eucharistic Acclamations from a mass setting called **Welcome Table: A Mass Of Spirituals**.

Each one is based on a different spiritual. The Holy, Holy is based on Ol' Time Religion. The Memorial Acclamation is based on Let Us Break Bread Together. The Amen is based on He's Got the Whole World In His Hands and the Lamb of God is based on My Lord, What A Mornin'. With the Gloria, based on Ride on King Jesus and the Alleluia based on Oh! What A Beautiful City (from the same mass setting) that makes all our service music based on spirituals!

If you listen, you can pick out all these familiar tunes. You seem to be picking them up quickly, so I hope you are enjoying them as much as I am!

- Gail Rohmann

Music Director

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.

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!!

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

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286

School News

The school office is open during the summer. The schedule is as follows: Mondays through Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Do not hesitate to call or come in if there is anything you need.

Please use the back entrance.



Forgiveness

And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?

—St. Catherine of Siena

Catholic Charities Backpack Drive

Help Catholic Charities get backpacks on the backs of needy children in your community!

Drop-off donations between:

July - August 14
1400 S. Austin Blvd.
Cicero, IL 60804

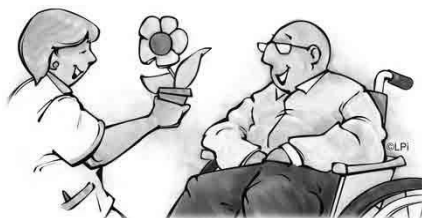
Suggested Donations:

- #New backpacks
- #Pens and pencils
- #Notebooks
- #Glue, scissors, and erasers
- #College-and-wide ruled paper
- #Rulers
- #Folders
- #Crayons and marks

**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.

Backpacks will go directly to the children that attend our annual free community Health Fair at St. Frances of Rome on August 19. *(see next page)*

For information or for pick-up: call Esmeralda Zepeda at 708-329-4022 or ezepeda@catholiccharities.net
Thank you for supporting our children and community!

Change of Address/ Church Envelopes

If your address has changed, it is very important that you notify us so we can have the correct information in our parish data system and to ensure you receive church envelopes. This also applies if lately you have made any changes like to your name, telephone number, e-mail addresses, status, etc. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know too, so we can stop sending them. It takes about two months to complete the change. Please call Amanda to the Rectory at 708-386-8077. Thank you.

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

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.



Health Fair

Saturday August 19, 2017
St. Frances of Rome School
1401 S. Austin Ave. - Cicero, IL 60804

Registration 8am to 10:30am
Health Fair from 9am to 12pm
For More information call 708-222-1491

ZONA SANTUARIO — NO ID REQUIREMENTS

FREE: Medical Exams and Screenings

- Physical Exams for Children (back to School) and adults
- Children's immunizations (bring your shot records for each child)
- Lead Screenings
- Glaucoma Screenings
- Hepatitis Screenings
- Memory Screenings
- UIC Check Dental Van Exams
- Adult Screenings: Blood Pressure, Glucose
- Pregnancy Testing
- Confidential HIV Rapid Testing
- Private Conversation with domestic violence counselor available
- Referrals to Free and Reduced Fee Medical And Social Service Providers



Information also available on the following topics:

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| - Benefit Screening for public benefit | - ALLKIDS Application Assistance |
| - Eligibility (food stamps, TANF, etc) | - Immigration/Family Reunification |
| - Health Education Workshops | - Legal Services |
| - Know Your Rights Workshops | - Maternity Adoption Services |

The Mercy, Power, and Love of God

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.