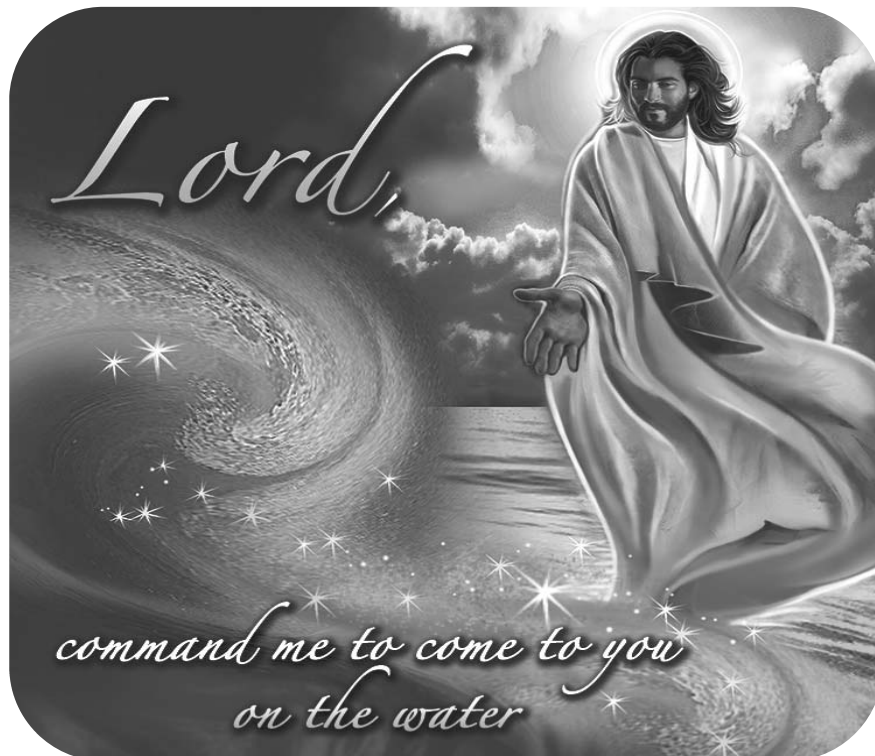


August 13, 2017
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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Hours: 8:30 AM-8:00 PM—Monday, & Thursdays
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302
Telephone: 708-386-5286

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

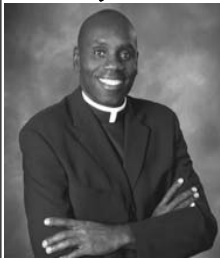
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 prophet Elijah is one of the most interesting and colorful people in the Bible, and God used him during an important time in Israel's history to oppose a wicked king and bring revival to the land. Elijah's ministry marked the beginning of the end of the worship of Baal, a pagan god in Israel. Elijah's life was filled with turmoil. At times he was bold and decisive, and at other times fearful and hesitant. Elijah knew both the power of God and the depths of depression.

Our first reading today comes from the book of 1 Kings and tells us that God told Elijah to go stand at the entrance to the cave. Then it says, "Behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire, the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'" Brothers and sisters in Christ, when Elijah stopped focusing on the fear of what men could do and his feelings of being alone, God's voice was heard, and Elijah went on at the very end of his story to be taken up to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:1-11).

As was true for Elijah, when we focus on the noise and the tumult of life in this world, we can get our eyes off of the LORD. However, if we listen for His still, small voice and walk in obedience to His Word, we find victory and reward. Each person in the Scripture has a lesson for us to learn and can aid our walk as believers in Christ. Elijah struggled with typical human frailties, yet he was used mightily by God. It can be encouraging to remember that when we struggle with faith, we are in good company. Elijah the prophet experienced such a struggle. One of the greatest prophets of all time had just called down fire from heaven, killed over 400 false prophets, and outrun King Ahab's chariot—a feat that would have been the envy of any Olympic gold-medalist (1 Kings 18:36-38). Yet we find Elijah hiding in a cave, depressed and asking for death (1 Kings 19:3-5). Even after all those miracles, he gave in to fear and doubt because, as it was explained in previous verses, a wicked woman hated him (1 Kings 19:2).

During times of stress and exhaustion, we can easily forget all that God has done for us as it was the case for Elijah. 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.

Nothing to Fear

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

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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

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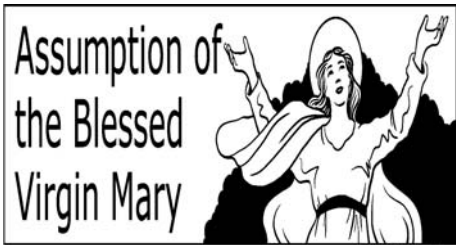
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August 13, 2017

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Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be said at 8:30 AM and at 7:00 PM on that day. Plan to attend.



Registration

We are getting ready for a new year in Religious Education. Classes for first to eighth grades will start on Wednesday, **September 6, 2016** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Lucienne Ministry Center. Registration for Religious Education is open to all. If you child/children attended the 2016-2017 year they will automatically be registered for this year.

If you are new to the parish or if you have a child entering first grade they need to be registered. In either case please stop at the Rectory or call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted. Or you can contact Christine Wedekind directly via e-mail at: Christine.wedekind@aol.com.

Night At the Races

Tickets for this parish event are on sale until August 19-20 after all Masses in the gathering area.

(See our ad on page 7 of this bulletin)

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

- 9:00 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 10:00 AM - Fundraising Meeting - RD
- 10:00 - 3:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 7:00 PM - Assumption of the Virgin Mary - CH

Thursday, August 17

- 10AM-4:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

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.



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

Save the Date

Thursday, August 24
Night at the Races - OS

Monday, August 21
First Day of School

Sunday, September 24
Walkathon & Picnic

Sunday, October 1
Baby Bottle Project Starts

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. August 14

8:30 Irma Monteverde (Health)
By: Ministry of Care

Tue. August 15

8:30 † Mary Ann Matysik
By: Evie Stockinger

7:00 † Nicolas Velazquez
By: A Friend

Wed. August 16

8:30 † Kay Kinkela
By: Evie Stockinger

Fri. August 18

8:30 † Joseph Sarafin
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. August 19

9:00 † Rev. Robert Sheridan
By: A Friend

5:00 † Thomas Connery
By: The Koko Family

Sun. August 20

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

8:30 † Ruth Michael
By: Troop 3 Boy Scouts

10:30 † Edwin J. Orr (30th Death Anniv.)
By: The Orr Family

Our Parish Stewardship
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



August 6, 2017	\$ 5,012.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,075.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ -1,221.00

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 — Elijah waits on the mountain for the Lord to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Tuesday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday:	St. John Eudes; Blessed Virgin Mary

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

AUGUST 20, 2017

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<u>Altar Servers</u>		
Michael Giometti	Miles Jackson	Ian Elsen Leslie Agbefe
<u>Ministers of the Word</u>		
Christine Wedekind Frank Pond	Peter Barber Sydney Jackson	Bro.J. Kilikevici Christine Diaz
<u>Ministers of the Eucharist</u>		
Jack Kernan Pat Koko Chemetha Baker Brenda Fojtik	Thom Schouten Bill Cragg Gordon Bell Elaine Podraza Fannie Cooper Annie Rowan	Scarlett Evans Bill Holmes Diana Cameron David Geffe Doris Brown 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.

AUGUST 20, 2017 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile. Today's passage speaks of salvation being offered to all, regardless of ethnic origin or social condition. Christians have seen in this an anticipation of the message that Jesus will preach.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Today's reading is the conclusion of Paul's thoughts about how Jewish people are going to participate in the saving grace of Jesus. Paul was Jewish and he loved his own people. He was disappointed that most of them had not accepted the Gospel. Paul hoped that his success in converting the Gentiles would encourage the Jewish people to take a second look at the message of Jesus.



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!!

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

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.



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, Dianne Dakis, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, 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.

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286

School News



...#It is hard to believe that school will soon be back in session! Our students start Monday, August 21. That is also the day of the solar eclipse, so you will see them outside around lunchtime looking at the sky with their protective glasses on. What a great way to start the year!!

...#Our teachers will "officially" start back on Monday, August 14. Fr. George will celebrate 8:30 Mass with the staff on Tuesday morning.

...#We look forward to sharing and celebrating with the parish this school year.

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

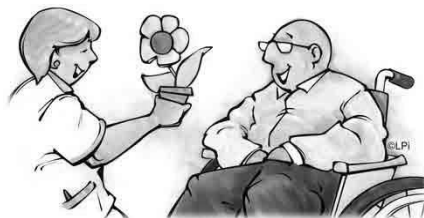
**Fall 2017 Vicariate
Ministry of Care Training—**

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.

**ATTENTION:
St. Catherine-St. Lucy
Parishioners**

We will carpool from our church parking lot. For those able to attend only 1 of the 2 sessions, please register for the training anyway, as we have arranged for a "make up" session in our own parish. Shelby Boblick will attend on Sept. 9, and Jeanne Visteen will attend Sept. 23. Shelby and Jeanne will lead the make-up session (for those who missed 1 session in Lindenhurst) sometime in October on a mutually convenient date. PLEASE REGISTER YOURSELVES FOR THE TRAINING as instructed below. You may identify Shelby Boblick as the "parish staff contact." Please let Shelby know your plans, if you haven't already done so.

**Catholic Charities
Backpack Drive ENDS
Tomorrow**

Backpacks will go directly to the children that attend our annual free community Health Fair at St. Frances of Rome on August 19. Drop-off donations at 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero, Illinois 30804.

Suggested Donations:

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

For information call: Esmeralda Zepeda at 708-329-4022

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 Requirement — FREE: Medical Exams & Screenings

- Physical Exams for Children (back to School) and adults
- Children's immunizations (bring your shot records for each child)
- Lead Screenings
- Glaucoma, Hepatitis, 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 & Social Service Providers
**Information also available on the
following topics:**

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



St. Catherine/St. Lucy Night at the Races

at

Hawthorne Race Course

Thursday, August 24, 2017

\$35.00 per person

Buffet Served from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Your Special Ticket will include:

- ..# Complimentary Clubhouse Admission
- ..# 2 hour Buffet, including: Chef Choice of Meat, Chicken & Pasta Entrée, Italian Sausage, Potato of the day, Tossed Green Salad, Soup & Cookies
- ..# Race Dedication
- ..# Live Racing Program Book
- ..# Post Time: 7:35pm
- ..# Parking \$3.00—Laramie Lot is the more convenient.

Contact for More Information and Tickets:

Mary Rose Nauss: 708.602.6421 or Amanda at the Rectory:
708.386.8077



Hawthorne Race Course
3501 S. Laramie Avenue, Stickney, IL 60804
1/2 Mile Off Interstate 55 and 10 minutes from Downtown.
708-780-7050—HawthorneRaceCourse.com