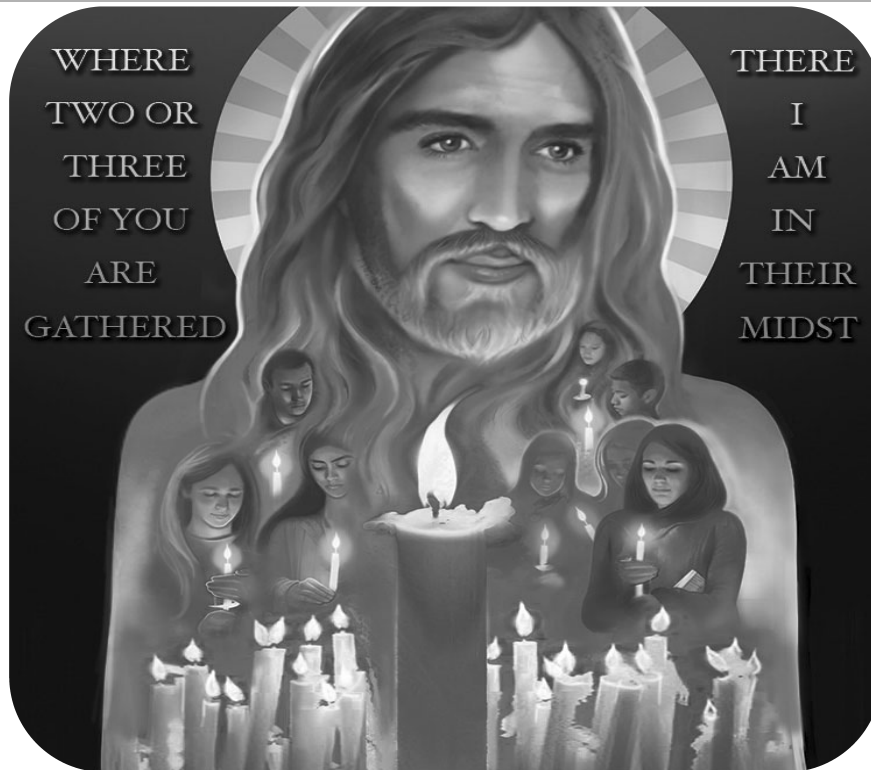


September 10, 2017
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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
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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

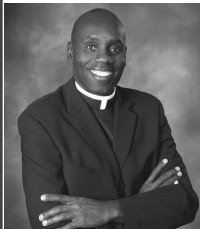
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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,

Thursday of this week we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, the Cross of Jesus Christ which is a symbol of our faith. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is an ancient feast, going back to the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem in 355 A.D. This Church encloses both Golgotha and Jesus' tomb, and on this site St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, found the Cross of Jesus. On this feast day, the first reading comes from the book of Numbers and goes like this; "With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses." Brothers and sisters in Christ, the life of faith sometimes seems like a long trip in the desert, and our faith can suffer. Because of their sin, the Israelites were afflicted by venomous snakes. So God instructed Moses to "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who was bitten, when s/he, sees it will live." The bronze serpent which was lifted up pointed to the cross of Christ that defeats death and obtains an everlasting life for those who believe. From Jesus' "being lifted on the Cross" and his resurrection, we are reborn "in the Spirit" as adopted sons and daughters of the Father, because God not only redeems us but also fills us with divine life that we might share his glory.

Today's gospel gives us practical advice on how to settle our disputes. Jesus says that when you've been wronged, deal personally and privately at first, publicly only if necessary, but always carefully and prayerfully with that person. How do you feel when you hear that someone has gossiped about your family...they talk about your child's mistake, or your wife's dress, or your father's drinking problem? How do you begin to reconcile or forgive that person/s? It is natural to feel angry and at times hurt. Jesus says if a relationship is restored with a person who has sinned against you, then you are once again in agreement (in harmony) and that agreement has heaven's approval. It is the idea of the Lord's Prayer to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Jesus is NOT giving us a pattern for Church discipline as many call it, but a pattern for returning harmony and agreement to a discordant relationship. And He is there in the midst when that happens. Trying to count how many times I have forgiven someone in itself shows an unforgiving spirit. Forgiveness has an eternal quality and gives us a picture of the spirit of Christ. It defies counting because it comes from the heart. It's not some scientific calculation, and it will demand grace, not reciprocity. Can you measure how much a person has been loved or forgiven? Impossible. We can count offenses easily, but forgiveness involves leaving the offence behind, so we cannot count mercy. To understand what Christ has accomplished in forgiving us for sins beyond count is to appreciate how much we need to forgive others without counting, and looking at the Cross of Jesus, the ultimate symbol of love, forgiveness and mercy.

May 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

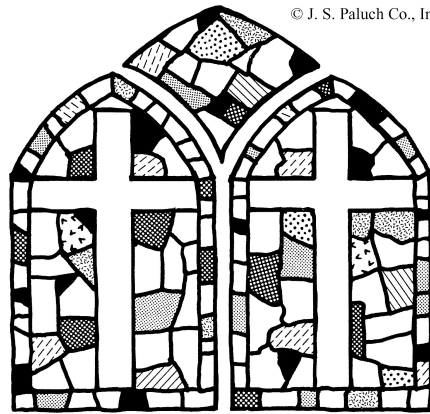
Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

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Faith & Fellowship— Tootsie Rolls Still Needs Help !!

This coming weekend (Sept 15/16), we will once again take to the streets! That is, at the intersection of Ridgeland and Madison we will be soliciting donations for the Knights of Columbus, which raises substantial funds for our parish's Faith & Fellowship program. We try to have the corner filled, but right now there are a lot of empty slots.

Can you PLEASE give an hour or two? Contact Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708- 383-9276. MANY THANKS!!



500 Club Certificates

The 2016-2017 season of the 500 Club continues with weekly drawings through October 22nd. Applications for certificates for the NEW 2017-2018 SEASON, with drawings beginning October 29th, have been mailed and are being accepted now. There are extra forms available in the back of church and at the rectory.

Looking forward to your participation!

-The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNERS

\$ 25.00

September 10, 2017

Denise Boyle,

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Walkathon 2017!

Only two more weeks to go! For our 13th annual walk and celebration picnic on Sunday **September 24th, 2017**. Food, fun and friendship will be had by ALL! You don't want to miss it. Raffle tickets are available after all masses. (See our ad on page 6 of this bulletin)

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

Win 4 tickets to the **Chicago Bears** versus the **Minnesota Vikings** game on Monday night, **October 9, 2017**. GREAT seats, first row, 20 yard line, Bears side of the field.

Raffle tickets will be sold after all of the Sunday Masses in September. The winning ticket will be drawn after the 10:30 am Mass on **October 1**.

Save the Date

Wednesday, September 13
Lou Malnati's Fundraiser

**Friday & Saturday,
September 15-16**
Tootsie Roll Collection - OS

Sunday, September 24
Walkathon & Picnic

Sunday, October 1
Baby Bottle Project Starts



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*

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust.

-Father George

Parish Calendar

Monday, September 11

1&7:30 PM - Women's Fall 2017 Series - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 AM - Bible Study - RRT
10:00 - 3:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
11:00 AM - Vicariate IV Workshop - M
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
6-9:00 PM - Virtus Training - S
7:00 PM - PPC-Agenda - RRT
7:30-9:00 PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, September 13

11AM-11PM - Lou Malnati's Event - OS
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
7:30-9:00 PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, September 14

10AM-4:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

Friday, September 15

7AM-6PM - F&F Tootsie Roll - OS
10 AM - Painting Party - RD
1:00-4:00 PM - Horizon Volunteers - S
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C

Saturday, September 16

8AM-12PM - F&F Tootsie Roll - OS



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. September 11

8:30 † **Felix Brown, Jr.**
By: Grace Bishop

Tue. September 12

8:30 † **John L. Harrison, Jr.**
By: Tom Nelson

Wed. September 13

8:30 † **Louise Heath**
By: Evie Stockinger

Fri. September 15

8:30 † **John R. Ludwig**
By: Jim Hargadon

Sat. September 16

9:00 † **Rev. John Scott**
By: Brenda Fojtik
5:00 † **Mildred McDonald**
By: The Mitchell Family

Sun. September 17

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Johnnie Evans**
By: Ministry of Care
10:30 † **Eddy Jean**
By: The Vincent Family

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



September 3, 2017	\$	5,790.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	1,547.00
Weekly Budget	\$	7,308.00
Amount Over Budget	\$	29.00

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 — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
 Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
 Monday: Patriot Day
 Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom
 Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows
 Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

5:00 PM **8:30 AM** **10:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli Tom Frank Ian Elsen
 Michael Giometti Mireille Lozes

Ministers of the Word

Debra Lomax Thom Schouten Ken Blair
 McLane Lomaz Peter Barber Rachel Faulman

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan **Claudia Zinanni** **Terry Sullivan**
 Pat Koko Walter Washington Kim McGuire
 Chemetha Baker Fannie Cooper Pat Long
 Dan Brown Gordon Bell Jeanne Visteen
 Annie Rowan Scarlett Evans
 Ginny Jones 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.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017- 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:33-28:9

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's section, he teaches his students the importance of forgiveness.

Second Reading: Romans 14-7-9

After dealing with the controversies which divided the early Christian community in Rome, Paul wrote about the need for tolerance and for sensitivity to the feelings of others. In today's passage, he points out that this affects our use of the gift of freedom.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Giles Parish in Oak Park

St. Catherine—St. Lucy parishioners have a new opportunity for religious education of their children through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program offered at St. Giles Parish in north Oak Park.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to faith formation that is rooted in the Bible and the Liturgy of our Church. Children gather in a prepared environment called an "atrium" where they live a shared experience of the most essential proclamations of the Christian faith.

St. Catherine-St. Lucy parishioner Rachel Faulman is a long-time catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and she has worked in the program at St. Giles Parish for several years. Interested families who would like to find out more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd may contact Rachel at rfaulman@gmail.com.

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, Gregory Ballew, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Mary Cotter, Lillian Czaplicki, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Normantha Evans, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Ben Hapka, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Ron Page, Charles Powell, Jr., Carlton Shanks, Sue Vanek, 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.

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School News



- #Today is National Grandparents' Day! Thank you to all the beautiful grandparents who have done so much for our church and school.
- #Speaking of grandparents...we would love to "rent" you for 30-60 minutes a week to read to our students. If you are interested, please call the school office at 708-386-5286 x102, or email Sharon Leamy at sleamy@catherinelucy.org.
- #Please join us Monday morning at 8:15am for a brief service of remembrance for 9/11 around our flag.
- #A Virtus training session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, from 6pm-9pm. It is meant for our new school employees and volunteers, but parishioners are welcome.

Your One Wild and Precious Life

A retreat weekend for men,
September 29, 30, October 1, 2017
LaSalle Manor, Plano IL

Mary Oliver ends one of her beautiful poems with a grand slam, thought provoking, heart opening question. "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" This question will be explored on the annual Male Spirit retreat offered by the Oak Park Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality.

LaSalle Manor Retreat Center features 45 wooded acres about one hour and a half drive from Chicago, a beautifully crafted rustic log and stone main lodge with modern conveniences, delicious food and private rooms.

Registration and information can be had by contacting, Br. Joseph Kilikevics, OP 708-848-1095 shemcenter@comcast.net

FUNDRAISING Giveback EVENT



Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Time: 11:00 am- 11:00 pm

Location: *Lou Malnati's:*
Oak Park- 1038 Lake Street -708-358-0800

DINE-IN • CARRYOUT • DELIVERY (within zone)
**Excludes Online Ordering*

Please contact Jeanne Visteenjvsteen@yahoo.com
708-383-2068

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received. Dine in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone) with this FLYER on 9-13-17.

Fundraiser/Flyer Must Be Mentioned At Time of Order

Cannot be combined with any other promotional offers including but not limited to: Discounts, Deep Dish Dough rewards redemption or Malnati's Mail welcome coupon.

Offer valid only at the date and location listed above.

Saints, Sisters and Prophets

The women of the west side of Chicago & Chicago's near-west suburbs are invited to gather this fall for reflection & conversation.

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the discussion, and we will use as a catalyst written and painted portraits from 3 different books: Sisters and Prophets by Mary Lou Sleevi, A Passion for Life by Joan Chittister with Robert Lentz, and Chasing the Saints by Donna Pucciani.

These "intensely personal stories remind us that these women are related to us; they are family; they are our own. They are also gifted, visionary. Through them we learn something about ourselves and God. Shelby will supply the materials each week.

September 11: St. Clare of Assisi: Holy Madness

September 25: The Seeker: Your own lost coin?

October 2: Joan of Arc: A Voice of Conscience **Note: The author Donna Pucciani of chasing the saints will join us for the Oct. 2 sessions!**

October 9: Anna: Whose whole life said "Hello!" to God

October 16: Kateri Tekakwitha: Icon of Otherness

October 23: Woman of Faith and Blood: Where fringe had such benefits!

November 6: Teresa of Avila: Face of Fire

November 13: Four Daughters & Their Mother: Whose Future is Unscripted

We'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1:00 PM and another at 7:30 PM. Please join us at whichever time suits your life. No need to come at the same time each Monday. We'll meet in the gathering space of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church. The Church is accessible by ramp, and assistive listening devices are available. Please join us! Questions or concerns...call Shelby Boblick @ 630-240-2765

Food.....Family.....Friends.....Fun !!!!

The 14th Annual St. Catherine — St. Lucy Walk & Picnic



What: A 5k (6 laps) Walk & Picnic plus kids' games
Where: Taylor Park in Oak Park (Division & Ridgeland North side)

When: Sunday, September 24 | 1-4pm

Cost: Donation packets will be available after each mass. If you do not wish to take a packet, please consider making a donation to someone who will walk.

Raffle: There will be a raffle for a Walgreens and Dave & Busters gift cards.

Tickets: Sold after Mass. Drawing on day of Walk.

~ EVERYONE IS WELCOME ~

There will be games and face painting for the kids as well as a balloon toss for ALL! Participants will be served BURGERS, DOGS, CHIPS, SODA / H2O & BROWNIES.

The proceeds \$\$ will go directly to St. Catherine- St. Lucy Parish.

Come & Support Our Parish!!

“The” Friendship Baptist Church of Chicago

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Pastor

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September 1, 2017

St. Catherine - St. Lucy Parish

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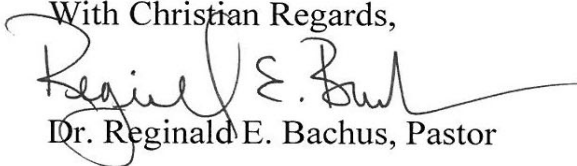
Dear Pastor Omwando,

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your outpouring of support to Friendship Baptist Church. In the midst of the shooting deaths of Emmanuel Fleming and Michael Swift on the steps of the church, we find comfort in knowing we are not alone. Our church friends, neighborhood, various organizations, and complete strangers have rushed to our aid with love, prayers, supportive words and financial assistance to the point where we feel almost overwhelmed. Expressing our thanks is the least we can do.

It has been such a testimony of love, faith and hope for the church to witness all of the goodness in the world following this horrible tragedy. We know without a doubt that we serve a God who will never leave us nor forsake us. Although we have emotional wounds that will take time to heal, your continual prayers and considerable acts of kindness helps us along the way.

We are blessed to have so many people who care for us and those who have done their jobs so well. We will never forget the support we received, including your personal visit to our church along with Connie Rakitan and Christine Wedekind. Also, thank you for the plant and scroll signed by your parishioners. Continue to pray for us in the months and years to come.

With Christian Regards,



Dr. Reginald E. Bachus, Pastor

Exalt The Savior - Equip The Saints - Evangelize The Lost - Entreat The Lord