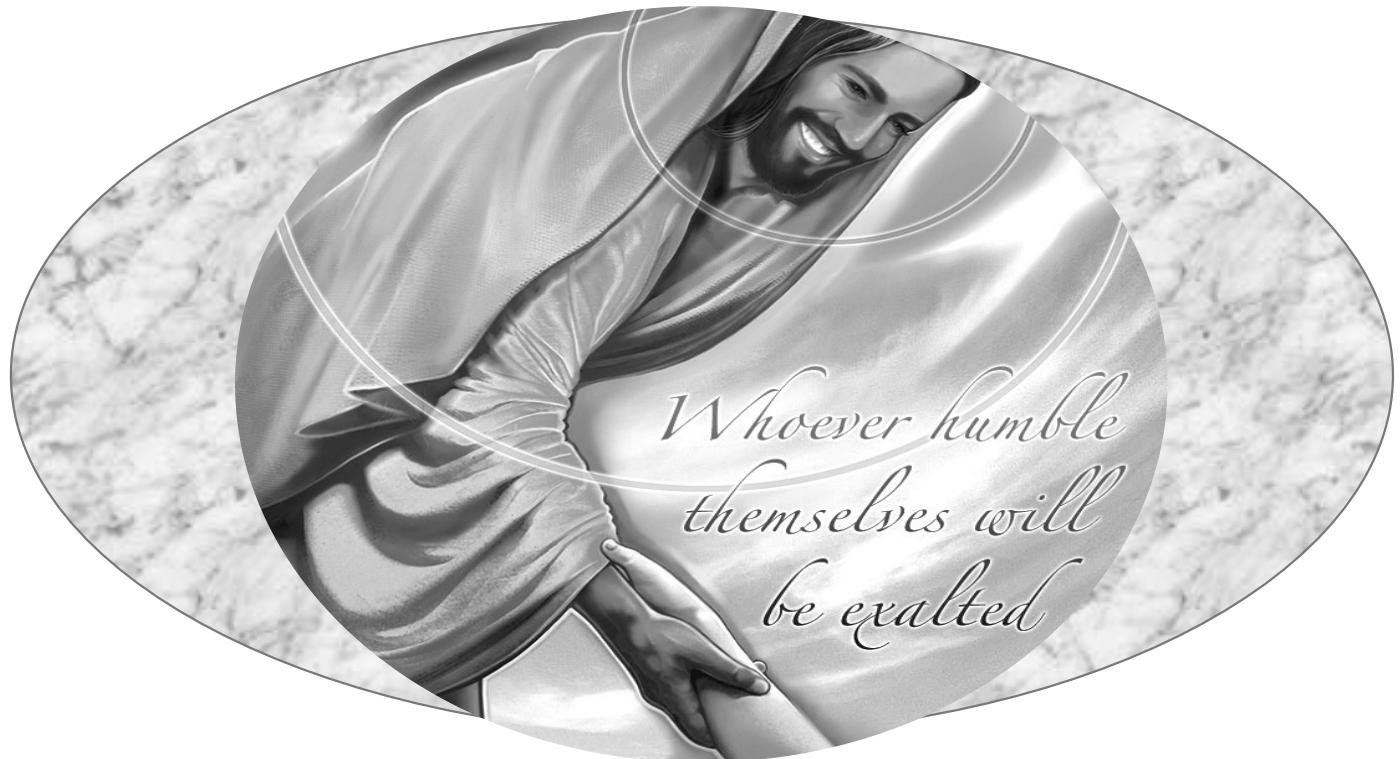


November 5, 2017
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 &
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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

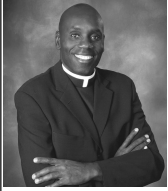
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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,

A vase shatters, brushed by a careless elbow; a toy breaks, handled roughly by young fingers; fabric rips, pulled by strong and angry hands; and spills and rips take time to clean up, effort to repair, and money to replace. But far more costly are shattered relationships. Unfaithfulness, untruths, hateful words, and forsaken vows tear delicate personal bonds and inflict wounds not easily healed. Most tragic, however, is a broken relationship with God. God loves perfectly and completely. And His love is a love of action -- giving, guiding, and guarding. He is altogether faithful, true to His promises to His chosen people. But the Israelites' lack of faith consistently spurned their loving God, breaking the covenant, following other gods, and living for themselves. Their relationship with Him was shattered but the breach was not irreparable and all hope was not lost. God can heal, mend, and reweave the fabric.

Forgiveness is available through grace for everyone who commits sin. The message of prophet Malachi from which our first reading comes reminded the Jews, God's chosen nation, of the willful disobedience -- both the priests and the people at large. The prophet rebuked the people and the priests for neglecting the worship of God and for failing to live according to His will. The priests were corrupt, and it was becoming difficult to lead the people because they had become stumbling blocks of guiding the people in the ways of the law. The men were also divorcing their wives and marrying pagan women.

Brothers and sisters, if our relationship with God is unimportant, we need to take stock of ourselves by setting aside our sinful habits and putting the Lord first, by giving Him the best of ourselves. The first reading today is very relevant as sometimes we have drifted away from keeping our baptismal promises. We are supposed to love one another and be a source of inspiration to our neighbors, but most importantly we must know always that God loves and forgives us unconditionally. Let us try to follow our Lord's example as portrayed in the Gospels since Jesus always led by way of example in everything that He told His disciples to do. Whatever Jesus expected them to do, He always showed them how to do it first. In today's world, many leaders expect their subordinates to perform tasks which they themselves are incapable of doing. This destroys their credibility and causes them to lose the respect of their followers.

No one can define with words the Lord Jesus' exceptional leadership style; but there are countless leadership lessons we can learn from Him, regardless of our religious affiliation. Any reasonable person understands that more books have been written, songs sung, pictures painted, and thoughts discussed about Jesus than anyone else in human history. Jesus demonstrated so perfectly the attributes and skills of a perfect leader. These same skills and qualities are important for us all if we wish to succeed as leaders, parents, teachers, etc. of this world in any lasting way. Brothers and sisters in Christ, time and again Christ exemplified an attitude of service toward all within His reach. What is the use of our carrying the largest Bible to the church, if we do not bear the Word of God in our hearts, and obey it in our lives?

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.



November: Month of the Holy Souls

All are invited to bring photos of deceased loved ones to the church and place them in the window wells of the church. Photos will remain in the window wells throughout the month of November as we remember loved ones in prayer. Also, the Book of Remembrance will be in the Gathering Space throughout November so that you might enter the names of loved ones for whom you wish to pray.

500 CLUB WINNER!

The New Season of the 500 Club has begun!

Congratulations to the owner
of Certificate # 87

PAUL KNIGHT

is the winner of the First
Week's prize of \$500.00

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from October 29th, 2017 through October 21st, 2018. 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 have been mailed to registered members of the parish and are available in the back of church. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone, not just members of our parish community. Pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

In commemoration of November as
National Black Catholic History Month
St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy
Parish, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak
Park, IL *welcomes everyone to hear*

Dr. C. Vanessa White
speak about African-American
Catholics as

“Authentically Black and Truly Catholic.”

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 // 7:30 p.m.

**Advance registration is not required.
A minimum free-will donation of \$10
per person is appreciated.**



At Catholic Theological
Union, Dr. White is
Assistant Professor of
Spirituality and Minis-
try Director of the
Master of Arts in
Pastoral Studies and

the Master of Arts in Specialized
Ministries as well as the Director of
the Certificate in Pastoral Studies.
Dr. White is extensively published
and a sought-after presenter.

*St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy
Praise Choir will open the evening
with songs in the African-American
tradition under the direction of
Dr. Julius White.*

The church is accessible by ramp,
and assistive listening devices are
available. Questions? Call Amanda
at the Rectory: 708-386-8077

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

November 5, 2017

KEN AND SARA BLAIR,

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Parish Calendar

Monday, November 6

1 & 7:30PM - Women Fall Series - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
6:30-9:30PM- Faith/Fellowship- LMC

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 AM - Bible Study - RRT
10:00 - 3:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
7:30-9:00 PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, November 8

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C.
6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - CH
7:30-9:00 PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, November 9

8-AM-5PM - Bazaar Set-Up - M
1-3:30 & 7-9:30PM- Faith/Fellowship- LMC
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
6-8 PM - A.A. - RD
7:30 PM - Speaker : Authentically Black &
Truly Catholic - CH

Friday, November 10

12-6:00PM - Christmas Bazaar & Craft
Show - M
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C

Saturday, November 11

10AM - 4PM - Christmas Bazaar & Craft
Show - M

FOOD FIRST TODAY

Won't You Please Help?!

Save the Date

**Friday & Saturday
November 10-11**
*Christmas Bazaar at
Maguire Hall*

Sunday, December 3
*Breakfast with St. Nick
Maguire Hall*

Sat.-Sun, Dec. -9-10
Christmas Flower Sale



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. November 6

8:30 † **Deborah Cassin**
By: Martha and Robert Cannon

Tue. November 7

† **John Sullivan**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. November 8

8:30 † **Albert Brion**
By: Dorothy Brion

Fri. November 10

8:30 † **Mary Cotter**
By: Parishioners

Sat. November 11

9:00 **Tom and Pat Nelson (Health)**
By: Dave Grayson
5:00 † **Louise and David Butler**
By: Grace Bishop

Sun. November 12

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Jo Ellen Gilleran**
By: Edward & Christine Wedekind
10:30 † **Stella Galuska**
By: Donna Kanapes

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



October 29, 2017	\$	4,922.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	1,147.00
Weekly Budget	\$	7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$	- 1,239.00

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 — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1)

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

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3;
Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday: Election Day
Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday: St. Leo the Great
Saturday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Altar Servers

Michael Giometti	Walter Washington	Mireille Lozes
Mark Thomas		Michelle Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

Paul Koko	Jeanette Cannon	Rachel Faulman
Christine Wedekind	Peter Barber	Pat Nelson

Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker	Claudia Zinanni	Terry Sullivan
Susan Kumler	Annie Rowan	Kim McGuire
Pat Koko	Marjorie Fields	Bern Wheel
Dan Brown	Kathy Mortell	John McGuire
	Kevin Kell	Shelby Boblick
	Gordon Bell	Marie Wheel

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.

NOVEMBER 12, 2017– 33ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Today's passage is part of a lengthy poem which praises the virtues of a good wife and mother.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Paul and the early Christians expected the immediate Second Coming of Christ. Today, as he concludes his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds them to be prepared for this. His message is encouraging, not frightening.



The word
of God
is at work
in you



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**Bible Study -
Tuesdays 9:30 AM**

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study in 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.

Lector's Prayer Service

We'll be having a Special Lector's Prayer Service on **Monday, November 20th at 7:00 PM** at Church. Please come join us!



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Gregory Ballew, Ernestine Bishop, Rev. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Louis Dieguez, Normantha Evans, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Ben Hapka, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Irma Pomareda, Charles Powell, Jr., Carlton Shanks, Kate Shoevlin, 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.

Remember a Loved One

We have the 2018 Mass book available. Mass intentions are only \$10.00. Please come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

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School News

- #Our students are looking forward to visiting the bazaar net month. Thank you for our special preview show.
- #The school's website is getting a new look, thanks to the hard work of Lisa Rieger and Mary Sim. It should be up and running by the beginning of November.
- #The school will be doing some practice fire drills during the week of November 6.
- #A new St. Catherine-St. Lucy Student Council Board will be elected on Tuesday, November 7.
- #We have been invited to be one of the hosts for "Lend a Shoulder Day" on Wednesday, November 8. Board members from the Big Shoulders organization will be here to visit our school for the morning, participating in activities in the classrooms.
- #Coffee with the Principal is set for Thursday, November 16, at 8:15am. Dan Bennett, from Big Shoulders, will join us to discuss parental options for high schools and financial aid. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



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

Update Personal Info

We are asking you to please update us with your cell phone number and e-mail address. Many people have cancelled their landlines and have not given us their new number. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

Success Stories

Faith Fellowship Ministry

The purpose of Faith & Fellowship is to provide faith experiences in a way suited to the needs of persons with a mental illness offering them opportunities for integration into the life and activities of the parish community.

A volunteer wrote: I'm involved with with the Faith & Fellowship, a one-woman agency that is a religious outreach to people with mental illness in residences in the west side of Chicago. We work out of the old convent of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church in Oak Park. I lead prayer times and, for one residence, a math class, at three west side residences. I also participate in structured prayer services with residents of two facilities at the church's old convent. For me, meeting and praying with residents is strengthening and nourishing. The deep faith of some, in the difficult circumstances of their lives, is to be deeply pondered. At one of my recent prayer services, the theme was "What is your foundation?" Everyone said that ultimately their foundation was God (or Jesus), but one said, "These Thursday meetings are my foundation. I look forward to them. I can talk about these things [his desire to move on in his life and the frustrations in trying to do this]." It is times like this that you can see God working in our lives.

Right and Wrong

What is morally wrong can never be politically right.

—Anthony Ashley Cooper



Saints, Sisters and Prophets

Fall Reflection and Conversation

Shelby Boblick is facilitating the discussion, and using 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.

November 6: Teresa of Avila: Face of Fire

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

We offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1:00 PM and another at 7:30 PM. We 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? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Pro-Life

Did You Know, that after Conception?

- #18 days a baby's heart begins to beat
- #43 days brain coordinates movement
- #7 weeks a baby can hiccup
- #8 weeks organs can function
- #9 weeks has permanent, individual fingerprints
- #10 weeks can feel pain
- #12 weeks a baby can smile, suck their thumb and make a fist

Over 2 million couples wait to adopt – including children of all races & those with special needs

Any textbook will confirm what every doctor knows:

LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION

The Greatest Among Us

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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Together for Good

Sunday November 19, 2017 — 7:00 PM

Community of Congregations Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service

UNITY TEMPLE

875 Lake Street,
Oak Park, IL

Beneficiaries Holiday Food and Gift Basket Program and Hispanic Federation's "Unidos" Hurricane Relief Fund to Puerto Rico



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*

St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy
60th Anniversary — Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 10, 2017; Noon - 6 pm

Saturday, November 11, 2017; 10 am - 4 pm

Luncheon served at 1 pm on Saturday

Luncheon: Adults \$18; Children 12 & under \$11

In Maguire Hall: 28 North Austin Blvd. - Oak Park, IL.



BOOTHS:

New Toys \$1.00 and up

Baked Goods

White Elephant Items

"RBC Jewelry" by *Pat Koko*

Candles by "Bright Endeavors" (Sat. only)

Handmade Crafts by SCC - OPRF, Lifelong Learning Center (Sat. only)

Silent Auction 10am—2:15pm on SAT ONLY

RAFFLES:

Big Raffle - Tickets \$2.00 or 6 for \$10

* Handmade Quilt * Samsung Galaxy Tablet

* Madeline" & Friends Furnished Doll House (with dolls)

* Art Glass Piece * \$250

Jar Raffle - Tickets \$.25 or 5 for \$1.00 Pick a Prize Raffle - Tickets \$.50 each

* * * * **RESERVATIONS** * * * * **Return by 11/4/17**

_____ Number of ADULT Luncheons @ \$18.00 each

_____ Number of CHILD Luncheons -- age 12 & under @ \$11.00 each

Enclosed is: \$ _____ for Luncheon Reservations

\$ _____ for Raffle Tickets @ \$2.00 each/6 for \$10

\$ _____ Donation

\$ _____ **TOTAL** (checks payable to St Catherine/St Lucy Parish)

Signature _____

Phone _____

Credit Cards Accepted (No American Express) Handicapped Accessible. Info call 708-386-8077

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name _____

Phone _____

RESERVATIONS FOR: (make sure to include yourself!)

1. _____ 6. _____

2. _____ 7. _____

3. _____ 8. _____

4. _____ 9. _____

5. _____ 10. _____

REMEMBER: Discount if you reserve for 8 or more AND payment & names provided at one time.
 Discounted to \$17.00 Adult, \$10.00 Child