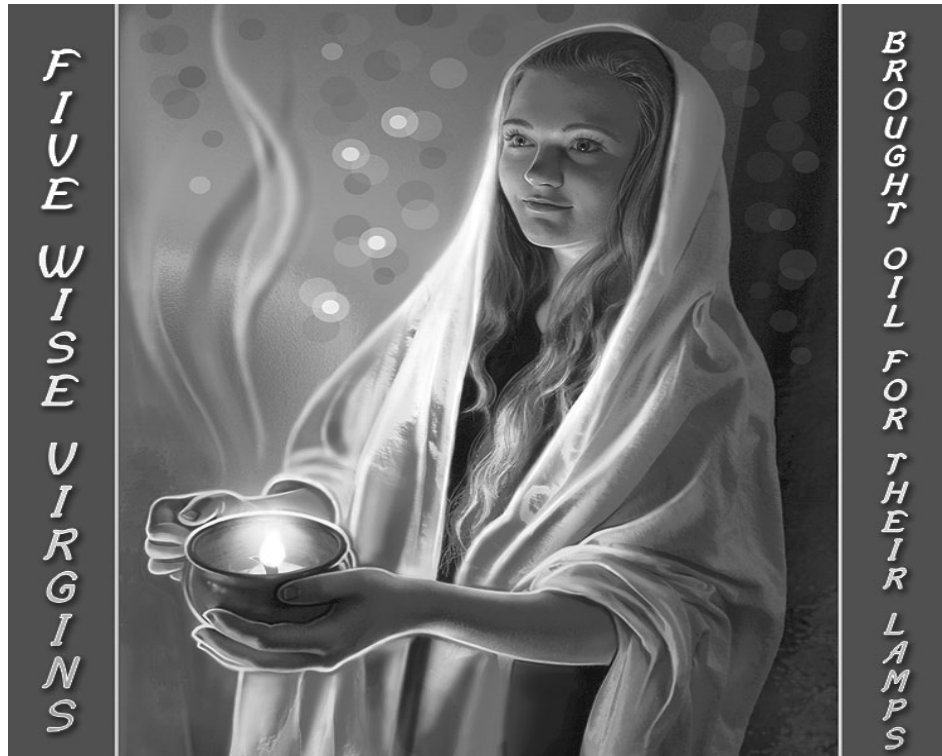


**November 12, 2017**  
**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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**  
**SUPPORT STAFF**

**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager / Adm. Ass't.**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

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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  
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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*

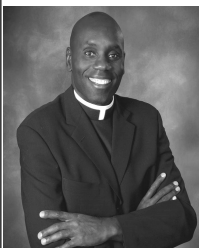
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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,

Of all of the evils that Jesus confronted, one of the greatest was the evil of hypocrisy. His strongest language was directed at hypocrites; they provoked his greatest anger. Hypocrisy affects most people in this world. Some former Catholics have proclaimed that they don't come to church anymore because it's filled with people who think they are holy but live in unholy ways in their ordinary, everyday lives. They're religious on Sunday but do not live religious lives Monday through Saturday. We need to also recognize that many who accuse others of hypocrisy are themselves guilty of it. Jesus did not mince words when it came to religious hypocrisy. St. Matthew reports Him declaring: "*Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you are like to whited sepulchers, which outwardly appear to men beautiful, but within are full of dead men's bones, and of all filthiness.*" (Matthew 23:27) That, more than anything else, is what got Him killed. His death was staged by hypocritical religious leaders whom our Blessed Lord exposed to the people under their authority.

Christians are easily charged with hypocrisy also. The standards set for us are so high that none of us can live up to them – unless we turn to God for help. Which is the whole point, isn't it? What, then, are we to do? The first thing we must do is to admit that there is a tremendous gap between what we are and what we ought to be. We need first, above all else, to recognize the truth about ourselves and then, asking for God's mercy, set about amending our lives. Often, we hold up high expectations of others, holding them to extremely high standards in solving human problems without lifting a finger to help solve those problems ourselves. It's good to have high ideals and high standards in how we live. We need to teach our children to have them and lead them in living out those standards and ideals. But at the same time, we should realize that children are quick, very quick, to see when we are not living up to them ourselves. We need to be sure we are giving good example and living in authentic leadership free of hypocrisy. We should always propose and never impose without observing our ideals in the ways we are living. No one, it seems, has a monopoly on hypocrisy. All of us could use massive doses of sincerity and truth.

Yes – we are a sinners' Church. Yes, our pews are filled with people who don't live up to the high standards and expectations God imposes upon us. And, yes, we are here to humbly confess our sins and ask God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves – to forgive us precisely because we cannot forgive ourselves. The world and the secularists who surround us may mock and sneer at us for being here at Mass, and they may make fun of the Sacrament of Forgiveness and our going to confession. But at least we are trying to humbly admit that, with God's loving and gracious help, we want to keep on trying. We haven't given up.

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: Kathy Paoli

##### 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.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon. November 13**

8:30 † Patrick Hargadon  
By: The Hargadon Family

**Tue. November 14**

† Joan Dechert  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Wed. November 15**

8:30 David Grabski Family (Health)  
By: Dave Grayson

**Fri. November 17**

8:30 † Roman Charles  
By: Evie Stockinger

**Sat. November 18**

9:00 † Antonio Pomareda  
By: Granddaughter

5:00 † Jesus Lee  
By: The Yee Family

**Sun. November 19**

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

8:30 † Mary Cotter  
By: Parishioners

10:30 † Deceased Members of  
The Vincent Family

### Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



November 5, 2017	\$	6,766.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$	922.00
Weekly Budget	\$	7,308.00
<b>Surplus</b>	\$	450.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)

Thanks for your continued financial support!

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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### Readings for the Week

Monday:	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Wednesday:	St. Albert the Great
Thursday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Friday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Saturday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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

#### Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli	Tom Frank	Ian Elsen
Dan Brown	Kevin Morgan	Leslie Agbefe

#### Ministers of the Word

Mary Rose Nauss	Shirley Jones	Yuna Kim
Paul Knight	Ginny Jones	Ken Blair

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

<b>Chemetha Baker</b>	<b>W. Washington</b>	<b>Shelby Boblick</b>
Pat Koko	Fannie Cooper	Diana Cameron
Susan Kumler	Marjorie Fields	Mary Howard
Brenda Fojtik	R. Smith-Quinn	Jan Kieckhefer
	Gordon Bell	Doris Brown
	Annie Rowan	Pat Long

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 19, 2017– 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 301-31**

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.



**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.

**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.



**Praying for the Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Gregory Ballew, Ernestine Bishop, Rev. John Carolan, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Louis Dieguez, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Irma Pomareda, Charles Powell, Jr., Ann Protz, 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.

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708-386-5286



**School News**

- # Thank you for a wonderful Christmas bazaar! Our students and teachers loved being a part of it.
- # Taffy apples for sale as part of a school fundraiser. Please contact the school office at 708-386-5286 if you are interested in purchasing any.
- # Congratulations to D'Mingo Dawkins! D'Mingo is one of our 8th grade students and has been selected by his teachers as St. Catherine-St. Lucy's Optimist Club award winner.
- # Coffee with the Principal is set for Thursday, November 16, at 8:15 am. Dan Bennett, from Big Shoulders, will join us to discuss parental options for high schools and financial aid. Parishioners are welcome to attend.
- # The School Board is hosting a Girl Empowerment Program on Friday, November 17, from 6-7pm, in the gym. Speakers from Rush-Oak Park Hospital and the Boys' & Girls' Club will be presenting. All are welcome.
- # Our Thanksgiving Liturgy is Tuesday, November 21, at 10:15 in church. Join us if you can.
- # Parent-Teacher Conferences are also on Tuesday, November 21, from 3-7pm, in the school.
- # There will be no school on Wednesday, November 22.

**Pray For Our Deceased**



*Ted Shanks*

*May he rest in peace!*

Brother of our kind and faith-filled parishioner Carlton Shanks

*May the angels lead Ted into Paradise!*



**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 [apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net)

**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.

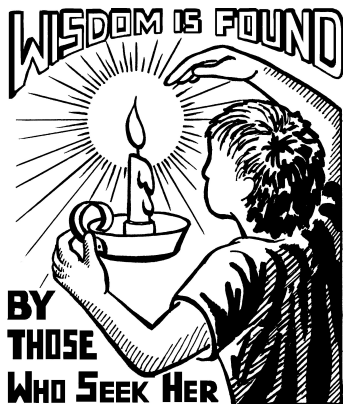
*-Father George*

## Wisdom

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.

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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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to GiveCentral

Next Weekend—2nd Collection is for the:

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD collection.

## I Can Do Anything

*I have started houses with no more than the price of a loaf of bread and prayers, for with him who comforts me, I can do anything.*

—Frances Xavier Cabrini

## 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**

## Religious Education



There will be RE classes on Wednesdays November 15, and 29.

**A reminder that on Sunday, December 3rd, the 10:30 mass will be a family mass and that the St. Nick's Pancake Breakfast is also this date following 8:30 and 10:30 masses.**

Registration is always open. If you have a child/children who you would like to register, contact the Rectory, leave your name and number and someone will call you. It is never too late.

## Little Blue Books

For the Seasons of Advent and Christmas

These popular books will be available beginning next weekend, November 25-26—you'll be ready to begin the readings the first Sunday of Advent: December 2-3! As usual, we are asking a voluntary donation of \$1 per *Little Blue Book*.

## Together for Good

Sunday November 19, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Community of Congregations Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service

UNITY TEMPLE  
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Oak Park, IL

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



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Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry



*"[Migrants and refugees] are human people, I stress this, who are appealing for solidarity and assistance, who need urgent action but also and above all understanding and kindness. God is good, let us imitate God. Their condition cannot leave us indifferent." -Pope Francis*

The Dream Act of 2017, S. 1615, was recently introduced in the Senate. If passed into law, this bipartisan bill would protect immigrant youth, including DACA beneficiaries. Similarly, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) allows individuals to remain and work lawfully in the U.S. during a period in which is deemed unsafe for nationals of that country to return home due to natural disaster, armed conflict, or other extraordinary conditions. This fall, the Administration will have to make decisions whether to extend TPS.

**ACTION:** Respond to the call of Pope Francis by asking your legislators to co-sponsor the Dream Act of 2017 and extend the TPS program. Visit the USCCB website:  
[www.JusticeforImmigrants.org](http://www.JusticeforImmigrants.org).

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)

**Volunteer!**

Are you a good listener? Are you looking to serve your community with purpose? Become a Heartland Hospice Volunteer! Our Volunteers are the heart of our hospice team. We depend on our hospice volunteers to help us provide the extra care our patients and their families need. Volunteers have a tremendous impact on the lives of the patients that they serve. Volunteers offer support, companionship and compassionate help to our patients. As a hospice volunteer, you will be oriented to the hospice program so you can understand our caring philosophy and goals. We do have a screening process which includes an application, background check and in-person training. Although our office is in Westmont, we have patients in your community that could use a friend like you. We work with your schedule, so contact us, and let's make a difference together! Call 630-323-0316 and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator or email us ([Jennifer.hurd@hcr-manorcare.com](mailto:Jennifer.hurd@hcr-manorcare.com)).

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— *Matthew 25:13*