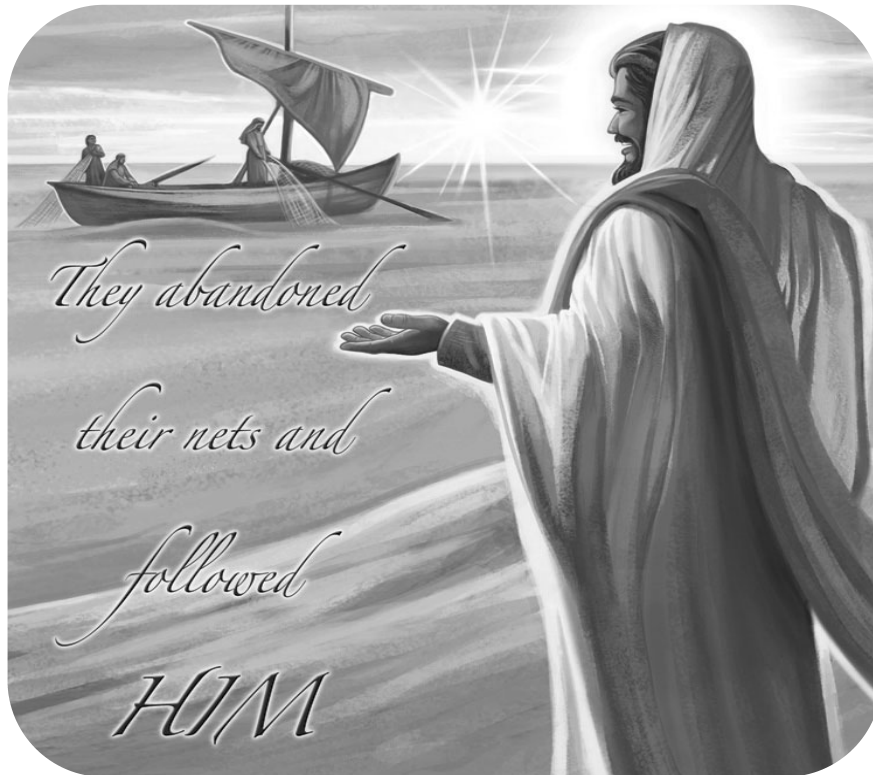


January 21, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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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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 parishioner Mary Jane O'Brien

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Where to begin... I've been a member of St Catherine's of Siena for about 12 years now – is that possible? When I moved to Oak Park in 2003, I was a church hopper. You know what I mean. I had Mass times for several local Catholic parishes taped to the inside of one of my kitchen cabinets and attended regularly - but mostly based upon which service fit my schedule that weekend. It's not very conducive to connecting with fellow parishioners. Then some friends of mine invited me to attend St Catherine's with them. It may sound hokey but I really felt a sense of community and belonging right from the start. In spite of the fact that many people had been members for decades, everyone seemed open and keen on inviting newcomers to worship and share their faith with them.

People are devoted to each other and the faith family at St Catherine's and I knew I wanted to do more. I had been a Minister of Care for many years at my prior parish out of a sense of gratitude to those who had brought Communion to my parents when they were homebound. However, the sense of loss I felt upon the death of people I had grown attached to was difficult. What could I do instead?

Since, I knew I'd be at Mass anyway, for me it seemed an easy thing to become a lector. Schedules are set on a rotation and other lectors are very willing to help each other out when conflicts arise – someone's out of town, etc.

About five years ago, I was invited to consider joining the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). There are so many demands on our time today and my initial reaction was panic. How would I fit this in? The thing is, I do believe that it's important to support the people and causes you love and usually things don't take as much time as you think they will.

In today's Gospel, Mark recounts how Jesus invited Simon and his brother Andrew, and James and his brother John to follow Him - and they did. There's something deeply personal about being invited to take part in something that matters and I am reminded constantly of how blessed we are to be a part of a community made up of such generous people. We all have different gifts and responsibilities but, if you're at a stage in your life where you can, this is me, inviting you.

God bless!

Mary Jane O'Brien

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

Juan Perez

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.

The Demands of Discipleship

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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Gift

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

—Anonymous

Save the Date

**Sunday, February 4 -
10:00 AM**
African-American Heritage Celebration followed by a brunch at Maguire Hall

**Saturday & Sunday
February 10-11**
Valentine's Bake Sale

Wednesday, February 14
*Ash Wednesday
Lent Starts*

African-American Heritage Celebration!

In two weeks (**February 4th**) we will be celebrating the gift of the African-American heritage in our parish family. The celebrant for this important occasion is Bishop Joseph Perry whom we welcome with open arms! YOU are more than welcome and ENCOURAGED to invite family members and neighbors to our 10:00 a.m. Mass that day. This Mass will be followed by our annual brunch to continue the celebration.

Help is needed to help with the brunch (set-up, clean-up, bring food) - contact Ginny Jones, 773-379-8423 or v.m.jones@hotmail.com. Sign up sheets can be found in the gathering area after the Masses.

Also, please consider bringing one of your favorite "pot luck" dishes to share with all of us!! See our flyer on page 7 of this bulletin.



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☆☆ **500 CLUB WINNER** ☆☆

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Parish Calendar

- Monday January 22**
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
- Tuesday, January 23**
 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR
- Wednesday, 24**
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 6:30-8:00 PM - Religious Education - LMC
 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH
- Thursday, January 25**
 1-3PM & 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Mtg - LMC
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD
 7:00 PM - Bazaar Follow-Up Mtg.—RDR
- Friday, January 26**
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C

500 Club Certificates

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE NEXT \$500 DRAWING!

On Sunday February 11th the 500 Club prize will be \$500 instead of \$25. Have you got the lucky certificate number? Certificates are \$25 each and are included in every weekly drawing through October 21st, 2018 even if they have already been winners! The prize each week is \$25 except for the 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. Some of the proceeds from this year's 500 Club will be used for window repair in the rectory; the rest goes into the general operating fund of the parish. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone, not just members of our parish community. Please pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. January 22

8:30 † Rev. Harry Rynard
By: A Friend

Tue. January 23

8:30 † Susan Miniscalco
By: Tom and Carol Frank

Wed. January 24

8:30 † Lynn and James McClure
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Fri. January 26

8:30 † Albert Ernst
By: Evie Stockinger

Sat. January 27

9:00 † Eileen A. Barry
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † Deceased Members of
The Darang-Coleman Family

Sun. January 28

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 Alexandre Vincent (*Health*)
By: The Vincent Family
10:30 † Belle Weinberg
By: Donna Kanapes

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



January 14, 2018	\$ 6,665.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 892.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
SURPLUS	\$ 249.00

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 — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).
Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).
Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS
JANUARY 28, 2018**

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>
<u>Altar Servers</u>		
Mark Thomas	Kevin Morgan	W. Washington Ian Elsen
<u>Ministers of the Word</u>		
Mary Rose Nauss Paul Knight	Wrenetha Julion R. Smith-Quinn	Terry Sullivan Patricia Long
<u>Ministers of the Eucharist</u>		
Dan Brown Carol Brown Chemetha Baker Pat Koko	Claudia Zinanni Kevin Kell Thom Schouten Kathy Mortell Bill Cragg Marge Massarello	Scarlett Evans Bill Holmes Doris Brown Bern Wheel Marie Wheel Diana Cameron

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope
Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

JANUARY 28, 2018 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The events in today's reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses is near death and is giving final instructions. He promises that after his death, God will still be with them through another prophet. Both Jewish and Christian readers have seen this as referring to the future Messiah.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul is responding to their question about whether it is better to remain single or become married. Paul's belief was that when you became Christian, you should not take on a new state in life since he expected Jesus would return in glory very soon.



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.



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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, Ernestine Bishop, James Bowers, Jarrie Brown, Rev. John Carolan, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Larry & Normatha Evans, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Marcus Hall, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Charles Powell, Jr., Ann Protz, Elias Rojas, Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, 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.

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

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School News

- ..# The Tax Credit Scholarship application opens tomorrow. We are making our computers available for parents all week, to help them take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.
- ..# The School Board is sponsoring a Winter Wonderland Festival on Friday evening, January 26, from 7-10pm. You are welcome to join us for the fun.
- ..# The 8th Graders will be heading downtown to Solstice Corporation on Wednesday, January 24. They have been invited to spend the morning job shadowing at the tech organization.
- ..# Catholic Schools Week begins on January 28. Watch for announcements on upcoming activities.
- ..# If you have any extra time, we would welcome your help at school – readers in our primary grades, office help on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday mornings, greeters at our back door. No amount of time is too small to give. Please call the school at 708-386-5286 or email Mrs. Leamy at sleamy@catherinelucy.org.

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





Religious Education

Hope you had a Happy start for the New Year.

Please update your Calendars as these are the official dates for January 2018.

Class on Wednesday, January 24th and Jan. 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Lucienne Ministry Center.

Looking forward to seeing you all this New Year.



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

The Church in Latin America Collection

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

As a parish, we collected \$ 446.00 which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so that they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

WEEK of PRAYER



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for CHRISTIAN UNITY

Please Make Your Gift to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Come, Follow Me"

During the last week, many parish families received a letter from Cardinal Cupich requesting your participation by making a pledge to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.

We ask that you respond as generously as possible. The Appeal supports both Parish and Archdiocesan ministries and services. The Appeal funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Come, Follow Me." We have all received God's love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God's love to many, many others.

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FM	88	90	92	94	99	100	102	104	106	108

Catholic Chicago Radio
WNDZ 750-AM

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tune in to Catholic Chicago radio to hear about the people, issues and faith-based events that make the Archdiocese of Chicago a vibrant faith community.

St. Valentine's Bake Sale

Our annual St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale draws near. It will be held on February 10 and 11. All parishioners are invited to "try their hand" at baking something for the sale.

A Valentine theme would be appropriate. On the weekend of the sale, please bring all baked goods to the Rectory any time on Saturday and drop baked goods off at Maguire Hall before the Masses Sunday. ALL are invited to the Hall for coffee and juice and to purchase delicious home baked goods on that weekend.

The 500 Club Drawing, for \$500.00 is part of the bake sale. Certificates may be purchased right up until the drawing. Come, enjoy, and be a winner! There will be door prizes for those in attendance.

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.

312- 337-1962
888- 456-HOPE
projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

Stewardship 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." —Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

African American Heritage Celebration

Sunday, February 4th

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Bishop Joseph Perry, presiding

**St. Catherine -
St. Lucy Parish**

38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park

Pot Luck Brunch to follow
in Maguire Hall (parish gym)
after Mass - bring a dish to
share!

Info: 708 - 386-8077

