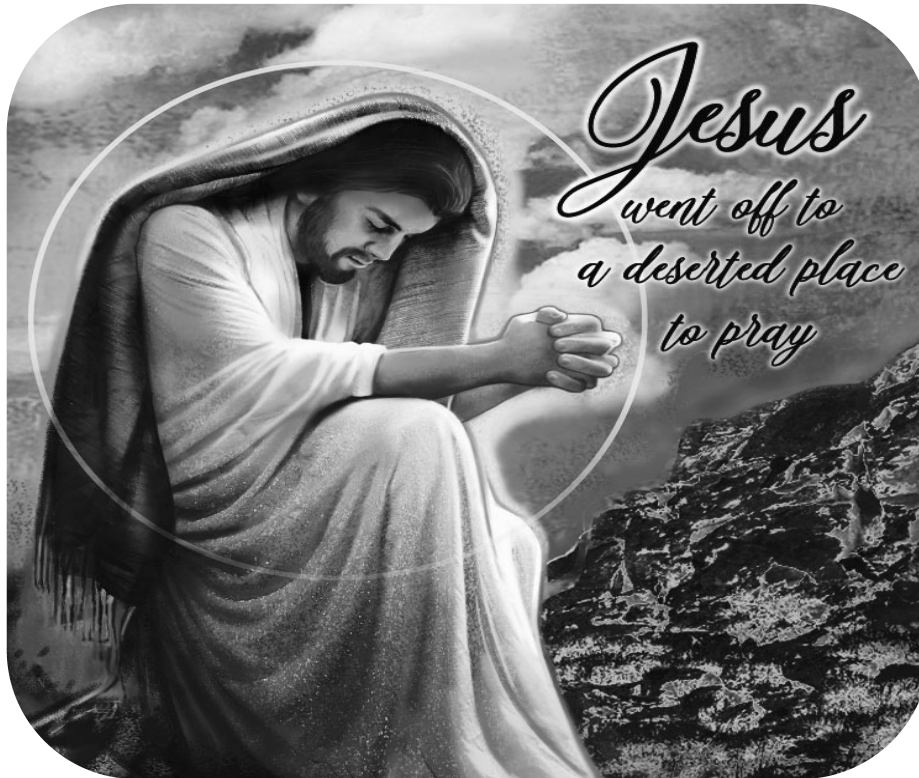


**February 4, 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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**  
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**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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**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 Michelle Darang-Coleman

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While Father George is away, the Pastor's notes column is being replaced by "meet your fellow parishioners". I have been a parishioner at St Catherine-St Lucy for over 20 years. Our fourth child received 1st communion at the church. All of our four children received confirmation at SCSL and our only grandchild was baptized here on our 25th wedding anniversary. I came one evening and spoke to the men at SCSL on men's health, and that was one of the factors which spearheaded our Health Fair for four years at SCSL, with very talented parishioners and community members.

I am a busy retired nurse practitioner from John H. Stroger hospital after almost 32 years. Twice per month I returned there to teach the staff CPR, as a CPR instructor at John H. Stroger. I volunteered as a mentor of the Junior achievement program at Julian Middle School in Oak Park, for one and half years with the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. I am a proud Haitian who has been in the U.S. since I was 15 years old. I love to help others, sharing my knowledge and teaching to promote health. It is such a great pleasure to give back to the community as the Lord taught us, it is in giving that we receive.

Last year, I became a new member of the PPC, where ideas are shared with the seasoned parishioner members and Father George. This task has provided me with a much better understanding and appreciation of the very multiple tasks by the parishioners and how much more each one of us can share our talents, gifts, and knowledge with the St Catherine-St Lucy community.

We are especially blessed this weekend to have Bishop Joseph Perry among us. He is the celebrant that is send by God to bless us as we celebrate the gift of the African-American heritage in our parish family.

May God Bless you.

*Michelle Darang-Coleman*

### 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.



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 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★  
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 ★ **CANDANCE DURHAM,** ★  
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### TODAY African-American Heritage Celebration

At 10 AM we will be celebrating the gift of African-American heritage in our parish family. YOU are more than welcome and ENCOURAGED to invite family members and neighbors to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our annual brunch follows at Maguire Hall.

**RE M I N D E R**

There will be only **ONE** Mass at 10:00 AM  
 TODAY Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

## 500 Club Certificates

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

Next Sunday **FEBRUARY 11** 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



## FOODFIRST IS THIS WEEKEND

**Save the Date**

**Thursday, February 8**  
Mailing Mtg. Spring Raffle

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

**Wednesday, February 14**  
Ash Wednesday  
Lent Starts

**Mondays March 5—**  
**—April 23**  
Women's Spirituality Series

## Parish Calendar

- Monday, February 5**  
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C  
 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH  
 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
- Tuesday, February 6**  
 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, February 7**  
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C  
 6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - CH  
 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH
- Thursday, February 8**  
 9AM-12PM Spring Raffle Mailing Mtg. RD  
 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
- Friday, February 9**  
 10:15 AM - School Black History - CH  
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- Saturday, February 10**  
 10:00AM— Hall Set-Up for Valentine  
 Bake Sale - M

## **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Mon. February 5**

8:30 † **Johnnie Evans**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Tue. February 6**

8:30 † **Donna J. Konecki** (21ST ANNIV. DEATH)  
By: The Konecki Family

**Wed. February 7**

8:30 † **Mildred McDonald**  
By: Sue Vanek

**Fri. February 9**

8:30 † **Agnes Tobits**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Sat. February 10**

9:00 † **Isabel Roman**  
By: Her niece  
5:00 † **Mary Cotter**  
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

**Sun. February 11**

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
8:30 † **Grace Ernst**  
By: Evie Stockinger  
10:00 † **Melita Stroth**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

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



January 28, 2018	\$ 3,724.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,047.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ -2,537.00</b>

*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** — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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### Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10  
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday  
 Monday: St. Agatha  
 Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions  
 Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking  
 Saturday: St. Scholastica

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS **FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

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

#### Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli
Walter Washington
Michelle Agbefe  
Esteban Perez

#### Ministers of the Word

Paul Knight  
Christine Wedekind
Jeanette Cannon  
Thom Schouten
Rachel Faulman  
Bro J. Kilegevice

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

<b>Chemetha Baker</b>	<b>Kevin Kell</b>	<b>Terry Sullivan</b>
Susan Kumler	Ginny Jones	Pat Nelson
Pat Koko	Marjorie Fields	Bern Wheel
Dan Brown	Bill Cragg	John McGuire
	R. Smith-Quinn	Marie Wheel
	Kathy Mortell	Yuna Kim

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.

## FEBRUARY 11, 2018 – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The third book of the Bible, Leviticus, is a collection of Jewish laws. Old Testament people believed that being clean or unclean (that is, kosher or non-kosher) was based on what was considered to be normal or abnormal, and therefore unclean. By the same standards, people with disabilities or deformities were seen as unclean. We see a particular case addressed in this reading.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

Today's passage concludes a long section of First Corinthians in which Paul has been addressing disputes between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians about what foods are kosher. Paul now makes a general observation that while we may in principle be free to do this or that, we should avoid those things that disrupt Harmony and peace.



## 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.

## 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](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)

## 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, Aaron Aquino, Ernestine Bishop, James Bowers, Jarrie Brown, Rev. John Carolan, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Larry & Normatha Evans, Anita Evenson, Richard Graf, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Kate Kroker, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Jr., 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



- ..# We are grateful to be participating today in the beautiful African-American Heritage Celebration. What a wonderful way to kick off Black History Month!
- ..# Please join us in celebrating the school's African-American Liturgy on Friday, **February 9, at 10:15am.**
- ..# Thanks to Roses for Austin, the after-school art club started by Sydney Jackson, our preschool and kindergarten classes will be taking field trips to Wonder Works over the next two weeks.
- ..# 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](mailto:sleamy@catherinelucy.org).

## Stewardship 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."*

— Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.



## Religious Education

Religious Education Schedule for the month of February 2018 is as follow:

**Wednesday, Feb. 7: No Class**

**Wednesday, Feb. 14: Class**  
*(the children will attend the Ash Wednesday Service as a group)*

**Wednesday, Feb. 21: No Class**

**Wednesday, Feb. 28: Class**

### Archdiocese of Chicago

## Ash Wednesday Announcement

This year, the largely secular celebration of **Valentine's Day** (Feb. 14) coincides with **Ash Wednesday** and some have inquired if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given.

Catholics throughout the world recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of a period of prayerful reflection and penance, as is evident by the large number of churchgoers on this day.

In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday the obligation of fast and abstinence must naturally be the priority in the Catholic community. Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which also happens to be Mardi Gras, a traditionally festive time before beginning our Lenten observance.

### Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.  
312- 337-1962  
888- 456-HOPE  
projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

### 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Come, Follow Me"

This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Week-end. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, "**Come, Follow Me**" was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus' call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God's love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese. Each pledge makes a difference because all Parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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*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.

*[The Lord] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.*

— Psalm 147:4



### 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.



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*

## Cardinal's Homily

### 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend Homily - Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

#### *"Come, Follow Me"*

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

The gospel just proclaimed gives us a snapshot of a typical day in the public ministry of Jesus—He cures diseases, He casts out demons, He teaches, He goes off to pray. Notice that He stays in Simon Peter's house, is concerned about the people who live there and in response to hearing of her ailment, heals the mother-in-law of Peter. Saint Mark also tells us that, "The whole town was gathered at the door." The townspeople may not have fully known who Jesus was, but they did know that the hand of God worked in Him and through Him to bring healing and wholeness to everyone.

Today, the Church as the community of Jesus' disciples who responds to his call: Come, Follow Me continues His mission and ministry in our time and in the world where we live. He, the Risen One, continues to reach out to the poor and the afflicted through us, His disciples gathered together as Church. Through our hands and hearts, He brings healing and hope to homes and families, just as He did on that day He crossed the threshold of Peter's home.

That is the precise privilege that is ours as those who responded to His call Come, Follow Me. This means that we are not just followers, disciples, but missionary disciples, whom Jesus sends into the world to make Him present. For us to do this together as the Church of Chicago, we need the personal commitment of each person through prayerful support and financial contribution.

Friends, having just completed three years as your archbishop, I want to tell you that I love what I do, I love being in Chicago. Every day, I am inspired and encouraged by the talent, commitment, and generosity of people I meet in our parishes and agencies. Together, we are pioneering new ways to be missionary disciples of Jesus in a world that is so desperately in need of healing and hope. The renewed spirit of collaboration and cooperation taking place among the parishes in the process of Renew My Church is opening new possibilities to extend our reach and call people to faith, especially a new generation of young people.

More than ever, we are civic and social contributing to the good of society through our anti-violence initiatives, school choice for all parents, and our advocacy on behalf of human dignity from conception to natural death. We are redoubling our efforts to do even more and fulfill the call of Pope Francis to go to the margins of society and be a field hospital that brings the healing of Christ to a world in need of hope. All of this is possible because of the support we all give to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

You have come to Mass today, as you do other days, because Christ has touched your lives with hope and healing. He now asks you to share what you have received with others. That is why I am asking each of you on this Commitment Weekend to help once again in making the Annual Catholic Appeal a success. If we all do our part, inspired by gratitude for how Christ has changed our lives, we can continue his ministry and change the lives of others and our world. I need your help and I am grateful for your sacrifice.

