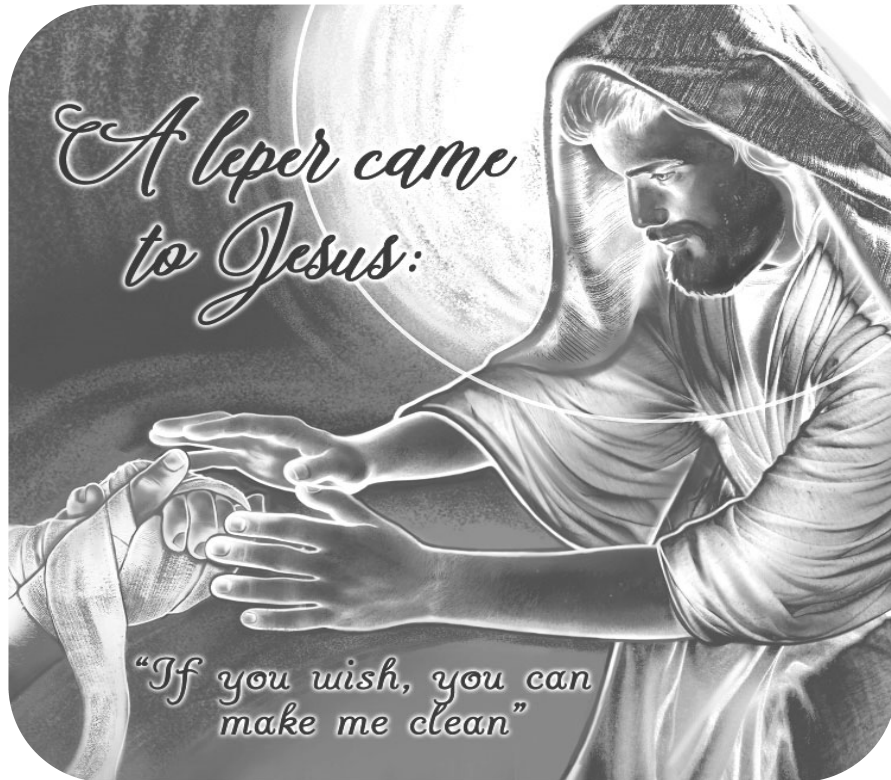


February 11, 2018
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

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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
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 Madonna Sloan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hi, I'm Madonna Sloan. I am co chair of your Parish Pastoral Council (along with Joyce Wade). I live in Austin and contrary to some perceptions...it's really nice. I have lived here for about 20 years and been a member of St. Catherine/St. Lucy's longer that ...just have lost track of how much longer. I grew up in Bensenville, a suburb near O'Hare. I am the third of six children. We all attended Catholic grade school, high school and those of us who went on to college seem to have chosen Catholic colleges as well. My college of choice was Loyola. Don't tell anyone, but my choice was based more on the lake front campus than a academics. That might help explain why my undergrad studies took longer than the scheduled 4 years...LOL.

I am now retired and in retirement, enjoy reading, cooking, and spoiling my nieces & nephews and great nieces and nephews. In all honesty, I enjoyed these things prior to retirement...but my time doing them was limited. Getting up and going to work every day seemed to get in the way of enjoying these things.

For a while, like Mary Jane shared a couple of weeks ago, I was a "church hopper"..... hopping around to various churches based on what was going on that weekend. I didn't feel connected to any given parish. I was looking for a more comfortable feeling. I'd grown up in a parish where everyone knew me and my family. For that matter, everyone knew everyone else, not just my family. I had been to SCSL before...my sister and her husband (Ginny and George Jones) had been married here years before. But one Saturday night I came to St. Catherine/St. Lucy's and happened upon Jim Hargadon, and that was the end of 'hopping' around.

One of the wonderful things about this parish is the feeling of being connected; connected to each other, connected to our faith...just what I was looking for 20 plus years ago. It's still here. As we approach Lent followed by Easter and the risen Lord, may you feel 'connected'. May you find strength, comfort and peace.

God Bless.

Madonna Sloan

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.



Valentine's Bake Sale THIS WEEKEND

Our Annual St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale is taking place this weekend. Come to Maguire Hall to enjoy a variety of delicious treats!

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.

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

500 CLUB WINNER

The \$500.00 winner will be announced next weekend in the bulletin of February 18.

We begin this Season of Lent this **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

Ashes will be distributed at:

8:30am - Ashes given during Mass

12Noon - Ashes given during a Liturgy of the Word Service

7:00pm - Ashes given during Mass



Postponed

The 16th Annual ALMS Dinner and Dessert Auction has been **postponed** to next year, Friday, March 8, 2019.

We know this is disappointing for those who were looking forward to the dinner and bidding on some delicious desserts but the committee felt that this February is very busy and we don't want to overshadow events that are already scheduled.

Please mark your calendars for next year and know that the ALMS dinner will be back better than ever.

Thanks for your support and we hope to see you in 2019.

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 12

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 13

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

February 14—Ash Wednesday

2:30 PM - Day Care - C
6:30-8:00 PM—Religious Education - LMC
8:00-9:00 PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, February 15

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 16

2:30 PM - Day Care - C
7:00 PM - Stations of The Cross - CH

Save the Date

Wednesday, February 14

*Ash Wednesday
Lent Starts*

Friday, February 16

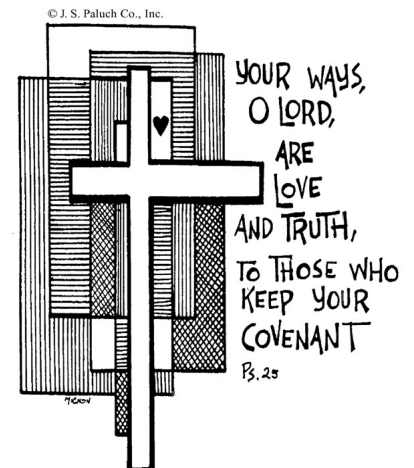
*Station of the Cross
Start in Church*

**Mondays, March 5—
—April 23**

Women's Spirituality Series

Sunday, March 18

*St. Patrick/St. Joseph
Table—Maguire Hall*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. February 12

8:30 † **Virginia Keenan**
By: Ministry of Care

Tue. February 13

8:30 † **Juan F. Martijena**
By: His Aunt

Wed. February 14—Ash Wednesday

8:30 † **Nancy Price**
By: Grace Bishop

7:00 **Dave Grayson (Health)**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. February 16

8:30 † **Russell F. Anderberg**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sat. February 17

9:00 † **Joshua Angaretti**
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Mary Cotter**
By: Nancy Cotter Lund

Sun. February 18

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

8:30 † **Justine Brunot**
By: The Vincent Family

10:00 † **David J. Ply**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

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



February 4, 2018	\$ 3,561.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,587.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -2,160.00

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 leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalms — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick

Monday: Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence

Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

LITURGICAL MINISTERS **FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<u>Altar Servers</u>		
Michael Giometti	Tom Frank	Mireille Lozes Ian Elsen
<u>Ministers of the Word</u>		
Dan Brown Mary Rose Nauss	Peter Barber Shirley Jones	Bill Sullivan, Jr. Ken Blair
<u>Ministers of the Eucharist</u>		
Jack Kernan Chemetha Baker Pat Koko Brenda Fojtik	W. Washington Fannie Cooper Thom Schouten Bill Cragg Marge Massarello Annie Rowan	Diana Cameron Mary Howard Terry Sullivan Bill Holmes Kim McGuire Jan Kieckhefer

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 18, 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Today's reading from the book of Genesis takes place after the story of Noah and the great flood. Israelite people of long ago saw the rainbow as a symbol of a Warrior-God hanging up his hunting bow as a peaceful gesture. The rainbow symbolizes the solemn promise that God makes to Noah.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This reading reminds us that just as Noah was saved through the ark, we are saved through baptism. Early Christians believed that those who died before the coming of Jesus awaited redemption in a shadowy existence described here as a prison. When we say in the Apostles' Creed that Jesus "descended into hell," we are saying that Jesus went to announce to those waiting in "prison" that they had been saved.



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. Also any change of status. 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

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, Eddie Brown, Jarrie L. Brown, Rev. John Carolan, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Larry & Normatha Evans, Anita Evenson, Betty Fisk, 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

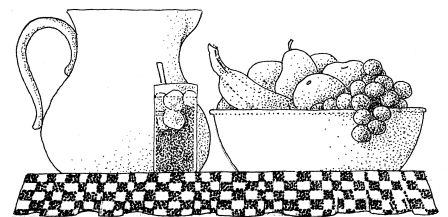
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School News

- ..# The school will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with the parish at 8:30 Mass.
- ..# Thanks to Roses for Austin, the after-school art club started by Sydney Jackson, for the field trips for our preschool and kindergarten classes.
- ..# Beginning this week, our 4th and 5th Grades will be part of a new STEM program from Spark Shop. The kids will participate in hand-on activities aimed at solving engineering challenges.
- ..# This Thursday, February 15, our Coffee with the Principal will host the Du Sable Mobile Museum bus at 8:30am.
- ..# In honor of Presidents' Day, school will be closed on Monday, February 19.
- ..# 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.



Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31



Religious Education

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

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

Wednesday, Feb. 21: No Class

Wednesday, Feb. 28: Class

St. Bernardine Parish

7246 Harrison St, Forest Park, IL 60130

Parish Lenten Mission February 19, 20, 21

Rev. William T. Corcoran, Ph.D., currently serves as pastor of *Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish* in Orland Hills, and as a local Dean for Deanery "E" -Vicariate "V". Ordained in 1981, he has served as an associate pastor at Sacred Heart Parish [Palos Hills], on the faculty at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South [while living at St. John Fisher Parish], as an associate pastor and administrator of St. John Fisher parish, as Dean of Formation at Archbishop Quigley Seminary [while living at Christ the King Parish], as an associate pastor at St. Margaret Mary Parish on the north side of Chicago, as pastor of St. Linus Parish in Oak Lawn, and as a Dean for Deanery "D" in Vicariate "V". He has a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, and a Ph.D. in 20th Century Urban History from Loyola University. He is very much looking forward to leading the *Lenten Parish Mission on February 19th-21st [Monday-Wednesday] at St. Bernadine Parish in Forest Park*. The themes of the Mission will be listening to God in our conscience, knowing our worth, and renewing our church through being a Eucharistic people. The Mission will begin each evening in the church at 7 P.M. and last for a little over an hour. All are welcome!"

Stations of the Cross

At St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



The Stations will begin on **Friday, February 16, 2018** and run every Friday through Lent.

Won't you please pick up your little 30 minute cross and come and pray with us, as we honor Jesus Christ and thank Him for accepting a pain-

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.



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*

Give God the Glory

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper.

Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that He himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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Stewardship

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

***The women of Chicago's west side and the near-west suburbs
are invited to gather this spring for prayer and reflection
at St. Catherine – St. Lucy Parish***



Conflict is everywhere in our world

Verbal abuse, gun violence, and political antagonism color our world, and we wonder how to speak with friends or family members who think differently than we do. What do we do with our anger? Can we create lives, relationships, and a world in harmony with our values?

Shelby Boblick and Carol Spiegel, BVM, a student of conflict resolution for over 20 years, will facilitate the meetings. Once a week, Carol teaches Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution at St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.

Shelby will supply the materials each week. No need to prepare in advance.

We'll focus on a different topic each week. It matters not at all if you miss a week or several weeks. You are most welcome to join us as and when your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged!

We'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at whichever time suits you and your life.

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| · Monday, March 5 | Excavating the Anger Volcano |
| · Monday, March 12 | Quality World to the Rescue |
| · Monday, March 26 | What if There are 2 Anger Volcanoes Close to Each Other? |
| · Monday, April 9 | Nonviolent Communication: The Language of Life |
| · Monday, April 16 | The Magic of Conflict |
| · Monday, April 23 | A Tool in Harmony with Nonviolent Communication & Case Studies |

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 at 630-240-2765