

February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent



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
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Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
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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 Kevin Morgan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Good morning! My name is Kevin Morgan, Sr. and I am a member of the Parish Council. My family has only been parishioners for about 4 years. We came to St. Catherine of Sienna/St. Lucy looking for a Parish where we could feel at home. We were only Parishioners for a couple of months before I was asked to be a member of the Parish Council and ever since then I feel as though St. Catherine of Sienna/St. Lucy was the right fit. My family and I have lived in Oak Park for 21 years.

I have been married to my lovely wife Marci for 30 years. We have two sons, Kevin Jr. and Kyle. Kevin Jr. decided to live in Taylor, MI after completing college and finding a job there. Kyle is a newly graduated Culinary Chef from Triton College. He is currently looking for a job in Louisiana. Now that our boys are moving on with life, this gives Marci and me a little time to do more stewardship for our parish. We are both attending the lay leadership program offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago and should complete the two year program in May of this year. The purpose of these classes is to form us in our faith. We are currently teaching the RCIA candidate for our parish this year. We are both willing to contribute where ever we can.

As we enter into these forty days of lent tempted by Satan, let us remember that just as the angels ministered to Jesus in the desert, that they are here to minister to us as well. Lent is a time for reflection and sacrifice just as our Lord did for us. As Mark says in today's Gospel "This is the time of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel". Now let us all go out and proclaim the Gospel this Lenten season.

Blessings to you all.

Kevin Morgan

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. February 19**
 8:30 † **Gustave Lozes**
 By: Ministry of Care
- Tue. February 20**
 8:30 † **Guy Coletti**
 By: Evie Stockinger
- Wed. February 21**
 8:30 † **Lionel C. Thymes, Sr.**
 By: Grace Bishop
- Fri. February 23**
 8:30 † **Sue Miniscalco**
 By: Bern and Marie Wheel
- Sat. February 24**
 9:00 † **Carmen Moscoso**
 By: Ministry of Care
 5:00 † **Vicente Yee Canama**
 By: The Yee Family
- Sun. February 25**
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 8:30 † **Michael T. Sloan**
 By: Tom and Carol Frank
 10:00 † **Ernest Wade**
 By: SCSL Parish Council

Our Parish Stewardship
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



February 11, 2018	\$ 4,109.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 932.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -2,267.00

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** — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).
Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).
Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
 Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent
 Wednesday: St. Peter Damian
 Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
 Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<u>Altar Servers</u>		
Dan Brown Mark Thomas	Kevin Morgan	Grace McGuire Ava Konecki
<u>Ministers of the Word</u>		
McLane Lomax Debra Lomax	Wrenetha Julion Tom Frank	Kim McGuire Terry Sullivan
<u>Ministers of the Eucharist</u>		
Dan Brown Carol Brown Pat Koko Susan Kumler	Elaine Podraza Walter Washington R. Smith-Quinn Claudia Zinanni Gordon Bell Annie Rowan	Scarlett Evans Jeanne Visteen Kim McGuire Bern Wheel Jack Kieckhefer 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.

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: Genesis 22 1-2,9,
10-13, 15-18**

Events in today's reading took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That's why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as an example of Abraham's great faith.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Today's reading is part of a hymn that celebrates God's love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. In our first reading, we heard how God spared Abraham's only son; in this passage we will hear how, out of love for us, God did *not* spare his only son.



**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, 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, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Tom Lally, 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

- ..# Due to all the snow, we closed school last Friday. The Black History Month Liturgy will be rescheduled for a later date.
- ..# In honor of President's Day, school will be closed tomorrow.
- ..# This Friday our 7th and 8th grade students will travel to Holy Name Cathedral for the African-American Heritage Prayer Service, hosted by the Archdiocese.
- ..# Join us if you can for "Circle of Song," a celebration of African music, on Monday, February 26, at 10am in church.
- ..# 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.

Save the Date

Trinity's Summer Camp

Fill your summer with fearless days & memorable experiences at Trinity!

Junior Blazers - Girls Ages 5-10

June 11-14, June 18-21, June 25-28.

Passport to Trinity - Girls Grades 3-6 on June 18-21, June 25-28.

Future Blazer Workshops - Girls Gr 7-8. Events throughout the summer.

Trinity's Broadway Bound Theater Camp - Girls Grades 4-8 June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-28.

Blazers Sports - Girls Grades K-8 Basketball, bowling, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, track, volleyball

Visit www.trinityhs.org/ camp details, registration opens **March 1st**. Call 708-453-8305 for information.

Stations of the Cross

At St. Catherine-St. Lucy

The Stations continue every Friday through Lent in Church. 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 painful death on His Cross for us.



St. Bernardine Parish

7246 Harrison St, Forest Park, IL 60130

Parish Lenten Mission

February 19, 20, 21

Rev. William T. Corcoran, Ph.D., who currently serves as pastor of *St. Elizabeth Seton Parish* in Orland Hills will be leading this Mission and is very much looking forward to do this *Lenten Parish Mission* that starts tomorrow and ends on Wednesday at *St. Bernardine 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!"



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*

Signs of Lent

Each week we are highlighting a different sign of the Lenten Season, beginning with ashes.

This penitential symbol has its roots in the Old Testament books of Esther, Samuel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, and are a reminder of the impermanence of our earthly life. The ashes are made from the burning of blessed palms (from Palm Sunday the year before) and are placed on our foreheads in the form of a cross: it is in Jesus that we are saved from our sins, and are given eternal life.

Stewardship

First Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." -Mark 1-14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Archdiocese of Chicago Employment and Service Opportunities



The Archdiocese of Chicago has many current open and exciting career opportunities!

The Archdiocese of Chicago offers attractive compensation and benefits. We invite you, and encourage you to invite those in your network, to visit our Career site to review our open positions: <http://legacy.archchicago.org/employment/>

Religious Education



Our First and Second grade Religious Education students, under the direction of their Catechist, Chemetha Baker have been working on a special project entitled, "Take what you need for the season!" It is a board with envelopes marked with different subjects and the envelopes have bible verses in each one. Stop and take a look for yourself or someone else and help yourself to a verse, and remember these are first and second graders who worked on this project. This is geared toward the Lenten season and follow-ups will be for future seasons. There will also be a board in the lobby of LMC for the parents to stop and participate in.

Religious Education Schedule for the remaining Wednesday of this month:

Wednesday, Feb. 21: No Class

Wednesday, Feb. 28: Class

The Treasured Aramaic Words of Jesus an Interfaith Day of Retreat

Saturday, February 24—10AM-4PM

Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality
Retreat Guide: Brother Joseph Kilikevics, OP

"Whole, ripe and complete are those who soften what is rigid within, they shall receive strength from all of creation."

(Version from ancient Aramaic texts of the phrase more commonly known as, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.")

In exploring the ancient Aramaic texts of the Scripture, until recently accessible only to the scholars of the language Jesus spoke, the familiar and treasured words of this desert dwelling mystic and prophet can now be examined more closely by us.

Join us for this Lenten day of Retreat. A registration form can be found on our website. www.shemcenter.org

***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