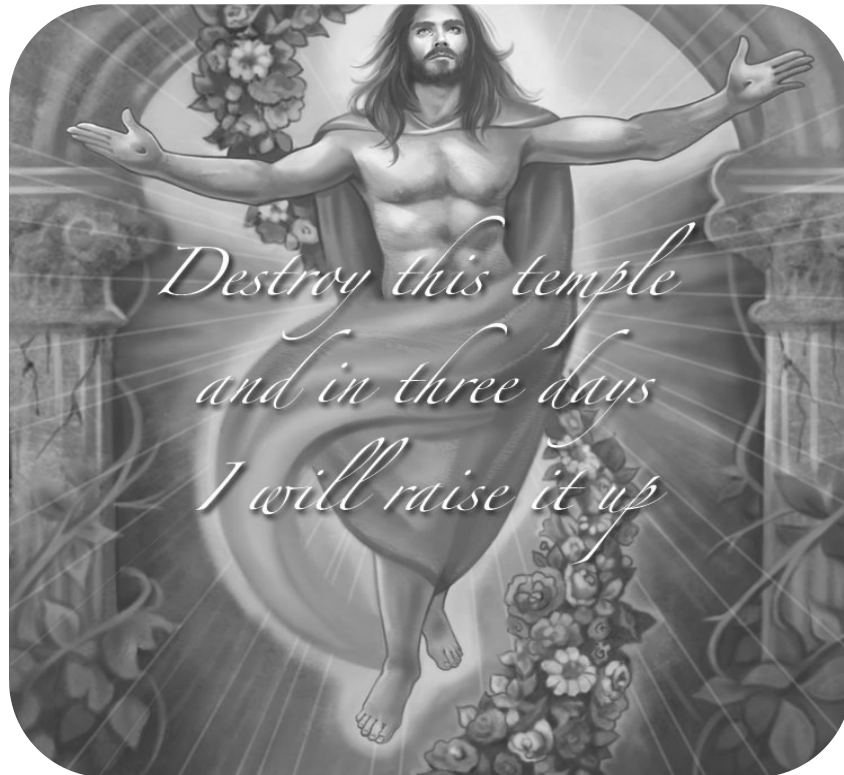


**March 4, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



**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**  
**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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**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 Parishioner Joyce Wade

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hi, I'm Joyce Wade and serve as co-chairman of the Parish Council with Madonna Sloan. I have been a member of St. Catherine – St. Lucy for approximately 8 years and serve on the Liturgy Committee as well as a Lector. I have lived in Oak Park for over 27 years. I am a graduate of Northwestern University and the University of Chicago and work for a non-profit human service organization in Austin.

During the last two years, I served as the primary caretaker for my father as well as underwent my own health issues. Many members of this church community, along with other friends, provided much needed assistance, from picking up prescriptions to giving me rides. I greatly appreciate the caring and compassion shown by so many members and friends. During this time, it was easy to see that as we all age, the need to provide care to family members and friends will increase. Many of us are already doing so. One ministry that does not exist here on a formal basis is a support group for caregivers and those in need of assistance and information. Perhaps this is something that we can contemplate and begin.

Today's gospel says, "Do not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'. I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest." Our fields are ripe for formalizing our compassionate assistance in many ways and I hope we will take up the charge. We have many gifts that can be used in various ways as do our young people. Let's give this thought and hopefully action. If there is interest in further exploring this, please let me know via email at [wade\\_joyce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wade_joyce@sbcglobal.net). Thank you.

May God bless you.

*Joyce Wade*

### 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. March 5**

**8:30** † **Paul Bauer**  
By: Evie Stockinger

**Tue. March 6**

**8:30** **Zoila Roman (Health)**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Wed. March 7**

**8:30** † **Rev. John Carolan**  
By: Amanda Pomareda

**Fri. March 9**

**8:30** † **Nellie Baker**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Sat. March 10**

**9:00** † **Stella Galuska**  
By: Ministry of Care

**5:00** † **Mary Koko**  
By: The Koko Family

**Sun. March 11**

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

**8:30** † **Lucienne Jean-Baptiste**  
By: The Vincent Family

**10:00** † **Margaret M. Talbot-Havercamp**  
By: Bern and Marie Wheel

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



February 25, 2018	\$ 3,101.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 917.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ -3,290.00</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** — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### MARCH 11, 2018

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>		
Kathy Paoli	Walter Washington	Mireille Lozes Ian Elsen
<b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>		
Paul Knight Frank Pond	R. Smith-Quinn Jeanette Cannon	Joyce Wade Pat Nelson

#### **Ministers of the Eucharist**

Chemetha Baker Susan Kumler Carol Brown Pat Koko	<b>Thom Schouten</b> Bill Cragg Marjorie Fields Claudia Zinanni Kevin Kell Kathy Mortell	<b>Scarlett Evans</b> Shelby Boblick Yuna Kim Jan Kiechhefer Kim McGuire John McGuire
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### Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
	Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Wednesday:	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Thursday:	St. John of God
Friday:	St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

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.

**MARCH 11, 2018 –  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

The second book of Chronicles is part of a series which traces Jewish history from its beginning down to the end of the exile in Babylon, five centuries before Christ. Today’s reading is the conclusion of the book. It summarizes the reasons for the exile and tells how it ended after 70 years. Second Chronicles was placed last in the Jewish bible. When we hear the final words of this reading, we hear how the Jewish Scriptures conclude on a positive note.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10**

Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The author of this letter to the Christians in Ephesus writes about the saving power of God that is available to both Jews and non-Jews. Today’s passage remind us that salvation is God’s gift alone. “Gift” is the root meaning of the word “grace.”



**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.

**Forgiveness**

*If a bad person wrongs you,  
forgive the person, lest there be two  
bad people.*

—Anonymous

**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., Zoila Roman, 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

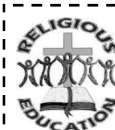
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**School News**

- Our School Board is sponsoring a workshop called “Boys to Men” for our students on Friday, March 9, at 6:30pm. All are welcome.
- The school will have its accreditation visit from AdvancEd on March 12.
- On March 22, we will host a Family Reading Night in Maguire Hall, beginning at 6:30pm. The evening will feature a story teller, refreshments, and books to take home for everyone.
- The National Junior Honor Society will induct new members on March 23.

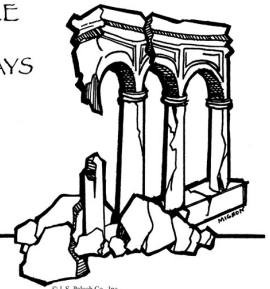


**Religious  
Education**

Religious Education for the month of March:

- Wednesday, March 14: Class
- Wednesday, March 21: Class

DESTROY  
THIS TEMPLE  
AND  
IN THREE DAYS  
I WILL  
RAISE  
IT UP



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

## 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.



## Easter Flower Sale

Spring flowers and plants will be arriving the weekend of **March 24-25**



Come see what Easter lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils, Begonias, Azaleas and flower baskets can do to lift your spirit and bring color into your life after the grey winter.

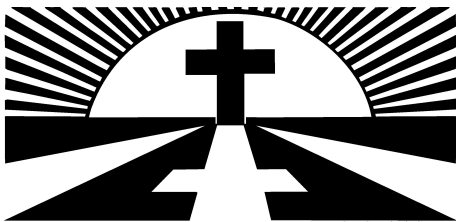
Awake now wintry earth!



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*



*I, the Lord, am your God . . .  
You shall not have other gods  
besides me.*

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

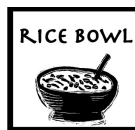
## Signs of Lent

Each week we are highlighting a different sign of the Lenten Season.

The Gloria is a song of exaltation and joy. The Alleluia is the highest praise. Where as Lent and Advent, sometimes called the little lent, are penitential seasons. Alleluia is not said at mass during lent, whether with the psalms, the gospel acclamation or in hymns.

## Fair Trade: Next Weekend

The Fair Trade Sale is scheduled for March 10 and 11 after all of the Masses. Please support Fair Trade with your purchase of Coffees, Teas, and Chocolates. Thank you.



## Rice Bowl

### Encounter Safiata

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crrice-bowl.org](http://crrice-bowl.org) for more.

## 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/>



**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**

## 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 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.

- Mon. March 5 Excavating the Anger Volcano
- Mon. March 12 Quality World to the Rescue
- Mon. March 26 What if There are 2 Anger Volcanoes Close to Each Other?
- Mon. April 9 Nonviolent Communication: The Language of Life
- Mon. April 16 The Magic of Conflict
- Mon. 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

## Keep Holy The Sabbath

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the Lord is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking

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## The Surly Bird

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.

—Anonymous

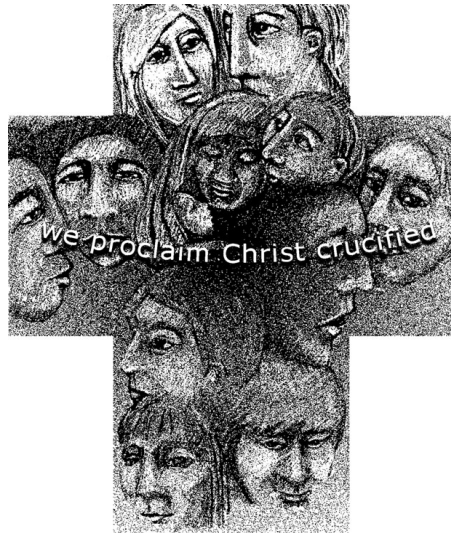
## Stewardship

### Third Sunday of Lent

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."*

—Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

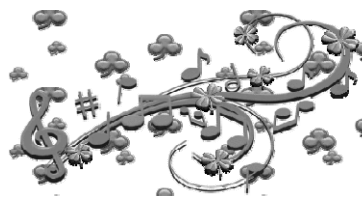


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## Catholic Charities St. Patrick's Day Celebration – March 8

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration is Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The event features great Irish fare, beer, and wine. Entertainment by The Shannon Rovers, The McNulty Irish Dancers, and the Irish Musicians Association-Chicago will be a highlight.

Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities programs for the homeless and disadvantaged in western Cook County. For more information and to register, visit [www.catholiccharities.net/stpats](http://www.catholiccharities.net/stpats) or contact Esmeralda Zepeda, [atezpeda@catholiccharities.net](mailto:atezpeda@catholiccharities.net) or 708-329-4022.



## Ave Maria Press—

### Lenten Soup Recipes and Daily Reflections

Looking for daily inspiration during this Lenten season? Ave Maria Press will be sharing daily reflections and soup recipes from the Ave Maria Press website. For Lent, you can find daily inspirational tips taken from various Lenten books and resources and soup recipes submitted by Ave Maria Press readers and staff members. Visit: [www.avemariapress.com](http://www.avemariapress.com)

## Pro-Life Abortion and Child Abuse

Abortion teaches us that violence is an acceptable way to deal with difficult life problems. It teaches us that human beings are only valuable if they meet certain criteria, and it teaches us that the strong have a legal right to kill the weak and defenseless. When the unique value of individual human life is trampled upon, society inevitably suffers.

Abortion advocates argue just the opposite. They purport that aborting "unwanted" children will reduce child abuse, neglect, poverty and violence and will generally lead to happier families. However, our experience since 1973 proves that this theory does not work. During that time, over 60 million "unwanted" babies have been denied the right to live, yet we have more crime, more violence, more dead-beat dads, and more gangs. The list goes on.

Abortion advocates even argue that abortion is an effective way to prevent crime since it eliminates those who are "most likely" to commit crimes, more specifically the babies of poor mothers. Dianne Glass wrote an article supporting this radical idea. It is hard to believe that in this age, people could argue that human beings should be executed for crimes they may commit in the future and that abortion is the answer to solving poverty. Indeed, it is a truly frightening social policy!

In the final analysis, it is only logical to conclude that societies who are willing to abort children before birth will be far more likely to abuse them after birth. Abortion is child abuse, and it is the most severe form of abuse in existence.