

April 8, 2018
Sunday of Divine Mercy



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

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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

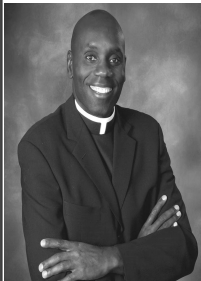
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Pastor Rev. George O. Omwando



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast was instituted by Saint John Paul II in the year 2000 at the canonization ceremony of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Pope John Paul II made the surprise announcement of this change in his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. There, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' 'By the words "the whole message," Pope John Paul II was referring to the connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" — in other words, the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and Ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit — and this Feast of Divine Mercy, the Octave Day of Easter, which fulfills the grace of atonement as lived through by Christ Jesus and offered to all who come to Him with trust. During his homily, John Paul also made clear that the Image of The Divine Mercy, St. Faustina saw, which is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world (see Diary 49, 88, 299, 341, 570, 742). Pope John Paul II said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side [to the Apostles]. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland in 1930. Sr. Faustina came from a very poor family that struggled on their little farm during the years of World War I. She had only three years of very simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations or messages from Our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled in notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Today, my brothers and sisters in Christ, Saint Faustina remind us to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf. More than ever, our world needs human mercy as the mercy amongst ourselves is lacking. Let us strive to be merciful to others in what we do or set out to do.

May God Bless you!

Fr. George

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

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Jeanne Visteen

Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

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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.

So That You May Believe

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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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 are available in the back of church and at the rectory. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
 ★ **\$ 25.00** ★
 ★ **April 8, 2018** ★
 ★ **JENNIFER C. BURNS,** ★
 ★ **# 203** ★



Easter Altar Memorial Flowers

Easter Memorial Flowers envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Please consider making a donation in honor of a loved one.

Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.

Thank you!!

Everything

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.

—St. Julian of Norwich

Save the Date

Mondays April 9, 16, 23
Women's Spirituality Series - Church

Saturday, April 28
Four Winds Casino Trip

Sunday, April 29
Blackhawks Jersey and Puck Raffle Drawing

2018 Blackhawk Raffle

Tickets go on Sale This weekend to Sunday April 29

Drawing will be held after 10:30 AM Mass on April 29

Tickets are \$10.00 each for a chance to win a:

Duncan Keith jersey and a 6 time Stanley Cup Champion Hockey Puck



Parish Calendar

Monday, April 9

- 9:30-10:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 1:00 & 7:30 PM - Women's Spirituality Series - CH
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00-9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC

Tuesday, April 10

- 10:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

Wednesday, April 11

- 10:15 AM - School Easter Liturgy - CH
- 2:30-6PM - DayCare - C
- 6:30-8:00PM Rel. Ed. - LMC
- 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH
- 6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - CH

Thursday, April 12

- 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM and 7:00-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
- 2:30-6PM - DayCare - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:00-8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, April 13

- 2:30-6PM - DayCare - C

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. April 9**
 8:30 † Evelyn Cademartrie
 By: Tom Cademartrie
- Tue. April 10**
 8:30 (Health) Jeanette and Ed Parkinson
 By: Brother
- Wed. April 11**
 8:30 † Zoila Roman
 By: Ministry of Care
- Fri. April 13**
 8:30 † Marlene Polasek
 By: Evie Stockinger
- Sat. April 14**
 9:00 † John Mahoney
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson
 5:00 † Mary Peery
 By: Donna Kanapes
- Sun. April 15**
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 8:30 † Michael Sloan
 By: Thom and Sue Schouten
 10:30 † **Andelique Eugena**
 By: The Vincent Family
 † **Dick Vanek**
 By: Sue Vanek

Today's Readings

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).
Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

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Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
 Julian Calendar Easter
- Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Wednesday: St. Stanislaus
- Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa
 (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Friday: St. Martin I

Our Parish Stewardship
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



March 18, 2018	\$ 4,073.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,667.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -1,588.00
April 25, 2018	\$ 4,853.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,489.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
DEFICIT	\$ -966.00
April 1, 2018	\$ 11,132.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,967.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
SURPLUS	\$ 5,791.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

APRIL 15, 2018

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

Altar Servers

Michael Giometti Miles Jackson Michelle Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond Mary Jane O'Brien Rachel Faulman
 Christine Wedekind Renee Smith-Quinn Yuna Kim

Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker	W. Washington	Scarlett Evans
Susan Kumler	Ginny Jones	Jeannie Visteen
Pat Koko	Marjorie Fields	Shelby Boblick
Era Yee	Kathy Mortell	John McGuire
	Kevin Kell	Bern Wheel
	Annie Rowan	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.

APRIL 15, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Chapter three of the Acts of the Apostles describes how Peter and John healed a lame man who sat begging each day at the gate of the temple. The people were astonished at this miracle. Peter used the opportunity to give a sermon encouraging the people to believe in Jesus. We hear a portion of that sermon now.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Each Sunday during this Easter Season, we are reading from the first letter of John. It was written for the community from which the fourth Gospel emerged. At the time, this community was seriously divided. Some members believed that as long as you had faith in Jesus, it did not matter what you did in daily life. Today's passage deals with that issue.

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

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



**Bible Study -
Mondays 9:30 AM
NEW DAY**

Please consider in joining us 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.

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, Brittany Crayton, Lillian Czaplicki, Andrea Edwards, Anita Evenson, Richard Graf, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Tom Lally, Eileen Nauss, Albert Parker, Jr., Teobaldo Rojas, Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoevlin, 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.

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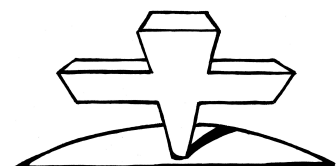
School News



- ..# We're back! Everyone enjoyed a peaceful, restful, Easter break. We are happy to be back together as a family.
- ..# The students will celebrate an Easter liturgy on Wednesday, April 11.
- ..# Aspire, the Catholic schools standardized testing, will be given to students in grades 3-8 during the week of April 16.
- ..# Our school board is planning a Parent University on Saturday, April 21. A selection of seminars on parenting skills and helping your child succeed will be offered. Please contact the school if you would like to attend.
- ..# Grades 5-8 will be part of a Poetry Slam program, offered through Urban Gateways on Monday, April 23.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE...

..words that matter with music by "Simple Gifts," using voice, guitar, bass guitar and keyboard.

Sunday, April 15, 2018, 3:00PM
St. Giles Catholic Parish
McDonough Hall, 2nd Floor
1101 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL

Do you remember these lyrics by the Beatles, "All you needs love?" They were words that mattered then and still do. The Beatles changed not only music but the way we see ourselves and others.

This concert presents the Beatles, Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger, Bette Midler and others that have become part of our culture. To help restore civility to the public forum their words expressing some of our deepest held values are needed to be heard again today.

Your tax-deductible donation benefits the Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality, promoting respect, understanding and friendship among the world's religions.

Further information:
 Shem Center, 708-848-1095

Pray For Our Deceased



Sue Vanek

May she rest in peace!

*We lift her up with our prayers
 while we embrace her and family
 in a prayerful embrace.*

*May the angels lead her soul
 into Paradise*

The women of Chicago's westside
 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

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, are facilitating the meetings. Once a week, Carol teaches Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution at St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.

We 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. 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

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?



Divine Mercy is God's love reaching down to meet the needs and overcome the miseries of His creatures. The Bible, the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, and Pope John Paul II all assure us that this is so.

In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "*Jesus, I trust in You*" be inscribed under his image.

Bl. John Paul explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)



Hello Parishioners, Alumni, and Friends of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish ~~

The Fund Raising Committee is pleased to announce the 2018 SPRING EVENT: a chartered Bus Trip outing to **FOUR WINDS CASINO** in New Buffalo, Michigan! This adventuresome and fun day will be on Saturday, April 28th. Charter package tickets for the event will be \$50, and include round trip bus transportation, a \$10 food credit that can be used in any of the four food venues, and a \$15 instant slot credit. Whether you want to try your luck at the casino games, or prefer to just enjoy the lovely landscaped surroundings and food at **FOUR WINDS**, gather your adult friends and family for this unique fund-raiser benefiting St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish. Come to the Church parking lot at 38 N. Austin Boulevard, and leave your car behind for a day of fun and relaxation. Leave the driving to us!

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

Check-in at Lot starts at 9:30am ~ Buses depart Parking Lot promptly at 10:00am
 50 passengers per bus ~ All times are Chicago time
 Buses depart from Casino at 3:30pm sharp ~ arrive St. Catherine's Lot by 5:00pm
 Must be 21 years of age; please bring a valid picture ID
 Final ticket purchase date is Monday, April 16th; sorry – no exceptions

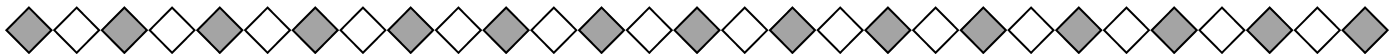
Tickets for this enjoyable springtime day outing for \$50 per person are only applicable to the Bus Trip. All charter passengers must arrive to the casino on the bus with our group. Any group member that arrives to the casino by car will not receive the charter package.

Please reserve your **FOUR WINDS CASINO BUS TRIP** tickets, using the form below, and return it with your payment to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket to arrive no later than Monday, April 16th. Tickets will also be sold following Masses the week-ends of April 7/8, and April 14/15. For more information call Carol Frank, 708-588-9770 or Pat Nelson, 708-456-0730, or visit www.fourwindscasino.com.

Thank you in advance for your generous support. We hope to see you on April 28th!

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. CATHERINE-ST LUCY PARISH

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE
Monday, April 16th



ST. CATHERINE-ST. LUCY PARISH *FOUR WINDS CASINO* BUS TRIP – Saturday, April 28, 2018

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Delighted to participate! _____ Over 21: Date of Birth _____ No. of tickets at \$50 each: _____
 (THIS INFO IS REQUIRED BY FOUR WINDS)

Cannot attend, but would like to make a donation: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Please list other members in your group on a separate sheet with their name, address, phone & DOB, so that we can assign you to the same bus traveling to

FOUR WINDS CASINO.

If you and/or anyone in your group has a current W Card number, please include that number with the information above.

Check # _____ Cash _____ Credit Card Type _____ Last 4 digits _____