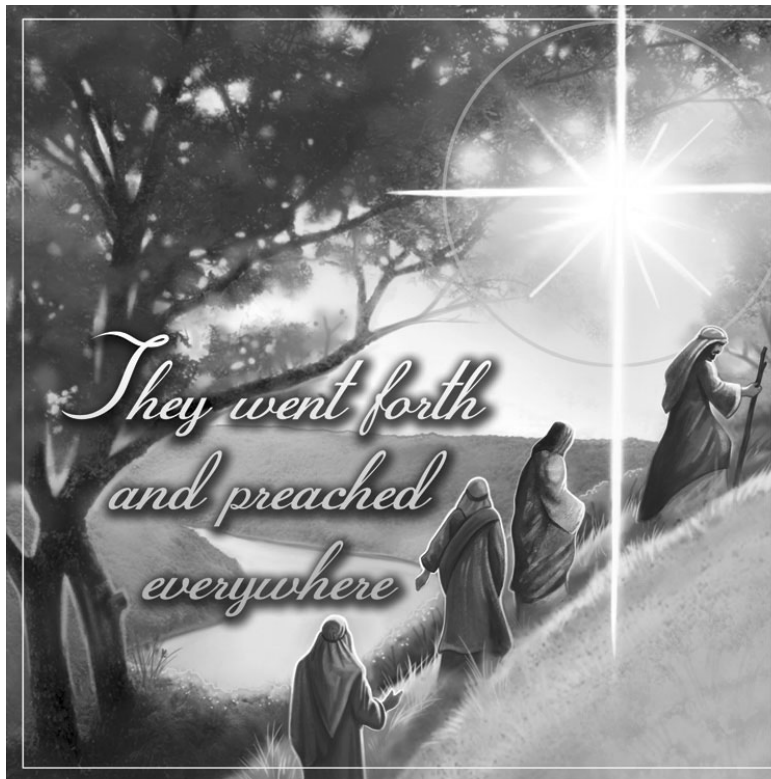


May 13, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
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
Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager / Adm. Ass't.
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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 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 Pastor Rev. George O. Omwando



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Almost the entire Eastertide Season is filled with: the activities of the Apostles and the growth of the infant Church; the transformative nature by the encounter of the risen Christ and the role of the Holy Spirit in the mission and ministry of the Church as it moves from Palestine to all corners of the world. Throughout this season, we have heard again and again how the Church was persecuted, of the courageous and bold witness of Apostles amidst these persecutions, the signs and wonders performed by the Apostles, the conversion of Saul, and the stoning and death of the first martyr, St. Stephen etc.

The entire season of Easter is in itself a catechesis in nature which is meant to deepen our understanding of the central mystery of Resurrection. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith. Without the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, there would be no Christianity! The Resurrection of Jesus witnesses to the immense power of God Himself, His power and inner workings that are hard for the human mind to understand. If God exists, and if He created the universe and has power over it, then it means He has power to raise anyone from the dead, and that death is not the end of our physical life in this world. If God does not have such power, He is not a God worthy of our faith and worship. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death, only He can reverse the hideousness that is death itself, and only He can remove the sting that is death's and remove the victory that is the grave's (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us of His absolute sovereignty over life and death.

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Ascension when Christ in the sight of His Apostles ascended into heaven. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadowed our own entrance into Heaven and not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall. The Resurrection of Jesus is tied to His Ascension because it is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose on the third day according to the Scriptures. And, He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who remain and are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). The Resurrection of Jesus Christ demonstrated that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf, and it proves that God has the power to raise us from the dead. I It guarantees those who believe in Christ will not remain dead but will be resurrected unto eternal life.

On this Ascension Sunday, we also place a crown on the statue of the Virgin Mary to honor her as the one who said yes to be the mother of Christ without knowing was at stake. At the same time, this also coincides with the celebration of Mothers' Day which reminds us of the immense contributions and challenges that all mothers in the world face daily, particularly in our community. May the Blessed Virgin Mary watch our mothers every day. That is our blessed hope!

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

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. May 14
8:30 Ernestine Bishop (HEALTH)
 By: Ministry of Care

Tue. May 15
 † **Corazon Gaetos**
 By: Cynthia Borah

Wed. May 16
8:30 † Daniel and Eliza Hawkins
 By: Grace Bishop

Fri. May 18
8:30 † Deacon Ted Marszalek
 By: Faith & Fellowship

Sat. May 19
9:00 † Jerry Tyler
 By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † Rosalinda Rodriguez
 By: The Yee Family

Sun. May 20
8:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30 † Timothy Toomey
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson
10:30 † Sue Vanek
 By: Amanda Pomareda

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
 Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
 Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
 Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-
 20ab;
 Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
 Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day;
 World Communications Day
 Monday: St. Matthias
 Tuesday: St. Isidore the Farmer
 Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
 Friday: St. John I
 Saturday: Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost;
 Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



May 6, 2018	\$ 5,839.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,825.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
SURPLUS	\$ 356.00

*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 — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MAY 20, 2018

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Dan Brown Mark Thomas	Tom Frank	Ava Konecki

Ministers of the Word

Christine Wedekind Dan Brown	Shirley Jones Thom Schouten	Bill Sullivan, Jr. Rachel Faulman
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker Jack Kernan Lessie Dean Grace Bishop	Kevin Kell Bill Cragg Ginny Jones Fannie Cooper Marjorie Fields Annie Rowan	Terry Sullivan Mary Howard Yuna Kim Jan Kieckhefer Doris Brown Patricia Long
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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.

**MAY 20, 2018 –
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1-25

In concluding his letters, St. Paul always had a section instructing his converts about the correct way to live as Christians. Today's passage comes near the end of his letter to the Galatians who lived in what is today central Turkey. Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning: life prone to sin) and life in the Spirit.



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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



**Bible Study -
NOW on
Mondays 9:30 AM**

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, Landon Clark, Brittany Crayton, Lillian Czaplicki, Andrea Edwards, Normantha & Larry Evans, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Terrie Kalina, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Eileen Nauss, Albert Parker, Jr., 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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Oak Park, IL 60302
708-386-5286



School News

- ..# Happy Mother's Day to all the beautiful women who have loved, supported, and nurtured children throughout their lives. We thank you for your kindness and giving spirit.
- ..# On Tuesday, May 15, our 8th graders are off to a mock investor panel as the final piece of their Big Shoulders stock market competition. On Friday, May 18, they join their families on a cruise from Navy Pier.
- ..# This Saturday, May 19, our School Board is sponsoring a Family Skating Party at the Lombard Roller Rink, from 4-6pm. Please join us if you can – the more the merrier!

Mother

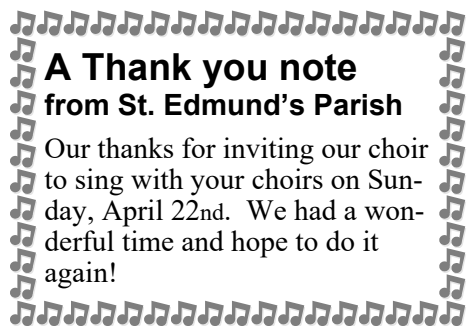
Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

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



**A Thank you note
from St. Edmund's Parish**

Our thanks for inviting our choir to sing with your choirs on Sunday, April 22nd. We had a wonderful time and hope to do it again!



MEET UP & EAT UP

Free Lunch & Activities for kids & Teens

This summer St. Catherine of Siena—St. Lucy is partnering with **Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry** to host Summer Meals. Our Summer Meals program aims to provide kids and teens 18 and younger with nutritious meals when school is not in session.

The program will start on **June 12th** with a Kick-Off event for the whole family. We will have food, fun activities and raffle prizes! The program will continue Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, and it will end on August 10th. In addition to free lunch, there will be activities for all ages available, including cooking lessons, arts and crafts, basketball activities, book bike, story times, dental hygiene education, activities from Wonder Works Children’s Museum and much more.

There is no need to sign-up, register, or complete paperwork in order to attend this program. It’s quite literally, a free lunch for children.

The Summer Food Service Program (Summer Meals) is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

For more information please contact Adriana Riano (Program Manager) at adriana@oprffoodpantry.org 708-386-1324 ext. 1104



Save the Date

Sunday, June 3

Sunday, June 3rd from Noon to 1:30 in Maguire Hall, join us all to honor the memory of Father John Carolan at a wonderful **Ice Cream Social**.

Share memories and stories of his life among us, and celebrate the community we continue to build with one another and our pastor, Father George!!



They went forth and preached everywhere


Winners Blackhawks Raffle

The drawing was held on April 29th.

- Õ# Winner of the Blackhawks Jersey: *Donna Kanapes*
- Õ# The Commemorative Puck was won by *Ian Elsen*

Very Grateful

We would like to send a thank you out for the Blackhawks Raffle which was a huge success. There was a profit of \$750. We would like to acknowledge all who participated and a special thanks to the Zinanni family for the donation of the hockey puck and the Duncan Keith Blackhawk jersey. —*The Fundraising Committee*

 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*

St. Edmund’s Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ’s Passion

Come join St. Edmund parishioners on Thursday, June 14 for a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ’s Passion in St. John, Indiana.

The air-conditioned bus will leave at 9:00 AM from St. Edmund’s parking lot and leave the Shrine at 2:00 PM so we should be home around 3:30 PM depending on traffic.

The cost is \$45 per person which includes the transportation and box lunch. If you are not able to walk well a club car is available to transport you to the various locations for an additional \$5. (Must reserve club car in advance.)

Reservations and payment are needed by June 1. Reserve your seat now as this will be a wonderful experience. Questions? Please call Kathy Halfpenny at 708-386-1832. Please fill out the information below and return your payment to the St. Edmund parish office by June 1.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGE on JUNE 14—9:00am—3:00pm (\$45)

Name: _____

Address: _____

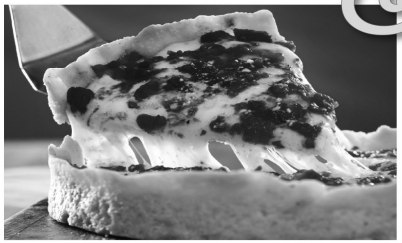
Phone: _____ **E:Mail** _____

LUNCH (please circle sandwich choice): **Beef** **Turkey** **Ham** **Veggie**

CLUB CAR (\$5.00 extra per person) YES _____ NO _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: _____

FUNDRAISING EVENT



Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Time: 11:00 am- 11:00 pm

**Location: *Lou Malnati's*: Oak Park
1038 Lake Street — 708-358-0800**

DINE-IN • CARRYOUT • DELIVERY (*within zone*)

FOR QUESTIONS:

**Please contact Jeanne Visteen—
jvisteen@yahoo.com**

708-383-2068

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received. Dine in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone) with this FLYER on 5-16-18.

Fundraiser/Flyer Must Be Mentioned At Time of Order

Cannot be combined with any other promotional offers including but not limited to: Discounts, Deep Dish Dough rewards redemption or Malnati's Mail welcome coupon.

**Please mention Fundraiser Event when placing order.
Offer valid only at the date and location listed above.**

Ambrose Appeal

To the Members of our Catholic Community:

Friend and dedicated public servant, Oak Park Chief of Police Anthony (Tony) Ambrose is in urgent need of a live liver donor. He is receiving care at Northwestern Memorial Hospital as he is in liver failure due to Nonalcoholic Steato-hepatitis (NASH). This condition is a very serious and silent disease with few symptoms, and has progressed so quickly in Tony there is irreversible damage. His only hope is receive a liver transplant from a live donor.

While his family searches for a donor match, we wanted to bring this situation to the attention of the community in the hope that someone will step forward and offer Tony the gift of life. If a donor is a match, they would donate part of their liver to Tony. The liver heals quickly and regrows to replace the donated piece.

Tony has served in law enforcement for the Village of Oak Park for over 30 years. His dedication to law enforcement has extended beyond OP into surrounding communities and has had a positive effect on every resident's quality of life. We hope to rally together to find a generous and giving soul to help Tony in his time of need.

Anyone interested in helping Tony should contact Northwestern's Liver Donor Hotline at 312-695-0340 on behalf of "Donation for Anthony Ambrose". The general criteria for donation include:

- Have compatible blood type to the recipient (Tony's blood type is O positive)
- Be 18-55 years old
- Be at a good weight
- No major medical or psychiatric illnesses
- Find great reward in saving a life

For further information go to: transplant.nm.org or contact Joe Schejbal at 708-715-9262

Please feel free to share this plea for help.