

May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday



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
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Hours: 8:30 AM-8:00 PM—Monday, & Thursdays
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 Pastor Rev. George O. Omwando



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. Today is the day when the Church was born or we can say it is the “the birthday of the Church.” This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the Resurrection of Jesus, and during the Jewish celebration of *Shavuot/Pentecost*, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ’s first followers. This empowered them to be ready for the mission of evangelization by gathering them together after the Ascension of Christ as a Church ready to go out. *Shavuot* is a Jewish festival that commemorates the anniversary of the day when God gave the Torah or the Ten Commandments to the entire nation of Israel while assembled at Mount Sinai. The word “*Pentecost*” means fifty, and the number “fifty” points to fullness, to ripeness, and to a time that is ready for something to happen. The Book of Acts tells us that on the day of “Pentecost,” “all the Apostles of Christ except Judas Iscariot who had already betrayed Jesus were in one place and suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, that filled the entire house in which they were...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the spirit enabled them to proclaim.” (*Acts 1:1ff*).

The miracle that happened on this day was not in the speaking of tongues but in the understanding of what the Apostles were actually speaking. Before Jesus went back to his Father in heaven, he had instructed the Apostles to preach the Gospel to all corners of the world, and at the same time promised that he was going to send them the “spirit of truth” or “the Advocate” who would bear witness to their preaching, healing and teaching as we read in the Scriptures: “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come” (*John 16:3*). In their ability to speak different languages, the Apostles were ready to bring the message of Christ to the world under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost presents us with an opportunity to consider how we are living as Christians each day of our lives. We need to continually ask ourselves over and over whether we are relying on the power of God’s Spirit, or whether we are open to becoming instruments or channels for the Spirit’s gifts? Or whether we are attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Or whether the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) are growing in our lives? Most Christians that I know, including me, live in the presence and power of the Spirit, but only to some extent as we are limited by our fear of our sins or by our low expectations, not to mention our tendency to be distracted from God’s work in us. Pentecost offers a chance to confess our failure to live by the Spirit but at the same gives us an opportunity to ask the Lord to fill us afresh with His power of grace to do what He has called us for. On this day, let us pray for ourselves that we may continue to preach the message for Christ and that we may rely on the gift of the Holy Spirit to do so.

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

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

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Mary and Martin Senica

Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

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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.

All are Sent

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Parish Calendar

Monday, May 21

9:30-10:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
 10:30-11:15AM - School Practice Honors - 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, May 22

10:30-11:15AM - School Practice Honors - CH
 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - C
 7:00 PM - PPC Meeting - RD
 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

Wednesday, May 23

10:30-11:15AM - School Practice Honors - CH
 12:00PM - Organ Lesson - CH
 2:30-6PM - Day Care - C
 7:00 PM - Financial Council Meeting - RDR
 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, May 24

11:00 AM-3:00 PM - Quilting Ladies - RD
 1- 3:30 PM & 7-9:30 PM -F&F Mtg. - LMC
 12:30 PM - 8th Grade Honors Ceremony - CH
 2:30-6PM - Day Care - C
 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 6:00-8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, May 25

2:30-6PM - Day Care - C

Faith & Fellowship

THE BIG SHEBANG

Tomorrow, May 21st,
 Faith & Fellowship marks the
 close of its season until Fall
 with Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed
 by dinner. Please join us!
 RSVP- Connie Rakitan,
 708-383-9276 or
 faith_fellowship@hotmail.com



500 CLUB WINNER
\$ 25.00
May 20, 2018
WILLIAM AND BARBARA CRAGG,
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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

May Crowning



The most popular devotion is praying of the rosary. The rosary is a powerful prayer that draws us closer to Mary who in turn brings us closer to her son Jesus Christ. Here at St. Catherine of Siena—St. Lucy Parish we will crown Mary at all masses Mother's Day weekend, but we will also say the rosary after the Sunday 8:30 AM mass each week during May. What better way to honor our Blessed Mother Mary than to say the rosary as a church family each weekend.

Save-the-Date

Sunday, June 3
Ice Cream Social
Maguire Hall

Tuesday, June 12 through
Friday, August 10
Meet-Up & Eat Up
Maguire Hall

Please see our ad on page 6 of
 this bulletin

Tuesday, July 10
White Sox Outing - OS

A Thank you note from the Catholic Charities Collection for Mother's Day

Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day thank you for giving to Catholic Charities to help the mothers, children, and seniors from our community who are struggling. You can also contribute online at www.catholiccharities.net/donate or mail your check directly to Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, IL 60454.

"I encourage you to keep in mind all those people around us who are trapped in the cycle of poverty. They too need to be given hope." – Pope Francis

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. May 21

8:30 † Anna Butler
By: Ministry of Care

Tue. May 22

Eddie Brown (Health)
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. May 23

8:30 † Sylvia Vanni-Candela
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Fri. May 25

8:30 † Jerry Russo
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. May 26

9:00 † Jorge Pomareda
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † Katherine Walker
By: Thom and Sue Schouten

Sun. May 27

8:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30 † Paula Vincent
By: The Vincent Family
10:30 † Harry and Gladys Michaels
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12;
 Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
 Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
 Monday: Seventh Week in Ordinary Time;
 St. Christopher Magallanes and
 Companions
 Tuesday: St. Rita of Cascia
 Friday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
 St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
 Saturday: St. Philip Neri

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



May 13, 2018	\$ 6,087.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,012.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
DEFICIT	\$ -209.00

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 — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MAY 27, 2018

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Altar Servers

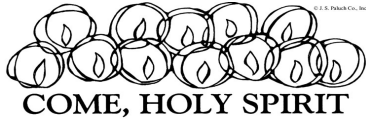
Michael Giometti Kevin Morgan Grace McGuire

Ministers of the Word

Susan Kumler Peter Barber Kim McGuire
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Dan Brown	Claudia Zinanni	Scarlett Evans
Carol Brown	Walter Washington	Bill Holmes
Brenda Fojtik	Renee Smith-Quinn	Doris Brown
Pat Koko	Kathy Mortell	Bern Wheel
	Bill Cragg	Marie Wheel
	Gordon Bell	Diana Cameron



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 27, 2018 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy speech that Moses addressed to the people as they prepared to enter the Promised Land. This was a place where the people worshipped many gods and goddesses. Moses reminds them that there is only one God—the One who brought them out of Egypt.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Paul’s letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. In this portion of the letter, Paul stresses the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. Through the Spirit’s presence within us, we enjoy not only new life but also a new relationship with God, whom we can call by a new name.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Ernestine Bishop, Eddie Brown, Gwendolyn Crockett, Lillian Czaplicki, Andrea Edwards, Normantha & Larry Evans, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Terrie Kalina, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Albert Parker, Jr., 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.

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.

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.



Bible Study - Mondays 9:30 AM

Please consider 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.

Update Personal Info

Please do not forget to 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

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School News



- ..# Happy Pentecost!!
- ..# This Tuesday, Sr. Marion has a delicious barbeque lunch planned for our 8th graders. The wonderful smells will be coming from Maguire Hall.
- ..# Thursday is our final “Coffee with the Principal.” We’re offering Muffins with Moms at 8:15am in our faculty room. You are welcome to join us.
- ..# AT 12:30pm on Thursday, we honor the accomplishments of the Class of 2018 with an awards ceremony. We are proud of our soon-to-be graduates; they deserve all the accolades we are giving.
- ..# There is no school on Monday, May 28, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



Pentecost Sunday

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 12: 4

Guide Us Today

Holy Spirit,
you who pointed out the way
for your disciples
to announce the gospel,
we pray to you:
As in the time of the apostles,
guide today’s messengers of the
Good News.



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



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*

Reminder

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!!

Untying the Knots – Polarization in America

Saturday, June 2 ~ 9AM – 12:30PM

Each of us has a story. Most of us also identify with a tribe and its story. Our personal and our tribal worldviews are often unexamined, taken for granted, and presumed to be fundamentally sound. But are they? Meanwhile we subject the worldview of 'The Other' to intense scrutiny and often withering critique. All of which begs the question: How do we regard 'The Other,' the Samaritans in our lives? In this interactive workshop, social worker and St. Mary's of Riverside parishioner Mike McGillicuddy will invite us to step outside our comfort zones, and explore the worldviews of others with curiosity and humility, while refraining from persuasion and judgement – illuminating the paths from polarization to healing and solidarity. Cost: \$30

Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL)

CSPL is offering a day-long community organizing and leadership training that is grounded in Catholic theological and spiritual traditions.

If you wish to develop your leadership potential and learn how to effectively build relationship so you and others can organize and improve your community this is your opportunity. The training will be held on Saturday **June 16th, 2018 from 8:30am to 3:00pm at McDonough Hall, Saint Giles Parish, 1101 Columbian Ave. Oak Park.**

If you are interested please contact John Barrett at gabolga@aol.com 708-848-4179.

Pro-Life

Babies In The Womb Are "Pre-Born"



Well chosen words have power.

Consider how the pro-abortion advocates marketed and sold their endorsement of abortion. It is not called pro-murder. It is called pro-choice. They appealed to the culture's mentality; a mentality that we had been exhibiting since the 1960s. We live in a cafeteria culture. Thus, the Madison Avenue advertising gurus cleverly chose "pro-choice" in promoting death, but also in concealing the truth; pro-murder.

Therefore, with the knowledge and scientific understanding that life begins at fertilization, and that we are living human beings in the womb, why don't we all use the reference "preborn"? If we support life, and acknowledge that a child deserves our respect, support and protection while waiting comfortably in the womb until the birth process, why not give them the dignity they deserve and refer to them as preborn?

Let's proclaim life accurately. Because now that we know the truth, referring to them as anything less is not only unkind, it is also uninformed.



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: _____

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.