

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

MARCH 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. Patrick Wangai, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
Rev. Patrick Wangai, Chemetha Baker
Religious Education Coordinators
Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Director of Music

SUPPORT STAFF

Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager
Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary

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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
(Please enter the Church by Washington Blvd. 2nd door to the West)
NO Thursday Communion Service until Further Notice

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00 am
Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am

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. (cont'd in pg.2)



Thoughts from Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It doesn't surprise you now days that sin runs rampant in our society these days-daily headlines and overflowing prisons bear dramatic witnesses to the fact. With child abuse, pornography, serial killings, terrorism, anarchy, and ruthless editorships, the world seems to be filled to overflowing with violence, hatred, and corruption. Reading and hearing about these tragedies-and perhaps even experiencing them-we begin to understand the necessity of God's judgement. But God, who sent His Son in his perfect wisdom and love, is merciful, forgiving, and compassionate, wants everyone to listen to His voice and to follow Him.

Today's Gospel story shows us the true nature of God mercy through his Son, Jesus. The story of the nameless Samaritan woman at the Well, recorded only in the Gospel of John, is a revealing one, full of many truths and powerful lessons for us today and beyond. This story follows on the heels of the account of Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and prominent member of the Jewish Sanhedrin (John 3:1-21). In (John 4:4-42) we read about Jesus' conversation with a lone Samaritan woman who had come to get water from a Well (known as Jacob's Well) located about a half mile from the city of Sychar in Samaria. This was an extraordinary woman who was a Samaritan, a race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God and was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people. This is reflected by the fact that she came alone to draw water from the community's well. During biblical times, drawing water and chatting at the Well was the social highpoint of a woman's day. However, this woman who was unmarried was ostracized and marked as immoral. God values us enough to actively seek us, to welcome us to intimacy, and to rejoice in our worship. As a result of Jesus' conversation, only a person like the Samaritan woman, an outcast from her own people, could understand what this means. To be wanted, to be cared for when no one, not even herself, could see anything of value in her—this is grace indeed.

Let us follow Christ who is our shepherd regardless of our limitations. The Samaritan woman story is in contrast to our first reading. The first reading shows that when we complain, we forget God's past provisions. We forget all the many times God has come through for us in the past. That was certainly the case for the Israelites. In less than six months, they had witnessed God bring the ten plagues against Egypt and then part the Red Sea to deliver them from bondage, closing it back to destroy the Egyptian Army. God led them by a cloud at day and a pillar of fire at night. Just like in the chapter before, the bible records God purifying water source for them. (Exodus 15:25). Shortly after, as their food supplies ran out, he provided meat. (Exodus :16:13) and bread (Exodus 16:15) from heaven. But like us, when the Israelites complained, they focused on what they didn't have instead of remembering what they have. Like the Israelites of old, we are quick to complain and grumble and quarrel, and our fight really is with God, doubting his provisions, forgetting what he has done for us in the past. But God is present and at work if we will only trust him.

May God's help renew our faith and lead us to the discovery of faith like the Samaritan woman during this Lent. 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

Liturgy Committee:
Chair: Phil Kroker
Vice-Chair: Joyce Wade
Cantors: Rev. George Omwando
Celebration Choir: Kraig Zeronik
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Parish Finance Council
Juan Perez

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:
Connie Rakitan

Ministers of the Eucharist & Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen
Servers: Kathy Paoli
Ministers of Care: Rev. G. Omwando
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando
Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission Peace & Justice Committee:

Kevin Morgan
Adult Education Commission
Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando
Bible Study: Russ McCaughey
Religious Education of Children:
Rev. Patrick Wangai, Chemetha Baker
St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:
School Board Chair: Natasha Lee
Parish Development & Services Commission
Collection Counters: Rev. G. Omwando
Facilities Committee: Jim Podraza,
Amanda Pomareda
Fundraising Committee:
Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings: Please contact Fr. George 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.

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.

Funerals:

Please call the Rectory to set-up arrangements with the Christian Burial Mass.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.



MONDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 PM AT

St. Edmund's Church

188 S Oak Park Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302

"An important part of our healing is the "penance" the priest imposes in reparation for our sins.

Come and be prepared this season".

Reminder

To all organizational leaders and head ministers:

Please let Fr. George know if you have any announcements for the weekend masses at the beginning of the previous week. His e-mail is gomwando@gmail.com. You can also e-mail Amanda at: apomareda@comcast.net. Thank you.

Save the Date

Monday, March 30
Lenten Penance Service
St. Edmund's Parish

Monday, March 30,
Mondays, April 6 & 13
Women's Winter Spirituality Series in CH

Sat-Sun, April 4-5
Easter Flower Sale

Saturday, April 25
Four Winds Casino Trip
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Sunday March 15th

Please Be Our Guest
at the annual
SPRING RAFFLE

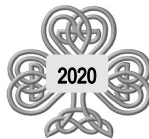
After 10:30 Mass in Maguire Hall

Light refreshments and good company will be provided.

This year's **raffle prizes** are cash prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100, an Apple iPad, and gift certificates to the Parish Outing to Four Winds Casino & Oak Park's Trattoria 225 Restaurant.

Raffle tickets have been mailed and will also be available for sale after Masses beginning February 29. Winner need not be present but it is fun when you are!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee



500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 19th, 2020. 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. This is a fun way to support the parish. Pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

March 15, 2020

GARY AND BETTY WILEY,

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St. Catherine—St. Lucy



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday—April 5

5:00 PM ~ Saturday
8:30 AM ~ Sunday
10:30AM ~ Palms Procession

Holy Thursday—April 9

7:30 PM ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday— April 10

12 Noon ~ Vigil at the Cross
7:30 PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord

Holy Saturday— April 11

1:00 PM ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 PM ~ The Great Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday —April 12

8:30 & 10:30 AM

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 16

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RTR
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
6:30-9:30PM- F&F Mtg- RD

Tuesday, March 17

10AM - Fundraising Committee Mtg. - RD
1:30-2:30 PM - Rehearsal for School Mass CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:30-9PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, March 18

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:00-10:00 PM- F&F Mtg - RD
7:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting - RDR
7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, March 19

12:30-3:30 PM- F&F Mtg - RD
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
6:00 -8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, March 20

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - CH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. March 16

8:30 † **Bradley Cousineau**
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

Tue. March 17

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Wed. March 18

8:30 † **Bessie Jones**
By: Grace Bishop

Fri. March 20

8:30 † **Arthur Lazarus**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sat. March 21

9:00 † **Zoila Roman**
By: Her niece
5:00 † **Irena Baleisis**
By: Era Yee

Sun. March 22

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Bradley Cousineau**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson
10:30 † **Sue Vanek (2ND ANNIV OF DEATH)**
By: The Konecki Family

NOTICE

NO Thursday Communion Service until Further Notice

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 25:4-51b, 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
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: 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
Tuesday: St. Patrick
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



March 8, 2020	\$ 4,032.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 510.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
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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 — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS — MARCH 22, 2020

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Altar Servers		
Dan Brown Mark Thomas	Kevin Morgan	Ava Konecki
Ministers of the Word		
McLane Lomax Debra Lomax	Tom Frank Renee Smith-Quinn	Patricia Long Bill Sullivan, Jr.
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Lessie Dean Chemetha Baker Era Yee Michelle Darang-Coleman	Thom Schouten Kevin Kell Fannie Cooper Kathy Mortell Marjorie Fields Walter Washington	Diana Cameron Terry Sullivan Yuna Kim Pat Nelson Kim McGuire Bill Holmes



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Eloise Brown, Lillian Czaplicki, Scarlett Evans, Dwayne and Paula Evans, Carlos Flores, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Marian McCurry, Dee Norman, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Dolores Sungail, and Annette Vargas.

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.

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 22ND — 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

It is about 1000 C.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem and had eight sons, the youngest of whom was David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

The ancient city of Ephesus was located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's readings equates with darkness.

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.



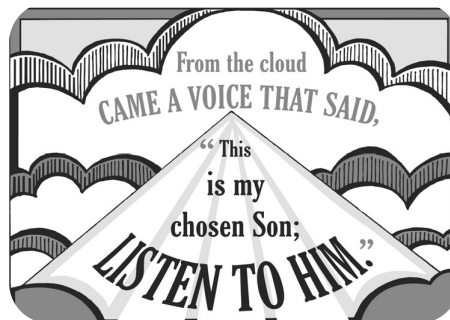
Bible Study - Mondays 9:30 AM

Our Bible Study group meets on Mondays ~ 9:30—11:00 AM in the Rectory.

We use the New Collegeville Bible Commentary from Collegeville, Minnesota. We read the scriptures, weekly psalms, and the commentary. Then we discuss it. It is an enlightening experience and is totally free.

Remember a Loved One

We have the 2020 Mass Book open for your requests. Come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion. Mass intentions are only \$10.00.



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

Signs of Lent The Gloria

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.

27 W. Washington Blvd.
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School Scoop

Registration for 2020-2021 School Year Coming Soon!

- ..# It's not too early to re-register! Use the registration feature on PowerSchool. Students who have re-registered and paid the registration fee by April 1 will receive a school spirit t-shirt.
- ..# Before and After Care available
- ..# Warm, fun and academically sound Pre-School program
- ..# State of Illinois and Archdiocese of Chicago academic standards strictly adhered to
- ..# We meet each growth at an individual pace
- ..# All Junior High classes are taught by subject expert teachers
- ..# Students are prepared socially, spiritually, and academically for high school
- ..# We will once again offer Summer Camp here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy School, from June 8 through August 7. Information and sign-up sheets will be out soon.

Update Personal Info

Please DO NOT FORGET to update us with your new phone numbers, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

Retreat

April 18, 2020

Edwina Gateley will facilitate a half-day retreat at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church on Saturday, April 18 beginning at 9:00 am. It will be a special opportunity...not to be missed...open to all men and women...and may be one of the last mid western US opportunities to hear Edwina speak before she retires to Ireland.

The women of Chicago's west side and of the near-west suburbs are invited to gather for winter spirituality!

Shelby Boblick is facilitating the discussion, and we'll use as a catalyst **In God's Womb**, a spiritual memoir by Edwina Gateley. Edwina is a poet, theologian, artist, writer, and lay minister. She is a single mom and has been described as a modern day mystic and prophet.

Shelby will supply the books each week for this series. It matters not at all if you miss a week or 2. Drop-ins are encouraged! We are offering duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1:00 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

Mon., March 30: *The Streets; Genesis House*

Mon., April 6: *Motherhood; The House of Sophia*

Mon., April 13: *Public Speaking; The Answer*

We meet in the gathering area of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church at 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. The church is handicapped accessible. Only the doors on Austin Blvd. will be open. There are assistive listening devices available.

Questions or concerns? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Stations of the Cross

At St. Catherine-St. Lucy



The Stations of the Cross is held every Friday at 7:00 PM in Church through Lent. 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.

Lenten Regulations

(from Now to the Paschal Triduum)

Fasting and Abstaining From Meat

One of our Lenten Practices uniting us with Catholics around the world! Fridays during Lent are days of abstaining from meat. Good Friday is a day of abstaining from meat and fasting.

Prayer Vigil

Now to April 5



Please Sign Up and Save Lives in Chicago.

Vigil location: Family Planning Associates Abortion Center, 4341 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, 60641

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm - **Daily**

Contact: Joe Lazar 847-309-0360
joe@vision2020il.org or Mark Cascia 847-381-6149
mcascia@comcast.net

Pray For Our Deceased



Johnny King

May he rest in peace!

We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace Catherine, his daughter, and extended family in a prayerful embrace.

May the angels lead him into Paradise

Easter Flowers Sale

Spring flowers and plants will be arriving the weekend of **April 4-5**

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!

CRS – RICE BOWL

Stories of Hope

We travel around God's beautiful world to meet three girls and their families. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, you share your life and your abundance with these families and others like them.

My name is: Maria Ana

Maria Ana is 16 years old. Serious and kind, she lives with her parents, four brothers and one sister in Honduras, a country in Central America. Her village, El Pinal, is surrounded by hills. Maria Ana speaks Spanish.

Maria Ana from Honduras is no different. Her family's home was destroyed in a recent accident, and her family is living in a temporary space—a small wooden hut—until they can get it fixed. It's been hard living without a permanent place to call home. Everyone sleeps on the floor, and during the rainy season the roof often leaks. Maria Ana is hopeful her family will have a new house soon.

"I want to keep studying so I can help my family succeed," she says. To help make the dream a reality, Maria Ana works hard in school—and CRS provides school lunches to ensure she can focus on her studies and not on her hunger. Maria Ana also works in her community to earn money to support her family. At home, she helps with chores, like washing the school uniforms, helping to prepare the family meal, and fetching and boiling water to make it drinkable.



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

The Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce the 2020 SPRING EVENT: once again there will be a chartered Bus Trip outing to *FOUR WINDS CASINO* in New Buffalo, Michigan! This adventure-some and fun day will be on Saturday, April 25th. 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 25, 2020

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; **MUST** bring a valid photo ID

Final ticket purchase date is Monday, April 13th; 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 13th. Tickets will also be sold following Masses the week-ends of March 28/29, and April 4/5. 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 25th!



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

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE
Monday, April 13th

ST. CATHERINE-ST. LUCY PARISH *FOUR WINDS CASINO* BUS TRIP – Saturday, April 25, 2020

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.