



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JANUARY 31, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director

SUPPORT STAFF

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

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Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Monday through Friday
Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302
Telephone: 708-386-5286

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 Mass

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 8:30 am

Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am

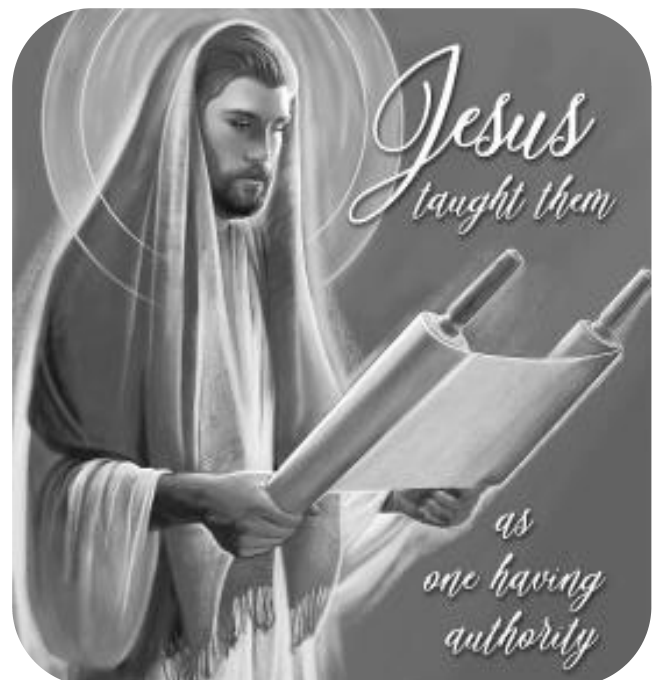
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

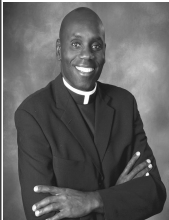
Baptisms

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)



From Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme of our Catholic Annual appeal this year is: *“Come Follow Me... and bring hope to the world”*. The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. Your gift will provide inspiration, education and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world. You have embraced God's call to never forget those in spiritual and material need. For this we are truly grateful. EVERY GIFT MATTERS! .93 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to the critical work of the schools, parishes, agencies and ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to *“Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world.”* This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish. For example, Appeal funds subsidize the formation and education Kevin Morgan who is our parish-ioner studying to become a permanent deacon. Once we exceed our goal of this year fundraising which is almost \$22,000, the extra that is raised is given back to the parish. When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

In our Gospel today, Jesus taught his listeners with authority that was given to him by God. We can go so wrong in handling authority and power. It is said that “power corrupts.” The more power and authority one has the greater temptation to abuse in even a greater capacity. Jesus sets the example of the proper use of authority. It has not been given by men and women but by God. The Father approved of the Son and commissioned Him at His baptism. The Spirit filled Him. We, in turn, have been commissioned by Jesus in our mission and filled with the Holy Spirit. We have to submit to authority if we are to use authority properly.

God bless you and let us pray for the success of our Annual Catholic Appeal.

— 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
Secretary: Andrea Legatzky
Celebration Choir: TBA
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): Vacant

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission

Peace & Justice Committee:

Kevin Morgan

Adult Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

Bible Study: TBA

Religious Education of Children: TBA

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services

Commission

Collection Counters: Vacant

Facilities Committee: Jim Podraza,

Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

Weddings: Please contact Fr. George to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months in advance 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Feb. 1</u>	
8:30	HEALTH	Donna Kanapes By: Gospel Choir of SCSL
<u>Tue.</u>	<u>Feb. 2</u>	
8:30		† Barbara Lordan By: Tom and Pat Nelson
<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Feb. 3</u>	
8:30		† Evelyn Cademartrie By: Tom Cademartrie
<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Feb. 5</u>	
8:30		† Stella Caro By: Era Yee
<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Feb. 6</u>	
8:30		† Grace Ernst By: Evie Stockinger
5:00		† Vicente Yee-Canama By: The Yee Family
<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Feb. 7</u>	
8:30		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30		† Mary Kay Cademartrie By: Tom Cademartrie
10:30		† Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg By: Donna Kanapes

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6: 14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6: 30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day
Wednesday:	St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Friday:	St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Paul Miki and companions; First Saturday

2020 Statement of Contributions

Starting this week, you can **request** a list of your Sunday contributions for the past year. Please call or write to Amanda at 708-386-8077, via e-mail at: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net. Thank you.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

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

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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Parish Events

All special events in the church and school remain canceled as a precaution against the spread of the COVID

Our Pastor keeps on observing all health precautions and distancing as we minister to you.

Please contact or email us if we can be of any assistance to you at 708-386-8077 Monday-Friday. from 8:30 am | to 4:30 pm

For emergencies, call 708-560-6109 after hours.



We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts -- whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check or carrying cash to church each week. You can manage it anywhere you have an internet connection 24/7.

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.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org and under Steward & Giving tab you will be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Jeanette Cannon, Kathy Egan, Kathy Feulner, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Cache Lane, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett and Raul Perez, Vince Saunders, Chuck Scott, Tom Sterr, Lawrence Tabichi, Annette Varga, Sr. Teresita Weind and Paul Winterhalter.

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 all of us



FEBRUARY 7, 2021 — 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1—4, 6-7

The Book of Job is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This question was especially crucial to people of that time because they didn't believe in life after death, and therefore one received reward or punishment in this life. Job has lost his children, his property and his health, and he lives at the city dump. In this passage, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul's enemies frequently criticized him for the least little thing. At a time when most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused financial support from the community. Because of this, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Today we hear his response.

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.

2021 Mass Book Open

If you have a loved one who is ill or has passed away ... or any special occasion or petition you'd like to bring before the Lord ... consider offering your prayers at a Mass.

Our book is open for personal intentions for the remainder of this year and for the 2021 year.

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

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

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Oak Park, IL 60302
708-386-5286



School Scoop

- ..# Catholic Schools Week kicks off today, Sunday, January 31st. Black History Month begins Monday, February 1st. We have decided to intertwine the two celebrations, with a month full of activities. Please see the reverse side for our current listing of events.
- ..# Just a reminder...there is no school on Friday, February 12th, as the teachers have an in-service day. There is also no school on Monday, February 15th, for Presidents' Day.

Pray For Our Deceased

†
Mrs. Eliza Mathews
RIP 1/15/21
May she rest in peace!

Eliza was a faith-filled parishioner and an important member of our Fundraising Committee. She was always a pillar of our church and community.

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

May the angels lead her into Paradise

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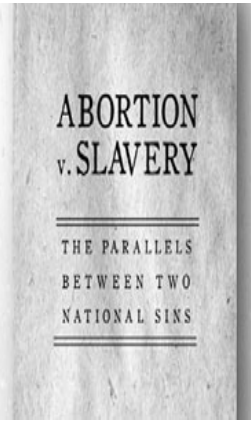
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This Respect Life week we are called to Live the Gospel of Life and we can do so by understanding our past...

This new booklet from Life for Unborn Children summarizes the catastrophic immorality of our past and showcases the reality that the U.S. is repeating a horrific evil yet again.



To learn more, visit: www.lucusa.org



The Parish is Open for Masses

As you know, St. Catherine-St. Lucy has passed certification by the Archdiocese of Chicago to begin offering public Masses on a limited basis. SCSL parishioners are encouraged to update us with your current e-mail in order to receive the weekly notifications of our reopened Sunday Masses and other liturgies as they are scheduled. Each email will contain the link that is needed to sign up in our reservation system on *SignUp-Genius*. **NOTICE:** We wanted to let everyone know that if you sign-up for Mass after Friday, they will not be on the sign-up sheets.

- ..#Please come 15 minutes before mass starts.
- ..#Enter the church by Austin Blvd. only.
- ..#Exit the church by Washington Blvd. only.
- ..#Mandatorily wear a mask.
- ..#Your hands will be sanitized once you enter the church.
- ..#Sign-up at the entrance.
- ..#From this weekend on, entrance to Sacristy's bathroom is prohibited.
- ..#You will be assigned where to sit within the church.
- ..#No congregational singing.
- ..#Avoid touching the pews.
- ..#Follow the signs inside the church.
- ..#Please sit on the pews that are marked.
- ..#No Sign of Peace is permitted.
- ..#You will receive a Worship Aid, which will be discarded after each mass.
- ..#Communion will be received only on your hands.
- ..#After Mass, sanitize your hands.
- ..#You are NOT allowed to gather or stay in church after mass.

These guidelines were developed by the Catholic Conference of Bishops of Illinois, based on the State of Illinois

Archdiocese of Chicago
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THE 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



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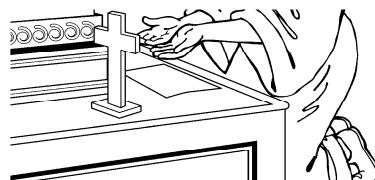
Mass Times

To attend one of the open Masses at St. Catherine—St. Lucy you must pre-register through our *Sign-up Genius* reservation system. A new link to the sign-up page is sent out each week for the next weekend's Masses. To receive this link, please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 during office hours or via e-mail at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

Pass the Link to your Friends!

By just forwarding to friends who may not be on the church email list.

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Grief Support Group

St. Giles Parish—

Mc Donough Hall

1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park

Beginning February 3, 2021

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help your through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

To register, please call 708-223-4912 or contact via e-mail at: griefshare@stgilesparish.org

*Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.*

— Psalm 95:6

Food for Thought

Pandemic of Poverty

*“I would like you to be free of anxieties.”
Words to placate those who are lost,
trapped in a pandemic of global poverty.
Yet it is a world with brightness of promise,
but people must work for justice
in health, humanitarian and development needs.*

*Incomplete social protection systems let folks
sink deeper into poverty.*

*Will we allow our hearts, not hardened, to be pierced
by the suffering of those who are on the margins?
And will we recognize ourselves
as being raised up for the work of global justice?*

*The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;
On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death,
light has arisen. (Matt 4:16)*

1/31/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, C. Dempsey; 1 Cor 7:32



Coordinator of Music – part time

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Pastor: Fr. George Omwando

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We are looking to hire a Coordinator of Music who would be responsible for facilitating the musical worship life of the parish community by coordinating the activities delineated below:

- #Select and prepare sacred music for all church liturgies including Sunday and Holy Day Masses, civil holidays, and special liturgies.
- #Arrange for musical coverage for weekend Masses (accompanist and cantor).
- #Prepare cantors for Sunday Mass.
- #Work on sacramental celebrations in conjunction with school and religious education staff.
- #Meet with grieving families and offer guidance with regard to music selections for funerals.
- #Meet with engaged couples to provide guidance in selection of sacred music for their wedding liturgies.
- #Prepare worship aids for Weekend Masses, Triduum, Christmas, etc.
- #Assist in liturgy planning.
- #Demonstrate ability to play both piano and organ.
- #Demonstrate the ability to play instrument and sing at the same time when necessary.

There is also an interest in discussing potential candidate's knowledge of technology as related to video streaming and YouTube.

For additional information, please contact Fr. George via email above. Please note that this position is **open immediately upon qualification** and it carries no benefits. Typically, at this time, the position covers 8-10 hours per week. There is no choir involvement during this time of COVID restrictions. Previous experience in participation and leading parish music ministry is mandatory. Please send a resume and reference(s) from previous assignment(s) to the pastor.



We'll come to you

a virtual marriage encounter



restore
communication

rekindle
romance

renew
commitment

2021 February 4, 11, 18,
25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
at 7PM

For more information
call 630-577-0778 or to

apply go to
[www.wwme-
Chicagoland.org](http://www.wwme-Chicagoland.org)

