



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

APRIL 25, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTORAL TEAM

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Rev. John McGivern, Administrator
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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

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, and Wednesday- 8:30am - Main Church

NO Thursday Mass

At. St. Edmunds: Monday, Friday- 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning - 9:00 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. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sheep left unattended or corralled will wander off and get into trouble every single time. That is why the shepherd goes to such lengths to keep an eye on them. When left to our own devices, we, too, have this uncanny tendency to wander off and get into trouble of all kinds. When we allow the voices of temptation to drown out the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we are headed for trouble. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves, and we need to heed his voice.

In today's first reading, we learn that Peter healed a man who was disabled. This, of course, is in itself a powerful moment, but what makes it all the more powerful is the fact that the healing took place "in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean...", demonstrating to all that through the resurrection of Jesus, divine power and healing was no longer limited to the person of Jesus, but active among his believers.

Moreover, this same Peter who denied Jesus three times on Good Friday, is now the one who speaks courageously and directly to the crowd as to their culpability in the death of Jesus: The quote from above continues: "...whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead." Standing in persona Christi, in word and deed, Peter reveals the Good Shepherd to us.

Through the power of the resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Lord was working through Peter. The crowds in the first reading heard their shepherd's voice in the words and actions of Peter. The Pharisees and others in the Gospel did not recognize their shepherd who was right in front of them.

Let us, you and I, hear the Good Shepherd's voice this day. Let us help others hear his voice through our words and actions this day as well. For his voice leads us to life. The Easter season is the perfect time to move from pain and suffering to glorious triumph in the risen Christ. May we always hear and heed the voice of the Shepherd.

— *Fr. John McGivern*

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 DISCIPLINSHIP 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. John McGivern

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.: Rev. John McGivern

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 Com. Jim Podraza, Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

Weddings: Please contact Fr. John McGivern 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.

Responding to the Call

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us

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Saint Catherine of Siena April 29 (1347-1380)

Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

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500 Club Certificates

Our weekly drawings for the 2020-2021 season of the 500 Club through October 17th. Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in each weekly drawing. The prize each week is \$25 except for the three weekends when the prize is \$500. We have now sold 422 of our 500 certificates! If we sell all 500 certificates as we did last season, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Certificates may be for you, but they also make great gifts. We have had one \$500 winner and a number of \$25 winners whose certificates came to them as a gift. How nice was that!!! If you need a purchase form, they are available in the back of church and at the rectory office. You can also call Elaine Podraza for a form at 708-524-1461 or you can use Give Central on the parish website, www.stcatherinestlucy.org. The 500 Club is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone over 18, not just members of our parish community. Please pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
 ★ **\$ 25.00** ★
 ★ **April 25, 2021** ★
 ★ **EDWARD WEAVER,** ★
 ★ **# 26** ★



New Weekday & Weekend MASS Schedule at St. Catherine—St. Lucy

These are our updated Mass schedules

- « # **Tuesday and Wednesday** - 8:30 AM, **here** at St. Catherine-St. Lucy.
- « # **Monday and Fridays**- 8:30 AM will be celebrated at St. Edmund’s Parish, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Il. entrance/exit on the northwest side off the parking lot area. You are encouraged to attend these.
- « # There will be **NO** 8:30 AM Mass on Thursday and Saturday at either location.
- « # **Weekend Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM, both masses at SCSL.**

PLEASE NOTE: for the **TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY** weekday **8:30 morning Mass at SCSL, ONLY the Austin Blvd. door will be open for entrance and exit; worshippers sign in and sanitize hands just inside the Austin Blvd. door. Please sit in a pew #1, and leave your kneeler down following Mass, so it is obvious where to sanitize.**

FYI

Please know that capacity for each mass time have been increased from 50 to 70 people, so more people will have the opportunity to sign-up to our masses

EASTER ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please consider making a donation to help support our always beautiful Easter altar flower display in honor of a loved one. Special envelopes are available in today's bulletin or at the doors of the church. Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. April 27

8:30 † **Josephine Hargadon**
By: James Hargadon
† **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Wed. April 28

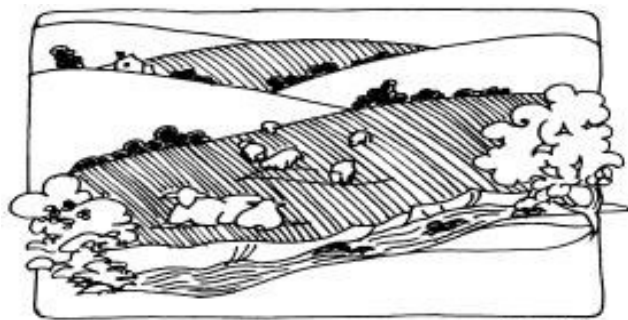
8:30 † **Chris Mlot-Fijalkowski**
By: Tom Nelson
† **Terence Crutcher**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sat. May 1

5:00 † **Annie Smith**
By: Evie Stockinger
† **Rosalinda Rodriguez**
By: The Yee Family

Sun. May 2

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
9:00 † **Sr. Nadine Hargadon**
By: Christine Wedekind
† **Mary Agnes McGlynn**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson



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Today's Readings

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena
Friday: St. Pius V; National Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Saturday

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



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*

1st & 2nd Readings for the upcoming Sunday are offered to help all of us.



**MAY 2, 2021 —
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Earlier in the book of Acts, we hear about Saul (later known as Paul) persecuting Christians in Jerusalem. When he went to Damascus to do more of the same, he experienced a dramatic conversion. It was several years later before he returned to Jerusalem, the site of his earlier persecutions. His first visit to Jerusalem as a Christian is described in today's reading.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

During this Easter Season, our second Scripture reading is from the first letter of John. In today's passage, the author is dealing with some members of the community who have defected. They seem to have believed that, as long as you have faith in Jesus, it does not matter what you do in daily life. The author directly refutes that position.

Faith & Fellowship

One of our Partners has moved out of Columbus Manor and into his own apartment in Rogers Park, with the support of a social service agency. But his heart is always with us...and so is this letter:

*Dear Friends,
God bless you – your families and friends!!! I am writing you to say thank-you -and I've been looking forward to seeing you again, having another meeting & pizza on me. Please keep in touch & stay healthy. Please write back or call-me when possible!*

**Bryan W. Nalezny!!!
Rock n' Roll!!!**



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Gigi Bridges, Gianna Calderon, Jeanette Cannon, Betty Graf, Dave Grayson, Kathy Feulner, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Elias Rojas, Vince Saunders, Chuck Scott, Katie Shoevlin, Tom Sterr, Sister 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.

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.

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: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

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School Scoop

Calling All Wildcat Families!

Who's ready to spread the word about SCSL?
Who's ready for FREE tuition?
Is your family in?

ROAR + SPREAD THE WORD
Almost all of the new families we welcome to SCSL School come to us from word of mouth. We need your help - you are our best ambassador! Order the free family ROAR pack and get the word out to your friends and neighbors about our amazing school.

Place order by Sunday, April 25.
Pick up will be the week of May 3rd.
E-mail: jcourier@catherinelucy.org to sign up for your family ROAR pack.

FREE TUITION

You will receive one free month tuition for each family you refer to SCSL School! When a family you refer registers and attends SCSL for a school year, we will wipe away one month tuition from your account!

SUMMER PROGRAM

Although June seems a long way off, we are already making plans for our summer program. Interested parents are asked to complete the survey that was sent last week no later than April 23. This will help us plan for staffing levels.

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 John McGivern*
Administrator

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

Mass Times

To attend one of the open Masses at St. Catherine—St. Lucy you must pre-register through our *SignUp-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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Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

Daria had no income, and lived with her children in a condemned building. Catholic Charities brought the family to one of our shelters. We helped her find work and permanent housing. She and her children were among the 991 individuals we sheltered last year.

Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day to help homeless families get back on their feet. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

"How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others!" - Pope Francis



The Glory of God

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.

—St. Irenaeus

Virtual Crop Walk— —Next Sunday

CROP Walk: Hunger Walk West is again a virtual walk this year.

The date is Sunday, May 2, 2021.

As always, 25% of funds raised go to local food pantries in Austin, Oak Park, and Forest Park. There will be no donations solicited after Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you wish to donate do one of the following:

1. Send a check made out to CWS/ CROP to : Bill Cragg, 317 North Taylor Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302
2. Go to crophungerwalk.org/oakparkil
3. At this CROP Walk website
 - a. Go to donate
 - b. Find Team St. Catherine-St. Lucy
 - c. Click on this
 - d. Go to make a donation under St. Catherine-St. Lucy, follow prompts to donate using Credit Card

Bill Cragg,
CROP Walk Team Leader



CRS Rice Bowl Update

If you have not returned the Rice Bowl you took at the beginning of Lent, you still have time to do it, just bring it to the Rectory, by calling 708-386-8077 to arrange a time to drop. E-mail Amanda at: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net.

Thank you to all who participated in CRS Rice Bowl with us throughout Lent! Given the realities of COVID-19 and that communities are unable to physically collect CRS Rice Bowls, you can submit your CRS Rice Bowl gift online, by phone (1-877-435-7277) or mail:

Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl—P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

Food for Thought

The Spirit Forming within Us

*“See what love the Father has bestowed on us,
that we may be called the children of God.
Yet so we are...God’s children now;
What we shall become has not yet been revealed.
We know that when it is revealed,
we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”*
(1 John 3:1-2)

*John’s inviting us to contemplate our potential
for infinite growth in God, with words that are mys’tries
saying what we’re becoming has not yet been revealed.
The more we love another person, the more our lives
become intertwined; choosing to love one another molds
us together, and we become who we could not have been.*

*When the Word became Flesh, God became like us,
so we could assume the characteristics
of the divine image in which we were created.
The more a relationship draws us into love,
the more we move deeply into
what has not yet been revealed.*

*“I am the Good Shepherd,” says the Lord;
“I know my sheep, and mine know me.”* (John 10:14)

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Sources: NCR, P. Marren;
1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.



Exploring the Diaconate — Spring 2021

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue. Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. They take place on **Thursday Evenings: April 29 | 7:30-8:30PM** via Zoom RSVP REQUIRED. Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM 847-837-4563 or conuoha@usml.edu

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, bpuhala@usml.edu or 847.837.4564 or visit us at www.usml.edu.

Application Deadline for the 2021–2022 Aspirancy Path is June 1, 2021.

The Foundations and Future of Ministry

All Oak Park parishes are invited to join Father Bob Hutmacher, OFM and Vicky Tufano online or in-person at **Ascension parish** for three evening sessions on **Thursdays, April 29, and May 6 at 7:30 pm** on serving God’s people through ministry in the Church.

The sessions will cover our understanding of the Church where we minister, scriptural foundations for our conceptions of ministry today, ways to view ministry in our post-Covid future, and new ways of being the Church, as we begin a process of transformation through Renew My Church. How can we best revitalize ministry today for the Church of tomorrow?

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register, please send an email to laffc@ascensionoakpark.com and put “Ministry Series” in the subject line. In the body of the email, put whether you would prefer to attend online or in-person, or if you have no preference. If you don’t indicate a preference, we assume you will attend online. Those attending online will receive an email before the first session with a link to the online livestream. In-person sessions will be held at Ascension Catholic Church, 808 South East Avenue, Oak Park at 7:30 pm.

For more information, go to <https://www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome>.

The first session will review scriptural foundations for service to God’s people and will provide a broad understanding of ministry in the Church. The next two sessions will address the future of ministry and offer new, revitalized ways to view service in ministry.

Father Bob Hutmacher, OFM, a Franciscan Friar at St. Peter’s in the Loop, has been part of the Ascension community since 2012. Vicky Tufano previously served as Pastoral Associate and Director of Liturgy at Ascension.

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