



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

**MAY 16, 2021
ASCENSION SUNDAY**



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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)



ASCENSION SUNDAY

From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. "The Church believes that the risen Jesus 'ascended into heaven' in body and soul. In its widest sense, the Ascension includes three moments: the final historical departure of Jesus from his disciples, the metahistorical passage and entry into heaven, and the exaltation, also metahistorical, 'at the right hand of the Father.'" (*New Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1967)

Christians today have a difficult time making sense out of the Ascension of our Lord. We bring our 21st Century minds to a 1st Century statement of faith, and assuming an intellectual superiority, we become dismissive. Are we really so different, however, from Christians of the 1st Century?

Recall that all of the Christian Testament is written as a post-resurrection experience of Jesus. In other words, in light of their experiences of the risen Lord, people began to order their world in a different way. They were compelled to understand the meaning of life in and through the person they came to believe was the Christ. In this newly ordered world, the Hebrew Bible was seen with new eyes. The Old Testament now became something even more important than a record of Yahweh's covenantal relationship with his people. It became a testimony to the truth—a testimony that all of their recorded history pointed to and was fulfilled in Jesus.

Our Christian or *New Testament* is a compilation of post-Easter reflections on the life and ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 is the earliest record of Jesus' departure from this world found in this New Testament. This earliest account did not address the matter of how Jesus returned to the Father. The *New Catholic Encyclopedia* continues: "The departure of Jesus did not alter essentially the relation of the believer to his Lord. He had been seen, and He would be seen again—soon, they hoped; meanwhile, His invisible presence perdured." (*NCE*, 1967)

As time passed and the parousia (the future return of Jesus at the end of time) no longer seemed imminent, there arose a desire among believers to chronicle the events surrounding Jesus' return to the Father. The author of the Gospel of Luke gathered the historical information available to him (compiled from oral tradition and written accounts—accounts now rife with theological reflection) and recorded the data of the Ascension of our Lord in his Gospel.

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus "ascended into heaven" body and soul. As Catholics who experience his life within us and around us and who one day hope to see him, we are no different than the first Christians. There is no reason to be dismissive. He is with the Father, yet his invisible presence perdures.

— 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 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. 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. 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

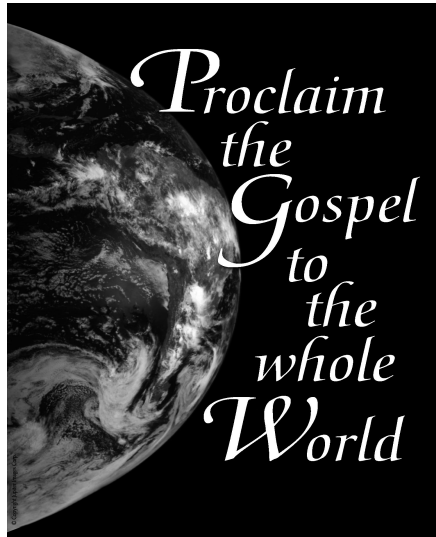
Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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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

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★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
★ \$ 25.00 ★
★ May 16, 2021 ★
★ **BROTHER KENNEY GORMAN,** ★
★ # 230 ★

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

Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

During this month of May...month of Mary, we continue to have the Friday night rosary.

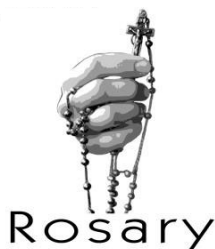
Please join us for the Rosary from the comfort of your home.

Friday night Rosary @7:00 pm Zoom Meeting
Time: This is a recurring meeting

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490
Passcode: 634955

Hopefully, we will see you there!

Kevin Morgan



THE LOAN

We didn't inherit the earth from our parents. We're borrowing it from our children
—Chief Seattle



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. May 18**8:30**

- † **Mary Prindiville**
By her daughter
- † **Andrew Brown**
By Donna Kanapes
- † **Luke Podraza**
By Elaine & Jim Podraza

Wed. May 19**8:30**

- † **Wildon Woodard**
By Donna Kanapes
- † **Louise H. Butler**
By Orace Bishop
- † **Luke Podraza**
By Elaine & Jim Podraza

Sat. May 22**11:00****Funeral Mass**

For Kathy Feulner

5:00

- † **Cloris Leachman**
By Tom & Pat Nelson
- † **Anna Butler**
By Grace Bishop

Sun. May 23**9:00****FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH****9:00**

- † **Sr. Michelle Germanson, O.P.**
By Tom & Pat Nelson
- † **Alexandre D. Vincent**
By The Vincent Family

Today's Readings

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalms — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) *or* 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) *or* John 17:11b-19

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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

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
- Tuesday: St. John I
- Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena; Julian Calendar Ascension
- Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions
- Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost

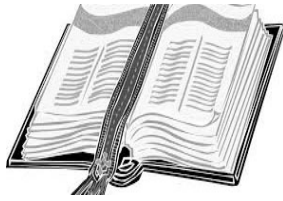


We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts – whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check 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 23, 2021 —
PENTECOST**

First Reading: Acts: 2: 1-11

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

Second Reading: Galatians 5: 1-25

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

Pray For Our Deceased



David Grayson
May he rest in peace!



Please pray for the eternal rest of David's soul who died Saturday, May 8th. He has been a faith-filled parishioner for many years. He was often a 'behind' the scenes guy who would make sure things were working for our parish. We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his brother and family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.
May the angels lead him into Paradise



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Gianna Calderon, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Hernandez, Betty Graf, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Elias Rojas, Chuck Scott, Katie Shoefflin, 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: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

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School Scoop

**Calendar Dates
May – June 2021**

- May 21
8th Grade Honors Ceremony
1:00pm – Church
- May 28
8th Grade Luncheon
11:30am – Location TBD
- June 1
Completion date for Maguire Hall
- June 2
8th Grade-last day
- June 3
8th Grade Graduation
5:00pm – Church
- June 4
Kindergarten Achievement Ceremony
Last day for Preschool and Kindergarten
- June 8
Last Day of School
Honors Assembly – TBD
- June 14
Summer Program begins

SUMMER PROGRAM

Information on the Summer Camp was sent home or emailed to families who completed our survey request. Once completed, return registration forms to Mrs. Cooper.

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: apomaredascsloffice@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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Creation, A Symphony of Joy “All of creation is a symphony of joy!” - Hildegard of Bingen

Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality presents A GALA CONCERT, Sunday, May 23, 2021, 3 to 5 PM Using quality recording and Zoom technology. Featuring “The Hildegard Singers”. Enjoy this Zoom concert in the safety of your own home, patio or back yard.

Celebrating creation, our common home and presenting the music of Hildegard of Bingen, 11th century Abbess, mystic & composer who sings of “*the greening power of life.*”

Your donation in any amount is appreciated and supports the work of *Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality* promoting world peace through understanding, respect and friendship among all faith traditions and spiritual paths.

FOR CHILDREN,

a guest appearance by Kermit the Frog, singing, “It’s Not Easy Being Green.”

Please register using this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsce2srzstG9Cu-CUSIHTbxs_hUWCV2vBVZ

Faith & Fellowship

“And There We Were All in One Place”

It may be a familiar line from the 70s song *American Pie*, but it was stolen from the Bible: “They were all together in one place” (Acts 2:1) – which is exactly what happened when seven of the Catechists came together in the Rectory Meeting Room, for the first time in over a year – and for some of us, the first time we had seen each other *ever!* Strictly observing Archdiocesan safety guidelines, we had supper (individual Chipotle bowls, single-serve chips, each our own can of pop and candy bar; masks on, socially distanced, and everything sanitized) and gathered in our familiar Prayer Circle to reflect on C-O-M-M-U-N-I-T-Y. The WHOLE community was in that place, through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, even the ones who could not attend physically, and as certainly as the Spirit came upon the community in Acts2:2.



THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface

Food for Thought

Doers, not Watchers

*King of all the earth is God:
Sing hymns of praise. (Psalm 47:8)*

The gospel of Luke tells of Jesus' life,
before being taken up and out of sight.
His leaving caused his apostles great strife,
until the Holy Spirit made things right.

We are like disciples at Ascension:
We'd like to be known as Theopolis,
and as Lovers of God, give dimension
to Christ's presence, bringing our lives solace.

We're called today to dwell on who we are,
We're baptized. Holy Spirit's been embraced.
With hearts aflame, as though a blazing star,
entrusted with Christ's Mission; hate's displaced.

As those who believe, we're a collection
of all who comprise the church...Body of Christ.
With a life worthy of our call, our election,
as Christ's hands in this world, is spread love unpriced.

We are called not just to watch, but to do.
With those sacred hands, the hungry we must feed,
the naked clothe, homeless house, and lost rescue,
working for justice and peace in word and deed.

The angels told the disciples to stop looking up,
It's now your turn—the only one you'll have—to carry on.

Sources: NCR, M McCone; We Celebrate, p 131;



The women of Chicago's west side and the near-west suburbs are invited to gather this summer to reconnect.

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the meetings, and we'll use as a catalyst the title of book, HEALING THE DIVIDE: Poems of Kindness & Connection. We need to heal, rekindle kindness, and connect.

Shelby will supply the poem(s) for each session and not all will be drawn from that book. **No need to prepare in advance.** If you'd like to bring a poem, prayer or reflection, you are most welcome.

We'll meet in person *outside* on the covered porch of Shelby's River Forest condominium. The building has elevator access. 9 women can participate in each session (plus Shelby). Only fully vaccinated women are invited. Please e-mail a copy of your vaccination card or bring it with you. We'll be seated 6 feet apart. BYO beverages. Face masks are required to enter the building & unit but are optional once outside on the porch.

Because attendance is so limited, you must e-mail or call Shelby to **request** any individual session(s) or the entire series. Shelby will follow-up by e-mail or phone to notify who is registered to attend which sessions. Every effort will be made to include everyone interested in at least 1 session, if not more.

We'll focus on different subjects each week. To accommodate a variety of schedules, we'll offer **duplicate** sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please request whichever time suits you and your life. No need to request the same time for each session.

..# **Monday, May 24: "Think of Yourself" by Jan Phillips**

..# Monday, June 7: "Shoulders" by Naomi Shihab Nye

..# Monday, June 21: "Change Sings" by Amanda Gorman

..# Monday, July 26: "Small Kindnesses" by Danusha Lameris

..# Monday, Aug. 9: "Summer Kitchen" by Donald Hall & "To Be of Use" by Marge Piercy

When Shelby confirms your registration, she will provide you the address, parking instructions, and electronic building access information.

Please join us! Questions or requests to participate, please ...e-mail shelbyboblick@outlook.com or call Shelby Boblick @ 630-240-2765.

CROP Walk 2021

Thank you to our generous parishioners who contributed to the Hunger Walkathon West. We raised \$880.00 of which 25% will go to local food pantries in Austin, Forest Park, and Oak Park. The balance will go to provide relief from hunger around the world.

Next year, on the first Sunday of May, let's hope we can go from a virtual walk to an actual walk. Just so you know, the entire walk this year will raise about \$100,000.00 so the benefit locally and around the world is that much greater.

Thanks again!