



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

**MAY 23, 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY**



PASTORAL TEAM

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

SUPPORT STAFF

Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
Mr. Ludwig Weiss, School Operations Director
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

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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)



An Update on Renew My Church

A Letter from the Priests Of the Oak Park Parishes to the People we Serve in all 4 Parishes

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Beginning in June, the 4 Oak Park parishes, which make up 1 grouping, will begin the process of discerning the future of the Catholic Church in Oak Park. Change is challenging and difficult, but when it comes to the vitality and the future of the Church we love, we must remain open to what that future may hold.

All of the parishes are in the process of developing a team of 5 parishioners (not including the pastor or administrator) who will regularly gather throughout the next several months, all with the goal of developing possible scenarios which will help in the revitalization of the local worshipping communities. There is a trained facilitator who will lead the groups in their discernment.

It would be inaccurate simply to understand this process as a means by which parishes may merge, consolidate or even close. The ultimate goal is to develop worshipping communities that are sustainable in every way. Yes, that certainly includes financially, as well as taking an honest look at the health and safety of our buildings. Even more than that, however, we must be sure that all of our resources—be that priest personnel, parish staffs, and our lay leadership are all being utilized in the most effective and efficient ways, that will create even greater life-giving and vital worship communities for all of you.

This process requires that everyone let go of a too narrow, parochial perspective of what it means to be Church and to embrace what a new, revitalized, Catholic footprint would look like. This is not an easy task for anyone to accept, including us, your priests. After much prayer and reflection, however, we have come to believe that it is the right and necessary task. The current model of parish life in Oak Park is not sustainable for much longer, and a new vision is especially needed. We welcome this opportunity for us to grow, to evolve and to change together, and we invite you to join us on this new and important journey. We need you to accompany us on this journey and we cannot imagine embarking upon it without you.

This can be an exciting and life-giving opportunity, but it requires that everyone set aside the “this is how it has always been” mentality and embrace what may come. Yes, there will be challenges and changes, and yes, the future is frightening and uncertain, but what awaits us will be revitalizing, exciting and sustainable for Catholics today and the new generation of Catholics who are soon to follow.

It seems appropriate that on this occasion of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit filled the first disciples with hope and strength, and set them afire to share their faith in the Lord Jesus, that we reach out to you today. Symbolic of our desire to walk together into a renewed, sustainable and Spirit filled Church in Oak Park, beginning this weekend, all 4 of our parishes will begin to pray the following petition at mass every weekend, reminding us that we are all one faith community and that we must all grow together.

For all the Catholic parishes of Oak Park, and the people they serve, that as we enter the Renew My Church process, we may be open to developing new opportunities for unity and the deepening of our shared lives of faith, we pray...

Please know that we pray for each of you every day. Let us always remember to pray for one another, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we now embark on this holy task of renewal and revitalization of the faith communities and people we so love.

Sincerely,

Fr. Carl Morello
Pastor, St. Giles Parish
Administrator, Ascension Parish

Fr. Rex Pillai Associate Pastor, Ascension Parish

Fr. John McGivern
Pastor, St. Edmund Parish
Administrator, St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish

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.

500 Club Certificates

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR A \$500 DRAWING!!!

Our weekly drawings for the 2020-2021 season of the 500 Club continue through October 17th. The prize each week is \$25 except for the three weekends when the prize is \$500. **OUR THIRD DRAWING FOR \$500 WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 6TH.** ALL CERTIFICATES THAT HAVE BEEN PURCHASED THROUGH JUNE 4TH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAWING FOR THIS PRIZE. Certificates are \$25 each and are included in each weekly drawing for the remainder of the season.

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 this link to Give Central, <https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132>. 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!!

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.

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

Kevin
Morgan



Rosary



500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

May 23, 2021

JENNIFER & TONY SALDUKAS,

#135



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. May 25**8:30**

- † **Officer Howard Liebengood**
By Donna Kanapes
- † **Kamile Kalina**
By Donna Kanapes

Wed. May 26**8:30**

- † **Joel Daly**
By Tom & Pat Nelson
- † **Gen Hertko-Houck**
By Jerry & Ron

Sat. May 29**5:00**

- † **Jim McGuinness**
By Joyce McGuinness
- † **Stephen D. Bechtel, jr.**
By Tom Nelsom
- † **Luke Podraza**
By Elaine & Jim Podraza
- † **James Marshall**
By SCSL School Staff

Sun. May 30**9:00****FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH****9:00**

- † **Pat Hargadon**
By Tom & Carol Frank
- † **Eddie Brown**
By Fannie Cooper

Today's Readings

First Reading — They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

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

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

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15. The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

Wednesday: St. Philip Neri

Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Saturday: St. Paul VI; Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



Did you know?

There is a link to sign up for Mass located on the parish web site? If you lose or can't find the email with the link — no worries. Simply go to your browser, search for St. Catherine St Lucy Parish Oak Park (careful not to get the school web site).

Right there, on the landing page, in the upper right hand corner is a box labeled: MASS SIGN UP: . There is a date showing. We have this link updated weekly, usually on Monday soon after emailing link.

If you click on the box, it will take you right to the Sign Up Genius web site. Select the event (Mass) you want and scroll to the bottom of that event. There is a little, tiny box. Click on it to select this event/Mass, then click on the bigger box labeled SUBMIT AND SIGN UP. Now you must enter your name and contact information. Click on SAVE — you're all set.

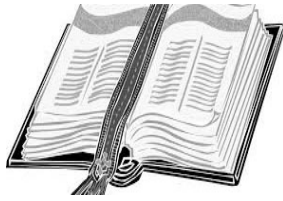


We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts — whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check 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 30, 2021 —
TRINITY SUNDAY**

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

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

Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17
Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work, In this portion of the letter, Paul stresses the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians Through the Spirit's presence within us, we enjoy not only new life but also a new relationship with God, whom we can call by a new name.

Pray For Our Deceased



Marion Houston

May she rest in peace!

Please pray for the eternal rest of Marion's soul, who died Sunday, May 9th. She has been a faith filled parishioner for many years.

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

Mass of Christin Burial

St. Catherine—St. Lucy Parish

Saturday, June 5, 2021

11 AM

May the angels lead her into Paradise



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Gianna Calderon, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, 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

Thanks to the generosity of our Community Resource Board, we will be sending home books for each of our children. The books were picked by the teachers for their incoming students and will be passed out in early June.

Mrs. Durkin and Mrs. Courier have received a grant for a preschool garden, to be planted once the weather cooperates.

**Calendar Dates
May – June 2021**

- May 28
8th Grade Luncheon
11:30am – Location TBD
- 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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Faith & Fellowship

After a whole year of doing ministry without ever once being in person, I went to Columbus Manor and had a great visit. Carmen (Staff) welcomed me and allowed to be with our Partners for 20 minutes.

First I met with Mahogany for about 10 minutes. We had a conversation, and prayed together. She prayed for her sister, asking that God allow her sister to visit her.

Then she left and it was time to see Sam and Artrelle. Artrelle seemed confused, but Sam was very comfortable. Again, we had a conversation and then prayed. Sam prayed for his mother, and Artrelle for all his friends. We had banana chips I had brought. It was a lovely experience.

Their question is WHEN WE CAN GO TO THE CHURCH AGAIN?

Erison Campos, ofm – Seminarian and Student Intern, Catholic Theological Union



TODAY!!

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/>

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

Food for Thought

EMPOWERMENT BY THE SPIRIT

*At his Ascension, Jesus told his disciples,
 "I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice."
 The Acts by Luke gives us the most detailed account:
 On the fiftieth day after the Resurrection,
 something new happened, as flames came to each member.
 They opened hearts to the Holy Spirit with one voice.
 And welcomed Gentile Paul to their community.
 They had much to learn, and needed the connection
 with the Spirit of Truth.*

*Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit,
 the community embraced a grace-filled thriving.
 Jesus' promise to bestow his Spirit on us
 . can only be limited by our hesitance
 to continue his mission. The Spirit of God
 leads us to broaden our plans beyond driving
 imaginations. Our celebration reminds us:
 the Spirit chose to instill in us the diligence
 to continue Jesus' mission.*

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.
 (Veni Sancte Spiritus, J. Gerrish)**

Source: NCR, M. McGlone.



***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-

