



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JUNE 6, 2021

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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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,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. In times past, it was more commonly known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. It has its inception in the late Middle Ages as a reaction against a developing eucharistic piety which overemphasized the *physical* presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Such an understanding had compromised the more appropriate appreciation of the *real* presence of Christ in the eucharistic elements of bread and wine.

This distinction is important. To understand the presence of the physical body of Jesus in the eucharistic elements led many faithful people to be concerned with *hurting* our Lord as they consumed the consecrated bread and wine. While this may appear to be an almost amusing concern today, such a physicalist interpretation of Christ's presence in the Eucharist was quite real. More subtly, such an interpretation mars and obscures the beauty of the sacramental nature upon which our Catholic faith rests. Allow me to explain.

The Church considers human life to be the greatest sacrament of God. We are the greatest sacrament in that we have the greatest potential to effect, experience, share and thus, become this real presence of Christ in the world. In fact, that is our Christian mission: we are to be Christ for others and to see Christ in others. We come together at the eucharistic table and worship our God, and in this important ritual, we share a meal which unites us all in the one Body (and Blood) of Christ—in the fullness of Christ truly and really present in the meal. Our communion with Christ at the altar is the source from which we are nourished and sent forth to continue *doing and becoming* what we had just ritually done and become in communion with one another and with the Lord.

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ holds up the great significance of our Eucharist, but it can only be significant in so far as you and I are committed to becoming and being that self-same presence wherever we go and with whomever we meet.

How do we become that self-same presence of Christ? Well, our weekly meal of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is certainly a necessary nourishing component. There are as many ways to be, see, share, accept and experience the Lord's presence as there are people who attend mass. Let's not overthink it. We must be available to others. We must *share* the gifts of kindness, compassion, understanding, forgiveness, hope and love *with* others. Perhaps more of a challenge for many of us is the fact that we must be humble and open to *accepting* the gifts of kindness, compassion, understanding, forgiveness, hope and love *from* others. Of course, this list is not exhaustive. To put it really simply: we have to show up, we have to love and we have to allow ourselves to be loved. And we have to let go of the worry that we cannot or will not do it perfectly. Perfection is God's realm. You and I? Let's just do our best.

— 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. June 8

8:30

- † **Luke Podraza**
By Elaine & Jim Podraza
- † **Norma Stern**
By Tom & Pat Nelson

Wed. June 9

8:30

- † **Lucille Short-Sheriden**
By Cynthia Weaver &
Jim Bowers

Sat. June 12

5:00

- † **Elize Mathews**
By Sue & Tom Schouten
- † **Mary Esposito**
By Evie Stockinger
- † **Luke Podraza**
By Elaine & Jim Podraza

Sun. June 13

9:00

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

- † **Robert J. Vernon**
By Donna Kanapes
- † **Joan Creedon**
By Madonna Sloan

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135;
Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6;
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51
- Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;
2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

FEAST OF FAITH

The Corpus Christi Procession

In the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun by the name of Juliana had a vision: she saw the full moon silvery and radiant except for one dark spot. The meaning of the vision was revealed to her: the moon was the Church's liturgical year, the dark spot a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Today's feast of *Corpus Christi*—the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—grew from Juliana's vision.

On this feast, many parishes observe the traditional *Corpus Christi* procession, giving honor to the Eucharist by carrying this greatest treasure out of the safety of our churches and into our streets. At the end of every Mass we are not just let out, we are sent forth, strengthened by the Eucharist, to be the Body of Christ in the world. The *Corpus Christi* procession is the dismissal writ large! We take Jesus with us, not only in our hearts, but carried in our midst and exposed in a monstrance. It is a public profession of faith and a blessing of the world. Jesus walks with us on these streets that we walk day after day, among those who know him but yearn to know him better, and among those who do not know him. The Eucharist is a mystery to be believed, to be celebrated—and to be lived.



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*

Today's Readings

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First Reading — This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

Psalm — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Gospel — This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

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Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday: St. Ephrem
- Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**JUNE 13, 2021 —
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Ezekiel: 17:22-24
Ezekiel was a major Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. He often used parables and dramatizations to convey his message. In this passage, Ezekiel uses the image of trees to talk about the restoration of Israel and the fall of the Babylonian empire.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We continue today to read from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. In this section of the letter, Paul describes our life on earth as a pilgrimage home to heaven.

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: Join Ascension parish and the As- :
: cension Knights of Columbus coun- :
: cil as they collect diapers and baby :
: wipes for distribution by the Catho- :
: lic Charities food pantry in Cicero. :
: **Donations of packaged baby/** :
: **children's diapers, adult diapers and** :
: **baby wipes will be collected on Sat-** :
: **urday, June 5th, 4:30-6:00 PM, and,** :
: **Sunday, June 6th, 7:30-11:00** :
: **AM.** Donations may be dropped off :
: in the southeast corner of church :
: before/after weekend masses or :
: handed to an usher/greeter at the :
: front of church. The collection is :
: limited to only diapers and wipes. :
: Thank you for your generosity, but :
: no other items can be accepted at :
: this time. :
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**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, Howard Visteen, 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

..# New information has come out regarding **mask-wearing**. We will continue to wear masks in the school, as directed by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Illinois School Board.

- **Summer Camp** spots are filling up quickly. Please get your registration form in as soon as possible. The program runs from June 21-July 31.
- The **gym** looks amazing! Although most of the work will be done by June 1, the bleachers will not be delivered and installed until later this summer.
- Work has begun on the **Fenwick Center for Educational Excellence**, located on the basement of Maguire Hall. We'll be up and running by the start of the school year.

**Calendar Dates
June 2021**

- June 8 Last Day of School
Honors Assembly – TBD
- June 14 Summer Program begins

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.

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: 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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STARTING
 It's the start that stops most
 people.
 —Anonymous
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A Prayer For "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

- to hear you clearly
- to listen to each other attentively
- to imagine our future boldly
- to discern your direction wisely
- to persevere in your holy will courageously
- to stay together in charity
- to surrender our own plans readily
- to embrace the greater good
- to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen

Faith & Fellowship

Seeking the Lost – Part II

Keeping in touch with Faith & Fellowship Partners who relocate is a challenge, normally with happy success. But not always.

Sometimes a Partner's wish to make a brand-new start means severing all ties with the past, and sadly that may mean F/F. Sometimes we don't learn about a phone disconnection or address change until it's too late to track the Partner down.

Over the years, several Partners have ended up in the corrections system, usually because their mental illness or failure of adequate community social services led them to commit some minor infraction.

There have been those rare and terrible times when we receive news that a Partner had died. But we've also known joy when someone "in the wind" reached out and reconnected with us. And we always keep in mind the words that close every F/F session: *Shalom, my friends – til we meet again.*



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

Our Eucharistic Invitation

*When Jesus gave his Body and Blood, his very life,
he established the new covenant, with the promise
of salvation for the many, redemption for the sinners.*

*This unconditional love lasts forever,
a promise ratified every time we meet
to all share once again in the Eucharistic sacrifice.
It forges our identity and strengthens us
to be the Body of Christ that we receive.*

*The bread that Jesus offered as his own self,
and also the cup of the new covenant,
invited the disciples to be in communion with him,
in essence of his life, death and resurrection.
They pledged to be faithful, and do as he did;
Unfortunately, they failed almost immediately.
Their crucified and Risen Master forgave them,
and sent them forth to teach his unconditional love.*

*We are all in the apostles' shoes today,
following Jesus through his suffering and death,
so we can discover the true glory of humble service.
No one, not even Bishops, should interfere
and essentially override a person's choice
to accept Jesus' invitation to share
in his Body and Blood. That choice comes from the heart.
How can it be any other way?*

6/6/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; WeCelebrate, p, 153; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.



*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, 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.

