



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**JUNE 27, 2021**

## **THIRTHEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### **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**

**School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**

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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)



Dear Parishioners,

Though I have been with you only 4 months, and COVID protocols have hindered my ability to meet many of you, those among you whom I have met have been kind and welcoming. I must admit that this has come as no surprise to me. It is exactly what I expected from a Christian community who worships together, who prays for one another and who welcomes the stranger into their midst.

Admittedly, my assignment among you happened in far from ideal ways and I know how much you have loved and appreciated your pastor, Fr. George Omwando. Equally true, is the fact that Fr. George's re-assignment—during COVID, days before Holy Week and only weeks before Renew My Church would begin—has caused hurt, confusion, mistrust, and concern for the future. None of this was handled well for Fr. George, for you and also for me.

Now, we have begun the final phase of Renew My Church. This initiative has as its goal to make a more vibrant Church of Chicago. Who can argue with wanting a more vibrant Church? The process of developing such vibrancy, however, comes at a cost. The cost is shared by all, but in greater measure by some worshipping communities. This initiative will include some combination of parish closures or parish consolidations. The groupings made up of parishioners from all 4 of the Oak Park parishes now have the task of giving prayerful consideration to what the new Catholic configuration will look like for the Oak Park parishes. At the end of this process, though we cannot know what that new configuration will be, we do know that it will bring change to all of us.

While there are many ways to determine the current vibrancy of a worshipping community, among them, the Archdiocese of Chicago uses 2 particular measures. They are: the size of the weekly worshipping community and its operating budget. The Archdiocese has set the benchmarks at a minimum of 800 people worshipping on a given week-end and the parish having an annual operating budget of \$750,000 or more. What with the changes in mass attendance due to the pandemic, the Archdiocese is using the 2019 worshipping figures, taken from the annual "October count" as the measure.

As you likely know already, St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish has for many years had Sunday (including Saturday evening) worship figures substantially fewer than 800, and the operating budget is significantly less than \$750,000.

I share this because it is important to be honest and forthright with you. For these reasons, the hard reality is that at the end of the Renew My Church process, St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish will very likely no longer be a stand-alone parish, though it is premature to know what that change will be. Part of that determination will be with the Renew My Church Grouping members from SCSL Parish and the other 3 Oak Park parishes, along with local clergy and ultimately, Cardinal Blase Cupich.

No doubt, this is very difficult information, perhaps even heartbreaking information to learn. I know that you love your parish and certainly have reason to have great pride in

it. It has a long, rich, and varied history. Now, we embark on developing a new reality. No, it will not be the same as it has always been, but I am convinced that there is reason to have hope in what shall be the future reality. Allow me to explain.

Perhaps the new reality will be that SCSL Parish is combined with one or more of the Oak Park parishes. Perhaps there will continue to be worship services held in SCSL parish church although it has become a part of a new reality. Those are only 2 of the possibilities. I could write a few more sentences that begins with the word "perhaps," but my point is simply that though it will be different, one crucially important component will remain. You are a community of believers who have walked the journey together for many years. Even if that journey begins to include some newcomers, it will remain a journey that all of you may continue to walk together. As finances and resources are combined with other entities, and though accounting practices may change, with whom you worship doesn't have to change. In other words, whatever the new configuration may be, you will always have each other and no change in parish name, no change in worship setting, no change in accounting practices will have any impact on who you are and with whom you choose to worship. Sure, there will be new faces, but you will always have each other.

In the meantime, all parish life takes place as usual through the end of June 2022. It is at that time when changes will begin to be implemented.

As you know, I am also the pastor of St. Edmund Parish. Much of what I write about today is also true for that faith community. There are some differences, but there is no doubt that substantial change will be happening there as well.

Personally, I am a proponent of Renew My Church. Is it a difficult process? Yes. Is it time-consuming? Yes. Do I have some fear and trepidation? Yes. It is nonetheless the right thing to do. It is important that we face current challenges and address the new needs of this time. It will be helpful for our communities to pool our resources (financial, ministry-related, staff-related, priest-related, building-related, et al) in order to build a sustainable Catholic community that will not merely limp along, but will thrive and be an exciting catalyst for evangelization and spiritual growth throughout this new century.

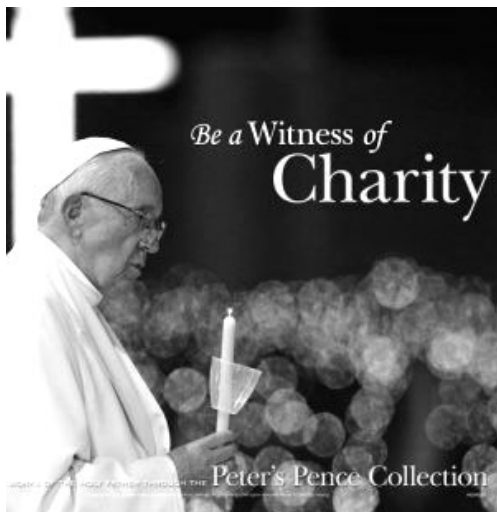
This may not have been the news you were expecting or hoping to hear, but in the long run, I do believe this is good news, and I hope and pray that we can all embrace the changes to come and be a part of building this new, healthier, more vibrant Catholic reality.

I shall keep you posted when there is more news to share. Please be assured of my prayers for you every day.

Sincerely,



**Fr. John McGivern**, Administrator



## 500 Club Certificates

*The 500 Club keeps on rolling...*

It would be fantastic to sell ALL 500 of our certificates again this year, especially since we've had to cancel almost all of our usual fundraisers for the last 15 months! Certificates can be purchased at any time and are \$25 each. Once purchased, they are part of every weekly drawing through October 17th, 2021. The prize each of the remaining weeks is \$25.

**IF we sell all of our remaining certificates, one more weekend will have a \$500 prize! We hope to do that, just as we did last year!!!** We currently have 65 certificates left.

Certificates may be for you, but they also make great gifts. We have had two \$500 winners and several \$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 use GiveCentral at [www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132](http://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132) or you can call Elaine Podraza at 708-524-1461 for a form. The 500 Club is a fun and pandemic-safe 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 for your continued participation and generosity in our fundraising efforts.**

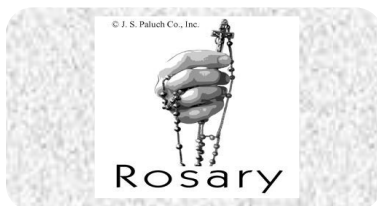
*~The Fundraising Committee*

## Today's Second Collection is for PETER'S PENCE

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

*Be a Witness of Charity*

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 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★  
 ★ \$ 25.00 ★  
 ★ June 27, 2021 ★  
 ★ **KATIE SCHOUTEN &** ★  
 ★ **STEVE CISAR,** ★  
 ★ # 260 ★  
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## Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

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  
 This is a recurring meeting**

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490  
 Passcode: 634955

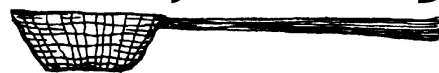
*Kevin Morgan*

## Facility Requests Forms for our 2021-2022 Calendar...



**...are due tomorrow!!** We are asking all parish organizational leaders and chair persons whose events are placed into our St. Catherine-St. Lucy Facility Calendar to please submit their 2021-2022 events and activities in writing on our Facility Request Form to the Rectory no later than Monday, June 28, 2021.

## Weekly Offering



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## SUMMER STEWARDSHIP


A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.

**PLEASE**  
**Check the guidelines for**  
**Phase V implementation**  
**for our Parish on**  
**page 6 of this bulletin**

## SAVE THE DATE!!! Sunday, July 25, 2021

Father George will complete his sabbatical and return to the Chicago area about the middle of July.

On Sunday, July 25, 2021 he will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Catherine-St. Lucy at 9 am. This will be followed by a reception for him in McGuire hall. Watch your email and the bulletin for more details.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tue. June 29**  
**8:30** † **Luke Podraza**  
 By: Elaine and Jim Podraza  
 † **Virginia Cesarino**  
 By: Donna Kanapes

**Wed. June 30**  
**8:30** † **Lucille Short-Sheridan**  
 By: Sue and Thom Schouten  
 † **Peter Cucuz**  
 By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers

**Sat. July 3**  
**5:00** † **Ernesto Pineda**  
 By: The Yee Family  
 † **James Trusclair**  
 By: Grace Bishop

**Sun. July 4**  
**9:00** **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
 † **Sunny Okeoguale**  
 By: Bill and Barbara Cragg  
 † **Robert Vernon**  
 By: Thomas Farwell

## 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 & 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:

**TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY** weekday 8:30 morning Mass at SCSL, **ONLY** the Austin Blvd. door will be open for entrance and exit.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

**Gospel** — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

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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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) and under Steward & Giving tab you will be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

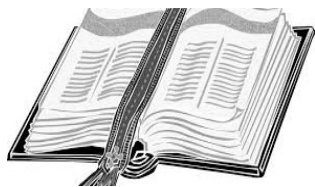
## Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22  
 Tuesday: **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
**Day:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34  
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29  
 Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Irenaeus  
 Tuesday: Ss. Peter and Paul  
 Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
 Thursday: Saint Junípero Serra; Canada Day  
 Friday: First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Thomas; First Saturday

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



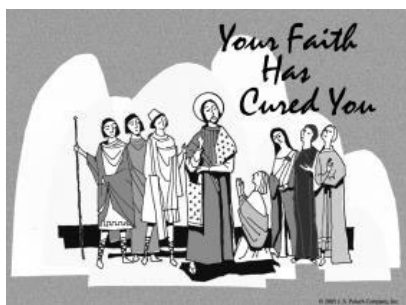
**JULY 4, 2021—  
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5**

Our first Scripture reading describes the call of the prophet Ezekiel. He was a Jewish priest who was deported to Babylon at the time of the exile. He is called to proclaim God’s word to those who are exiled with him. God warns him that this will be no easy task.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

In the passage just preceding today’s reading from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he described some of his spiritual visions and revelations. But in today’s passage, he chooses not to boast of these, but rather to talk about how God has worked through him despite his weaknesses.



**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*



**Praying for the Sick In Our Parish**

Colletta Ali, Jeanette Cannon, Edey Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Betty Graf, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Alonso Mejia, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Chuck Scott, Katie Shovelin, Howard Visteen, and Sister Teresita Weind.

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 parish office during office hours. Thanks

**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

**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](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)

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**School Scoop**

- ..# **The School Office** is open in the summer from 9am-1pm, Mondays through Thursdays.
- ..# **Summer Camp** started last Monday, June 21st and runs through Friday, July 30. It is not too late to register. We will be using Rooms 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, and 18. There will always be a staff member in the room; students will not be unsupervised. These rooms will be cleaned after camp has ended.
- ..# Please visit only the office; classrooms are being cleaned over the summer and are not open.

**Faith & Fellowship**

**“I Feel Free.....”**

When Faith and Fellowship members gather in our Prayer Circle, we begin with a symbol. It might be a photograph of a mountain, a pitcher of cold water, a bowl of fruit, or something else to direct our thoughts to a particular theme, and begin sharing.

Once, we had a helium-filled balloon. The balloon floated all over the room. The leader helped everyone savor the FREEDOM of the balloon, and invited us to talk about where we feel free. One woman said: “I never feel free. I live in a nursing home, I’m not free to come and go, I can’t see my son, I eat and sleep and take medicine when they tell me to....But I feel free when I come here. I can do my art, and do praise dance. I can say what’s on my heart and no one will judge me.”

And Jesus said:

*“The truth will set you free.”*



## ***Re-opening the Parish***

*Though I remain somewhat skeptical that we are prepared to implement fully all of the Phase V guidelines (in that only 41% of the total Illinois population is fully vaccinated, as well as having many immune-compromised and otherwise still vulnerable to COVID-19 worshipers, and of course, our children who are yet to be vaccinated), we can certainly move forward. —Rev. John McGivern, SCSL Administrator*

### **Beginning immediately**

- ..# **Registration is no longer required.**
- ..# **There are no capacity restrictions.**
- ..# **There is no longer any need to do screening for COVID.**
- ..# **Masks will be strongly encouraged for individuals to continue to wear.**
  - ☞ We will have masks and hand sanitizer bottles available at the church entrances.
  - ☞ We will have signs that will state something like “For the safety of everyone, masks are strongly encouraged to be worn while inside church”.
  - ☞ Greeters will NOT sanitize hands upon entering church and before Communion, but we will have containers for self-sanitizing at the Communion station, as well as at church entrances.
  - ☞ In time, there will be changes to the pew arrangements, continuing to offer and encourage a small amount of social distancing.
- **Pews might be re-numbered 1 – 2, or every other pew might be roped off.**
- ..# **Sanitizing church after every function is no longer necessary.**
- ..# **Austin Blvd. and Washington Blvd. entrances may be used for entering and exiting.**
- ..# **At this time, the receptacle for the collection of donations will remain at the front of the pews.**
- ..# **Congregational singing may return though this will inevitably conflict with mask wearing. (We will use hymnals again, and Worship Aids will no longer be printed)**
- ..# **For the time being, we will continue to have the gifts of bread and wine already at the altar and not brought forward by others in the assembly.**
- **For Communion, 2 lines may process forward. There will continue to be no distribution of the consecrated wine.**

## **Domestic Violence Westside Program**

**COUNSELING**—Our trained professionals provide one-on-one and group counseling to survivors of domestic violence. Clients have the opportunity to learn how to be safe, explore the impact that their relationship has had on their lives, and learn about the dynamics of domestic violence.

**CASE MANAGEMENT**—Advocacy and empowerment based support groups to assist clients and their children in breaking the cycle of domestic violence. Linkages and referrals for Orders of Protection, Legal, Food, Shelter, Housing and Employment.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**—Outreach and trainings to community groups and parishes on prevention, awareness and services for domestic violence.

**Augustus Tolton Peace Center**, 5645 W. Corcoran • Chicago, Illinois 60644  
**INTAKE: 312- 655-7106**



Food for Thought

*The Sign of Faith*

*“Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” (John 11:40)*

*God can be impossible to please;  
All who come to him must be sincere  
in their belief that he will reward those  
who seek him earnestly. (Heb. 11:6)  
Jesus gave of himself so we might have  
the fullness of life the Father planned:  
His Son died that we might heal and live.  
Prayer underscores our faith.*

*The purpose of prayer, if petition,  
praise, or penitence, is to bring us  
into a grand encounter with God,  
who most desires it.  
Whether we approach God for another,  
or on our own behalf, the real point  
of the prayer is that it leads to action,  
which generates more faith.*

*We should strive to add goodness to our faith,  
and knowledge, perseverance, self-control,  
piety and mutual affection;  
Complete with adding love.*

*The object is to grow in personal faith,  
with prayer quality the measure. Peter says:  
strive by good works to make our calling sure, to  
the Everlasting Kingdom. (2 Peter:5-7, 11)*

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Source: NCR, M. McClone, Bible as Shown.



*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, 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](mailto:shelbyboblick@outlook.com) or call Shelby Boblick @ 630-240-2765.

