



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JULY 11, 2021
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John McGivern, Administrator
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
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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)



From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Parishioners:

Statistical analysis estimates that there are currently 7.9 billion people inhabiting our planet earth. 2.382 billion people or 31% of people the world over identify themselves as Christians. One-half of the total Christians in the world, or 1.20 billion people are Roman Catholic. (Interestingly, 56% of the world's Catholics all live in 10 countries, and 40% of the world's Catholics live in Latin America.) 69% of the people in the United States identify themselves as Christian and 23.9% of us are Roman Catholic.

In the state of Illinois, 71% of the population identifies as Christian.: Catholic-28%; Mainline Protestant-20%. 6% of Illinois' population is non-Christian (2%-Jewish; 1%-Muslim). 3% claim to be Atheist. 15% of the Illinois population simply claims no religious affiliation.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, which covers the areas of Cook and Lake counties, roughly 37% of the population is Roman Catholic. To put it another way, an in comparison to many places in the world and in this country, we live in a relatively easy place to be Catholic. By contrast, southern U.S. cities such as Mobile, AL and Oklahoma City, OK are respectively, only 3 and 4% Catholic. Wherever we live, a Catholic identity is evident in many ways among us. We have a great similarity in our values and ideals. We experience a shared, unifying faith in the Lord Jesus and a rich sacramental life which reveals the Lord Jesus to us, just to name a few.

Nonetheless, you can be sure that Catholics in many southern states have a very different experience of their religious identity. They are a minority. They are misunderstood and in some instances, still today they experience religious bigotry. For those of us who live with the comfort and ease of Catholic life in a northern urban area, I think it is important to ask the questions: How well are we compelled to share Jesus' message of peace? Does our especially large Catholic presence breed renewed desire to share the faith or has it lulled us into a type of Catholic complacency? St. Paul is often called the Apostle to the Gentiles. We are all familiar with his travels far from Jerusalem and his epistles to the people of Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonica, Galatia, Philippi and Rome. St. Paul's ultimate mission was to let the Gentile people know that Jesus had come to save not only the Jewish people but them too.

It is important to remember that when our Lord Jesus walked this earth, Jerusalem was an occupied territory of Rome. Jesus encountered both Jews and Gentiles and he spoke his message of peace to all who would listen. In the unlikely person of St. Paul, Jesus continued to share his message of peace. St. Paul was faced with a similar challenge as our Lord. Jewish culture was very different than the cultures of the Gentile world. Each did not easily understand or appreciate the others' customs and ways of life. Nevertheless, St. Paul accepted the challenge to bring the peace of Christ to people who were very different from himself, and to populations of people who hadn't ever heard of Jesus. Whether we look on a global scale or scrutinize life right here in our own backyard, we see that our Lord's message of peace yet needs to be preached. Even in the lands our Lord Jesus once walked, there is no real peace. Palestinians and Jews have made no real progress toward acceptance and good will. Civil wars in Central America and Africa continue. Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland still struggle to eke out a lasting peace. This list could go on.

Here at home, Caucasian Americans, Latin Americans, African Americans, Native Americans and often Asian Americans continue to live segregated lives. City violence is out of control. Poverty is rampant. There will always be some who are resigned to believe that our cultural, racial, credal and socioeconomic divides are too great. They even lament that "there's nothing we can do." In reality, such resignation is not unlike Pilate's washing his hands of Jesus' fate. Of course, like Pilate, our culpability remains.

St. Paul was a persecutor of Christians until he was blinded and ultimately, transformed by his encounter with Jesus. Though nothing so dramatic is likely to happen to any of us, we, too, have encountered the Lord and are invited to a similar transformation. We, too, are the unlikely ones called to be the prophetic voice of Christ in our time, here at home and abroad, to those similar and dissimilar. Living in the Catholic culture of Chicago can make us too comfortable. Like St. Paul, we must continue to speak Jesus' message of peace to everyone we encounter. Even if we're seemingly preaching to the choir, let the message be heard. Perhaps sometimes, it is precisely to the comfortable and the complacent that our message must be directed. Of course, at all times, let them know that we are Christian, and Catholic, by our love.

-Rev. John McGivern

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade, Co-Chairs

Liturgy Committee:

Chair: Phil Kroker
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Celebration Choir: TBA
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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ADULT EDUCATION COMMISSION

Baptism Com.: Rev. John McGivern

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson, and Cynthia Weaver

Weddings: Please contact Fr. George to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months in advance for preparation.


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 Parish Office during the week



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. July 13
8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
 By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
 † **Paul Grimes**
 By: The Berggren Family
 † **Mary Grennan**
 By: Richard

Wed. July 14
8:30 † **Judy Lambert**
 By: Dorothy Brion
 † **Belle Weinberg**
 By: Donna Kanapes

Sat. July 17
5:00 † **Wanda Orlowski**
 By: Evie Stockinger
 † **Luke Podraza**
 By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sun. July 18
9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 † **Paul Grimes**
 By: Sabrina Conti-Erangey
 † **Yvette and Walter Bussenius**
 By: The Vincent Family

SCSL and St. Edmund's Worship Together for Weekday Mass

St. Edmund and St. Catherine/St. Lucy parishioners now worship together for their weekday morning masses. At 8:30am on Monday and Friday, mass takes place at St. Edmund Parish church, located at the corner of Oak Park and Pleasant Avenues. On Tuesday and Wednesday, mass is offered at here at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish church, also at 8:30am.

« # 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

Today's Readings

First Reading — Amos said, “The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

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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*

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Henry

Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Thursday: St. Bonaventure

Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

**JULY 18, 2021—
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The prophet Jeremiah preached some 500 years before Christ, at a time when unworthy kings ruled the Jewish people. He looked to the day when God would raise up a good shepherd from the House of David. Later, the Gospel writers emphasized that Jesus was born of the House of David, and Christians have seen him as the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Our second reading is from the letter to the Ephesians. Ephesus was a community made up of Jewish people had become Christian, and Gentiles who had become Christian. In this part of the letter, the author is addressing Gentiles — people who were once “far off” from the true God, but have “come near”. As a result, both Jews and Gentiles are together as one “new person,” namely the Body of Christ which is the Church.

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.

Fr. John McGivern, Administrator

Individual Attention

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.
—St. Augustine



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Jeanette

Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Patty Goeb, 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 Shoevlin, Donna Sobotka, and Howard Visteen.

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

Baptism



We welcome to our community of faith: *Francisco Leo Bestor* who was baptized here at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish last Saturday.

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

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

The School Office is open in the summer from 9am-1pm, Mondays through Thursdays. Parents may come in to register or pay fees.

2021 2022 Mass Books 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 books are open for personal intentions for the remainder of this year and for the 2022 year.

Faith & Fellowship

Central Plaza – where many Faith & Fellowship Partners reside -- has no chaplain, so when help is needed they reach out to Faith & Fellowship. Two residents had died unexpectedly. One was our Partner Nathaniel Garrett, and the other was a recently-admitted young lady named Brianna. The Staff invited F&F to do a memorial service for the residents, and two Catechists came to lead the service.

The memorial was held on Wednesday June 30th , in the lobby, with approximately 25 people attending. The service gave people a chance to voice their grief and honor their departed friends. Staff and residents were eager to pray, honor and remember. It was a very moving service, and we were grateful to be a part of it.

RMC Request

Dear Fellow St. Catherine/St. Lucy's Parishioners:

We are the six members from SCSL on the Renew My Church team for the Oak Park parishes. It is our desire to do the best job possible in representing what makes SCSL parish such a special place. We want to share the Parish's strengths, and the positive attributes that the Parish brings to the Church and community as a whole. In order to do this, we would welcome hearing from you what strengths and attributes you feel are most important for us to share with the Renew My Church grouping team. Feel free to drop off a note at the rectory addressed to the SCSL Renew My Church team or contact Carolyn or Ginny on behalf of the team. We would appreciate responses by July 13th, if possible.

We also want you to be aware that this summer's activity for all Renew My Church members of the Oak Park grouping is to visit each parish in the group during a scheduled evening presentation or during a selected Mass. On July 18, at the 9:00 am Mass, we will be hosting members of the RMC team from the other Oak Park parishes, and know you will welcome them with joyous and spirit filled greetings and smiles and understanding hearts that have always been one of the SCSL Parish's greatest strengths and blessings.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Miles Jackson

Ginny Jones (v.m.jones@hotmail.com or 773-379-8423)

Kevin Kell

Carolyn Kiolbasa (ckiol@aol.com)

Steve Legatzke

Kevin Morgan

Re-opening the Parish

- ..# 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.
 - È We will have masks and hand sanitizer bottles available at the church entrances.
 - È We will have signs that will state something like "For the safety of everyone, masks are strongly encouraged to be worn while inside church".
 - È 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.
 - È In time, there will be changes to the pew arrangements, continuing to offer and encourage a small amount of social distancing.
- Pews 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 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.

In Christ we have redemption



by his blood

Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception for Fr. George Sunday, July 25, 2021— 9 AM

Please join us as Father George celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception in Maguire Hall to wish him well as he moves to his new assignment at Our Lady of Grace/St. Sylvester Parish.

There are a number of ways you can help make this event successful and fun! Here are some:

1. Donate to cover the expense of the reception. Donations can be made by:
 - a. Writing a check to St Catherine-St. Lucy with a note in the memo section indicating Fr. George reception.
 - b. Use one of the envelopes located at the back of church and then submit with your normal collection
 - c. Donate through Give Central. Here is the link that will take you directly to the event: [Fr. George Farewell \(givecentral.org\)](https://www.givecentral.org/fr-george-farewell)
 - d. PLEASE NOTE: any funds left after expenses of the reception will be given to Father George as a gift from the parish.
2. Sign up sheets are located at the back of church. We need people to help with:
 - a. Set up of Maguire Hall on **Saturday, July 24th at 9 am**
 - b. Serving food on Sunday July 25th
 - c. Clean up after the event
3. Submit pictures to be included in a photo album for Father George. The pictures can include Father – or simply be of you and your family. A box to collect printed pictures will be at the back of church. If you have pictures digitally, please forward them to: sloanmisc@sbcglobal.net. We will get them printed and included in the album.

If you have any questions, you can call Madonna Sloan at 773-921-4246 or Joyce Wade at 708 383-4378.

Madonna Sloan
773-921-4246

Food for Thought

Being Chosen

*Strap on your sandals, and grab your walking stick.
We're on our journey to embrace Christ's mission;
We need each other, a meeting place to pick
for our community, and we need vision.
Perseverance!*

*Paul says that God created all humanity
so we could enter into union with Him.
He died and rose again for Christianity.
We access wisdom, and grace feel to the brim.
Wonderment!*

*When Jesus sent the twelve out two by two to preach,
he spent more time on dress than their campaign.
He gave them power and authority: to reach
the hearts and minds which opened to God's reign.
Conversion.*

*We are chosen too, 'cause for God's hand we're the glove.
And we answer the call—the world needs us now.
We begin by basking in the warmth of God's love;
We then preach with confidence, aiming the ship's prow.
Discipleship.*

*So we have the authority to reach out to those needing
to experience love from new ground trod.
Driven by the Spirit, we dismantle the doubt,
making new disciples, proclaiming the Word of God.
Empowerment!*

7/11/21. TGL
Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; gia Quarterly, p 41;
Mark 6:7-13; Ephesians 1:3-14.

