



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 1, 2021
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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)

PASTORAL TEAM

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

CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL

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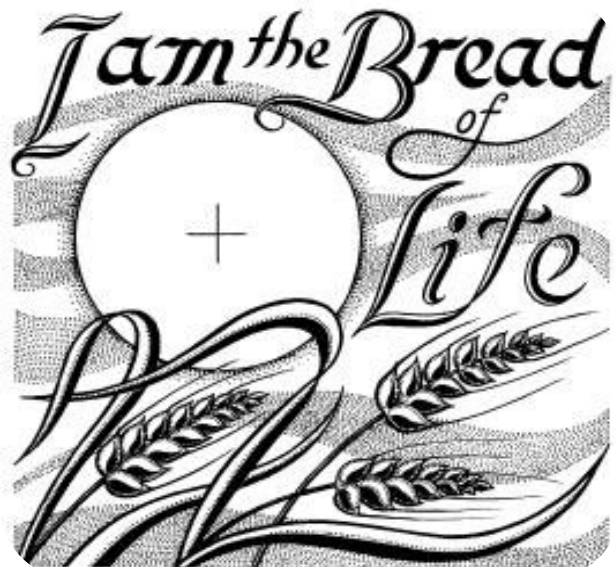
Web: www.stcatherinestlucy.org

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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Words of Farewell and Gratitude

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you so much for attending my thanksgiving and farewell mass this past Sunday. Personally, it was so gratifying to see so many of you attended the Mass. I can only recall seeing many of you during Easter last year 2020. God is always great. Thank you for all the support that I have received from you over the course of 9 years. I came here not knowing a lot, but now, I am leaving with so much helpful information because of you.

In a special way, I would like to express my gratitude to our two Choirs, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Fundraising Committee, the Finance Council, Liturgy Council, Faith and Fellowship, Parish Pastoral Council, Altar Servers, the Support Staff, our Volunteers, and our Staff. Thank you so much for your generous talent, time, and treasure in supporting our community. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones. Equally thankful and always amazed with everyone who participated in the setting of Maguire Hall, organizing the food, cleaning before and after Mass. Also, I was really touched with the warm and inspiring words from Tom Lynch and Shelby Boblick.

Whenever you have a little time, I invite you to come and visit me at Humboldt Park (Logan square) or attend Mass (at one of the parishes (Our Lady of Grace or St. Sylvester both in Chicago) my e-mail address still is gomwando@gmail.com and my physical address will be: 2157 N Humboldt Blvd, Chicago, IL 60647

I will always keep you in my prayers, as I ask you to keep me in yours. May God keep you safe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. George O. Omwando

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. August 3

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
† **Sister Nadine Hargadon**
By: Jim Hargadon

Wed. August 4

8:30 † **Maria Bay**
By: Era Yee
† **Patricia Hargadon**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Sat. August 7

5:00 † **Harry Koko (20TH ANNIV. DEATH)**
By: The Koko Family
† **Sister Nadine Hargadon**
By: Jim Hargadon

Sun. August 8

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Annette Varga**
By: Donna Kanapes
† **Deceased Members of the Vincent Family**

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;
Jn 6:41-51

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Wednesday: St. John Vianney
Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;
Hiroshima Memorial Day; First Friday
Saturday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan; First Saturday

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 entrance and exit.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

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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 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.

**AUGUST 8, 2021—
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

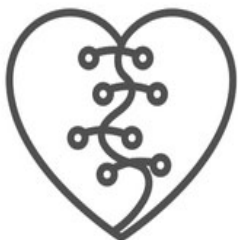


First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was so loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). Today's passage takes place as he begins his flight.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

As in the past four Sundays, our second Scripture reading is from the letter to the Ephesians. This part of the letter contains advice for Christian living. The author says that actions which cause division in a community are simply unacceptable. In today's reading, the author, sees mutual forgiveness as essential for any group that calls itself Christian. There is an echo here of part of the Lord's prayer.



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



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Juan Bravo, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Walter Lamacki, 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

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.

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.

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.

New Uniforms Simplifying things, we are introducing a new school uniform! During the transition, students may continue to wear the uniform from the previous years. See the Family Handbook for more details on the uniform code.

We will be open for our First Day of School and Day Care on Wednesday, August 18.

Religious Education

Classes Start on September 12, 2021 at St. Edmunds!

It is time, then, also to reinstate your children's Religious Education. **RE classes for Pre-School through Eighth Grade are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-10:45am.** After class, you would be welcome to worship at 11AM at St. Edmund's, or you could also plan to worship as a family at the Saturday 5pm mass at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish church. Should you choose to enroll your children in this religious education program.

Please be assured that your already being parishioners at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish would be fully respected. As the local Church has now entered the Renew My Church process, this outreach is simply to be welcoming, inclusive, and to find ways to become unified as a local Catholic community.

There are a two ways to contact Mrs. **Janet Bennick**, St. Edmund's Coordinator of Religious Education. E-mail: jbennickstedmund@gmail.com Or by phone at: 708-848-7220.

**Faith & Fellowship
So – What Is a
“Catechist”?**

The word catechist usually suggests teaching or religious instruction. But there is a broader and deeper definition that describes a catechist as one who witnesses and accompanies, and this is what Faith & Fellowship catechists do. The term originates from the Greek verb, “katechein” meaning to resound, to echo, what has been handed down. The work of the catechist in F/F is “to bring that hidden presence [of God] to light” by “revealing this extravagant omnipresent presence of God...to become aware of divine beauty--” – that is, to gather in a circle of believers, and simply be “soul friends.” These are word from the Vatican’s 2020 “Directory for Catechesis,” and Daniel J. O’Leary’s 2008 book, *Begin with the Heart*. But it’s what we’ve been doing long before that.



**Significance of
The Transfiguration
August 6**

The transfiguration is one of the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels. This miracle is unique among others that appear in the canonical gospels, in that the miracle happens to Jesus himself. Thomas Aquinas considered the transfiguration "the greatest miracle" in that it complemented baptism and showed the perfection of life in Heaven. The transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. In 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries in the rosary, which includes the transfiguration.

A Secret

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles.

—Anonymous



**St. Catherine/St. Lucy
*Night at the Races***

Hawthorne Park Race Course

3501 S. Laramie Avenue, Stickney, IL

BUFFET DINNER and HARNESS RACING Package

Friday, August 20 – 6pm – 11pm

Tickets: \$35 - Adults 19 and over; \$20 - Ages 6 – 18;

Children 5 and under – Free

Cash or Checks only, payable to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish

Buffet Service 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Reserved First Turn Tent with Screens, Tellers,

Cash Bar & Buffet Dinner

Free - Parking, \$2 Wagering Chips & Program

Tickets on Sale in Rectory through August 13 and

Following Masses July 31/August 1 ~ August 7/8 ~ August 14/15

Questions: Scarlett Evans-Perez 773-790-6309 or Pat Nelson 708-218-8600

Masks required upon admission and during event while moving about facility. Frequent handwashing & social distancing are all guidelines required for guests.



**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Confessions 4:00—4:30 PM Church

Every Saturday
from 4:00—4:30 PM
St. Catherine of Siena
—St. Lucy Parish
is again offering the
Sacrament of
Reconciliation weekly
before the Saturday evening mass.



Archdiocese of Chicago

Black Catholic Deacons of Chicago These Streets Are Holy

Sunrise Mass, Saturday, August 7, 2021

6:30 – 8 a.m. CDT

Oakwood Beach

41st Street and Lakeshore Drive, Chicago

Since 2010, on the shores of Lake Michigan, the BCDC has hosted annual sunrise Masses to pray for the protection of our children. The BCDC prays for non-violence in our hearts, schools, families and streets.

Note: In the event of heavy rain, the services will be moved to Our Lady of Africa (Holy Angels Catholic Church) at 615 E. Oakwood Blvd.

For more information, contact Deacon Gill, 773.933.0027 or deacongill@sbcglobal.net.



The Bread of Life

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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Food for Thought

Faith vs. Politics

It was in June the U.S. bishops voted to draft a piece that clarifies instructions on who is eligible for Communion. Their leadership had made it quite apparent the targets were those high-profile Catholics who in their public offices support the legality of gay rights and abortion. Their verbal weapons point right at Joe Biden.

The bishops have been searching for the means to re-establish their legitimacy. No Conference time was spent on subjects such as the climate crisis, economic justice, the buildup of nuclear weaponry, systemic racism, and permeating inequities in our world-class democracy. Biden campaigned on issues the Church embraces.

The Church could serve as a model of moral accountability for its decades of being deeply compromised and damaged by glaringly immoral behavior of its bishops. It's "not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners," said Pope Francis on Communion. A papal advisor sent the U.S. bishops a letter saying they will sow discord; but, they should preserve unity.

The disorder we've witnessed has to precede order; We live through the darkness to reach a new wisdom. With grace at work, the rest of the Church, choosing to endure—people, priests, others—will be waiting to continue the journey. Meanwhile, the bishops must rebuild the moral authority that would have them offering communion to any and all. Let them live the gospel, not just read it from the pulpit.

8/1/21 TGL

Sources: NCR, Tom Roberts; NY Times, T. Pirriello; Time, July 5-12, p10.

*Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures
for eternal life.*

— John 6:27a

