



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**AUGUST 15, 2021**

## **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



### **PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. John McGivern, Administrator**

**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**

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**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**

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### **CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL**

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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)**



## The Assumption of Mary: A Perspective

As human beings, we are set apart from all other species in the animal kingdom in many ways. We use complex reasoning in ways that other animals do not. We are introspective and are able to describe our thoughts and feelings. We have the use of complex language. We have the ability to posit our very being, and we are curious about the existential questions of life. We have potential. This gift of reasoning allows humanity transcend the boundaries of our finitude, if only in thought and wonder. That we have faith is indicative of such transcendence.

The goal of every Christian's life is to be completely immersed in the love of God; to be engulfed not by our humanity but by our God, who is Love. We believe that this goal is fulfilled in the next life, when finally we fully transcend this finite world—when we break the ultimate boundary of our earthly existence. We also believe, however, that we can have a foretaste of this ultimacy today.

Mary's "Assumption" is the language we use to explain our belief that she surpassed the boundaries of her earthly existence and attained complete union (body and soul) with our Lord in heaven.

Similarly, Peter, albeit only for a moment, also surpassed the boundaries of his earthly limits when he was able to walk to Jesus on the water. At that incredible moment, Peter, too, was expressing his perfect trust in Jesus, who has made this possible. His own earthly life is a life of profound transcendence. His virgin birth. His self-awareness as God's Son. Every moment of the earthly life of Jesus was one of total immersion in the love of God,

even to the point of his death. His subsequent resurrection opened the way for his mother, Peter and all of humanity to follow.

We, too, have moments of transcendence although they are far more fleeting than even the experience of Peter on the water. Then our rational minds break through and tell us that such isn't possible. We doubt again—humanity engulfs us and we begin to drown.

There is something, however, which keeps bringing us back. We consider the possibilities and, once again, perhaps unknowingly at first, we begin to exceed our own limits, finding ourselves immersed in this limitless, all-pervasive love that is God.

Oh, to be sure, we will falter again, but every faithful attempt has the potential to bring us closer to the goal, to exceed our expectations, to transcend our boundaries, to walk on the water just that much longer. It is a life-long process of learning and faltering and trusting and loving. Mary is our perfect example of what awaits those who love and trust in the Lord. Thus, we celebrate Mary's heavenly countenance, and pray that one day, where she has trod, you and I may follow.



### 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. John McGivern 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 10****8:30** †**David Butler**

By: Grace Bishop

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**Bernie Kouri**

By: Evie Stockinger

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**Marlies Brion**

By: Dorothy Brion

**Wed. August 11****8:30** †**Christopher Plummer**

By: Tom and Pat Nelson

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**Luke Podraza**

By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

**Sat. August 14****5:00****Marie Koko** (BIRTHDAY)

By: The Koko Family

**Sun. August 15****9:00**

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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**Annette Varga**

By: Gene and Louise Newberry

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**Eliza Mathews**

By: Donna Kanapes

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;  
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;  
Mt 22:34-40Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5;  
Mt 23:1-12Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;  
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday: Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time;  
St. Stephen of Hungary

Thursday: St. John Eudes

Friday: St. Bernard

Saturday: St. Pius X

## Update Personal Info

Please DO NOT FORGET to update us with your new phone number, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: [apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net)

## 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 en-

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

**Psalm** — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

**Second Reading** — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

**Gospel** — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

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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](http://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 22, 2021—  
21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18**

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Years later, as his own death approached, Joshua wished to ensure that the people would not forget all that God had done for their ancestors. In today's readings, we will hear Joshua, then the people, renew the covenant made at Mount Sinai.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32**

In the letter to Ephesians, the last part deals with family relationships, and is conditioned by the household structure of the time —wives, children, slaves — with the husband as “patriarch” over all. Today's excerpt talks about husbands and wives. Later, this letter will talk about the relationships between children and parents, and between slaves and masters. What we learn is not that we should re-create ancient social structures. Rather, we learn the timeless truth that Christ's love for us should affect the way we love one another.

**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*



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

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](mailto:jbennickstedmund@gmail.com) Or by phone at: 708-848-7220.



**Praying for the Sick In Our Parish**

**Coletta Ali, Danita Bowie, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Chuck Scott, Donna Sobotka, Joann Taylor, 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

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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.

**First Tuition Payment Due 8/16 Re-Registration PowerSchool and FACTS**

Just a reminder, your first tuition payment is due by August 16th .

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

**Communion & Anointing of the Sick**

It is a new start!

Our Communion Ministers are ready to go into personal visits again after COVID restrictions have lifted.

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.

**2021-2022 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.

### A conference to be offered via Zoom....

We live in a time when polarization pits people against one another in very destructive ways. The 2020 US elections and the subsequent violence in the US Capitol were not the beginning, nor are they the end. Yet there are people on all sides of issues and ideologies that yearn to be able to sit around the Thanksgiving table without rancor. People who have come to realize that camps of “us versus them” mean we all lose. Perhaps people much like you.

The Congregation of St Joseph (CSJ) - and our partners - want to be part of a solution. Together we are convening a slate of nationally recognized speakers who are visionaries in their approach to understanding and bridging aspects of our fractured culture. In addition to speakers, there will be workshops that share practices for holding the tension of these times in healthy ways.

Mark your calendars to take part in this exciting work, but don't stop there. We are made for community, so share this conference announcement with others being sure to include those good-hearted friends and family who may not see things as you do, but are willing to explore.

Here is a link for information and registration: <https://one.bidpal.net/bridgingdivides/welcome>  
Seats are limited, and the cost is on a sliding scale



## 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 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.**



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**SEPTEMBER  
24-25, 2021**

### PHOTOS Fr. George's Farewell

Pictures of the July 25 Mass of Thanksgiving and reception have been uploaded to the parish website. To enjoy them, simply go (<http://stcatherinestlucy.org> ) Under the Special Events tab, you will find a tab for Community pictures. Select the one called *Fr. George's Farewell*.

### 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.





## The Destiny of all Mortal Flesh

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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## Giving Back

*The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.*

—Peter Chrysologus

## Food for Thought

### *A Life Completed—A Gift Received*

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin signs her life so laudatory. Mary was taken up body and soul into God's heavenly glory in a singular participation: Her Son's resurrection story.*

*The proclamation of the Assumption is viewed as Churchly oxygen, in expression of full, most meaningful acceptance of the feminine. Thus, ordinary flesh-and-blood people are able to Divine life win.*

*Mary's Magnificat is non-regal, but in the Churches and in town, they seem not ready to accept the things she implies with an earthly gown. She's like us in simplicity, but shown typically with halo and crown.*

*The Magnificat shows no pretensions: Mary answers the servant gongs, proclaiming God's special goodness to her, with lyrical piece of faith-filled songs. For all those in awe of God's majesty, He upends nasty worldly wrongs.*

*The Magnificat is Luke's gift to us; He invites us to contemplate the God of real life that Mary proclaims. Song calls us to open the gate to God in everyday activities; She warns us: keep your goals straight.*

*As we all celebrate the Assumption, Mary takes salvation wholly, and where we'll find it; we're led to seek God in times and places where lowly are all cherished, and the hungry are fed. We receive and show God's Mercy holy.*

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God my savior... From this day, all generations will call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me, and Holy is his Name." (Luke 1:46-49)*

8/15/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Luke 1:39-56