



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 29, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

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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)



Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago, I attended the funeral of a young man from a former parish. His name was Eamon. Eamon died unexpectedly in his sleep at twenty-nine years of age.

I did not know Eamon very well although I would see him at Sunday mass and in the local neighborhood. I have, however, had the good fortune to know his remarkable parents.

I recall very clearly listening to the homily at Eamon's funeral, and observing those who were in attendance. I heard, saw and experienced firsthand how deeply loved Eamon was, and I also learned of the great impact for good that he had on so many people. The incredible witness of love and gratitude that was Eamon's funeral celebration has stayed with me, although today's Gospel reading also brings me back to Eamon's life. In the passage proclaimed today, we learned how important the laws and traditions were to the Pharisees, and of their distress that Jesus and his disciples did not follow them. In response to their questioning, Jesus said: "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips but their hearts are far from me...You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Eamon didn't always follow the rules as proscribed by social convention. His way was not the way of most others, for he wore his heart on his sleeve. As his peers began to don the layers of protection that adulthood in our complex and sometimes, dangerous world seems sadly, to demand, Eamon's vulnerability and openness to others remained uncompromising.

Perhaps it was precisely because of Eamon's ability to remain vulnerable and open to life that he had the ability to reawaken within those who knew him, their deepest and holiest of desires, long ago covered with that seemingly necessary armor of adulthood.

Our Lord Jesus understood the importance and value of laws. He also understood the human condition, and his ministry was always about embracing the most vulnerable among us. Oh, that one day we will understand that the most vulnerable among us will never really be the Eamon's of this world, for they are the ones whose hearts are never far from the Lord. No, the most vulnerable among us are we, who long ago donned those layers of protection which, while keeping us safe from the dangers of the world, have also insulated us from the One whose embrace is our only place of true safety.

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. 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 31

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
† **Annette & Michael Varga**
By: Kristin and Carl Crawford

Wed. September 1

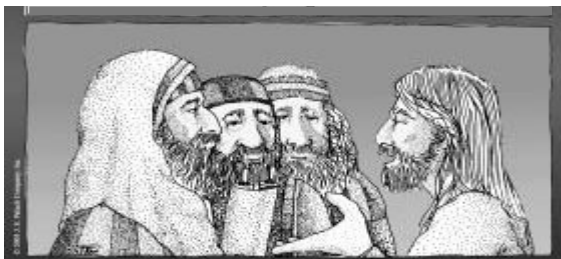
8:30 † **Annette Varga**
By: Sam Newberry
† **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sat. September 4

5:00 † **Catherine Brown**
By: Donna Kanapes
† **James Thompson**
By: Tom Nelson
† **Luke Podraza**
By: Elaine and Jim Podraza

Sun. September 5

9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
9:00 † **Kathy Feulner**
By: Cynthia Weaver and Jim Bowers
† **Rosemary Spartz**
By: Cynthia Weaver and Jim Bowers

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Friday: St. Gregory the Great ; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; 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 — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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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*

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021—

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7

This section of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet to God’s people exiled in Babylon. He encourages them that one day they will be free to return home to Jerusalem. This journey will be through the desert, but God will transform this barren wasteland in order to ease their passage home.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed not to a particular community, but to Christians everywhere. Because of this, it is a part of a group of New Testament letters called *catholic epistles* — meaning that the author wrote them for all Christians. One of the trademarks of the epistle of James is the need to *act* on God’s word, not just *listen* to it.

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

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.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Danita Bowie, Juan Bravo, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Anita Evenson, Juan Fernandez, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, 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

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.

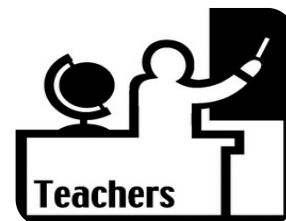


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School Scoop

- Welcome Back! It is so wonderful to see all our beautiful children back in school. Thank you, families, for the love and support you show our school.
- We have protocols in place to keep both our students and staff safe. Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is required to wear a mask inside the building. Masks are not required outside. Every room in the building has a hand sanitizing station and additional air purifiers are on order. We are working on setting up twice a week co-vid testing; we will update you once the details are settled.



Teachers

Traits of a Teacher

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz

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



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**SEPTEMBER
24-25, 2021**

Faith & Fellowship

Tootsie-Rolls – Revamped

Because of COVID and common sense, Faith & Fellowship has decided not to have our regular Tootsie Roll event this year. However, if you would like to do a shift at the intersection of *Oak Park and Lake*, the Knights of Columbus will be there and we can participate with them on September 10/11. Not as good as having our own corner, but better than nothing. Call or email Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708/383-9276. (Of course, all of this will depend on public policies, which may change between now and then.)

Also, we are working on a possible “Virtual Tootsie Rolls.” Details next week!

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:

apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

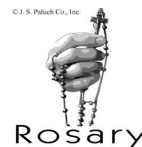
Please join us for the Rosary from the comfort of your home.

**Friday night Rosary @7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting
This is a recurring meeting**

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490

Passcode: 634955

Kevin Morgan



Doers of the World

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.”

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Be doers of
the word,
and not
hearers
only



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5K Walk, Run, Stroll, Bike & Wiffleball Tournament

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

**Caldwell Woods
6350 W. Devon Ave.
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Prizes for the winning wiffleball team and best decorated stroller (in person and at home)

For details and registration, please see our website at:
www.GoTWC.org

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SAMUEL GROUP

DISCERNMENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Do you ever wonder how to make a good decision according to God's will? Join us for a discernment group specifically geared toward young adults (ages 19–35). Here you will discuss all kinds of discernment—if you are called to consecrated life, married life or single life, to a certain career or city, and more. The goal of this group is to help you, and in some cases your significant other, know yourself, Jesus and your role within the Church. These discernment groups will take place monthly over the course of seven months.

At each session, you will listen to talks, have time for small group sharing, and have the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director while doing this course.

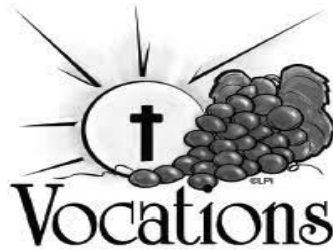
St. John Paul II Newman Center (UIC)

Fr. Tom Byrne 2021: Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14 2022:
Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 Meetings: 3 – 7 p.m.,
Mass: 7 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Parish (Wellington Ave)

Fr. Tim Monahan 2021: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 7 2022:
Jan. 16, Feb. 27, Mar. 20, Apr. 24 Meetings: 1 – 5 p.m.,
Mass: 5 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per person - Register at: bit.ly/3xUOA5A



Vocations

Food for Thought

Mercy, not Merit

Reaction of the congregation to the vineyard owner for paying all his workers like amounts for different hours: Why should latecomers and slackers get paid as full-day workers?
"It's not fair to us all!"

Jesus purposefully angered the self-righteous, it would seem.
He wanted them to understand his endless love for sinners.
That God loves everyone takes nothing away from good people
Life with God is a gift...

God's will for all is based on mercy, not on merit.
Loving one another means that we all understand
Divine Mercy—limitless and unconditional.
A gift offered to all.

In the prodigal son parable, the righteous son is asked
to accept his younger brother, who was lost but now is found.
God desires to have both brothers at the very same table.
No room for selfishness.

The mercy parables will also rescue the self-righteous from
the trap: "I'm better than others, 'cause I keep all the rules."
Self-righteousness is a real stumbling block to reach holiness.
Freedom to love as God.

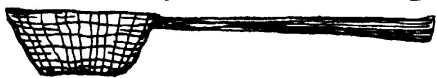
Finally, we must not question God on his right to love the
poor, the weak, orphans, widows, sinners—all those in need.
Today's psalm says we can embrace all those good things listed
Just don't be self-righteous.

If we join God in loving as he loves,
our joy will be complete.

8/29/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, P. Murrin; Psalm 15:2-5; Matt 20:1-16.

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.

*Humbly welcome the word
that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.*

— James 1:21b

