

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

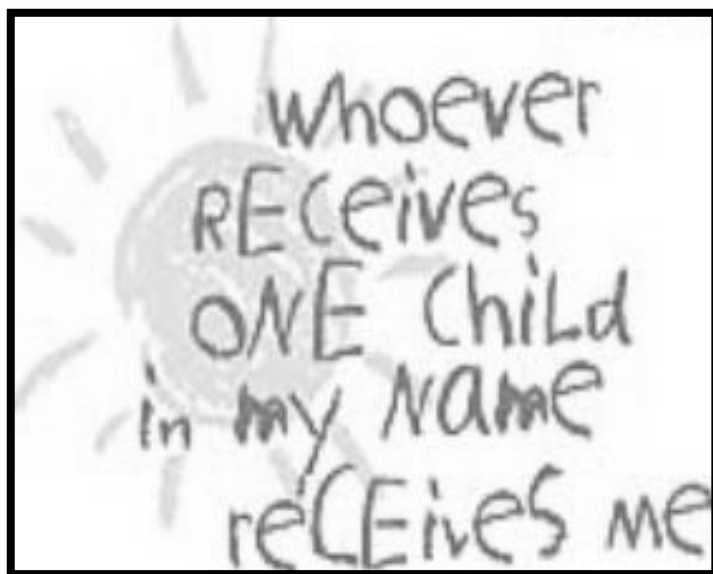
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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)



THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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

**Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—
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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

500 Club Certificates

500 Club UPDATE

We have completed the mailing for the 2021-22 season of the 500 Club! If you are a registered member of the parish or a current certificate owner, you hopefully received all the information about the next season of the 500 Club. The new season begins October 31st, 2021 and continues through the end of June, 2022. It is a shorter "season" this time to align it with the fiscal year. The weekly prize, however, will be larger.

The cost of certificates remains at \$25 each and they are eligible to win a prize every weekend in the season that you own them. In the 2021-22 season the prize each weekend will be \$35 except for three weekends when the prize is \$500. The drawing on the first Sunday of the season, October 31st, will be for \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates that are available during the season, we will have a fourth drawing for \$500 replacing one of the \$35 drawings.

Just a reminder, **our current season of the 500 Club continues with weekly drawings through October 17th, 2021.** We can't thank you enough for your continued support of the parish through this fun and socially distanced program. We have raised \$10,758 during the 2020-2021 season with the sale of 446 certificates.

Thank you again for your enthusiastic participation, especially as we are not able to resume some of our previous and helpful fundraising events at this time. Proceeds will be put toward the general operating expenses of the parish.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee



Religious Education classes started at St. Edmund's on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 and we had six families from St. Catherine/St. Lucy join with the St. Edmund's students. **It's still not too late to register.** Thank you Fr. McGivern for your invitation.

Confirmation

On Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 5:30 mass two students from St. Catherine/St. Lucy who have been a part of St. Catherine/St. Lucy Religious Education program will receive the sacrament of Confirmation with the students from St. Edmunds Religious Education program. Please keep these two students in your prayers, ***Demitri Azu-Popow*** and ***Annabelle Yotti***. Please keep all the students that are receiving the sacrament and all our children in the Religious Education program in your prayers.

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 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
 ★ \$ 25.00 ★
 ★ **September 19, 2021** ★
 ★ **BUSH & ARLENE PARKER,** ★
 ★ **#318** ★
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TODAY Second Collection is for Seminarian Education

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps cover the cost of educating our seminarians as they proceed through the stages of formation before ordination as priests.

Your generosity supports these men answering God's call to a life of service for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please give today at
archchicago.org/seminarianfund

Thank you!

Walkathon Raffle Tickets On Sale Today

After Mass you can buy Raffle tickets for the Walk-a-thon on Sunday, September 26 today and the next two weekends!

See our ad on page 6 of this bulletin

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. — *James 3:18*

Important Reminder

For parishioners attending Masses and liturgies throughout all archdiocesan churches.

- Masks are required inside church regardless of the individual's vaccination status.
- Please do not to linger inside Church after Mass is ended.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. September 21

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Wed. September 22

8:30 † **Paul Grimes**
By: The Berggren Family

Sat. September 25

5:00 † **Annette Varga**
By: Sam Newberry
† **Luke Podraza**
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
† **Harry Koko** Birthday Remembrance
By: Koko Family
† **D.R. Edwards**
By: Larry Russo

Sun. September

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
† **Kathy Feulner**
By: Donna Kanapas
† **Alfred Bishop, Jr.**
By: Grace Bishop

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival)
begins at sunset
Tuesday: St. Matthew
Wednesday: Autumn begins
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Edmund's
Worship Together for Weekday Mass**

St. Edmund & 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.

Today's Readings

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First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).



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.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021—

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

The book of Numbers describes the wanderings of the Jewish people in the Sinai Desert. Earlier in the book, Moses had complained to God about the difficulties of governing so many people. In response, God had directed Moses to gather 70 elders around the meeting tent to receive a share in the administrative burdens. Today's passage picks it up from there.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Today we conclude our series of five readings from the letter of James. A major concern in this letter is social justice. Today, the author delivers a blistering attack, reminiscent of some of the Old Testament prophets



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

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, Jeanette Cannon, Juan Fernandez, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Charlene Pour, Joann Taylor, Ana Teullet, and Howard Vistein.

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.



27 W. Washington Blvd.
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School Scoop

- At the end of September, we will implement weekly co-vid testing for all unvaccinated individuals. We will send program details and permission slips home next week.
- Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 26. Plan to join us on the playground between 1-3pm for some friendship and some ice cream. We're also giving tours of the new gym and the Fenwick Tutoring Center.

S.M.A.R.T.

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child?

Are you interested in becoming a tutor? Do you need service project hours?

Catholic Charities West Regional Office in Cicero is currently looking for volunteers for the 2021-2022 SMART Program. S.M.A.R.T. (Students Making A Real Transition) is an after school homework assistance program for middle school students in Cicero. SMART offers homework help and safe, fun, and educational activities. SMART will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Saint Frances of Rome Catholic School across the street from our office. The program will begin Monday, October 18, 2021.

Volunteers are needed to assist students with homework and provide positive encouragement and support. This is a great opportunity for any person age 16 or older (high school, college, or adult) looking to mentor a child or in need of service hours. The first volunteer orientation will take place Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering or receiving more information, contact Gillian Fitzgerald, Program Coordinator, as soon as possible at (708) 329-4027 or at gfitzgerald@catholiccharities.net

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

Food.....Family.....Friends.....Fun !

17th Annual St. Catherine— St. Lucy

Walk-A-Thon & Picnic **Sunday, September 26, 2021** **11:00 AM — 2:00 PM**

Taylor Park in Oak Park
(Division & Ridgeland North side)

~ EVERYONE IS WELCOME ~

**A 5k (6 laps) plus A great Picnic with
games and food for everyone**

**Come out and walk or just come
to support walkers... Walk with
your family... Walk with Friends...
Walk with your Neighbors...**

**There will be games and face
painting for the kids as well as
fun games for the adults!**



**Participants will be served
BURGERS, DOGS, CHIPS,
SODA / H2O & BROWNIES.**

**All proceeds will go directly to
St. Catherine- St. Lucy Parish.
All donations are greatly
accepted and appreciated.**

**Gift cards will be raffled off the day of the Walk.
Tickets can be purchased after masses starting
this weekend. Envelopes will also be available
every week starting this weekend after each
Mass. They should be turned in no later than
Sunday, September 26th.**

Come & Support Our Parish !

Food for Thought

James the Apostle

(Letter continued from 9/12)

James' **Chapter Three** begins with a section on Abuses of the Tongue. Anyone who does not offend in word has perfection. (2) Although the tongue's a little member, it can boast mightily. It is a fire, the very world of iniquity. (5&6) (James gets a bit carried away here.) The tongue no man can tame. A restless evil, full of deadly poison. (Wow! That's a weapon!) With it we praise our God and Father, and curse a man made in the image of God. (8&9) From the same mouth—blessing and cursing. (10) After tongue abuse, James covers True Wisdom. Words like peaceable and moderate, docile, chaste, in harmony with all good things, meekness, full of mercy and good fruits—all describe the wisdom that is from above. But if your heart's full of jealousy and contentiousness, do not glory in it. (14&17) The fruit of justice is sown in peace, by those who make peace and judge fairly. (18)

Chapter Four opens with commentary on the Sources of Discord. So James asks where do wars and quarrels come from among you? Basically it's your passion for things that you covet and do not have, and so you quarrel, wrangle, and kill—the Spirit that dwells in you covets into jealousy. (1,2,5) But the Spirit gives a greater grace; It says that God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble. (6) So draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves in God's sight, and he will exalt you. (8&10) The section on All Life Depends on God's Will says if we plan some future action, we should add "If the Lord will," now "God willing." (15)

Chapter Five begins with James scolding The Unjust Rich for withholding the wages of field laborers. T'was ever thus. (4) He then recommends Patience in Affliction, pointing out how farmers are patient awaiting their crops; patience strengthens the heart. (8) James gives prophets as an example of labor and patience; we call them blessed who have endured. (10) He then brings the tongue back into conversation with "Do not swear." (11) In Last Anointing, if you're sad, sing. If sick, confess, and be anointed with oil. This was a big step: promulgating the sacrament Extreme Unction for the sick. (14-16) Finally, James says if we bring back a sinner from his misguided ways, it will save our soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins. (19&20) (That sounds like a deal!)

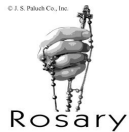
9/19/21. Tom Lynch, SCSL.

Source: The Holy Bible, Catholic Action Edition,
Good Will Publishers, 1953.

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
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Passcode: 634955

Kevin Morgan

Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gap Conference, on ZOOM Friday, Sep 24, 12 PM – 7:30 PM, and Saturday, Sep 25, 8:30 AM – 5 PM

The Congregation of St. Joseph and The Well is sponsoring a national, virtual conference that will bring together people of diverse faiths, cultures, ages, and spiritualities who are longing to heal divisions within our fractured world. Don't miss this amazing array of speakers, breakout sessions, ritual and prayer. Feel empowered to grow in deeper listening, understanding, and compassion, and to reach out courageously in conversations with people whose views may differ from your own. Find out more, and register here: <http://bidpal.net/bridgingdivides> Suggested ticket price \$75, less or more according to means.

Finding Hope in a Time of Crisis: Ecology as Who We Are, on ZOOM

Saturday, October 9, 9-11 AM

With facilitator Brenda Peddigrew, RSM, learn "deeper seeing," brief and immediate ways to enter into heart-relating with all the elements of our natural world. Cost: \$30.



Zoom Book Discussion at Ascension

Ascension Catholic Church in Oak Park invites you to a Spiritual Classics Discussion over Zoom on **Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 pm** on *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

Mere Christianity is a spiritual classic of the 20th century. The hugely popular book was first published in 1952 and is based on several BBC radio talks that Lewis gave during World War II. Lewis highlights certain ideas that he sees as basic and fundamental to Christianity. C.S. Lewis aims to prove the existence of God to the sensible skeptic and to show that God sent Jesus Christ to redeem the world. Readers at all stages of belief will find that *Mere Christianity* provides an approachable path to discover a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith.

Free copies of the book are available online. Registration is required; sign up by sending an email to laffc@ascensionoakpark.com with "Mere Christianity" in the subject line.



Archdiocese of Chicago

SAMUEL GROUP -

Discernment for young adults

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



Faith & Fellowship

Tootsie Roll's New Style

Well, we weren't at the Ridgeland and Madison intersection (although a few of us were with the Knights of Columbus at Oak Park and Lake); and we weren't at the Green Line El station or the Farmers' Market. And we won't be in the gathering space of the church this weekend. But Tootsie Rolls **WILL** be at each entrance, and if you would like to grab one (or a few) and make a donation (cash, or a check made out to "St. Catherine-St. Lucy" with *Faith & Fellowship* in the memo line) – our decades-old tradition will live on! And so will the ministry! Many thanks!

Grief Support Group ST. GILES PARISH

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people that have experienced grief and want to help you get through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts and we want to help you.

Contact us Today!

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
September 15 - December 15, 2021
St. Giles Parish, McDonough Hall
1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park
Contact Geri Tapling, 708-223-4912
griefshare@stgilesparish.org



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Special Instructions —

*At this time we would like to request that 140 Bulletins be sent printed to the Parish via courier, and to please continue to e-mail this bulletin to our parishioners.
Thank you!*