



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

## **TWENTY-SIXTH 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,

I am writing this letter both to the people of St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish and of St. Edmund Parish.

There is evidence nearly everywhere we look of the great divisions among people in our world and our country. It strikes me that we hold up our diversity as something to be celebrated, and I agree that it is, but it is that same diversity that oftentimes seems to be the reason for our division.

This, of course, is not a new social ill, for as we hear in both the first reading and the Gospel reading from today, that even the elders of the Jewish community and the disciples of Jesus, respectively, were attempting to make distinctions between them that were unnecessary, unhelpful and short-sighted. In response to the division-making among them, Moses responded: "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!" Jesus said: "...whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

These are important and helpful messages to hear and to internalize. We can all become creatures of habit. We do things over and over again in the ways that become comfortable and reassuring. We worship in our respective parish churches and that is how we like it. Now, even the local Church of Chicago is exacting change upon us. We bristle. We shake our heads. We resist.

I do believe that Renew My Church is an important and necessary process for us. We cannot afford to keep so many parishes afloat what with their ever-increasing costs to maintain. We have fewer and fewer priests who are able to administer the sacraments and offer pastoral ministry. Even more importantly, as the Body of Christ, the living, breathing presence of Christ in the world, it is necessary that we gather not in our relatively empty churches, but as a united community of faith. This is both a practical challenge as well as a spiritual challenge for us, and we must confront the challenges and begin to forge a more vibrant and more united Catholic community.

To that end, I strongly encourage all parishioners to attend the upcoming All-Parish Meeting, at which the parishioners who make up the Renew My Church grouping will share with us the new scenarios regarding all the Catholic parishes located in Oak Park. Change is coming and it is important that you attend this meeting with an open heart and a discerning mind. We want your input. For St. Catherine/St. Lucy parishioners, our meeting will take place **on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm in St. Catherine/St. Lucy Church.** For St. Edmund parishioners, our meeting will take place on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St. Edmund Church.

The time for "this is how we have always done it" is past. Please come to your parish meeting, listen to the information to be shared and consider how this might actually be an opportunity for growth, for diversity, for greater vibrancy and for a deepening of one's faith. Thank you.



Pastor/Administrator

#### 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

**Women's Ministry:** Shelby Boblick

#### **HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION**

**Peace & Justice Committee:** Kevin Morgan

#### **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. John McGivern 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

## Renew My Church – 4pm Sunday, October 3

### Parish Meeting for All Adult Parishioners in St. Catherine/St. Lucy Church

*Dear parishioners, we need your input!*

As part of the Archdiocese's Renew My Church initiative, the four Oak Park parishes (St. Catherine/St. Lucy, St. Edmund, Ascension, and St. Giles) have been asked to consider various scenarios for their future organization. Each scenario considers how parishes might unite to become stronger together, or what would allow a parish to stand alone given relationships between parishes, and our obligations regarding the best and most efficient stewardship of our parish resources. Each is meant to bring to the table creative possibilities to best use buildings and ministries for making disciples, strengthening and building communities, and inspiring witness to faith in Jesus Christ.

The scenarios under consideration will be published in the near future, and there will be a meeting on **Sunday, October 3 at 4pm**, in the church, at which members of the parish "grouping team" will provide an overview of the scenarios and seek input from parishioners concerning them. **All parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend and share their thoughts.** This is a unique opportunity to be heard on the future of the Oak Park parishes.



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.**

### 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.

### Laudato Si' Action Platform: How U.S. Catholics Can Participate

Are you wondering about the Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform (LSAP)? *What is it? When does it get started? How do we participate?*

Join us on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. (Eastern) for a virtual presentation on the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

Link to REGISTER:: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



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**NOTE:** The webinar will be recorded and a link to the recording sent to all who register.

The U.S. leads for the LSAP sectors of Parishes and Dioceses, Religious Orders, and Colleges and Universities will answer:

- Breaking News: What is the latest information on the LSAP launch?
- How can my community get started with the LSAP and the seven-year journey to sustainability?
- What is my sector doing in the U.S. and how may I get involved?
- Where do I find sector specific information/resources?

**Please email Paz Artaza-Regan ([paz@catholicclimatecovenant.org](mailto:paz@catholicclimatecovenant.org)) if you have questions about this online discussion.**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tue. September 28**

**8:30** † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza  
† **Fr. John V. Mankowski, S.J.**  
By: Tom Nelson

**Wed. September 29**

**8:30** † **Annette Vega**  
By: Gene & Louisa Newberry

**Sat. October 2,**

**5:00** † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza  
† **Rev. John Scott**  
By: Brenda Fojtik

**Sun. October 3**

**9:00** † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
† **Jack Tierney**  
By: Tom & Pat Nelson  
† **Mike Ballew**  
By: Jim Hargaden

**Readings for the Week****READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;  
Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5,  
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Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;  
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Priesthood Sunday  
Monday: St. Vincent de Paul  
Tuesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;  
St. Wenceslaus  
Wednesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael  
Thursday: St. Jerome  
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday  
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Saturday

**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**

**First Reading** — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

**Psalm** — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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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.

**OCTOBER 3, 2021—**

**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**First Reading:**

Genesis 2: 18-24

The first 11 chapters of Genesis have very little historical foundation but they teach religious truths in parable form. In Chapter One and Chapter Two, there are two quite different accounts of creation. Today we hear a part of the second account

**Second Reading:**

Hebrews 2:9- 11

Today and for the next six Sundays, our second reading will come from the Letter to the Hebrews. The section from which today's passage is taken is perhaps the New Testament's most profound commentary on the implications of Jesus

**FOOD FIRST!!  
NEXT WEEK END—  
OCTOBER 2-3**

**CANNED SOUPS, VEGTABLES,  
FRUIT, TUNA, PERSONAL HY-  
GENE ITEMS, PASTA, OH — SO  
MANY POSSIBILITIES!!  
PLEASE HELP**

**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, Juliana Kankam, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Charlene Pour, Joann Taylor, Ana Teullet, 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.

**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](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)

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**School Scoop**

- Our Fenwick tutoring program will begin next week. Specific information will be sent home from the teachers.
- Weekly co-vid testing for all unvaccinated individuals begins on Thursday, September 30. Information was sent home last week.
- Plan to join us **TODAY** 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.
- This year, St. Catherine-St. Lucy School purchased school supplies for our families, to give them one less thing to worry about in this crazy year. Unfortunately, we underestimated the amount of paper towels we need. If you are able to bring in towels, we would so appreciate it.
- 10/1 – Due date for Daniel Murphy Scholarship app

**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](mailto:gfitzgerald@catholiccharities.net)

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

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Catherine— St. Lucy**

## **Walk-A-Thon & Picnic TODAY**

**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 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Come & Support Our Parish !**

### **Food for Thought**

#### **Promoting the Reign of God**

Again we have that gospel that's from Mark,  
the one about the evil-causing hand.  
But we've become attached to both of them;  
We're thankful he spoke in hyperbole.  
His purpose was to toughen up his crew;  
The job that lies ahead's formidable.  
The folks he worked with wanted to achieve;  
But often they just tried too hard,  
and ended focused on themselves.

The disciples portrayed their jealousy  
when once a stranger spoke in Jesus' name.  
They displayed competition misguided,  
because the person was not orthodox,  
nor was he in good standing with their group.  
Attachment to their rank did contradict  
the very goal they wanted to promote.  
But to exclude folks from their mission  
was not a simple one-time act.

There was a time the Church excluded men  
from ordination who had physical  
impediments, also including race,  
with Martin de Porres an example.  
This still is so in Church hierarchy,  
with one black American Cardinal.  
Disciples blocking of "unqualified"  
caused Jesus to remind them of  
the purpose of discipleship.

In Luke 8, the group surrounding Jesus  
was the twelve "and some women." The role played  
just by the women who were witnesses  
to both Jesus' death and resurrection  
would seem to make it hard to exclude them.  
And yet today gender disqualifies  
half of humanity from their serving  
in particular Church ministries,  
despite early-Church women deacons.

And so the Church continues to defend  
it's model of all-male governance,  
which has stymied evangelization,  
and deprived it of credibility  
it could have as the vanguard of justice  
for women. Jesus calls us to forget  
labels like progressive or liberal,  
and abandon placing restrictions  
on folks who are fully capable  
of promoting the Reign of God.

Tom Lynch, SCSL, 9/26/21  
Sources: NCR: M. McGlone, P. Marrin;  
Mark 9:38-48; Luke, 8:1-3.



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**Special Instructions —**

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Thank you!*