



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

OCTOBER 17, 2021

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John McGivern, Administrator

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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)



Thoughts From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we heard a passage from the Gospel of Mark (10.35-45). It is one of the many instances in the scriptures when Jesus invites the apostles to a life of service. The disciples James and John approached our Lord, for they had something seemingly very important on their minds. Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" They wanted Jesus to do nothing less than give them a share in his glory. Our compassionate Lord desires to share his glory with each of us, but, like James and John, such sharing is contingent upon a dramatic life-transformation. Jesus said to them: "...whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the slave of all."

This language of servant and slave brings to my mind this country's greatest shame—the systematic diminishment of black people throughout American history. "Slavery" is defined in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (10th edition, 1996), as "the state of a person who is a chattel of another." Though formalized slavery no longer exists, the sin of racism is not merely an ugly chapter in American history. Be it racism, sexism, or any other form of discrimination, the act of diminishing others continues to take place.

There is another type of destructive, if not shameful, diminishment. It is a self-diminishment or a self-denial and as such, it is an enslavement of the self. We live in a culture that is so concerned with image that we go to great lengths to mask, change or enlarge the truth of who we are or what we do. There was a time when I worked in a large company that stretched across the globe. I told people, "I work for Hyatt Hotels Corporation." It was true. It would have been truer still had I said, "I work in a hotel in Schaumburg." How different that sounds—how less important. I have a friend who lives in Northern New Mexico. He is of Mexican descent. Having somehow assimilated a bias against his own ethnicity, for years, he used to tell people that he was Spanish. He is not.

There is an insidious element to self-aggrandizement and self-denial. As we embellish (and thus, alter) our truth, our self-worth diminishes, we trivialize our real needs and desires, and our authentic selves become obscured to us. We become slaves to our manufactured selves.

There is also a third type of diminishment. It is our Lord's invitation to service. It is humbly and freely chosen. This orientation to selflessness does not diminish but enhances one's ability to love—neighbor, self and God; and it is how we experience our truest identity, our greatest freedom and the joy that is the glory of our Lord.

In next Sunday's Gospel passage, which continues the story from today, Jesus approaches a blind beggar who beseeches him for help. He repeats the question he put to James and John: "What do you want me to do for you?". The blind man answers: "I want to see." Our Lord's response is most telling of all: "Go your way, your faith has saved you."

Faith in our Lord Jesus requires our commitment to following his way of service and humility. Until our own faith is such that we choose the path of our Lord, we are all blind beggars. The blind man's experience with the Lord healed him of his affliction and he was able to see. How fortunate for him that his eyesight was restored too.

Fr. John McGivern

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

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Jeanne Visteen

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Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

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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

500 Club Certificates

500 Club UPDATE

The next 500 Club season runs from October 31st – June 26th. The shorter “season”, to align it with the fiscal year, means a larger weekly prize. How does it work?

Certificates numbered from 1 to 500 are sold for \$25 each. The numbers on all the certificates purchased are placed into a drawing every weekend until the season ends. The owner of the certificate whose number is drawn wins \$35. Three weekends, however, the prize is \$500 instead of \$35. IF all 500 certificates available for the season are purchased, there will be a fourth weekend with a prize of \$500 instead of \$35.

The proceeds of this program will go toward the general operating expenses of the parish and every weekend there is a happy winner. During the current season the proceeds have almost reached \$11,000. The certificates are great for yourself and they also make fun gifts for others. This season, several winners received their certificates as gifts, including two of the \$500 winners. Imagine the delight! The new season begins October 31st with a drawing for \$500.

We can’t thank you enough for your continued support of the parish through this fun yet socially distanced program. Thank you again for your enthusiastic participation, especially as we aren’t able to resume some of our previous and helpful fundraising events at this time.

Applications and information about the upcoming season of the 500 Club are available in the gathering area of the church and at the rectory. They have also been mailed to registered parishioners and current certificate owners.

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee



Bake Sale October 31

After 9 AM Mass enjoy home baked goods! After the Sunday Mass, coffee will be served in Maguire Hall.

BAKERS please bring your baked goods to the Parish Office on Saturday October 30th, or to Maguire Hall before Mass on Sunday, October 31st.

Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort!

Altar Servers Needed !!



Altar servers assist the priest at Mass as well as enhance the celebration by leading the various processions: entrance, gospel, and recessional. Some servers also serve as thurifers who handle the incense on solemn occasions.

If interested, please e-mail Kathy Paoli at yooper1965@att.net.

We need you! Please come forward.

Second Collection – Next Week World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we will celebrate *World Mission Sunday*. Pope Francis tells us, “Once we experience the power of God’s love, and recognize his presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:20) World Mission Sunday is one way to proclaim and share the Good News with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. Please be generous in the collection to support over 1,000 mission dioceses. Remember to pray for our family of faith especially during this global pandemic. Place your donation in the collection basket or you can make a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/wms.

Faith & Fellowship

Meet Our New Intern!



My name is Ray John Kenneth Mejorada, but I prefer to be called "Ray John." I come from the south part of the Philippines, Cagayan de Oro City. In 2013, I joined the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, also known as the Claretians, where I had my college-seminary years until novitiate in my country, and then came to Chicago in 2019 to study Theology at Catholic Theological Union. Currently I am doing my ministry practicum at **Faith and Fellowship** which gives me an opportunity to be with our brothers and sisters with mental illness.

★
★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★
★ **\$ 25.00** ★
★ **October 17, 2021** ★
★ **IVANHOE HALL, SR.,** ★
★ **# 27** ★

2021 Baby Bottle Project is Back!!! Until October 31

Our parish is participating in the *Baby Bottle Project* benefiting the Women’s Center of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on **TODAY**, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **October 31st**.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. October 19

8:30 † **Daunte Wright**
 By: Donna Kanapes
 † **Rev. Nicholas Crosby**
 By: Tom Cademartrie
 † **Annette Varga**
 By: Sam Newberry

Wed. October 20

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

Sat. October 23

5:00 † **Gerry Ernst**
 By: Evie Stockinger
 † **Luke Podraza**
 By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
 † **James Blackshire**
 By: Larry Russo

Sun. October 24

9:00 † **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 Michael Ballew
 By: Jim Hargadon
 † **Dion T. Skinner**
 By: Donna Kanapes
**Living and Deceased Members of
 The Vincent Family**

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
 Lk 10:1-9
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
 Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
 Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
 Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6;
 Mk 10:46-52

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Luke
 Tuesday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues,
 and Companions
 Wednesday: St. Paul of the Cross
 Friday: St. John Paul II
 Saturday: St. John of Capistrano;
 Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



October 10, 2021	\$ 2,926.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 2,328.00
Weekly Budget	\$ <u>7,308.00</u>
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*Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-
 St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org*

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—OCT. 2021

	Lector	Communion Minister
Oct. 16-17		
Sat	Christine Wedekind	Lessie Dean
Sun	Kevin Morgan	Mary Howard
Oct. 23-24		
Sat	Paul Knight	Lessie Dean
Sun	Shelley Sandow	Fannie Cooper
Oct. 30-31		
Sat	Christine Wedekind	Pat Koko
Sun	Pat Nelson	Kathy Mortell

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



**OCTOBER 24, 2021—
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

In 597 B.C., Babylon defeated Jerusalem and many Jewish leaders and citizens were taken to exile in Babylon. The prophet Jeremiah was among those left behind. Today, in a message intended for the exiles, he proclaims words of encouragement from God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

During the time of Jesus, the high priest was the most important person in the Jewish community. He was believed to be a link between God and beings. That is why the Letter to the Hebrews uses the image of the high priest to describe the role of Jesus in relation to the whole human race.

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

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

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, Katherine Fisher, Bill Holmes, William Johnson Phillip Jones, Juliana Kankam, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Hilda Luciano, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Charlene Pour, 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

- ..# We moved the tutoring program into the Fenwick Center last week. This move allow more students to participate each day. We will update parents as this happens.
- ..# It is critical that families contact Candice with any tuition issues or questions. Her contact info is: 773 469-3553 or finances@catherine-lucy.org.
- ..# The State of Illinois requires that students in ECC through Grade 8 have immunization records on file with the school. The State also requires that children entering school for the first time (ECC/Preschool/K) as well as students going to 6th Grade have a current health exam. Please get this information to Mrs. Cooper as soon as possible. Students without records will be excluded from school.
- ..# Staff from the Big Shoulders Fund visited our school last Tuesday October 12.
- ..# On Tuesday, October 19, the 7th Grade will do the music and readings at Mass.
- ..# Picture Day is scheduled for Monday, October 25.

2022 Mass Book Open

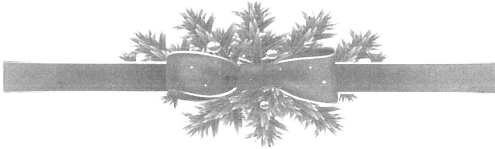
If you have a loved one who is ill or has passed away ... or any special occasion or petition you'd like to bring before the Lord ... consider offering your prayers at a Mass.

Our books are open for personal intentions for the remainder of this year and for the 2022 year.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes started at St. Edmund's mid-September. We had several families from St. Catherine/St. Lucy join with the St. Edmund's students. It's still not too late to register. Please contact **Janet Bennick, St. Edmund's Coordinator of Red. Ed.** E-mail: jbennickstedMund@gmail.com or by phone at: 708-848-7220.

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October 12, 2021

Autumn Greetings Parishioners, Alumni, and Friends of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish,

When we wrote a year ago in 2020 about the unique way we were going to handle the inability to have a physical Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon, we were filled with HOPE for the Bazaar/Luncheon of 2021 to return close to its usual format of fun and camaraderie. We anticipated COVID would be well behind us; then, Delta arrived on the scene. Our Christian responsibility and care for each other dictate that we cannot have 200+ folks close together in Maguire Hall as we had initially hoped.

So here we are a year later, without our generously donated matching dollars, but bolstered once again by the fond memories of Bazaars/Luncheons past. No virus can attack those memories nor the deep-seated love we all share for the Community of St. Catherine-St. Lucy.

We appeal to you to think about the luncheon table and guests you may have visited and laughed with, and the favorite booth where you perhaps procured gifts for someone on your "list". Think about the delicious bakery goods, the darling toys, the various raffle prizes, the White Elephant treasures, the beautifully displayed Silent Auction items, and the lovely handcrafted jewelry, wreaths, dried flower creations, scrapbooking materials, cards, artwork, and other items you may have purchased for someone. Think also about the many people who worked at the Bazaar and Luncheon, with special admiration for our dedicated school children serving the lunch and for the amazing kitchen crew. We had hoped the transformation of Maguire Hall into our beloved Bazaar Venue would happen in 2021 ... and it CAN HAPPEN! It happens in our memories of time spent together at the Bazaar, in the joy of a child with that new toy, in the excitement of winning a raffle prize, in contributing in any way to the Bazaar, or even in the memory of a loved one no longer with us, but mostly in the love we feel for our Parish Community.

We ask that you think about where and how you spent your dollars at the physical Bazaars past, or at any similar event, and consider that amount as a loving donation to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish. Perhaps your gift might be in someone's memory, to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary, or as a gift to YOURSELF, knowing you are helping to support this Parish so dear to all our hearts. This special Bazaar appeal, "BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021", will continue through Sunday, November 21, 2021.

With profound gratitude for your generous support, financially and prayerfully.

Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator, and Members of the Fundraising and Bazaar Committees

BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021

October 17, 2021 - November 21, 2021

You can donate via Give Central using this direct link:

www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/31437

OR

Write a check to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish, fill out the form below, and use the enclosed envelope. Mail the envelope or place it in the Sunday collection basket.

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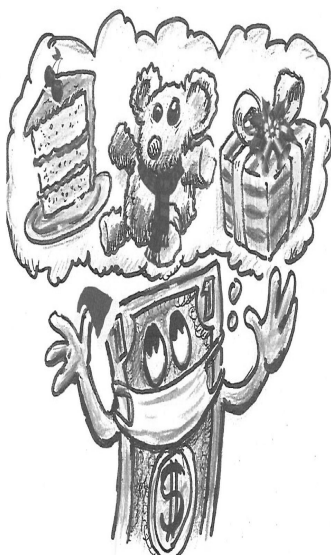
Please PRINT and return with your donation for **BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

\$ _____ Amount enclosed - Check memo line: Bazaar 2021



RETURN this form and your donation to: **BAZAARS REIMAGINED 2021**

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Many thanks!!!



**Stay Together Friends –
A Male Spirit Zoom Retreat**

**Saturday, October 23, 2021
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

With retreat guides, Joe Kilikevics and Steve Miller

You need to register first. Once a registration is received, further information about the retreat with a private and protected Zoom link will be sent. Here is the registration page for the October Male Spirit retreat.

<https://shemcenter.org/male-spirit-retreat/>

Friendship among men is a sacred endeavor. It is also a formidable one. It is sacred because it is necessary for the lifelong male spiritual journey, and is formidable because it is fraught with the dangers of rejection and abandonment.



**Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association
Chicago's Got Sisters
Virtual Event (Zoom)
Fall 2021 - Saturday October 30, 2021
2:00-5:00pm**

Registration: https://bit.ly/CGS_Fall2021

The Fall 2021 “Chicago’s Got Sisters Virtual Event” will take place via Zoom on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 2-5 PM CST. The brief schedule will include a short talk on the theme of “Discerning with the Saints,” time for prayer & reflection, brief introductions to a diverse group of communities and charisms, and breakout room time for Q & A. This event is for single Catholic women ages 18-40. Register here: https://bit.ly/CGS_Fall2021 or contact Sr. Jess Lambert for more information at jlamb.illinois@gmail.com.



Illinois Right to Life Action cordially invites you to its 48th annual banquet which will be held on Friday, November 12th, 6:00 pm, at The Carlisle in Lombard. Rep. Avery Bourne will serve as master of ceremonies and former Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Thomas will be our keynote speaker. Thomas was also with the Chicago Bears for 10 years and was the fourth leading scorer in Bears history. He is currently a partner with the prestigious law firm, Power and Rogers, in Chicago. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://illinoisrighttolifeaction.org/actionbanquet/> or call (312)-422-9300.

**Food for Thought
*Teach Us to Pray***

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, Jesus invites them to stand with him firmly, in his relationship with God “Our Father.”
Jesus calls God “Abba;”
A child would call “Papa.”
Jesus begins his prayer drawing his disciples in to unconditional love that’s familiar, as a child and parent relationship:
Providing bread daily;
Protecting from evil.

It’s Luke that reminds us that love unconditional’s clearly the hardest of lessons from Jesus; It’s the true essence of God, who is Love:
Forgive one another,
for mercy’s God’s nature.
The Words we are challenged to listen to deeply, help us to grasp why he viewed it the essence of his relationship with God His Father, and desired to share it with all his disciples.

Jesus’ prayer focuses firstly on God, then on the love we embrace for each other. Here is the version from Luke:

*“Father, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come!
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone
who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation.”*
(Luke 11:1-4)

We become great in the strength of placing all our hope in the Father, just as little ones do with their papa.

10/17/21. Tom Lynch, SCSL
Sources: NCR, P. Marrin; Luke 11:1-4.



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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*