

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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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

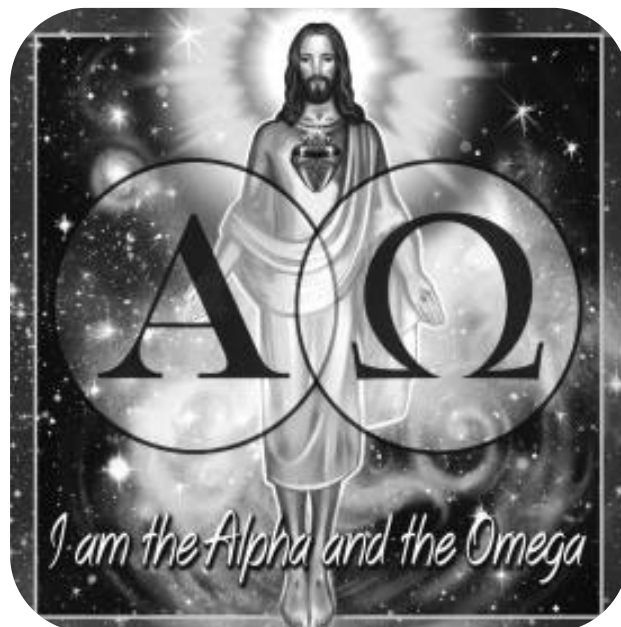
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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)



Christ the King/Advent: Now and Not Yet

Today we celebrate the culmination of the Church year with the solemnity of Christ the King.

The solemnity of Christ the King brings to mind many things: the end of the Church year, white vestments, incense, the singing of the Gloria, triumphant music. Advent brings to mind the beginning of the new liturgical year, purple vestments, Advent wreath, no Gloria, more subdued music of anticipation. This may seem like a clear break in focus, but the readings of Christ the King and the first Sunday of Advent share much in common: all center on the *parousia*, the end time when Christ shall return in glory. The glorious triumph of Christ the King and the joyful expectation of Advent both celebrate the “Now” and “Not Yet” of Christ’s kingdom, the dynamic

tension of “Christ has died/Christ is risen/Christ will come again.” We are necessary agents of that transformation as we seek to bring about the fulfillment of Christ’s kingdom on earth.

Amid the busy-ness that increasingly creeps into our lives in these days ahead, it is important for us to take the opportunity to attune our senses to the subtle, yet important changes of the liturgical cycle. As a community who places the Eucharist at the center of our lives, let us consider taking our lead this holiday season, not from the clamor and expectation of Madison (or Michigan) Avenue, but from the message of the humble servant whom today we celebrate as King.

Fr. John McGowan

Renew My Church Update

Dear Parishioners,

For the past several months, Renew My Church grouping members from all 4 of the Oak Park parishes have been meeting regularly. Our task has been to engage in lively, prayerful, honest and open-minded discussions about what the footprint for the local Catholic Faithful may look like in the near future. Everyone is agreed that change is needed and that whatever changes that are made must serve to make the local Church more vibrant and engaging.

Discussions have included the financial health and well-being of all of the parishes. Is a particular parish’s current fiscal state sustainable, or would a community be better served by combining with another community, thereby making one or both of the parishes more financially stable?

Also included among the discussions have been the relative size of the worshipping community. The benchmark given from the Archdiocese is that a viable parish (using 2019 or pre-COVID numbers) must have a minimum of 800 weekly worshippers. (Truthfully, I doubt one could even find a parish right now where there are 800 weekly worshippers.)

Other conversations have centered around the different types of communities which make up the 4 parishes. St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish has the largest African American population. What are the implications for the Black Catholic community should St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish be asked to combine with another, and what is the impact of St. Catherine/St. Lucy’s location, bridging, as it does, our Oak Park and Austin neighborhoods?

St. Edmund’s is the most centrally located and most visible location of all the parishes. This community, though

significantly Caucasian, has a sizeable number of African American, Latin American, Asian American, as well as African, Asian, Central American and European immigrants—all of whom makes the community a beautiful diaspora of world-wide Catholics. How will combining with another parish affect the unique parish experience that St. Edmund’s now knows?

Ascension Parish and St. Giles Parish are the largest of the 4 parishes, both of which meet the financial benchmark of an operational budget of at least \$750,000 as well as a weekly worshipping community of over 800. Both of their schools are healthy and serving a community with large numbers of families. There are fewer families at St. Catherine/St. Lucy and at St. Edmund’s, although both SCSL and St. Edmund’s have a larger contingent of single family parishioners.

Our final meeting of the 4 groups took place this past Tuesday. Of the scenarios we shared with you weeks ago, they are now narrowed down to the possibility of 1 large parish being formed from the 4, or a variety of combinations being considered for having only 2 parishes in the future. Now, the hard-earned wisdom of these combined groups will be shared with the Renew My Church administration, with the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago and ultimately, with Cardinal Blase Cupich, who will make the final decision.

Change is coming to all 4 of our worshipping communities. Let us continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide everyone who is involved in these important decisions, and that everyone among our worshipping communities may continue to find a home in our parishes, however they may be newly configured in the very near future.

Fr. John McGowan

The 500 Club Certificates

This new season of the 500 Club has begun and continues through June 26, 2022!

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 eventually sold, there will be a fourth weekend with a prize of \$500 instead of \$35. The proceeds of the program are going toward the general operating expenses of the parish.

The certificates are great for yourself and make fun gifts for others. During the past season, several winners received their certificates as gifts, including two of the \$500 winners. Imagine the delight!

Applications and information about the 500 Club are available in the gathering area of the church and at the parish office. Applications and payment using a check or cash may be mailed to the parish or put into the collection basket at Mass. To make a purchase with a credit card, use Give Central at:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132>.

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

Peace, wellness, prayers, and gratitude!

~The Fundraising Committee

THE 500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 35.00—November 21, 2021

THOMAS FINCH,

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2021

Holiday Schedule

St. Catherine—St. Lucy Parish

Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

Friday, December 24, 2021
3:00 PM

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021
9:00 AM

Feast of the Holy Family

Please note that there is NO 5pm mass on Saturday, December 25.

Sunday, December 26, 2021
9:00 AM

*Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God*

Saturday, January 1, 2022
Not a holy day of obligation this year.
No Mass is scheduled.

Feast of the Epiphany

Please note that there is NO 5pm mass on Saturday, January 1, 2022. People may attend 5:30pm mass at St. Edmund Church.

Sunday, January 2, 2022
9:00 AM

*Feast of the Baptism
of the Lord*

Saturday, January 8, 2022
5:00 PM

Sunday, January 9, 2022
9:00 AM

Thanksgiving Day

Mass - 10:00 a.m.

November 25, 2021

Plan on beginning your day with Mass at St Catherine St Lucy. We will be joined by parishioners from St Edmund's.

SCSL Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday & Friday, November 25-26.



TODAY Our 2nd Collection is for The Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Right now in the United States, more than 46 million people are living in poverty. That's one out of every six Americans, and one out of every five children. Lots of factors can send a family below the poverty line, and keep others there who are already poor: minimum wage earns a full-time worker only about \$15,000 a year health insurance is unaffordable to many, including the 48 million people who lacked coverage in 2012 housing has become inaccessible to low-income people; over 8 million pay more than half their annual income for rent or mortgage payments educational systems, family environment and racism are other factors

To donate online or learn more about how to get involved, visit: CCHDchicago.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. November 23

8:30 † Deceased Members of the Baker Family
 † Roman Charles
 By: Evie Stockinger
 † Annette Varga
 By: Sam Newberry

Wed. November 24

8:30 † Luke Podraza
 By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
 † Sister Nadine Hargadon
 By: Jim Hargadon

Sat. November 27

5:00 † Katie Shoevlin
 By: Carol and Tom Franks
 † Dorothy Zimmerman
 By: Evie Stockinger

Sun. November 28

9:00 † FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
 † Albert Brion
 By: Dorothy Brion
 † Marcella Morgan
 By: Janet and E.J. Talbot
 † Deceased Members of the Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Cecilia
 Tuesday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
 Wednesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day; St. Catherine of Alexandria
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



November 14, 2021	\$ 2,065.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 2,223.00
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

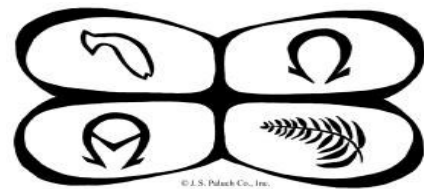
First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS—NOV. 2021

	LECTOR	Communion Minister
<u>Nov. 20-21</u> Sat	Christine Wedekind Kevin Morgan	Pat Koko Diana Cameron
<u>Nov. 27-28</u> Sat Sun	Paul Knight Marcie Morgan	Lessie Dean Kathy Mortell

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



NOVEMBER 28, 2021— FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Genesis 9-8-15

Today's reading from the book of Genesis takes place after the story of Noah and the great flood. Israelite people of long ago saw the rainbow as a symbol of a Warrior-God hanging up his hunting bow as a peaceful gesture. The rainbow symbolizes the solemn promise that God makes to Noah.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This reading reminds us that just as Noah saved through the ark, we are saved through baptism. Early Christians believed that those who died before the coming of Jesus awaited redemption in a shadowy existence described here as a prison. When we say in the Apostles' Creed that Jesus descended into hell", we are saying that Jesus went to announce those waiting in that "prison" that they had been saved.

Community of Congregations Annual Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service— TODAY Nov. 21 @ 7 pm

This year, the service takes place at Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park.

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

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

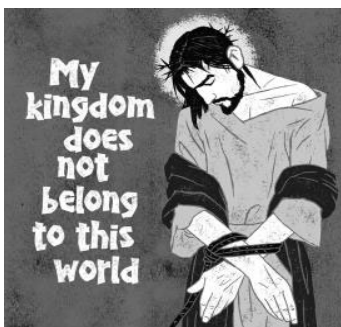
Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Danita Bowie, Jeanette Cannon, Juan Fernandez, Katherine Fisher, Bill Holmes, William Johnson Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Hilda Luciano, Marilyn McFall, Georgine Mullen, Irvin Quarles, Shelley Sandow, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, & 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



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School Scoop

- ...# The first trimester ends this Thursday. Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 23. Conferences will be virtual again this year.
- ...# Coaches Allen, Funches, and Rogers have started basketball practice on Mondays and Wednesdays at Maguire Hall again.
- ...# Thanksgiving break begins on Wednesday, November 24.
- ...# Congratulations on an amazing season to our Flag Football teams. Both the Juniors and JV levels won their divisions.

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.

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.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Liturgy Committee:

Chair: Phil Kroker
Vice-Chair: Joyce Wade
Secretary: Andrea Legatzky
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Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

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Jeanne Vistein

Servers: Kathy Paoli

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Peace & Justice Committee: Kevin Morgan

ADULT EDUCATION COMMISSION

Baptism Com.: Rev. John McGivern

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

Advent Prayer Services

St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy Church

“Looking for Light in the Darkness”

Prayer Services open to everyone will be led by Shelby Boblick in the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church on 4 Mondays during Advent

November 29

December 6

December 13

December 20

There will be prayer services at 1 pm and again at 7:30 pm on each of the 4 Mondays. Please enter through the doors on Austin Blvd.

“THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.”

—Matthew 4:16

Eastgate Café Giveback Wednesday, December 1

Tired of cooking and tired of turkey?

Take a break and eat in or order out at Eastgate Café on Wednesday, December 1st from 1 to 7pm. Save the Date and look for the menu options in the bulletin soon! Mention St Catherine-St Lucy when ordering and we will receive 20% of sales, minus alcohol and taxes.

Eastgate Café, 102 Harrison St., Oak Park, IL 60304 || 708-660-9091

Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Giveback

Do your Christmas shopping at Ten Thousand Villages from Sunday, **December 5 through Thursday, December 9** and you will be shopping with purpose, both to the fair trade artisans and our parish. We will receive 15% of sales when you mention St Catherine-St Lucy when you checkout. Shop in-store and on their website villagesoakpark.com with curbside pickup.

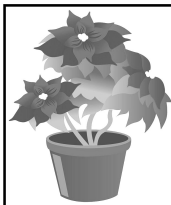
Ten Thousand Villages Store, 121 N. Marion, Oak Park, 60301 708-848-4572

Gift Cards Are Coming

Thanksgiving Gift Card Orders can be picked up after Masses on November 20-21.

Gift Card Orders for Christmas shopping can be turned in after Masses the weekends of November 27/28 and December 04/05. Don't forget to order gift cards for your personal use. Please pay with cash or check. Remember there are shipping delays this year, so we are ordering earlier than we did last year. Orders placed by November 28, will be available December 11/12. Orders placed by December 5, will be available December 18/19.

For any additional information, please contact Jeanne Visteen, 708-828-4272



Christmas Flower Sale

The Christmas Flower Sale **is back this year** and we will have all your favorites and some surprises! They will be sold after the masses on **December 11-12**. They make wonderful gifts and there will be no supply chain issues so they will be ready to give!

Reconciliation Service Monday, December 6th at 7pm— Ascension Parish - Individual Confession and Absolution to be given

There will be a sacramental service of Reconciliation on **Monday, December 6 at 7pm at Ascension Church, for all 4 of the Oak Park parishes**. In preparation for the celebration of Christmas, we encourage all parishioners to avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and love.

There will be several priests gathered to hear confessions and to give individual absolution during this communal service of prayer.

Come to pray and reflect. Come to ask for God's guidance and forgiveness. Come and experience the re-birth of Christ in your life!

Food for Thought

“I am Joseph, Your Brother”

“For however many years I am given, I give myself to you. I offer you my service and leadership, my energies, my gifts, my mind, my heart, my strength, and yes, my limitations. I offer you myself in faith, hope, and love.”

(Joseph Cardinal Bernadine)

His voice, his presence, and his manner still are missed today.

A southern gentleman was

Joseph Cardinal Bernadine.

He had the knack of bringing opposition sides together.

He could become frustrated,

disappointed, and be hurt,

but never became spiteful or revengeful on someone.

His was a transformative leadership.

He shaped the times, providing a direction for the Church through troubled waters. Such a leader can face opposition and resistance, and be shunned, much like Pope Francis is today. Joseph was a leader who anticipated the style and ministry of the Pope with his openness to meeting world leaders with focused attention.

The echo of Joseph's cry for “Common Ground” can be heard in Pope Francis' call for dialogue and discernment, seeking a higher level resolution of differences. Francis accomplished this in his Synod on the Family, but not at the Synod for the Amazon. Oh, how we miss him in moving divergent opinion towards consensus and unanimity.

11/21/21. Tom Lynch, SCSL

Sources and Notes: Bishop G. Kicanas Article;

“This Man Bernadine,” E. Kennedy;

25th Anniversary of Death of Cardinal Bernadine



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October 17, 2021 - November 21, 2021



You can donate via Give Central by copying this link:

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

OR

Write a check to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish, fill out the form below and put in an 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**
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish, 38 N. Austin Blvd, Oak Park, IL. 60302.

Many thanks!!!