

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JUNE 20, 2021

TWELVE SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John McGivern, Administrator
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director

SUPPORT STAFF

Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager
Mr. Ludwig Weiss, School Operations Director
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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)



From Rev. John W. McGivern, Administrator

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel passage provides us with rich imagery, which speaks to the realities of all of our lives. Each household, each parish, each individual can relate this story with the challenges and anxieties that we all face. The wind and waves were overwhelming. The boat rocked and began to fill up with water. Jesus, however, slept through it all. In fear for their lives, the disciples wakened Jesus, crying out:

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then He asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’ They were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?’ ”

How often, in our lives, have we faced turbulence that seemed unrelenting? How often have we been afraid and wondered if the storm clouds would ever pass? I do not ask this lightly or with any kind of rebuke. Life has its challenges and there is no one who will make it through his or her lifetime without some measure of difficulty. At those times, how do we respond? Some may be too harsh on the disciples who shouldn't have feared at all since they were with the Lord. I wonder, though, wouldn't I have done the same thing? Would I have called on the one whom I thought could save me? And isn't that precisely what I/what we do when life's storm clouds come around again? We call on the Lord and we ask for a safety net.

The challenge that all of us have trouble remembering is the fact in good weather and bad, Jesus is in the boat with us too. We cry out and seek his help, because we forget that he is always and already right beside us. How do we remember this? Perhaps a life of prayer that is constant in both the peaceful and disquieted moments of life will help. Daily prayer focuses the heart and the mind. When I become anxious, there is a good chance that my prayer will become filled more with my own agenda than with what God desires of me. We so wish the turmoil to stop, the waves to settle down, and the wind to abate. Faith, at its best, points us toward the Lord in the midst of any turbulence.

It is often easier for me to face the Lord when all is well. Those individuals who, amid a crisis, are able to remain calm inspire me. Somehow, they do not become caught in the swirl around them. Everyone must face the turbulence and the storms that are a part of life. Contrary to what many may think, however, peace is possible in every storm that comes across the horizon of our lives. At those turbulent times, I pray that we may face the storm with the faith and hope that Jesus is right beside us, just as he has always been.

-Rev. John McGivern
Administrator

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. George 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.

**from our Pastor, Fr. George, Fr.
John McGivern, Administrator
and the SCSL Staff.**

“Father are the Humble Everyday Real Servicemen”.—Richelle E. Goodrich

500 Club Certificates

The 500 Club keeps on rolling . . .

It would be fantastic to sell ALL of our 500 certificates again this year, especially since we've had to cancel most of our usual fundraisers for the last 15 months! Certificates can be purchased at any time and are \$25 each. Once purchased, they are part of every weekly drawing through October 17th, 2021. The prize each of the remaining weeks is \$25. **IF we sell all of our remaining certificates, one more weekend will have a \$500 prize!!! We hope to do that, just as we did last year!**

We currently have 71 certificates left. Certificates may be for you, but they also make great gifts. We have had two \$500 winners and several \$25 winners whose certificates came to them as a gift. How nice was that!!! If you need a purchase form, they are available in the back of church and at the rectory office. You can also use GiveCentral at: www.givecentral.org/location/364/event/8132 or you can call Elaine Podraza at 708-524-1461 for a form. The 500 Club is a fun and pandemic-safe way to support the parish and it is open to everyone over 18, not just members of our parish community. Please pass the word.

Thank you for your continued participation and generosity in our fundraising efforts.

~ The Fundraising
Committee



500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

June 20, 2021

JERRY LORDAN,

220



Rosary

Friday Night Rosary on Zoom

We continue to have the Friday night rosary.

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

Prayer to St. Joseph

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you, God entrusted his only Son;
In you, Mary placed her trust;
With you, Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us, too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.**

Amen.

**Please check the guidelines
for Phase V implementation
for our Parish on
page 6 of this bulletin**

Facility Requests Forms for our 2021 -2022 Calendar



We are asking all parish organizational leaders and chair persons whose events are placed into our St. Catherine-St. Lucy Facility Calendar to please submit their 2021-2022 events and activities in writing on our Facility Request Form to the Rectory no later than Monday, June 28, 2021.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Sunday, July 25, 2021

Father George will complete his sabbatical and return to the Chicago area about the middle of July.

On Sunday, July 25, 2021 he will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Catherine-St. Lucy at 9 am. This will be followed by a reception for him in McGuire hall. Watch your email and the bulletin for more details.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue. June 22

8:30 † Luke Podraza
 By: Elaine and Jim Podraza
 † **Anabel Meister**
 By: Donna Kanapes

Wed. June 23

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

Sat. June 26

5:00 † **Marie Stockinger**
 By: Evie Stockinger
 † **William Gates, Sr.**
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson
 † **Anette Raciolo**
 By: Larry Russo

Sun. June 27

9:00 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 † **Paul Grimes**
 By: Thom and Sue Schouten
 † **Russ Ewing**
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Weekday & Weekend MASS Schedule at St. Catherine—St. Lucy

These are our updated Mass schedules:

- « # **Tuesday and Wednesday** - 8:30 AM, here at St. Catherine- St. Lucy.
- « # Monday & Fridays 8:30 AM will be celebrated at St. Edmund's Parish, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Il. entrance/exit on the northwest side off the parking lot area. You are encouraged to attend these.
- « # 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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
 Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17;
 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
 Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17
 Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24,
 35b-43]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Father's Day; World Refugee Day;
 Summer begins
 Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga
 Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
 Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
 Thursday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy

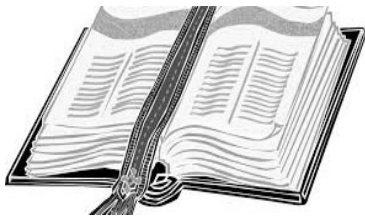


We recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts -- whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check 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.



JUNE 27, 2021— 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15,
2:23-24**

The book of Wisdom was addressed to a group of Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. It begins with a sharp contrast between good and evil. In the pagan world of that time, most people believed that there were good gods and bad gods. The author emphasizes the Jewish belief that there is just one God who is the source only of goodness and life.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians
8:7,9, 13-15**

Today's excerpt from Second Corinthians paints a picture of Paul the pastor at work. The Jewish people in Jerusalem who had become Christian were a small ministry and were being persecuted. This brought on financial hardships. Paul wants his Gentile converts in Greece to help them out and show that the bonds of Christianity cut across ethnic lines.

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.

—*Father John McGivern*
Administrator



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Colletta Ali, Jeanette Cannon, Edye Ellis, Larry Evans, Juan Fernandez, Betty Graf, Kelly Harrington, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Raul Perez, Chuck Scott, Katie Shovelin, Howard Visteen, and Sister Teresita Weind.

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 rectory during office hours. Thank you.

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

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

2021 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 book is open for personal intentions for the remainder of this year and for the 2021 year.

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

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School Scoop

...# **We made it!** This was a difficult school year, to say the least. But we did it; our teachers worked together and found a way. Congratulations to Arnette, Gina, and Marie for the beautiful ceremonies they put together. And thank you to everyone who watched our graduates.

...# **Summer Camp** begins tomorrow Monday, June 21 and runs through Friday, July 30. We will be using Rooms 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, and 18. There will always be a staff member in the room; students will not be unsupervised. These rooms will be cleaned after camp has ended.

...# **The School Office** will be open in the summer from 9am-1pm Mondays through Thursdays

Faith & Fellowship

In September, 2019, James LaGrutta, a Franciscan student, was assigned by the Catholic Theological Union to serve an internship with Faith & Fellowship. At first, he was not completely thrilled with the assignment! But it turned out great – so great that he came back for a second year! Having graduated now, he sends this farewell: *“Faith & Fellowship truly changed my life, ministry, and vocation as a Franciscan friar.”* At first, I was a bit nervous as I did not what to expect. Little did I know this experience would change the course of my vocation and spirituality! The experience helped me to answer God's call, especially during the unprecedented and devastating Covid-19 pandemic. As I move to Boston, there will always be a special place in my heart for this ministry and the Partners we have served!

Re-opening the Parish

Though I remain somewhat skeptical that we are prepared to implement fully all of the Phase V guidelines (in that only 41% of the total Illinois population is fully vaccinated, as well as having many immune-compromised and otherwise still vulnerable to COVID-19 worshipers, and of course, our children who are yet to be vaccinated), we can certainly move forward. —Rev. John McGivern, SCSL Administrator

Beginning immediately

- ..# Registration is no longer required.**
- ..# There are no capacity restrictions.**
- ..# There is no longer any need to do screening for COVID.**
- ..# Masks will be strongly encouraged for individuals to continue to wear.**
 - ⌘ We will have masks and hand sanitizer bottles available at the church entrances.
 - ⌘ We will have signs that will state something like “For the safety of everyone, masks are strongly encouraged to be worn while inside church”.
 - ⌘ Greeters will NOT sanitize hands upon entering church and before Communion, but we will have containers for self-sanitizing at the Communion station, as well as at church entrances.
 - ⌘ In time, there will be changes to the pew arrangements, continuing to offer and encourage a small amount of social distancing.
- Pews might be re-numbered 1 – 2, or every other pew might be roped off.**
- ..# Sanitizing church after every function is no longer necessary.**
- ..# Austin Blvd. and Washington Blvd. entrances may be used for entering and exiting.**
- ..# At this time, the receptacle for the collection of donations will remain at the front of the pews.**
- ..# Congregational singing may return though this will inevitably conflict with mask wearing. (We will use hymnals again, and Worship Aids will no longer be printed)**
- ..# For the time being, we will continue to have the gifts of bread and wine already at the altar and not brought forward by others in the assembly.**
- For Communion, 2 lines may process forward. There will continue to be no distribution of the consecrated wine.**

Catholic Charities Renews

Are you in need of support?

Catholic Charities Renews provides free counseling and case management services to anyone who has suffered multiple traumas. Services are available in both English and Spanish to residents of Chicago and Lake County.

Please contact 312-270-4396 or cgutierrez@catholiccharities.net



Food for Thought

Faith: Who is This?

*He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
 "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was
 a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you
 terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They said,
 "Who is this whom even the wind and sea obey?"*
 (Mark 4:41)

Paul says the love of Christ impels us
 to have driven, and be a strong moral force;
 commitment overrides our instincts.
 The people were convinced Christ's self-giving
 revealed the depth of God's love for them
 The disciples in the boat felt the links
 on their way to faith.

Mark's gospel simply tells us the story.
 How Jesus saved his friends while at sea.
 But it's also symbolic: it sheds light
 on what led Paul and friends to be impelled
 by Christ's unfailing love. On the boat,
 disciples saw Christ respond to their plight,
 on their way to faith.

The question Mark wants asked is "Who is this?"
 We are fashioned capable to respond.
 We see God's Majesty in creation,
 whether by love or natural beauty,
 Or astronomy and theology.
 Jesus' promise to be with us brings foundation.
 We found our way to faith.

6/20/21. TGL

Sources: NCR, M. McGlone; Mark 4:35-41; Matt 28:20; 2
 Corinthians 5:14-17; We Celebrate, p.21; GIA Quarterly, p.38.



*The women of Chicago's west side and the near
 -west suburbs are invited to gather this summer
 to reconnect.*

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the meetings, and we'll use as a
 catalyst the title of book, HEALING THE DIVIDE: Poems of
 Kindness & Connection. We need to heal, rekindle kindness,
 and connect.

Shelby will supply the poem(s) for each session and not all will
 be drawn from that book. ***No need to prepare in advance.*** If
 you'd like to bring a poem, prayer or reflection, you are most
 welcome.

We'll meet in person *outside* on the covered porch of Shelby's
 River Forest condominium. The building has elevator access. 9
 women can participate in each session (plus Shelby). Only
 fully vaccinated women are invited. Please e-mail a copy of
 your vaccination card or bring it with you. We'll be seated 6
 feet apart. BYO beverages. Face masks are required to enter
 the building & unit but are optional once outside on the porch.

Because attendance is so limited, you must e-mail or call Shelby
 to *request* any individual session(s) or the entire series. Shelby
 will follow-up by e-mail or phone to notify who is registered to
 attend which sessions. Every effort will be made to include
 everyone interested in at least 1 session, if not more.

We'll focus on different subjects each week. To accommodate
 a variety of schedules, we'll offer ***duplicate*** sessions each Mon-
 day: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please request
 whichever time suits you and your life. No need to request
 the same time for each session.

...# **Monday, June 21: "Change Sings" by Amanda Gorman**

...# **Monday, July 26: "Small Kindnesses" by Danusha Lameris**

...# **Monday, Aug. 9: "Summer Kitchen" by Donald Hall & "To
 Be of Use" by Marge Piercy**

When Shelby confirms your registration, she will provide you
 the address, parking instructions, and electronic building ac-
 cess information.

Please join us! Questions or requests to participate, please ...
 e-mail shelbyboblick@outlook.com or call Shelby Boblick @
 630-240-2765.



Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17