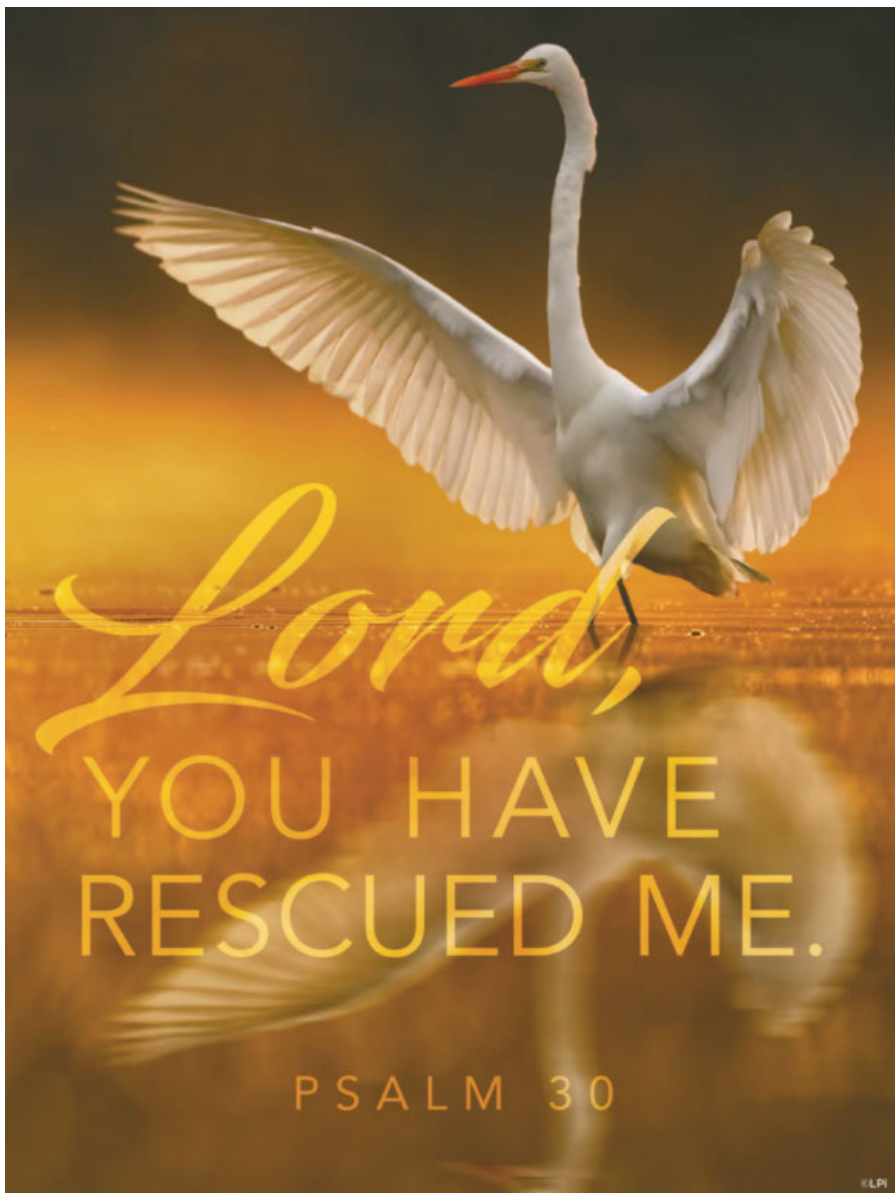




SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

JUNE 30, 2024 - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA- SAINT LUCY CHURCH

38 North Austin Boulevard,
Oak Park, Illinois
708-383-3430
www.stgilesparish.org

Weekend Mass
Sunday at 9:00 AM

SAINT GILES CHURCH

1045 Columbian Avenue,
Oak Park, Illinois
708-383-3430
www.stgilesparish.org

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
at 6:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at 8:30 AM
Saturday at 8:00 AM
(Confessions following Mass)

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:30 PM,
Sunday at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Family Mass Community

Sunday at 10:00 AM
McDonough Hall

FATHER CARL'S CORNER



This past week, June 17-20, brought 306 priests together from around the Archdiocese of Chicago for our Convocation at the Grand Geneva in Wisconsin. The Convocation takes place every other year and provides a time and space for the presbyterate to gather, reconnect with and support

each other as we accompany one another in shared ministry. The renewal of the local church, Cardinal Blase Cupich reminded us, begins with us. The discussion over those days centered around the theme, "One In Christ: Love in Action." The invited speakers helped us reflect on our need to call upon the Lord to renew us in His love; to be strengthened and edified to better love one another as brothers before we return home to love and minister to those in our parish communities. With talks that were thought provoking and challenging at times and with free time to rest, walk, swim or golf, the days were both spiritually and physically renewing.

Personally, for me there were some key moments that resonated with my ministry and the challenges I feel we are facing here in our Oak Park and neighboring Catholic communities. Changes are upsetting and can create anxiety and fear. The Eucharist, however, no matter which worship site we attend Mass at, is a constant reminder that Christ is alive and among us. He is the reason we work together showing our love for God and neighbor and building the Kingdom of God's love, peace and justice among us. Christ is the reason for our hope. While some things may change, this fact of faith remains intact and guides us. One speaker made this comment and connection with his talk. He said, "Do something different to encounter Christ's love, remembering our mission is always reaching out." Put love into action.

I surely see this in so many of the initiatives we have begun: the Spirit and Light Collaborative, The Neighborhood Bridge, our support of Housing Forward, reaching out to the youth in our community in new ways, the continuing efforts of our Migrant Ministry, and the initiative of One In Love reaching out to support LGBTQ+ members of the community who may feel isolated and alone. These are signs of LOVE IN

ACTION IN OUR COMMUNITIES and in the larger Catholic Community we represent. Our mission should always be reaching out. I was proud and pleased during the week to reflect on how we are doing just that and the possibilities before us.

In the final Mass we celebrated together, we sang this closing hymn, "The Joy of The Gospel." Here's the first verse that sums up the week for me and gives direction for us as we go forward working together building God's kingdom.

**"THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL INVITES US TODAY,
BELIEVING IN JESUS, TO WALK IN HIS WAY:
TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS, THE LAST AND THE LEAST,
TO BE FOR OUR WORLD BOTH THE SALT AND THE YEAST."**

In today's scripture, we hear about Jesus' tender compassion and power to restore and heal. Our world can seem filled with brokenness and pain. We need the powerful healing of Jesus. So, we pray: May the Eucharist we share in and the prayers we offer daily, for ourselves and the world, help make us instruments of healing for others so that we are ever and always signs of you, Lord Jesus.

Take note: Fourth of July is this Thursday! We will have ONE MASS on that day at 9:00 AM at Saint Edmund Church. All our parish sites will share in this ONE HOLIDAY MASS. There will be music and prayers fitting for our 4th of July Mass and celebration. Plan on joining us for this special Mass at Saint Edmund at 9:00 AM.

Finally, if you have not done so, please consider making an additional contribution to help close the budget gap at both of our Oak Park parish sites, Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles and at Ascension Saint Edmund. Your support helps keep our ministries strong and our parishes vibrant. Online giving, checks dropped off at the parish offices are all welcome as we reach the end of our fiscal year. Thank you for all the many ways you have, and continue to, support our parish communities. God bless you! Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

F. Carl

AN URGENT MESSAGE

Dear Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parishioners,

To follow up my message shared by the presider at each Mass last weekend and in last Monday's Flocknote, I want to personally express a heartfelt thank you for all the forms of support you give to our parish. Your ongoing stewardship makes the work of the parish possible. It is that important work, our robust ministries and vast outreach efforts which compel me to reach out to you in this time of need. As the end of our fiscal year is upon us, it is my hope that you will feel inspired to extend your help.

You are probably aware from our weekly stewardship report that Sunday Offertory has a shortfall of just over \$100,000 year-to-date. Like any household, our parish creates an annual operations budget with anticipated expenses and projected income which is primarily funded by the weekly Offertory. The shortfall in Offertory has been a challenge since Covid. Although many parishioners have come back to Church, there are still many who have simply found reasons not to return.

Despite fewer worshippers at Mass, the parish has become more vibrant and alive. We celebrate liturgy with Gospel music under the direction of Julius White. Our St Catherine-St. Lucy School has the largest enrollment it has had in years under the leadership of Principal Sharon Leamy. The St. Catherine-St Lucy campus graciously opened its doors to the migrants living at the District 15 Police Station one year ago on June 27 which was the beginnings of our bustling Migrant Ministry. Housing Forward and The Neighborhood Bridge are preparing to expand services offered at the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory.

The new ministry collaborative of shared faith formation and Religious Education programs and offerings across the Oak Park Catholic Community now moves into its second year. The Oak Park Migrant Ministry has now expanded its services offering not only clothing, essentials, and breakfast meals, but case management and medical and legal services. In addition, the ministry has also been able to transaction close to 10 migrant families into apartments so they can begin their new lives in the United States.

The Rose K. Goedert Early Childhood Center has moved from Dominican University to the Gleeson Building on the St. Giles campus. Under the guidance of Principal Meg Bigane, St. Giles School enrollment will increase as a result. It brings me great joy to report that the St. Giles worship site will once again have a fully functional pipe organ. This project has been in the works for over a decade and by the fall, an opening night reception will be planned for its debut. Much of the organ project has been funded by individual donors.

Nevertheless, the shortfall in our Sunday Offertory is of great concern as we end this fiscal year this weekend. Could you make an additional charitable donation to help close that gap? Donations can be made with a check dated June 30, 2024 and dropped in the collection basket or to the Parish Center this weekend OR online through GiveCentral using the QR Code on the right. Any contribution you make qualifies as a charitable tax deduction and will be gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



With you a Christian. For you a priest.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Carl".

Fr. Carl Morello

Pastor

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**SECOND COLLECTION FOR
PETER'S PENCE THIS WEEKEND**

SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE
 HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

**Peter's Pence
 Collection**

*Be a sign of
 mercy.*

This weekend, there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the Holy Father's mission of sharing the Gospel and being a sign of Christ's mercy to people suffering in our world. Please be as generous as you are able. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

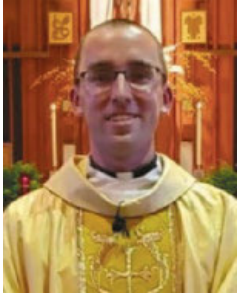
INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS

We will observe our country's independence on Thursday, July 4. There will be one Mass celebrated for the Oak Park Catholic Community at 9:00 AM at Saint Edmund.

All are invited to gather in church to pray for peace and justice in our country as we face the challenging issues before us. Please join us.

Father Carl will be the celebrant, and we would love to have liturgical ministers from all four worship sites. Please visit tinyurl.com/OakParkCatholic to sign up. You may also contact JaneAnne Campbell at ja.campbell@ascensionoakpark.com if you are interested in serving.

THANK YOU FATHER ROBERT



We extend our best wishes to Father Robert Carlton as he begins a new assignment at Queen of Peace Parish in Chicago. Thank you, Father Carlton, for your ministry here during the past two years. God's blessings in this time of transition.

PRAYING THE ROSARY ON ZOOM

FRIDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Friday evenings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/> -
Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490 -



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note: Due to the Fourth of July Holiday, the parish office will close at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 3. The office will be closed on the 4th of July and will close at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 5. Both the Saint Giles and Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy offices will be closed on Saturday, July 6. The Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy campus office will be open for regular Sunday hours on July 7.

SUNDAY BULLETINS

Please note that bulletin articles are due the Friday, a week prior to the Sunday issue date. Please send your submissions to Mary Boss at mboss@archchicago.org.

WEDDING BANNES

II - Stefania Triolo and Anthony Neri

OUR PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

June 16, 2024

	Total	YTD
Weekly Budget	\$30,000.00	\$1,530,000.00
Envelopes	\$19,298.00	\$ 845,493.89
Loose—Total included in YTD count	\$ 2,247.00	
Electronic*	\$ 9,727.75	\$ 582,704.68
Total Giving	\$ 31,272.75	\$ 1,428,198.57
* 6/11/24 - 6/17/24		
(Overage)/Shortfall	\$ (1,272.75)	\$ 101,801.43

Thank you to all who continue to support Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish. Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow instructions on the church websites:

www.stgilesparish.org or
www.stcatherinestlucy.org

Contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430, Ext. 420 with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you.

Mass Count - Week of June 16, 2024

Saturday, June 15
4:30 PM - 148

Sunday, June 16
8:00 AM - 165
9:00 AM - 78
10:30 AM - 233
Family Mass - 119

Total Mass Count - 743

Want to know all the latest parish news? Sign up for the weekly parish e-news via our broadcast email program, flocknote! To sign up, just scan the QR Code here or go to this URL in your browser: <https://ztgileparish.flocknote.com/ENews>, and the information you need will be right in your inbox.



MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT GILES CHURCH

MONDAY, JULY 1

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

6:30 AM The Deceased of the Parish

TUESDAY, JULY 2

8:30 AM Steven Thomas Hammer
Lucille DiBartolomeo
William J. Rodeck

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Saint Thomas, Apostle

6:30 AM Lynn Geary
8:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day

9:00 AM At Saint Edmund Only

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

6:30 AM Owen Petrzelka
Lina Royal

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM Mary Fitzpatrick
4:30 PM All Parishioners & Benefactors

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jeffrey Olson
Silvio & Leolina Meira
10:00 AM Family Mass Community in
McDonough Hall
*10:30 AM Louis & Lena Calonico
Elizabeth & Sam Jantelezio

* This Mass will be live-streamed from the
Saint Giles website, stgilesparish.org

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA - SAINT LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Rev. John Lynch (7-10-2012)

SAINT EDMUND CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Oak Park Catholic Parishes Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are hospitalized or homebound including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jessica Scanlon Bailey, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Fred Bartholomew, Marissa Becker, Kyle Becnel, Joe Bigliotti, Baby Sofia Rose Bond, John Botti, Danita Bowie, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Melissa Brumund, Pat Burke, Susan Cadero, Phil Calabrese, Jim Cimms, Ray Cimms, Theresa Claps, Mary Cozzi, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Bill DeBiase, Judy DesLauriers, Andrea Dickson, Virginia Evans, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Carla Michelle Rodas Ferreira, Katherine Fisher, Mary Ellen Frank, Paul Frauenfelder, Earl Gallermo, Jack Gallo, Michael Gallo, Sister Regina Gallo, Marcial Gomez, Alice Gruszka, Baby Michael Haiduke, Jennifer Hanna, Deborah Harris, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Helen Horn, Ben Houghton, Ginny Jones, Phillip Jones, Joe Karas, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Carla Lally, Brian Leonard, Kimberly Lester, Gabriela Rodriguez Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Regina Martin, Lynne Tallon Matassa, Patricia McDonald, John Megall, Leolina Rodriguez Meira, Sebastian Mitchell, Willa Montgomery, Anne Muldihill, Sister Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Marianne Nelson O'Donoghue, Amelia Patterson, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Maureen Sloan, Nick Sorrentino, Sister Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Eleanor Stone, Samantha Struett, Sarah Such, Joann Taylor, Maria Vaccaro, Shirley Venerable, Nancy Wesclitz, Nichol Williams, LaShonda Wilson, Brenda Zych.

Names will be periodically removed from this listing in the bulletin and also from the list of recurring intercessions spoken at weekend Masses. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the parish office to include someone on this prayer list or to request inclusion in the weekend Mass intercessions, or to request a Prayer Shawl.

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Mary C. Trimarco and Mary Margaret Bowers, mother of Theresa Sullivan, Maria Angeles Herrera, wife of Matt Brophy.

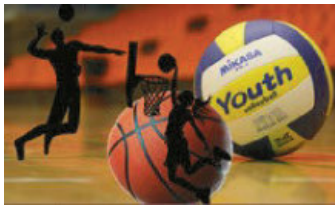
FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

A Tale of Three Women

Karen, Diane, and Melanie have "moved on" after many months of living in residential facilities in Austin. Psychosocial agencies have helped them transfer into independent living where hopefully they will flourish. Diane's Wednesday Night Group is in touch with her, and she expects to remain part of Faith and Fellowship, although her new home on the far north side of the city means that she'll be able to make it to only special events. We hear that Karen is also doing well. Pray this continues.

The news isn't so good for Melanie. At first, she thrived in her senior citizen apartment, but gradually the adjustment to self-sufficiency became unmanageable. She has been around the neighborhood – barefoot and in mental disarray, refusing to return to the Austin facility and refusing to come to Faith and Fellowship. Pray for her safety.





YOUTH MINISTRY OPEN GYM AND DROP IN NIGHTS!

Hey Teens!

Looking for a fun way to spend your evening? Our teens from both of our Oak Park Parishes are invited to come and join us for an awesome night at our Youth Ministry Open Gym and Drop-In Events held at Saint Edmund School Gym (200 S. Oak Park Ave.)! It's the perfect chance to hang out with friends, play some games, and enjoy a great time in a welcoming and safe environment.

Tuesdays during the Summer
July 16, 30 - August 6, 13, 20
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

What to Expect:

Basketball, Volleyball, and More:

Our gym will be open for all your favorite sports.

Not into sports? No problem! You can bring your favorite board games and other fun activities.

Enjoy snacks and refreshments.

Meet New Friends: This is a great opportunity to connect with other teens in the community.

Outgoing 8th graders to outgoing seniors in High School are welcome.

Feel free to bring your friends!

Saint Edmund School Gym, 200 S. Oak Park Ave.



FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

The next FOOD FIRST collection at Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy Church will be on Sunday, July 7. Please

bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products with you to the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. Donations are brought to the altar during the Offertory.

Saint Giles Church weekly collection continues. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products to the Saint Giles shrine in the gathering space at the church or to the covered bins located at the back door on the north side of the Parish Center.

Thank you for your generosity to these collections, and thank you to the stewards for their work in delivering these items to our local pantries.



COURTYARD CONCERTS AT SAINT GILES!

Be sure to save the dates of the following Friday evenings: July 19 - August 16 - September 13

Summer Concerts in the courtyard at Saint Giles Church are back! Our very own "Minivinia" season is being planned with some of our favorite musicians from our parish community.



Our next concert will feature the Dennis O'Brien Band and our own Jim Cerceo. Join us on July 19 at 7:30 PM. Bring a chair and your favorite beverage and snacks.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING BRIDGE?



Join the Oak Park Catholic Community Bridge for All (BFA)! Monday night games are Contract "Party" Bridge style, while Friday night games are Duplicate. Leagues run September through June on the third Monday of the month or on the first Friday of the month at 7:00 PM. There are no December games. Sign up NOW to join the league for the 2024-25 season, or anytime to be added to the sub list.

For Monday Night Party Bridge, contact Shena Keith or Derek Briggs at stgilesbridge@shaker.com. For Friday Night Duplicate Bridge, contact Mary Darnall at mary_darnall@sbcglobal.net or 708-567-4526.

Gatherings are held in the Gleeson Conference Room on the Saint Giles Campus - 1101 Columbian Avenue, 2nd Floor, in Oak Park, Illinois. Bridge players of all faiths are welcome!

REFLECTIONS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHIST



Being a Catechist Aide has allowed me to fully immerse myself in my passion for teaching and sharing the Catholic faith. I have found great joy in witnessing the growth and development of the students' understanding of our beliefs.

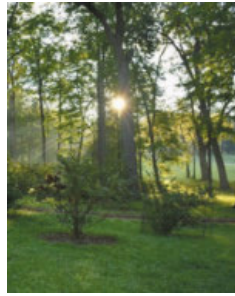
I have strived to create a safe and welcoming environment where students feel comfortable asking questions and sharing their thoughts. It is incredibly fulfilling to be able to address their concerns and provide guidance on their spiritual journey.

Throughout the year, I have made it a priority to bring enthusiasm and energy into each class. By incorporating creative activities and lessons, I have aimed to make the learning experience enjoyable and memorable for the students. Witnessing their excitement and engagement has been incredibly rewarding.

Lastly, serving as a Catechist Aide in 7th grade has been a privilege. The opportunity to nurture the faith of these young individuals and witness their spiritual growth has been truly humbling. I am grateful for the impact I have been able to make, and I am committed to continuing this important work in the future.

Giovanna Lizzio
7th grade TRE Catechist Aide

If you would like more information about being a Catechist for the Spirit and Light - Religious Education program, please send an email to sreligoused@spiritandlightcenter.org.



SPIRIT AND LIGHT LIFELONG LEARNING THEOLOGY ON THE GREEN

Living our Catholic Faith:
Springtide Research

Speaker: Brother Armand Alcazar, FSC
Saint Giles Courtyard
Tuesday, July 9 - 7:00 PM

How do young people live their faith? Gen. Z (or iGens) don't seem to fit the stereotype of what we used to think about teens. How do they differ, what are their needs and how does their faith (or non-faith) link into their mental health? Is there something we can do to best accompany them? Together we will learn from the research from Springtide and consider how it applies to our Catholic communities in the Oak Park area.

Springtide is a leading national research team studying and writing about the needs, behaviors and trends of young people, ages of 13-25, particularly at the cross hairs of their spirituality and mental health.

Brother Armand Alcazar, FSC is a retired professor of theology from Christian Brothers University and Lewis University. Presently, he is involved in "the Lasallian Legacy Project"- collecting the oral histories of the Brothers. He is also a presenter for Springtide. Brother Armand gives presentations and retreats internationally on various topics. When not presenting he enjoys singing and playing the piano, cooking, tennis and golf, not necessarily in that order nor at the same time.



Upcoming Theology on the Green

Tuesday, July 16 - Representative La Shawn Ford will talk about how his Catholic faith impacts his life as a politician.

Tuesday, July 23 - Rich Kordesh will speak about living faith in a secular world.

Tuesday, July 30 - Rebecca Leven will offer faith-filled ways to support peace between Israel and Palestine.

Light refreshments will be served and be sure to bring a chair.
See you on the Green!



Have you or someone you know thought about being baptized, joining the Catholic Church or completing your sacraments of initiation? Maybe you have decided but are not sure where to start? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process to guide you in your discernment as well as a pathway to become Catholic.

If you would like to talk, we are willing to listen. Contact Marci Madary at mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org or 708-383-3430 ext 404.

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, July 22

On Monday, July 22 at 7:00 PM, a liturgy honoring Saint Mary of Magdala and holy women of compassion and conviction will take place at Saint Giles Church.



Saturday, August 24

On Saturday, August 24 at 11:00 AM at Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy church, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated followed by a reception celebrating the life and ministry of Sister Teresita Weind.

SENIOR CORNER



Thank you to the more than 40 Seniors who attended our Annual Indoor Picnic in wonderfully air-conditioned McDonough Hall on a scorching hot June afternoon. We enjoyed our grilled hot dogs with tasty relishes and sweet desserts. After relaxing a bit, we all had some fun in playing an assortment of challenging games, such as golf putting, Bozo bucket toss and string-tossing, with prizes for the winners.

Special thanks to all who shared their lunch menu items with us. The Seniors will now take a two-month summer break during July and August, but we will return with a special activity in September, so watch for future details. Have a healthy and safe summertime, "See you in September."



ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ Ministry meets the second Saturday of each month.

We offer a friendly and safe place for Ascension and Saint Edmund, Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish and the Saint Giles Family Mass Community LGBTQ+ individuals, their families and friends to share through deep listening circles.

Join us on Saturday, July 13 from
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the
Saint Giles Parish Center,
1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois

If you have questions, please contact:
Kathie Nash at kathienash1023@att.net

FEAR TO FAITH

"They cried to the Lord in their distress, from their straits he rescued them, he hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled. Give thanks to the Lord, for his love is everlasting." (Psalm 107: 28,29)

Indescribable agony!

According to prophet Ezekiel, Job was one of three most righteous who ever lived, the others being Noah and Daniel, as Job survived an undeserved, catastrophic destruction of his family, his health, and his wealth, eloquently protesting his innocence in the face of indescribable agony.

The Bible contains only meager information on Job, except for the Book of Job in the Old Testament. His identity, homeland and when he lived are all uncertain. The book was likely composed about the 6th-century BC.

The reader is permitted a few moments in the grandstand with God, who points out to Satan that Job is a blameless and upright man (Job 1:8).

Job provides less an example of patience, than of a tenacity to hold fast to his integrity. He is a model of enduring faith, in order to overcome the terrors of undeserved suffering. God is near, always. A stunning example of Jesus' self-revelation as Son of the Creator, is in Mark today, where he quotes Jesus' decision to take the disciples over "to the other side." This marked a real transition; he had not explained how moving into the new would be far from peaceful.

Crossing over, their boat was hit with a violent storm. This same word describes God's address to Job, from out of the "storm." The folks in the boat suddenly felt like Job, uncomprehending and panicked. All reacted with terror; God was not acting as they expected. Job was not being justly rewarded for his faith, and cried out to God. The disciples tried to awaken Jesus. Job's thought was stay safe by being with God. The disciples thought they were safe with Jesus.

Today we're called to live as a new creation as people of the Resurrection, and discover how whirlwinds can blow us Into deeper faith.

Tom Lynch. tg17714@gmail.com. 6/23/24
Sources: NCR, 6/23; Book of Job;
Who's Who in the Bible, Reader's Digest.



MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: FEATURED ON WTTW

WTTW's multi-platform, multi-year initiative **FIRSTHAND** focuses on the firsthand experience of people facing critical issues in Chicago. This past week, WTTW launched a series on the migrant experience in Chicago and featured one of the asylum-seekers resettled by the Catholic Parishes of Oak Park.

Esteban Garrido is an Ecuadoran artist who had to leave his home country for political and economic reasons. He was living at O'Hare when he found his way to Centro San Edmundo and eventually became one of two single men and ten families whom we have resettled. Esteban is one of the migrant artists who will benefit from the art room at Saint Edmundo that we are currently refurbishing.



Here is a link to an amazing and beautiful short documentary on Esteban - <https://interactive.wttw.com/firsthand/homeless/migrant-experience/watch?v=esteban>. The film is about eleven minutes long, and at about minute five, the Migrant Ministry at Saint Edmundo is featured. We also recommend that you watch the other four documentaries capturing the migrant stories of our new neighbors. Take the time to read and reflect on the discussion questions. The discussion questions on Esteban's story specifically call out Saint Edmundo and poses the question about the role of faith centers in welcoming migrants.

Find the series by going to the WTTW website and do a search for "FIRSTHAND Homeless: the Migrant Experience." You can also find the links on both parishes' websites.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Migrant Ministry. We welcome your donations, and currently our greatest need is for light summer clothes, especially for older girls. For more information, contact us at immigrantministry@gmail.com.

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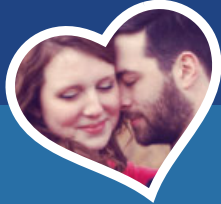


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