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— LUKE 24:36 —

APRIL 14, 2024 • Third Sunday of Easter

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK
WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday at 8:30 am
WEEKEND MASS: Sunday at 9:00 am

ST. GILES CHURCH
1045 COLUMBIAN AVENUE, OAK PARK
DAILY MASSES: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am;
Tuesday, Wednesday and 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 and 10:30 am

Fr. Carl's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

First a word of thanks for the many ways you supported our parish communities at our Holy Week services and at Easter Masses. Our attendance at the Masses was good and it felt like we were almost back to pre-covid numbers. Of course, we would love to see these numbers continue. What better way to support each other on our journey of faith than being together to pray and share in the Eucharist at Mass where we, like those first disciples, come to know Jesus in the sharing of scripture and the breaking of bread. *For your presence, support in prayer and generous donations, thank you!*

A word of gratitude and thanks are also extended to our Music Ministers, Instrumentalists, Cantors, Choirs, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Ushers, Greeters, Servers, and Decorating Teams who played an important role in helping all to go smoothly over these very important days of the Triduum and Easter. To all office staff who helped print materials and proofread all the information being shared, you are most appreciated. We are blessed with dedicated employees and staff, volunteers, and our sacramental celebrants! *Thank you all!*

This weekend and next, our eighth-grade students in both parishes will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. After these final months of preparation, these young adults will affirm their decision to further their faith by living in the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit. This sacred occasion marks a significant milestone on their spiritual journey. I ask all to pray with me that these young people, encouraged by our example as a community of faith, will know the joy and peace of living in that faith. May they count on the Holy Spirit for direction and courage to live their faith in the dark and challenging world we live in today. May they continue to grow in faith and wisdom, always feeling the presence of God guiding them along the path of service, compassion, and love. These virtues, lived in the Spirit of Christ, make a difference in our world bringing hope and light despite darkness and fear that seem to be growing around us. To all being confirmed these next two weekends, we wish you blessings and fulfillment as you begin this new chapter of your life making your own commitment to live your faith. *God bless you!*

Let us all recall how the Holy Spirit helps us live the message in today's gospel. Our love for God is perfected when we care for our neighbor even when it is inconvenient. Our love for God is perfected when we work for justice and peace even when we are beneficiaries of power and privilege. As Mother Teresa once said, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is a hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is a sick Jesus. This one is in despair, I must help as best I can. I serve because I love Jesus." We can count on the Holy Spirit to help give us courage and strength to love Jesus in our neighbor, especially the one in need. *Holy Spirit, help us to have the eyes to see and the heart to serve the living Christ among us.*

Finally, the transitional shelter for the migrants at the St. Edmund School Building has now ended. All those who were sheltered and cared for there have received assistance in finding apartments to begin their new life here in Chicago and the suburbs. The plan was to have this happen by June 1. However, with the dedication and assistance of the village and other local task forces, this work was completed sooner than expected. We pray for and wish for those whom we have assisted all the best in this new time of transition for them.

Our Migrant Ministry continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays welcoming those who come for clothing and other support we are able to offer.

Have a blessed week ahead. With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

Spiritual Life & Worship

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 15

The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 — The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, April 16

8:30 — Rev. Thomas B. McDonough

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 — Megan Shaker

Owen Petrzelka

The Deceased of the Abraham Family

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, April 18

8:30 — Frances Hammer'

Bill Rice

Mary E. Wolfe

Friday, April 19

6:30 — Theofilos Kakoullos

The Deceased of the Shaker Family

Betty Shaker

Saturday, April 20

8:00 — Gertrude Daley Moran

4:30 — Theresa Martino

Erva Bruno

Lee and Joan Peters

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

10:00 — *Family Mass Community in School Gym*

*10:30 — James M. Gallagher

Cecilia Kaszynski

Frank Manchen

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

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 16

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 — Rev. Robert C. Maguire (†4-15-1962)

Rev. Louis A. Campbell (†4-16-2011)

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 — *Oak Park Catholic Parishes Mass*

Mass Intentions for 2025

Those wishing to schedule a Mass for the intention of someone who has died or for special intentions may come to the Parish Center to do so. Masses will be scheduled on a first-come basis.



There are three intentions open for each Mass (except where the intention of the parish "All Parishioners and Benefactors" appears).

All Holy days and all holidays are designated for the intentions of the parish; no individual intentions may be added to those days.

Open dates for Mass intentions are still available in the 2024 Mass Book. Please contact the Parish Center with any requests that you may have.

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jessica Scanlon Bailey, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, 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, 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, Sr. Regina Gallo, Marcial Gomez, Baby Michael Haiduke, Jennifer Hanna, Deborah Harris, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Paul Hefner, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Ben Houghton, Ginny Jones, Phillip Jones, Joe Karas, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kimberly Lester, Gabriela Rodriguez Machado, Herbert Macias, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Lynne Tallon Matassa, Patricia McDonald, Leolina Rodriguez Meira, Sebastian Mitchell, Willa Montgomery, Anne Muldihill, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Lillian Ricci, Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Maureen Sloan, Nick Sorrentino, Sr. 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 Dawn Sullivan, spouse of Patrick Sullivan and Richard Brennan, spouse of Elaine Brennan.

St. Giles Church is looking for an additional livestream operator for our Masses in 2024. If you know someone who either has some video experience or is a college student interested in broadcasting and would be interested in streaming one or two Masses per month, please contact the Parish Office.

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
Passcode: 634955



Parish Life

Are you currently the chairperson of a parish Ministry?

Were you once a chairperson of a Ministry that has stopped meeting, and you'd like to get it going again?

Do you have an idea for a new ministry, but you don't know where to begin?

We need to get in touch with you!

The St. Catherine-St. Lucy-St. Giles PPC is currently in the process of updating our records to ensure that we have accurate contact information for all Ministry Chairs in our combined parish. Help us find ways to re-engage with members throughout our community and to create opportunities to attract those who will hopefully find a home among us. Please scan the QR code to give us your contact and ministry information. Thank you!



This spring, our parish will again participate in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies and have saved over 40,000 babies and their mothers from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend, fill it with your spare change, and return it on the weekend of May 11-12. The bottles can be found in the gathering space of both Church sites. If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. You can also go directly to their website at: GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note that the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. *Thank you for helping defend life* and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

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CCW of St. Catherine - St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish

Oak Park Catholic Community

Migrant Ministry Update: Migrant Ministry Continues

The transitional shelter at Centro San Edmundo (in the former St. Edmund School Building) has now closed as of April 5. Our congratulations to the Oak Park Resettlement Team that so quickly and effectively relocated the many families.

Our Migrant Ministry continues. We continue to run the program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings hosting our migrant brothers and sisters and of course the children, many children. We invite them for breakfast, for a change of clothes and shoes and coats. Then there is the opportunity to sit quietly over a cup of chocolate or coffee and tell their stories to the many volunteers there to listen. Even if the listening is through cell phones using Google translate. The link to everything that is needed is below. Right now one of the biggest needs is blankets and towels. They don't need to be new but usable.



Finally the Housing Team continues to accompany families and will be adding two new families in April and May. We continue to need mentors to accompany them. Spanish speaking is not necessary.

If you have a question or would like to volunteer with the Migrant Ministry, please email immigrantministry@gmail.com.

Please see the QR Code at left for a current list of clothing and personal care items that we are accepting. We ask that you donate only the items listed here. *Thank you!*



Financial donations are accepted to support the Migrant Ministry and can be sent to the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish Office at 1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302. Please mark your check for the "Migrant Ministry." Donations may also be made online through GiveCentral on the St. Giles website or by scanning the QR code at right.



Or donations can be sent to Ascension and St. Edmund Parish. Please note the Migrant Ministry on your check. Donations may also be made online through GiveCentral on the Ascension website.

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PANELISTS

- **Professor Kathleen Arnold**, Director, Graduate Program in Refugees and Forced Migration Studies, DePaul University
- **Annie Gomberg**, Lead Volunteer, Police Station Response Teams
- **Lynda Schueler**, Executive Director, Housing Forward
- **Betty Alzamora**, Legal Lead, Oak Park Community Migrant Settlement Mission
- **Celine Woznica**, Co-Leader, Catholic Parishes Oak Park Migrant Ministry

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Proceeds benefit
SPIRIT and LIGHT

Marguerite Porete and The Mirror of Simple Souls

Join us for the upcoming Spiritual Classics discussion on Marguerite Porete's classic writing, *The Mirror of Simple Souls*. We will meet on **Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 pm in the Ascension Parish Center Dining Room**. Jeff Wood will lead the discussion. All Oak Park parishes are welcome.

The Mirror of Simple Souls is a dialogue among allegorical figures conversing about the nature of the spirit and the relation between the soul and God. Because human love is like divine love, Porete shows how the human soul can achieve a lasting union with God. Porete lived in a beguine community in the fourteenth century and the book became enormously popular throughout Europe at the time.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our monthly Spiritual Classics discussions, send an email to laffc@ascensionoakpark.com or check out the [Spiritual Classics webpage](#) on the Ascension and St. Edmund website. Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and hear about Porete's medieval spirituality.

Parish Life



SENIOR CORNER

Let's all get together for a special lunch, as we will meet at the **Old Warsaw Restaurant** for a wonderful buffet on **Tuesday, April 16, at 12:00 pm**. The price for lunch is \$27.50, which includes the buffet, coffee, tea and soda, as well as the tax and tip. We will have plenty of room in their special banquet area reserved for us. Old Warsaw is located at 9200 W. Cermak Road, at the corner of 17th Avenue, in Broadview. A check may be made out to "St. Giles Seniors," for the amount of \$27.50. To register, please contact Russ Parker at 708-548-5912.



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

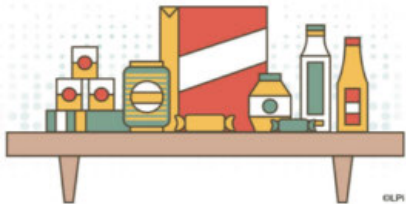
We offer a friendly and safe place for Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, St. Catherine-St. Lucy

and St. Giles Parish and the St. Giles Family Mass Community LGBTQ+ individuals, their families and friends to share through deep listening circles.

**JOIN US SATURDAY, MAY 11
from 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

St. Giles Parish Center, 1025 Columbian Avenue
If you have questions, please contact: Kathie Nash
kathienash1023@att.net.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED



The next **FOOD FIRST** collection at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be on **Sunday, May 5**. 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.

St. Giles Church weekly collection continues. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products to the St. 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.

Our Parish Weekly Stewardship For Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

	4/7/2024 Total	YTD
Weekly Budget	\$30,000.00	\$1,230,000.00
Envelopes	\$17,503.00	\$ 669,846.37
Loose	\$ 2,074.00	
Electronic*	\$14,694.00	\$ 475,533.17
Total Giving	\$34,271.00	\$1,145,379.54
4/2/24-4/8/24		
Overage/Shortfall	\$ 4,271.00	\$84,620.46

Thank you to all who continue to support St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. 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!

We are grateful for your continued generosity to the parish. As of April 8, the deficit for Sunday Offertory is \$84,620. The Easter Collection is \$17,866 below our goal of \$80,000. The combined deficit for this fiscal year now stands at \$102,486. If you are able to increase your Sunday offering, please consider doing so. Fr. Carl and the Finance Committee will need to make recommendations on how to cover the gap in income.

Matthew Brophy
Operations Director

Mass Count Week of 4/7/24

4/6/24 4:30 pm	195
4/7/24 8:00 am	79
4/7/24 9:00 am	136
4/7/24 10:30 am	290
4/7/24 Family Mass	134
Total Mass Count	834

Parish Life

Faith & Fellowship



A Snapshot of Hope

Eighteen students and two teachers from St. Francis High School in Wheaton came for a fun afternoon with Faith & Fellowship's Catechists and Partners. Lunch at Burger King and bowling at Striker Lanes had been long anticipated. There was full participation by everyone in every aspect of the event, combined with respect, love, and care. Watching these energetic teens interact with our Partners – taking orders, serving Whoppers, high-five celebrations of strikes and spares, gently assisting a fragile Partner aiming and pitching her ball, and mostly just talking, laughing, and having fun – was a snapshot of positivity and love. We all felt a shift towards hope for our future, in a light to dispel the darkness prevalent in our world today.

But wait! There's more!

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://stgilesparish.flocknote.com/ENews>, and the information you need will be right in your inbox!



Food For Thought The Hymn of Christ

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests, but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on the cross." (Philippians 2:3-8)

This piece by Paul, known as the "Hymn of Christ," is likely the premier New Testament commentary on humility.

Written while in a Roman prison, Paul cites the temptation of people to be like his opponents, who function in the dark of their selfish ambitions. Such vainglory is countered by counting others more significant than ourselves.

In the body of Christ, we are called to put aside vain and self-serving behavior, and put others first. This works, because they're supposed to put us first, too. Paul explains how Jesus is our model for treating one another. Jesus, as God, humbled himself to the point of being crucified. Clearly, we can be humble to each other, choosing to put others first, even when it hurts.

On this past Holy Thursday, a profound yet simple act of deep humility was performed by our Pope Francis, in the shadow of his patron saint, Francis of Assisi. At the evening mass of the Lord's Supper, in a tent set up on the grounds of Rome's Rebibbia prison, Francis washed the feet of twelve inmates of the all-women facility. He poured water over their feet, towel-dried them, and kissed them. And the 12 women inmates wept.

The Pope spoke briefly: *"By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus humbles himself. He had said 'I came to serve, not to be served.' Jesus forgives everything...he asks only that we ask pardon...all of us have failures—everyone has their own story. The Lord awaits always with open arms..."* After mass, the Pope gave a large chocolate Easter egg to a little boy, the only toddler living with his mother at the prison, as permitted in Italy until they are 3 years old.

"God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6)

Tom Lynch. tg17714@gmail.com. 4/14/24
Source: NCR, M. McGlone, 4/14/24



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Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27

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