

# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINTE LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



LIFTING UP HIS  
EYES TO HEAVEN,  
**JESUS PRAYED.**

— JOHN 17:1 —

MAY 12, 2024 • The Ascension of the Lord

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



Happy Mother's Day to all moms! Today, we remember the mothers, grandmothers, and all women who mentor and care for others with a mother's heart and love. Many of us have lost our moms and today is a good day to call to mind a favorite memory that will bring a smile to our hearts and remind us of their love. Have a blessed day.

Last weekend and this weekend, many of our children received or will receive their First Holy Communion. Congratulations! Let us all remember the gift and importance of coming to Mass and sharing in the Eucharist. It's around the table that we are reminded of God's unfailing love and support and experience the support of our community as we walk together in faith, hope and love.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the Eleven a heavy task: Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Through our Baptism, he also commissions each one of us to this work. In our families, our schools, our workplaces, Jesus sends us forth to make his presence known. This is a profound challenge! We may feel as if we might be stumbling under our given loads, whatever those challenges may be. We may ask ourselves, how can I do this? Why is this so difficult? I consider all the challenges we face together with the parish unifications and the work of creating a new reality, new administrative structures that can work for the future with less ordained priests. I think about the work of our committees as they go through the process of the multi-site reviews, how many buildings do we have, how much do we need, and can we afford to care for all that we have? In the midst of dealing with these questions and realities, we are faced with the mission we are all called to do, proclaim the Gospel and invite others to come and know Christ.

Today's Feast of the Ascension not only invites us to participate in his work but reminds us that Our Lord carries any of our burdens with us. He does not take them away, but he lifts them as he walks with us. The Good News today reminds us of the power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. This same power has promised to be with us. Christ does not leave us in the Ascension but lifts our eyes and hearts inviting us to behold his power and glory. In the Eucharist that we come to share each week, he promises to be with us in our struggles and help us carry any of our burdens; he makes his presence known in a way we can taste and see.

Share this with someone you may know who has been away from the church or perhaps not back to Mass in person. We come together to renew our hope and be filled with confidence that God is with us on the journey.

I'll leave you with this to reflect on... *What will I do this week to help put the Good News into action in my family or community?*

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

*Fr. Carl*

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# Spiritual Life & Worship

## ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, May 13

6:30 — The Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday, May 14

#### Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:30 — John F. and Ellen Zwisler  
Virginia Ramirez

### Wednesday, May 15

6:30 — Lillian Carr  
Mercedes M. Grassberger  
The Deceased of the Daley and Archibald  
Family

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Thursday, May 16

8:30 — Joanie Donovan  
The Galang Family  
Mary Lou and Family

### Friday, May 17

6:30 — Mita S. Duque (living)  
Sheryl Govedarica  
Thomas Geary

### Saturday, May 18

8:00 — Steven Thomas Hammer  
4:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Sunday, May 19

#### Pentecost Sunday

8:00 — Owen Petrzelka  
Shirley Zamito  
Dr. Robert Hammer  
10:00 — *Family Mass Community in School Gym*  
\*10:30 — Cecilia Kaszynski  
Elizabeth and Sam Jantelezio  
Fred Cafasso  
Rev. Thomas McDonough

*\*This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website,  
[stgilesparish.org](http://stgilesparish.org).*

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

### May 14

#### Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

### Sunday, May 19

#### Pentecost Sunday

9:00 — Rev. Joseph M. Morrison (5-22-1938)

## ST. EDMUND CHURCH

### Sunday, May 19

#### Pentecost Sunday

5:00 — *Oak Park Catholic Parishes Mass*

## We 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, 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, Carla Lally, Dorothy Lane, Brian Leonard, Kimberly Lester, Gabriela Rodriguez Machado, 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, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, 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 Patricia Rusin, Herbert Macias, Sr. Teresita Weind, and Lillian Ricci.

## HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND!

May 18 and 19

### Celebrating Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church!

Please join us after Mass next weekend as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost! **Coffee and...** will be served in the gathering spaces in both our churches after all weekend Masses. Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship. Would you like to help?



Contact Maria Samatas at 708-267-2086 or email [msamatas@me.com](mailto:msamatas@me.com)



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.

## WEDDING BANNES

- I Andrea Wilhour and Sean Wilhour
- I Brigitte Barney and Nicholas Ranieri

# Spiritual Life and Worship

## Catholic Charities Second Collection this weekend, May 11-12



Catholic Charities serves nearly 400,000 individuals annually, many of whom live in the most underserved neighborhoods of

Lake and Cook counties. They accompany anyone in need, regardless of faith, gender, race, or ethnicity. Working to improve lives and nourish spirits, they are committed to helping children, youth and families, especially mothers and their babies in a faith-based manner of respect and compassion. Please be as generous as you are able in support of their vital work.



## Return Your Filled Baby Bottles This Weekend!



The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland continues in support of their efforts to directly assist mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. They have saved over 40,000 babies and their mothers from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please return your filled baby bottle this weekend. If you would like to make a donation by check, please make it payable to: *The Women's Center*. You can also go directly to their website at: [GoTWC.org](http://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.

## Host Families Needed for Concert

Following the success of our Oak Park Migrant Ministry concert this year, additional concerts are being planned for the Saint Edmund site.

On Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00 pm, we will welcome the acclaimed Saint John's Boys Choir from Colledgeville, Minnesota. <https://sjbchoir.org/> This 30 voice choir will sing for us before departing on a concert tour of Italy, flying out of O'Hare the next day. The boys range in age from 8-15.

**Fifteen host families are needed for one night: the singers are used to sleeping in a bed, cot, couch, air mattress or even sharing a queen or king size bed.** Families need to be able to accommodate 2 (or more) boys after the concert, and bring them back to Saint Edmund mid-morning the next day. For more information, contact Michael Silhavy, Saint Edmund Choir Director at [msilhavy@archchicago.org](mailto:msilhavy@archchicago.org).

**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!



## 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

## 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!



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**Congratulations to our 2024 First Communicants!**  
**May you grow ever closer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.**  
**We welcome you with great joy!**

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*Our large banners were created on our First Communion Retreats. Our children, represented by their names and handprints, are joined to the True Vine, Jesus, through the Eucharist we celebrate.*



Max Altier	Vivian LaPenna
August Beckmann	Xavier LaPenna
Genevieve Beckmann	Kyle Lazewski
Abigail Brooks	Walter Marshall
Rachel Brooks	Evan Martinez
Marty Blanco	Harlan McCreary
Mateo Builes	James McElligott
Marcello Buonicore	Eliana Moreno
Jair Camacho	Aemon Morrissey
Emma Campbell	Alana Norlander
Miguel Castelan	Reed Petrzelka
Elena Carreon	Maximus Pratt
Anne Chlumsky	Andersen Putz
Wynne Dardis	Jazani Reed
Grant Dobecki	Quincy Riley
Seamus Doherty-Essenber	Patrick Roberts
Ryan Donnelly	Eric Ruiz
Jack Drury Jr	Maribelle Ruiz
Matthias Esparza	Addison Savage
Brook Estudillo	Marion Shaker
Mia Ferguson	Charlie Simaga
Casey Fumefreddo	Hugo Slosson
Ariella Gaber	Andrew Smith
Shealynn Gaski	Remy Spyrison
Graham Gass	Duncan Strom
Quinn Gibbs	John Stys
Caroline Go	Isaac Urness
Alexis Goerish-Glawe	Alexia Villasin
Wyatt Goerish-Glawe	Catherine Winter
Liliana Ingargiola	Daniel Wuest
Sara Karumbaya	Sloane Yaffe
Jack Keffer	Ethan Zonavetch
Owen Kelly	

# Spirit and Light Collaborative



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Year-End Celebration The Feast of Pentecost and the Gifts of the Spirit

Wednesday, May 15 at 4:30 pm

St. Giles Campus, McDonough Hall  
1101 Columbian Ave., 2nd Floor



**All children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and their families and caregivers are invited to join us for our year-end celebration of the birthday of our church, Pentecost!**

At this special gathering we will hear the words from scripture telling of that glorious day when the Holy Spirit enlightened and emboldened the disciples who would carry the Good News of the Risen Christ to the ends of the earth. We will light seven red candles representing the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The children will have the opportunity to place a lit votive candle in front of the gift they would like to ask for. The gathered glow of all the votive candles will symbolize the light of Christ that will never be extinguished in our hearts, in our lives, and in our world.

### Spirit and Light?

Some people have wondered exactly what Spirit and Light is. It is a Catholic collaborative for living faith. But sometimes a simple phrase isn't completely clear. Therefore, various people have written down their understanding and experience of Spirit and Light. A different explanation will be shared weekly.

This is from **Jim Schwarber, Chair of the Spirit and Light Advisory Board:**

"Spirit and Light is the future of the church. It is a lay-led interparish furtherance of our mission to bring Jesus's love and teaching to the world. It seeks to weave different ministries together into a garment that wraps us all in the love of Christ. It expands as necessary to accomplish the mission."



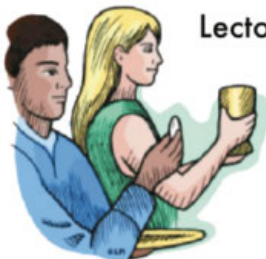
### New Mothers and Mothers-to-be Luncheon

*You are invited to join the women of St. Giles Family Mass As we gather for lunch and to bless you as a Mother-to-be or a New Mother*

*Please join us  
Saturday, May 18  
From 10:30 am to 1:00 pm  
At the home of Laura Keffer  
937 Linden Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois*

RSVP to Mary Ellen Lesniak  
[maryellenlesniak@hotmail.com](mailto:maryellenlesniak@hotmail.com)  
708-565-9401

or  
Laura Keffer  
[lauraellenkeffer@gmail.com](mailto:lauraellenkeffer@gmail.com)



### Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training for Teens

Confirmed out going 8th graders to 12th grade.

May 21 and 22, 2024  
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM  
St. Edmund, Murphy Hall  
188 S. Oak Park Ave.



The Lector who proclaims God's Word



The Eucharistic Minister who assists in distributing the body of Jesus

This two-evening experience will begin with a general overview of the Theology of Ministry, followed by separate sessions for Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers. Overall, the two evenings promise to give teens a well-rounded perspective of the meaning and purpose of ministry and a clear understanding of the significance of the call we receive at Baptism. The formation days are open to all confirmed teens. Please be aware that while this formation time will generally prepare young people for service to the liturgical community, it will be necessary for each parish site to follow up with training specific to their own worship space.

PLEASE CONTACT COOKY PEREZ-ERACI, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY,  
[MPEREZERACI@SPIRITANDLIGHTCENTER.ORG](mailto:MPEREZERACI@SPIRITANDLIGHTCENTER.ORG) OR 708-370-3674

# Oak Park Catholic Community

## MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: The Ascension of the Lord

Thank you to donors and volunteers!

Because of your donations of money, clothing, food and much, more, Migrant Ministry is now supporting 11 families and two individual men in 9 separate, stable households. We estimate that we have helped with 9,000-10,000 visits from migrant men, women, and children at the Tuesday/Thursday mornings for food, clothing, toiletries, diapers, medical visits and ESL classes. We are helping with the immediate needs at Centro San Edmundo and long-term needs through the housing programs. All because of your donations. Thank you.

A special thank you to all those who walked or donated money at the **CROP Hunger Walk**. Migrant Ministry will be a recipient of a portion of the local funds raised. All global funds raised from the **CROP Hunger Walk** go to CWS (Church World Service) which provides services to the migrants as they travel north. Eighteen of the migrants were able to return the favor by walking to raise money for CWS here in Oak Park proudly waving their Venezuelan flag. Thank you all for the opportunity to support this organizations, too.

Our Tuesday/Thursday program is expanding. The most recent count is about 300-350 people coming each week for breakfast, clothing, blankets, toiletries. The English language classes are continuing and have now expanded to Saturday morning.

If you have a question or would like to volunteer with the Migrant Ministry, please email [immigrantministry@gmail.com](mailto:immigrantministry@gmail.com).

Financial donations to support the Migrant Ministry 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.



	<b>Women</b> Small & Medium Sizes	<b>Men</b> Small & Medium Sizes	<b>Children</b> Toddler To Large Sizes	<b>Infants</b> Size 9-24 Months
Tops	Casual Tops, T-Shirts, Athletic Wear	Small/Medium* Short Sleeve, Athletic Wear*, Tank Top Undershirts*	Short Sleeve	Short Sleeve
Pants	Shorts, Jeans, Black Pants	Shorts, Jeans*, Athletic*	Shorts, Jeans, Athletic	Any
Leggings	Small*, Medium* & Large	N/A	Girls, All Sizes	N/A
Pajamas	Any	Any	Any	Any
Bras	Small*, Medium*, Large & Sport Bras*	N/A	Pre-teen	N/A
Underwear	New Only*	New Only, Boxer Briefs Requested*	New Only	New Only
Socks	New Only, Low Cut Preferred	New Only, Low Cut Preferred	New Only	New Only
Shoes	Athletic Shoes, Small Sizes Requested* Crocs & Sandals	Athletic Shoes, Small Sizes Requested* Construction Boots – Men's Size 8-10 Crocs & Sandals	Athletic Shoes, Small Sizes Requested* Crocs & Sandals	Any

### Requested Linens & Personal Items

(Must be clean, and in good condition)

- Blankets - Small, \*Medium & \*Large
- Sheets - Twin, Full, Queen
- Towels - Washcloths, Hand, Bath
- Toiletries - \*Deodorant, \*Lotion, \*Hair Conditioner
- Sleeping Bags
- Backpacks
- Roller Suitcases - In good condition
- Small Toys—\*Matchbox Cars, \*Beanie Babies

### Amazon Wish List Donations

Go to [amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VKSYQWWISEBOM](https://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VKSYQWWISEBOM)

Or use your phone's camera to access the site through this QR code:



Drop donations off on Mondays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at 200 S. Oak Park Avenue

**Please enter at the Pleasant Avenue door**  
**Questions?** Email: [immigrantministry@gmail.com](mailto:immigrantministry@gmail.com)

YES, IT'S LADIES NIGHT!

## SPRING CCW COURTYARD PARTY!

*Good vibes*

THURS. MAY 16  
6:30-8:30 pm

Under the lights in the St. Giles Courtyard

*fun*

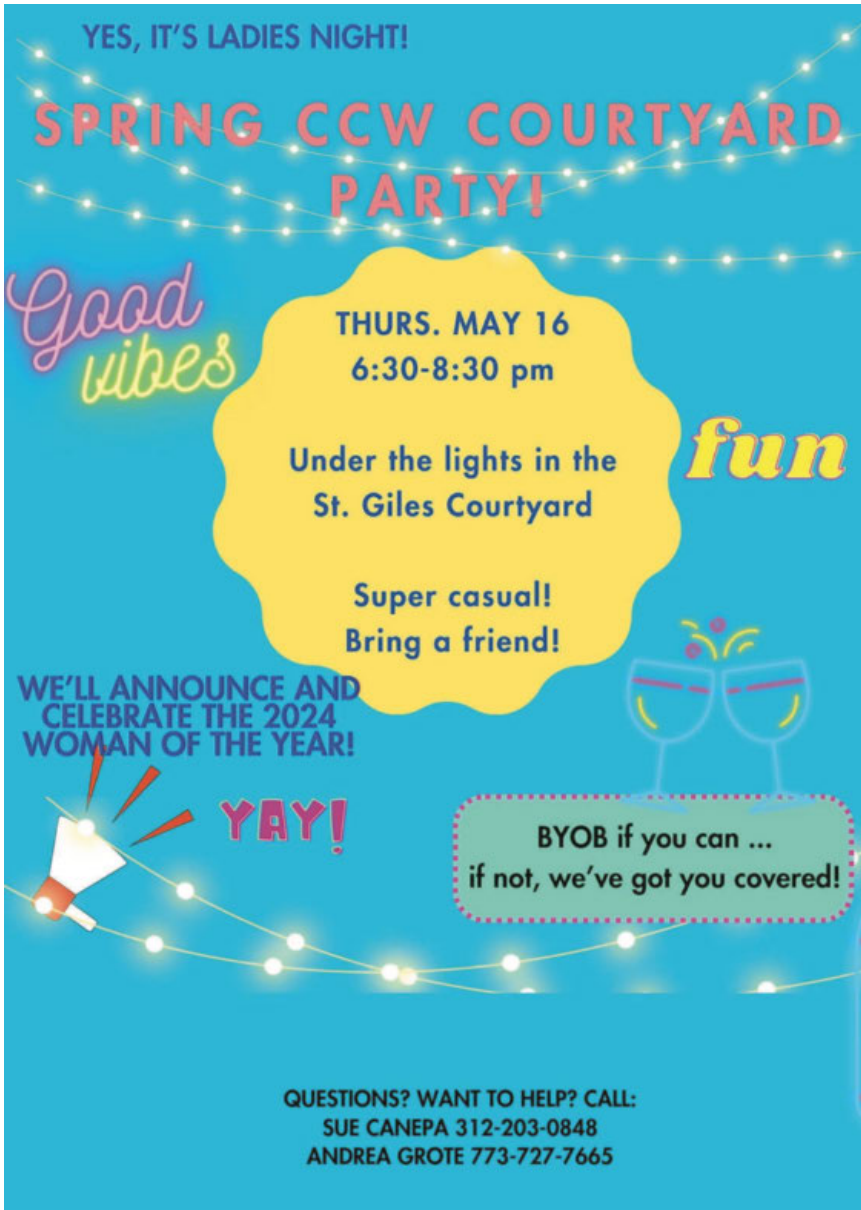
Super casual!  
Bring a friend!

WE'LL ANNOUNCE AND CELEBRATE THE 2024 WOMAN OF THE YEAR!

*YAY!*

BYOB if you can ...  
if not, we've got you covered!

QUESTIONS? WANT TO HELP? CALL:  
SUE CANEPA 312-203-0848  
ANDREA GROTE 773-727-7665



### A Day of Reflection

**PLEASE REPLY:** All Catholic Men of Oak Park are invited to A Day of Reflection on **Saturday, May 18**. The day will be centered around a reflection given by **Terry Rynne**, founder of Marquette University Center for Peacemaking. He teaches "Introduction to Peace Studies," and is the author of **Gandhi and Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence** and **Jesus Christ, Peacemaker: A New Theology of Peace**. The focus will be our challenges and responses, building on our discussion (from our April 16 meeting) of John Dear's presentation about Nonviolence and Jesus.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 18,  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

**Location:** McDonough Hall  
(NW corner of Columbian and Greenfield,  
1101 Columbian Avenue, 2nd floor).

**Cost:** \$45 (includes lunch and refreshments).

Payment due the day of the retreat.  
**CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS ONLY,**  
**PLEASE.**

**If you plan to attend,**  
**please notify Mike Prus**  
**[michaelprus@ameritech.net](mailto:michaelprus@ameritech.net)**  
**by Monday, May 13**

This invitation is extended by the St. Giles Family Mass Community Men's Group.

The SGFMC Men's Group meets monthly to present and discuss topics of spiritual value. The Men's Group was initially formed in 1975, and continues to the present day.

## SENIOR CORNER



Come join us at **Murphy Hall** on the **St. Edmund** campus (adjacent to the church) on Tuesday, May 21, at 9:30 am for a "Breakfast with the Pastor" session. **Marci Madary**, the Director of **Spirit and Light**, will join us for an enlightening spiritual presentation. **Spirit and Light** is the collaborative effort of the Oak Park Catholic Community for Living Faith. Murphy Hall is located at 188 S. Oak Park Avenue. A parking lot is available east of the church on Pleasant Street. All are welcome to join us.

## Faith & Fellowship

### "And the beat goes on..."

Some thoughts from the St. Francis High School Rock Band who recently performed at Columbus Manor:

*"I thoroughly enjoyed performing at Columbus Manor; so exciting to see the joy on the residents' faces, and to see how such a small deed can brighten their day... Being able to play music for the residents was fun and fulfilling! I've played this event the last two years in a row, and each time it has been so amazing to bring some joy to all these people... Thank you so much for having us play at Columbus Manor. This is my favorite show of the year, and sharing the beauty and love of music with you is something I will cherish forever. I cannot understate how amazing and beautiful each and every one of you are! God is with you and I am keeping Columbus Manor in my prayers!"*





# Parish Life

In July, **over 150** adults & teens from our Parish ASP will travel to the Appalachian Mountain area in West Virginia for a week of service making homes warmer, safer, and drier. Our van rental expenses increased significantly this summer, and we are fundraising to offset this cost.

**We would appreciate your help!**

**Purchase a digital dozen.**

Go to the URL listed here anytime through May 27 and order a digital dozen. You will **receive an electronic coupon** to pick up your dozen whenever you wish, at the Krispy Kreme location you choose. Or give a dozen as a gift!

OR

**Pre-order a dozen (or 2)!** Visit **GiveCentral** by scanning the QR code here to order & pay for your donuts. You can **pick them up** outside St. Giles Church on Sunday, May 12, from 8:30 am – 11:45 am, just grab & go!

**Sunday, May 12, is Mother's Day!** After all Masses at St. Giles, please look for ASP representatives outside selling boxed dozens. Cash, checks & credit cards will be accepted - \$15 per dozen (glazed). Take some donuts home to celebrate mom!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Please purchase a dozen - ASP will receive 50% of each dozen sold!



## KRISPY KREME DOZENS TO SUPPORT St. Giles ASP



\$15 PER DOZEN



OVER 50%  
DONATED BACK



ENDS May 27



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<https://groupai.se/krispykreme41628sb>

**ASP** Appalachia  
SERVICE PROJECT\*



the Neighborhood



## YOU CAN HELP BRIDGE THE GAP!

The mission of The Neighborhood Bridge is to “use the St. Catherine-St. Lucy campus as a base for a powerful ministry outreach to our neighbors on the West Side.” We are focused on meeting the goal of **connecting Austin area residents with needed services by the start of the 2024-2025 school year.**

But we need your support. This is why we're thrilled to announce the **\$50,000**



Made possible by a longtime parishioner of St. Giles who strongly identifies with the vision and mission of The Neighborhood Bridge as presented at the public forums.

**A foundation associated with this donor will match every dollar donated to The Neighborhood Bridge between now and May 24, 2024, up to \$50,000!**

**This is a unique opportunity to double the impact of your donation!**

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# Parish Life

## Food For Thought Evolution in Real Time

*“With the creation of the study groups, ...it remains unclear what to expect when Synod delegates reconvene in Rome this fall, and what will be the agenda of the Second Assembly.” (Christopher White)*

Two years prior to the start of the Second Vatican Council, in 1960, Pope John XXIII appointed 10 commissions to lay the foundation for what became a hallmark event opening the Church’s windows to the fresh air of global modernity.

One of the Council’s major actions during that 1962-65 period was the establishment of the Synod of Bishops, to promote greater collegiality between bishops and the pope.

Under Francis, the Synod has evolved dramatically, including for the first time ever in 2023, the inclusion of lay people with the right to vote on the final document. In fact, theologians say the synod process is evolving in real time. Following last October’s assembly of the Synod, the Pope decided to appoint working groups to study some of the hotter issues that emerged in the Synod so far.

Theologians agree many questions remain. Among the issues the study groups will address are how bishops are selected, seminary formation and the role of women in the Church, some of the most discussed and divisive topics that surfaced at the Synod last year. The Vatican said the group structures would help expand theological and biblical reflection—a step to deepen the conversation. But it is a complex architecture.

Membership is meant to include theologians, Roman Curia and canon lawyers, making the outlook hard to assess. Membership has not been made public. In the 2023 Synod Assembly, there was intense debate over the role of women’s ministry. It’s unclear what to expect when delegates reconvene in October. There is strong support and activism in the push for women in the diaconate. The Pope has taken steps to assure its serious discussion.

*“You cannot have a synodal Church where there are not women participating at every level ... of decisional practices of the life of the Church.”*  
(Catherine Clifford, Theologian and Historian)

Tom Lynch. [tgl7714@gmail.com](mailto:tgl7714@gmail.com). 5/12/24  
Source: NCR, Christopher White, 5/1/24

## FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

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.



The next **FOOD FIRST** collection at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be on **Sunday, June 2**. 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.

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

	5/5/2024 Total	YTD
Weekly Budget	\$30,000.00	\$1,350,000.00
Envelopes	\$14,199.50	\$ 742,339.64
Loose	\$ 1,880.86	
Electronic*	\$13,551.50	\$ 518,763.30
Total Giving	\$29,631.86	\$1,261,102.94
*4/30/24-5/6/24		
Shortfall	\$ 368.14	\$ 88,897.06

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](http://www.stgilesparish.org) OR [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://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 5/5/24

5/4/24 4:30 pm	139
5/5/24 8:00 am	116
5/5/24 9:00 am	110
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