



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY AND ST. GILES PARISH

March 2, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the difficult decision to close the worship site at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church which is united as one parish with St. Giles Church in Oak Park. Lower attendance at Mass and the costly upkeep on a beautiful but aging building are contributing factors. While this is very sad news for the faithful community of St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy, we look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us through this challenging time and to present us with new opportunities for building unity and a newfound sense of community.

Despite the closing of the church, the campus of St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy will remain a powerful base serving the community and its neighbors. St. Catherine - St. Lucy Catholic School will continue its important mission. The organization, SisterHouse, will remain in the former convent building. The Neighborhood Bridge and the Faith and Fellowship Ministry will continue to work out of the repurposed rectory along with Housing Forward which will have offices in the shared building.

Although no closing date has been set, there will be a final commemorative Mass sometime in June for all of us to gather in this worship space one last time. I am grateful for the unique gifts, faithfulness, love of neighbor, and the spirit of worship and fellowship that has defined this community for so many years. As we move forward together, I hope and pray that we will do so with steadfast love, trusting that we will find new ways and places to experience and worship God.

Fr. Carl

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Pastor