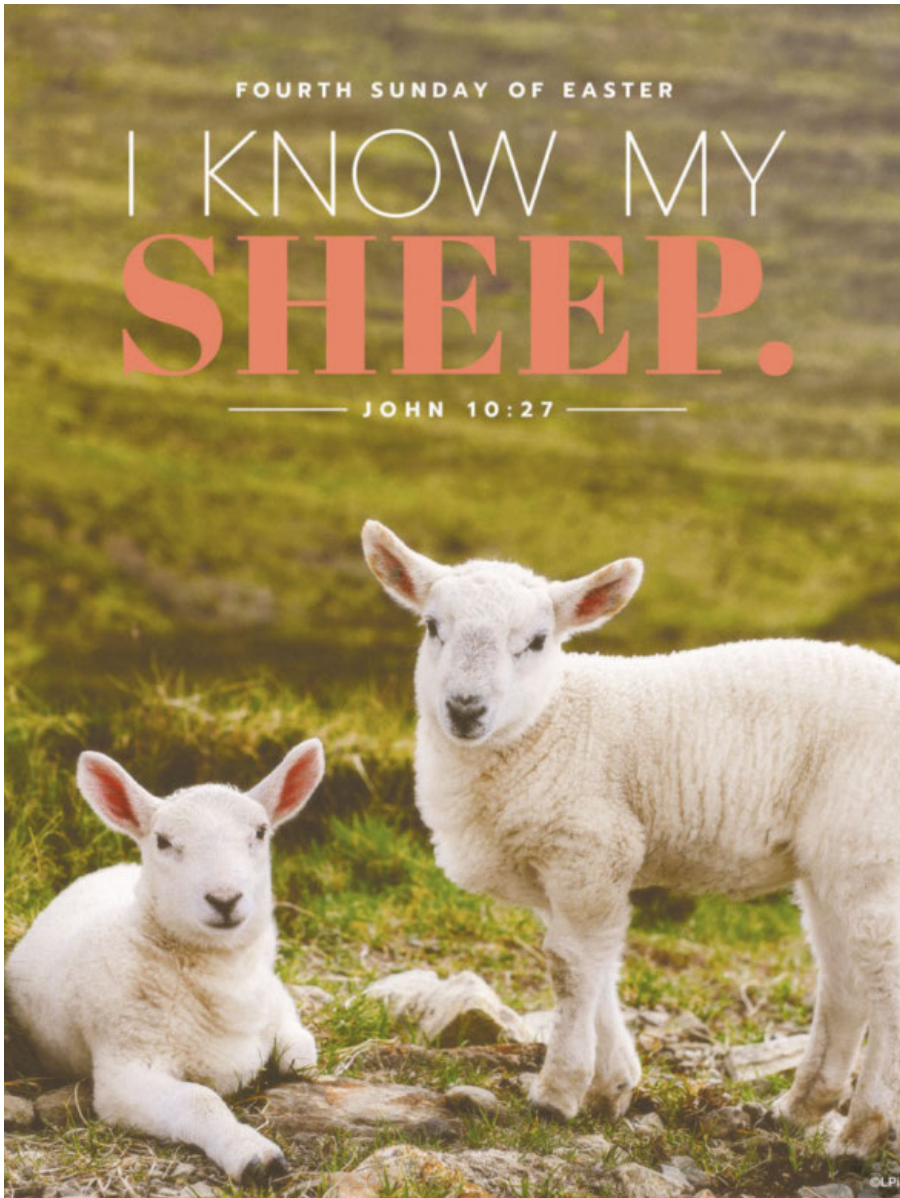




SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA- SAINT LUCY CHURCH

38 North Austin Boulevard
Oak Park, Illinois 60302
708-383-3430
www.stgilesparish.org

Weekday Mass
Tuesday at 8:30 AM

Weekend Mass
Sunday at 9:00 AM

SAINT GILES CHURCH

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Daily Masses
Monday through 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
School Gym

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." - Jn 10:27



FATHER CARL'S CORNER

First of all, Happy Mothers' 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 so today offers us a chance 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.

I am excited to announce that coming soon we will launch a new website for our parishes. This will happen sometime in late June. It will be a unified online home that brings our Oak Park Catholic Community and Neighbors together while still celebrating the unique gifts and spirit of each individual parish. A talented and dedicated committee consisting of members from each parish site, has been working on this for over a year. This new platform will make it easier to explore what each of our parishes offers, from worship schedules and ministries along with special events and outreach opportunities. At the same time, it will showcase our shared efforts and common ministries, fostering a connection, collaboration, and a deeper sense of unity among our Oak Park Catholic Community and Neighbors. Whether you are looking for parish specific information or ways to engage across Oak Park, everything you need will be easy to find and just a click away. Watch for more news about the website and when you will be able to check it out.

Now to something a little more serious. As your pastor and a spiritual leader, I feel compelled to express my deep disappointment in President Trump's decision to depict himself recently as the pope. The image was not only inappropriate as we mourn the loss of Pope Francis but deeply

disrespectful to the sacred office of the papacy and our faith which it represents. What kind of spiritual leader would I be if I remained silent in the face of such irreverence? We are called to speak truth with love, and while we continue to pray for the president, it is clear that he has lost a sense of decency and right judgement. He needs our continued prayers! Many Bishops have come out to say this was not in good taste, some even asking for an apology to the Catholic Community around the world. My hope and our prayer should be that President Trump be guided back to a path of true humility, respect and moral clarity.

Finally, in contrast, we have Pope Francis who has always led with humility, compassion, and deep concern for those on the margins. And his final gift is no exception. In a powerful gesture of service and solidarity, the Pope has donated the iconic popemobile to be converted into a mobile care unit for those in need in Gaza. The repurposed vehicle will now bring medical aid and comfort to people in remote areas that have been ravaged by war. His mission of mercy will continue as a living legacy for a Pontiff who consistently reminded us that the Church must go out into the streets, serving the poor and the vulnerable with love and compassion. Pope Francis made this his dying wish, that the Catholic non-profit organization Caritas Jerusalem turn his popemobile into a mobile health station for the children of Gaza upholding the fundamental rights and dignity of children. What a legacy!

Have a great week ahead.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

F. Carl

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including:
 Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Mark Andersen, Mardie Anderson, Jessica Scanlon Bailey, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Katie Barnicle, Fred Bartholomew, Danita Bowie, JoAnn Boyle, Eloise Brown, Pat Burke, Phil Calabrese, Timothy Carraher Carwinski, Mary Cozzi, Nancy D'Agnolo, Liz Decker, Carole DiCicco, Andrea Dickson, Paula Dote, Mary Ann Evans, Katherine Fisher, Jim Fletcher, Kitty Foley, Bernadette Gaffney, Baby Ford Gallagher, Samantha Gennell, Mary Fran Gleason, Marcial Gomez, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Deacon John Henricks, Lois Henricks, Bill Holmes, Jennifer Hoyt, Bill Jany, Ginny Jones, Phillip Jones, Joe Karas, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, James Thomas Lewis, Rossana Lopollo, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Linda Malloy, Lauren Marshall, Regina Martin, Lynne Tallon Matassa, Chuck Mauter, Janet McEnaney, Martina Mjimba, Dave Mills, Sebastian Mitchell, Willa Montgomery, Everette Moore, Jamie O'Reilly, Amelia Patterson, Lorenzo Perez, Patrick Pollard, Connie Rakitan, Gia Rapacki, Hannah Rice, Peg Sabatino, Paul Schleitwiler, Janet Schroeder, Gregory Sherwood, Maureen Sloan, Deborah Sobreira, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Theodora Thompson, Regina Thorpe, Shirley Venerable, Nancy Wesclitz, LaShonda Wilson.

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, Daniel Denise, father of Julie Denise, Janet Rhomberg, mother of Sue Rhomberg, Roger Rhomberg and Ellen Griffin

PLANNED GIVING

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by considering a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish as the remainder beneficiary.

You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact Sharon Bresnahan at 708-383-3430 Ext. 420 or sbresnahan@stgilesparish.org or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga. To receive a free, no-obligation personalized illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-5304 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SAINT GILES CHURCH

MONDAY, MAY 12

6:30 AM The Deceased of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 13

6:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

8:30 AM A Special Intention for Saint Peregrine & Saint Jude
 Larry Peszynski

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

6:30 AM Marcia Harms
 Edward Kelly
 Joey Cocco

8:30 AM Bud Cederoth

THURSDAY, MAY 15

6:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

8:30 AM The Deceased of the & Archibald Families
 Lillian Carr
 Florian and Lucille Peszynski

FRIDAY, MAY 16

6:30 AM Mercedes Grassberger
 Joanie Donovan
 Joey Cocco

SATURDAY, MAY 17

8:00 AM Gerry Klonke
 Sheryl Govedarica

*4:30 PM Pascal Larry
 Eva Kunkel
 Fred Cafasso
 Ed Wygonik

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00 AM Owen Petrzelka
 Shirley Zamito
 Betty Shaker
 The Deceased of the Abraham Family

10:00 AM Family Mass Community in the School Gym

10:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

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

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA- SAINT LUCY CHURCH

TUESDAY, MAY 13

8:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

SUNDAY, MAY 18

9:00 AM Reverend Joseph M. Morrison
 (Saint Catherine of Siena 5-22-1938)

SAINT EDMUND CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 18

5:00 PM Oak Park Catholic Parishes Mass

Saint Giles Campus Parish Center Office

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 Phone: 708-383-3430 - E-mail: stgiles@stgilesparish.org
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Business Hours:

Monday through Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 Monday through Thursday Evening - 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 Saturday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lauren Locke & Sister Sue Paweski, Daytime Receptionists
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 Evening & Weekend Receptionists

Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy Campus Office

38 North Austin Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois 60302
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Business Hours

Sunday - 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 Other times by appointment.

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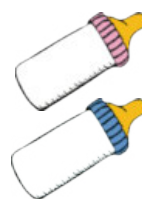
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**FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP**

Looking out at our changing and often chaotic world, at a recent Faith and Fellowship meeting partners reflected on people and things that are steady, faithful supports in our lives. Some shared stories about faithful people in their lives, others shared about faithful practices, like a nice shower, nap, and time with Sacred Scripture. We ended reflecting on the faithfulness of God, so readily apparent in the Easter season.

Thank you, also, for your faithful support and prayers for Faith and Fellowship! Our end-of-year "Big Shebang" Mass and dinner are quickly approaching. It is at 7:00 PM on May 21 at Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy. We hope to see you there!

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

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 June 7-8. 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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF OAK PARK

Sunday Night Mass: 5:00 PM at
 Saint Edmund Church
 All are welcome!

Hospitality, sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry, is held on the second and fourth Sundays after Mass and is open to all.

Please contact JaneAnne Campbell at
 ja.campbell@ascensionoakpark.com
 or Alex Ryan at alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org
 to get involved in the ministries for this Mass.

OUR PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

April 20, 2025		
	Weekly Total	YTD Collection
Envelopes	\$ 5,827.00	\$ 662,415.39
Loose—Total <i>included in YTD count</i>	\$	
Electronic Giving 4/15/25-4/21/25	\$ 11,200.50	\$ 523,179.03
Total Collections	\$ 17,027.50	\$ 1,185,594.42
Easter		\$ 53,806.47
April 27, 2025		
	Weekly Total	YTD Collection
Envelopes	\$ 10,235.00	\$ 674,861.90
Loose—Total <i>included in YTD count</i>	\$ 2,211.51	\$
Electronic Giving 4/22/25-4/28/25	\$ 10,827.50	\$ 534,006.53
Total Collections	\$ 23,274.01	\$ 1,208,868.43
Easter		\$ 60,597.47

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

MASS COUNT

Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:00 PM Vigil Mass - 321

Sunday, April 20, 2025

6:00 AM - 130, 8:00 AM - 425,
9:00 AM - 217, 10:30 AM - 941
Family Mass - 325

Total Mass Count - 2,359

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:30 PM - 162

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM - 146, 9:00 AM - 137, 10:30 AM - 365
Family Mass - 147

Total Mass Count - 957

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Spring 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mother's Day celebrates the mothers and mother figures in our lives who are essential to the future of our communities and to the fullness of God's plan for human life.

Helping mothers in need is central to our faith and to the mission of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your donation to the Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities is critical to this urgent work.

Catholic Charities was founded over a century ago as the charitable arm of the Church. Every year their dedicated staff accompanies 60,000 mothers and families in Cook and Lake counties, providing food and nutrition; housing and financial assistance; services for new and expecting mothers; counseling; and support for survivors of domestic violence. This is only possible through the generosity of our Archdiocesan community.

Each spring I encourage you to support the work of Catholic Charities. Your support creates stability in families for generations. May we always be inspired by the mothers in our lives who provide an example in promoting unity, providing encouragement, and demonstrating how the Lord teaches us to listen to the Spirit of Jesus working in our lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations—Sunday, May 11, 2025

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 (9:00 AM - 1:30 PM)

The parish offices will be close on Wednesday, May 21 from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM. All the staff from the Oak Park Parishes will be at a Staff Development Day in McDonough Hall. Offices will open at 1:30 PM. Thank you for your understanding.

PARISH NEWS

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.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) continues to feel its way as part of the unified parishes that make up the Catholic Community of Oak Park. Members meet, mostly on a monthly basis, and sometimes with the PPC of Ascension-Saint Edmund. In addition, individual members meet with other leadership bodies of the parish in an effort to improve communication among the bodies and the parish.

The PPC encourages all parishioners to pray for and be attentive to our sisters and brothers who worship at Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy Church, which will be closed in June. We also hope that parishioners will plan to attend the final Mass on June 22, time TBD, and continue to welcome all to the Saint Giles worship sites.

PPC members encourage parishioners to reach out with questions and concerns. Contact the PPC at: scslsg.ppc@gmail.com



WEDDING BANNS

- I Kristeen Burtner & Frank Fazzio
- II Mallory Nelson & Anthony Davis
- III Tricia Doyle & Vince Banda

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES



Congratulations to the following faithful servants on the anniversary of their ordination.

Father Ed Salmon
May 7, 1959 - 66 Years

Father Bob Hutmacher, OFM
June 2, 1979 - 46 Years

Father Carl Morello
May 7, 1983 - 42 Years

Father Tom Unz
May 7, 1983 - 42 Years

Father Tom Walsh
May 24, 1986 - 39 Years

Father Larry Dowling
May 18, 1991 - 34 Years

Father Rex Pillar
May 15, 1995 - 30 Years

Father Victorio Bruscella, CMF
October 30, 2004 - 21 Years

Father Brian Taber, SJ
June 3, 2017 - 8 Years

Deacon John Walters
April 30, 1988 - 37 Years

Deacon John Henricks
May 1, 1993 - 32 Years

Deacon William Pouncy
May 16, 2004 - 21 Years

Deacon Thomas Dwyer
May 27, 2007 - 18 Years

Deacon Kevin Morgan
May 14, 2022 - 3 Years

*Happy
Anniversary!*

YES, IT'S LADIES NIGHT!

**CCW
COURTYARD
PARTY**

Tuesday, May 13
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Saint Giles Courtyard

Super Casual!
Bring a friend!

WE WILL ANNOUNCE &
CELEBRATE THE 2025 WOMAN OF
THE YEAR!

BYOB IF YOU CAN...
IF NOT, WE'VE GOT
YOU COVERED!



QUESTIONS? WANT TO HELP?
CALL; SUE CANEPA AT 312-203-0848



**MEN OF SAINT
CATHERINE OF SIENA-
SAINT LUCY AND
SAINT GILES:**

Mark your Calendars - The
Annual Men's Smoker is
scheduled on Friday, June 13.

Details and a link to sign up to follow soon.

As is tradition, we will announce the Man of the Year at the Smoker. The selection committee for the Man of the Year consists of yours truly and prior winners (Father Carl, Pat Carew, Frank Hulefeld, and George Valaika). Our beloved Joey Cocco will be with us in spirit.

Nominations for the Man of the Year are currently being accepted by committee. To make a nomination, please send an email to me at johnngallo@gmail.com identifying your nominee and your reasons for the nomination. We ask that nominations be submitted by Friday, May 16, at 5:00 PM.

Have a good weekend... John Gallo



Please plan to join us for an "Easter-time Luncheon" on Tuesday, May 20, at 12:00 PM at Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant. We will enjoy a splendid buffet with beverages included. A check for \$26.50 (or cash) payable to Saint Giles Seniors will be collected from each attendee at the restaurant. We will be car-pooling for this event. We hope to see you!



"We are not meant to fit in. We are meant to stand out." Sarah Ban Breathnach

ALL ARE WELCOME

To join us for a special presentation
"What Does It Mean to be a
One in Love LGBTQ+ Ally?"

Listen to our One in Love Voices
Learn about the world we live in and
how you can support us.

Monday, May 5 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Saint Giles Gleeson Room McDonough Hall	Wednesday, May 28 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Ascension Pine Room
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Create More MOMents



BLOOD DRIVE

**SUNDAY
MAY 18
8:30 AM - 1:30 AM**

ASCENSION CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. PLEASE BRING YOUR ID

824 Clarence, Oak Park, IL
@ Church Gymnasium

To schedule an appointment, call 800-7TO-GIVE, scan the QR code below or go to the following link <https://tinyurl.com/AC518BD>

Donate Blood and be someone's hero. One pint of Blood can save up to 3 lives.

Any questions call
800-7TO-GIVE



CENTERING PRAYER AND LECTIO DIVINA

Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina Groups meet in person at Saint Edmund every Monday at 12:00 PM and every Tuesday at 4:00 PM.

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer which deepens our relationship with God. This method of prayer is based on the 14th century spiritual classic, *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

After praying for 20 minutes, the principles of Lectio Divina will be applied to a spiritual reading. Lectio Divina encourages listening for a resonating word from God through reading, reflecting and responding prayerfully to a short excerpt from a book or Scripture.

The group will sit in silent prayer for 20 minutes and then practice Lectio Divina for 15 minutes. The time together should not exceed 45 minutes. The group meets in person in the transept of Saint Edmund. Parking is available in the back. There is also a contemplative prayer group that meets on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM. This group meets alternating weeks online or in person in the Ascension sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Gorman at rbrtgorman@protonmail.com.

A BOOK STUDY AND DISCUSSION WITH MEDITATION

*The Great Search:
Turning to Earth and Soul in the Quest for
Healing and Home*

By John Phillip Newell

The exploration of this book, facilitated by Shelby Boblick, began in September and will continue through May 25. Chapter 9, *Seeking Faith*, Edwin Muir will be the topic of discussion on May 12.

We will meet from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM in the conference room on the second floor of the Gleeson Building at 1101 Columbian Avenue on the Saint Giles Church campus. Handicapped accessible!

The sessions are open to anyone interested, and please "register" (by an e-mail to Shelby at shelbyboblick@outlook.com) for each session you plan to attend. 30 people maximum. No need to attend every session. There is no cost to attend.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Need help? Food, shelter, housing, employment, job training, counseling, addictions, utilities, physical or mental health services, legal and financial, immigration, naturalization and refugee and senior services are provided by Catholic Charities. Call 312-655-7700 or catholiccharities.net.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1-800-821-4357
Child Abuse	1-800-252-2873
National Domestic Violence	1-800-799-SAFE
National Sexual Assault	1-800-656-4673
Compulsive Gambling Hotline	1-410-332-0402
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Suicide Prevention	1-800-273-8255
Elder Abuse	1-800-252-8966
Unplanned Pregnancy Option	1-800-712-4357
Abortion Pill Reversal	1-877-558-0333



TREX PLASTIC BAG CHALLENGE

We did it! Between Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish and Ascension-Saint Edmund Parish, we have reached our goal of 1,000 pounds of plastic. The committees of Vine & Branches and H.O.M.E will determine the best placement for the bench.

Thank you to all who have participated in the effort. We will be ending the collection at the end of this month. THANK YOU!!

To join the Vine & Branches committee, contact Sister Sue Paweski at spaweski@spsmw.org.

CREATION CARE CORNER

Protecting Creation, "is not only an ethical issue, but one that is eminently theological ..." —Pope Francis

Pope Francis' Creation Care Legacy (Part 1)

Pope Francis will be remembered for making all things that live on the earth a pastoral priority. He helped the world to see caring for creation not as a political, social, scientific or ideological battle, but as a moral imperative. This is because the poor and future generations will suffer most from environmental degradation. He taught that abusing the "common home" of the earth, its ecosystems and all forms of life that depend on it "...is a grave sin."

Francis spoke of the growing environmental crises as signaling broader broken relationships between man and God, man and fellow man, and man and nature. Social, economic, political and environmental issues are not separate problems, but are dimensions of one overarching crisis, according to Francis. In his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*: On Care for our Common Home, Francis spoke of an "integral ecology" and demonstrated that everything is interconnected. To address the environmental crisis, Francis taught that we need to fix our relationship with God, our fellow humans, and be open to an "ecological conversion." As part of his legacy, Pope Francis has solidly established ecology and stewardship of creation as a pro-life, pro-marginalized, and pro-family issue.

SUNDAY BULLETINS

Please note that bulletin articles must be submitted no later than **Friday, a week prior to the Sunday issue date**. Please send your submissions to Mary Boss at mboss@archchicago.org.

CREATION LITURGY

Our first Creation Liturgy will take place on Sunday, May 18 at the 10:30 AM Mass! The students from Saint Giles and Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy schools will decorate the church with artwork and participate in the Liturgy to honor Creation. What better way to honor the ministry of Pope Francis who brought attention to the urgency of caring for Earth. Plan to celebrate with the school communities!



NEW CATHOLICS IN CONVERSATION

New Catholics in Conversation is a continual inquiry and faith sharing experience to those new to Catholicism. Each month, we explore a new topic of Catholic life and see how it impacts our everyday lives. The sessions run exactly one hour and include a reflection, conversation and prayer. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:15 PM at the McGivern Center on the Saint Edmund campus. The next meeting will be on May 12 - Vulnerability, Belonging, Compassion.

For more information, contact Pat Carew at pat@enerstar.com.

MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: CROP WALK



By the time you see this, the CROP Walk in Oak Park will have been completed. This is the 2nd year that the Migrant Ministry has been one of the local charities who benefits

from this event. This year, we were asked to be the Grand Marshall. The event is sponsored by CWS, Church World Service, with the goal of fighting hunger worldwide. The political situation this year is very different for the families we have resettled. Last year, we were very happy to include the families at this event, and they were happy to join us. This year, we did not include them at the walk because of their concern for the threat of deportation.

Thank you to all who participated in the walk and to those who donated. A portion of those funds will be received by Migrant Ministry.

Our work would not be possible without the volunteers and your generous donations. Here is our updated AMAZON WISH LIST and QR code. This is our SPRING DONATIONS LIST. WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR BLANKETS, SHEETS, AND TOWELS. We ARE ALSO SEEKING FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR THE MIGRANTS' LEGAL DEFENSE FUND. Please mark "Legal Defense Fund" on your donation. For more information, email immigrantministry@gmail.com.



You can also help by paying for all or part of the rent for a year, or by mentoring a family. To donate online through GiveCentral use the link below OR send donations to Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish, 1025 Columbian, Oak Park, IL 60302. Include a note that the donation is for the "Migrant Ministry." Thank you for your generous heart! (<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/444/event/36149>).

PRAYING THE ROSARY ON ZOOM

Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/> -

Meeting ID: 865 8895 7490 - Passcode: 634955



the Neighborhood



HELP HOPE BLOOM THIS SPRING

We are thrilled to announce that a generous donor will match every dollar donated to The Neighborhood Bridge between now and May 23 up to \$50,000.

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

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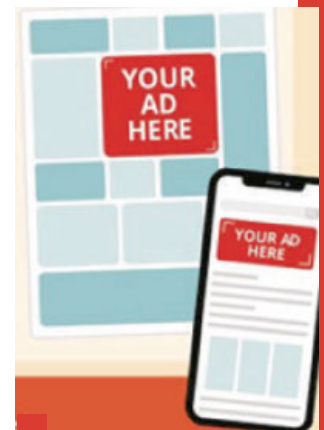


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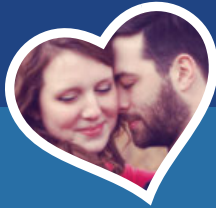


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