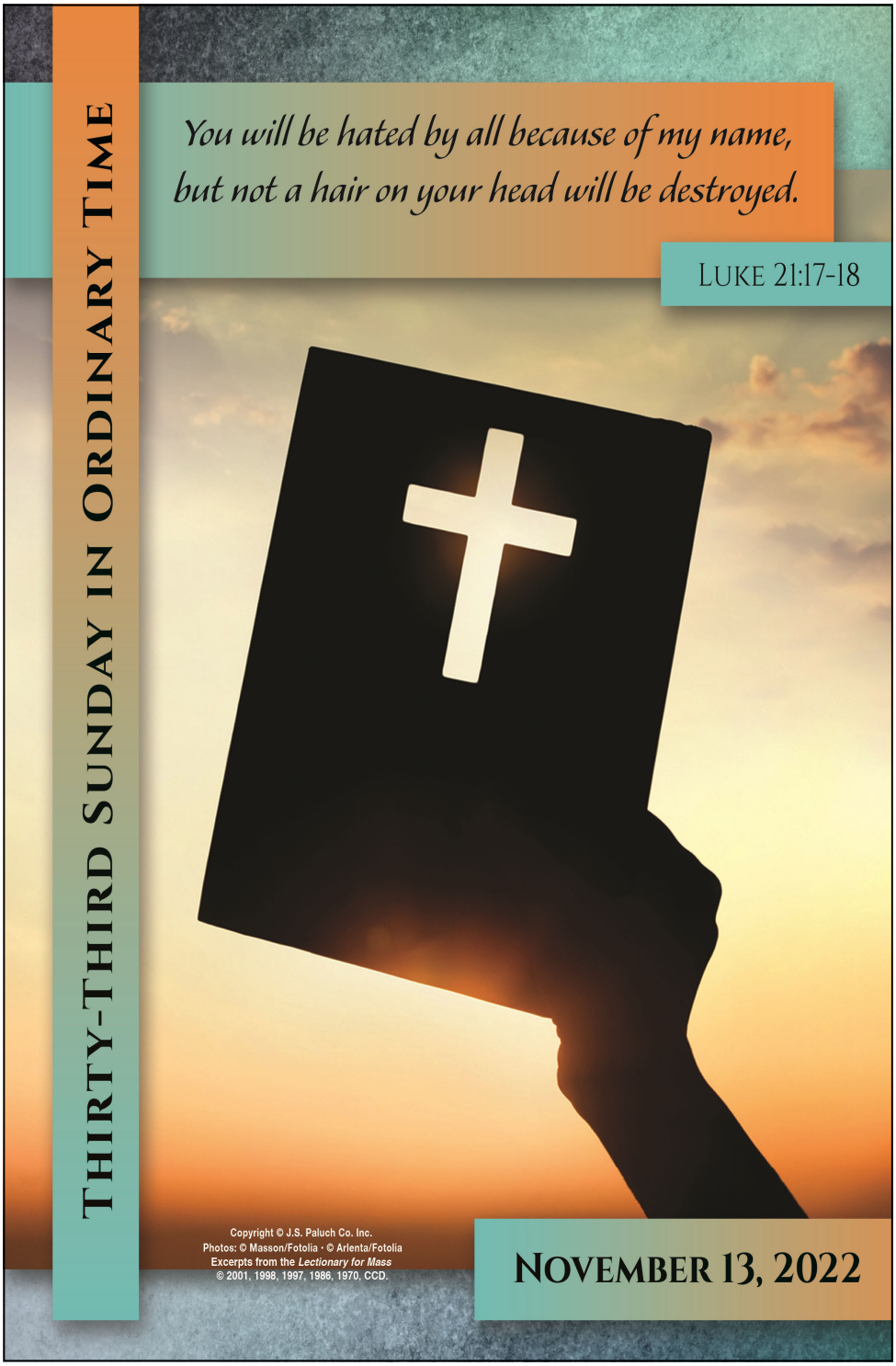
St. Catherine of Alexandria

Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2022

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.
—Psalm 98:5



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WE WELCOME YOU

Seeking a parish?
A spiritual family?
A place to pray, deepen your faith, or serve others?
If so, our hearts and doors are open to you!
We thank God for sending you.

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Dennis or Fr. Fred after Mass.

parish.scaoaklawn.org

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for the following members of our parish and community who are serving in the military.

Travis Albrecht
Carlos Arroyo
David Bailey
Alexander Baron
Charles Berglund
Gregory Brazinsky
Liam Burke
Captain Daniel Caddigan
Billie Capertone
Sam Carollo
Stephen Carrigee
Jose Cervantes
Michael Chesna
Mark Christian
Michael Connolly
Martin Liam Cosgrove
Glenn Dietrick
Eric Drey
Daniel Eul
Timothy Evans
Major Jeffrey T. Finley
Bob Fix
Captain Joe Fix
Kimberly White-Fix
Carrie Garrison
Christopher Gierhahn
Fr. Ed Gorman, Chaplain
Dave Handing
Will Hanson
John Hartrich
Thomas Hartrich
Matthew Raymond Hasting
Joseph Heredia
Joseph L. Korpitz
Steven Macke

Daniel Maikisch
Patrick Maikisch
Jason Malburg
Peter Manning, Jr.
Matthew Marcinkowski
Ryan Markmann
Jeffrey McGowan
Thomas McGowan, Jr.
Steve McHale
Patricia McNamara
Robert Michaels
John Jeffery Miller
Thomas Murphy
Sean O'Malley
John O'Sullivan
Anthony Parmigiani
Vincent Parmigiani
Nicholas Patla
Joe Pohl III
Mark Pruzinowski
Patrick J. Reidy
Terra Salamone
Eric Smith
Michael Sorice
Bryan Stalzer
James Stevens
Dan Sullivan
Tim Sullivan
Brandon Vasquez
Vincent F. Vitek
Conor Wedel
Sean Wedel
Charlotte White
John White III
Steve Wilson

Remember in your prayers the many who are sick in our parish and community.

Megan Abel
Geraldine Albrecht
Geraldine Anderson
Matt Anderson & Family
Mike Anderson & Family
Mike Baumel
Mary Jo Bechtel
Brianna Beissmann
Arlene Benzies
Clare Bergnach
Rita Bertucci
James Bielinski
Florence Bingham
Rich Bogacki
Bob Bonner
Ken Bradshaw
Marty Brogan
Brother Gerry Brown
June Burniski
Jack Busking
Debbie Caffee
Shirley Caffee
Rita Carey
Scott Chicoine, Jr.
Margaret Christin
Jeanne Cismoski
Baby Lily Clark
Joseph Connell
Mary Ellen Cosgrove
Vince Cozen
Fr. Richie Creagh
Jerry Cushing
Dana Davis
Maryann Davis
Ann Gaudry Dean
Jeffrey DelPonte
Beau Dowling
Kelly Drey
Edward Dubaka
Christine Duerr
Annie Duggan & Family
Steven Duggan
Jacob Dumella
Kalisla Elwood
Mary Ann Entrup

Mary Falbo
Joan Farrell
Patrick Ferguson
Michelle Ferrara
Fitzgerald Family
Ed Fitzpatrick
Janice Fox
Pope Francis
Robert and Carol Fuller
Fr. Michael Garcia, O.P.
Joan Gannon
Summer Garbe
Walter Gierhahn
Grantz Family
Josh Grimes
Roberta Gritton
Lorraine Gutierrez
Yvette Gutierrez
Margaret Hach
Mary Rita Hamann
Gracelynn Handing
Gerald Hansen
Bill Heinzel
Hedda Hess
Marilyn Hogan
Becky and Brett Honn
Charlene Hoyer
Ruben Jamie
Ed Joyce
Bill Kalata
Ted Kania
Robert Karczewski
David Karczewski
Marge Karminski
Delaney Kary
John Kelleher
John Kennedy
Kay Kenny
Carolyn Klapacz
Deborah Klun
Geri Koenig
Betty Kohs
Virginia Kozlowski
Brittany Laschober

Kevin Larson
Daniel Leahy
Rich Lennert
Florence Litz
Joe Maikisch
Marlene Marciano
Billy Marszewski
Thomas McDaniel
Marilyn McEarthren
Regina McFarland
Denise Maguire
Claire Maloney
Joseph Maloney
Major Vance Marsh
Billy Marszewski
Chuck Martinovich
James Marzano
Jeanne Matug
Judy Menconi
David Micelli
Donna Mierzwa
Jim Mohr
Ramiro Munoz
Gabrielle Murphy
Marie Notter
Brian O'Callaghan
Eileen O'Connell
Jim O'Donnell
Mike and Chris O'Mara
Baby Owen Paska
Karen Pavlak
Jim Pebo
Patrick Pemberton
Mary Perskes
Fred Pesek, Sr.
Loretta Petreikas
Carol Pienkos
Darwin Pisanka
Tim Portal
Chris Prouty
Jim Quick
Dan & Diane Rafter
Kamorah Riley
Kennedy Riley

Carrie Rowe
Kimberly Rule
John Rutkowski
Lucy Ryan
Barbara Schaeffer
Katie Schwarz
Gale Sereiko
Tom Shanahan
Mark Shields
Maureen Shields
Amber Sikes
Ella Siears
Cathie Simon
Logan Simpson
Hannah Smith
Anthony Spalla
& Family
Gerry Stanke
Kenny Stockus
Strainis Family
Rita Striegel
Brian Styka
Terry Styka
Annie Sullivan
Salamah Sullivan
Melanie Summers
Janice Sutor
Elliott Szczepanski
Ocie Blackman Teamer
Georgianna Tieman
Alicia Toscano
Kitty Turkowski
Mary Villafan
Jeff Virene
Luke Vugrin
Judy Walker
Anna Warchal
Wiley Family
Eric Withers
Ann Zarnycki
Charles Zeman
Fleeta Zielinski
Fr. Dennis Ziomek
Bob Zutoft

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 14
8:30am: †James Skibinski
†Jack and Geraldine Ready

Tuesday, November 15
Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30am: †All Mothers
†Kay Reidy
†David Golden

Wednesday, November 16
Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin
8:30am: †All the Souls in Purgatory
†Kay Reidy

Thursday, November 17
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
8:30am: †Melvyn Lisiecki

Friday, November 18
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
8:30am: †Irene Rogers
SCA & Rel. Ed. Students, Teachers and Staff Members

Saturday, November 19
4:00pm: †Patricia Pemberton
†Patt Glynn
†Mary Houlihan
†Jim Schwarz

Sunday, November 20
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
8:00am: †Patricia Bentley
Ankica Basic and Family
9:30am: †Laverty and Fitzpatrick Families
†Dan Wilkenson
11:30am: †Dennis Sexton
6:00pm: †Mary Danaher

The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this coming week for
Jim Schwarz
requested by Donna Schwarz.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Cathryn Petersen

Please keep the Petersen and Doherty families in your prayers.

6:30am Communion Service
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
Enter the church using the North lot wood doors.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?

Inviting young men in the Archdiocese of Chicago ages 13 – 20, with their families, for Mass. Come and learn more about the priesthood and your vocation.

Scan this code to register by November 24.

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

Thursday, November 10 – Monday, November 14

SCA School Library

Book Fair Hours	
Thursday	8:30am-2:25pm
Friday	8:30am-2:25pm
Sunday	9:00am-11:30am
Monday	8:30am-10:30am

My Dear People of St. Catherine,

This weekend, we present our Financial Report for Fiscal Year July 2021 through June 2022 as well as our Spiritual/Stewardship Report. Please take the time to read the summary reports in our parish bulletin. I am grateful to all of you who so generously support your parish.

A primary way to support your parish is through your sacrificial giving to our Collections (Sunday, Holy Days, Christmas, Easter, and Other). Remember that COVID-19 church seating limitations began in March 2020. While our collections did fall off, many of you continued to give even though you were not able to attend Mass in person.

Yearly Collections Summary
Sunday, Holy Days, Christmas, Easter, and Other

2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
$646,278	$606,682	$617,628	$670,228

More and more parishioners are choosing to give online through **GiveCentral.org**, the Archdiocesan supported portal for online giving. Visit: **www.parish.scaoaklawn.org** and follow the **ONLINE GIVING button** to find out everything you need to know. Setup your church giving using your credit card or electronic check, and don't worry about remembering to bring an envelope to church each week.

Another important source of income for our parish is the special Gifts and Bequests. When considering which charities to include in your will or trust, we hope you will remember St. Catherine of Alexandria. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language: "I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Catherine of Alexandria located in Oak Lawn, Illinois."

Yearly Gifts and Bequests

2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
$216,755	$55,983	$11,226	$180,873

I also am very grateful for everyone who have helped with the important fundraisers of our parish and school, and all of you who financially support these fundraisers: Carnival, Keeping the Dream Alive Raffle, Family School Association (FSA) Functions, Lenten Fish Fry, and Men's Club Sports Night. These fundraisers are critical to the operation of our parish and school.

Ultimately, SCA exists to nourish our faith, to give us opportunities to practice our faith with good works, to deepen our relationship with the Lord, to save our soul, and point us to eternal life in Heaven as are ultimate goal. Our Spiritual/ Stewardship Report details the many ways all this happens: Celebration of the Sacraments, Education and Faith Formation Programs, many Ministries, and various opportunities for Works of Charity.

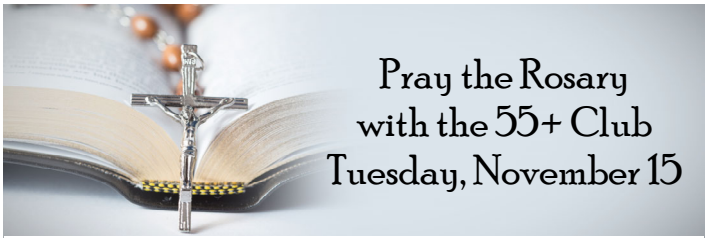
Finally, please read the letter from Cardinal Cupich inserted into the bulletin. In this letter, he has re-instated the obligation of Sunday Mass. Will more people now come to church? I am ever hopeful.

Yours in Christ,—Fr. Dennis ZI

Lectors Needed

Please pray about being a part of this ministry. Training is available.

If you are interested or have any questions, please email Mary Aleman: maleman3521@gmail.com



All are welcome to join us for the 8:30am Mass. We will pray the Rosary after Mass. We will then meet at Huck Finn at 9:45am after praying the Rosary. It is located at 10501 S. Cicero in Oak Lawn.
Order off menu, separate checks.

Any questions call: Arlene Breier 708-425-5712

Holiday Wishes Vendor Fair

NOVEMBER 18 | 6-10PM
ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA | 10621 S. KEDVALE
$5 ADMISSION | CASH BAR
BIG RAFFLE PRIZES | $1/TICKET OR 6/$5
Interested in being a Vendor: VendorFairSCA@yahoo.com

Pacific Garden Mission Clothing Drive
Sponsored by the SCA 55+ Club

November 12 & 13
Saturday: 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:45am to 12:30pm

Please bring the donations to the Church Vestibule.

Needed items: Clothes for Men, Women & Children

New Underwear (tops & bottoms), New Socks, Pajamas for Girls and Boys, Shirts, Blouses, Winter Coats for All

Questions: Larry 708-499-2672 or Tom 708-425-0503

Alpha Week # 9: November 16
Session Topic: How can I resist evil?

Please come to Kane Hall at 6:45pm.

Please contact Mike Bentley to sign up: **mbentley@scaoaklawn.org** or 708-423-4047

Alpha Evangelization Evening
Petition Prayers for our Parish

That our parish is an open and welcoming community and that we continue to grow as a parish.

To increase the strength of our parish though faith and Mass attendance.

I pray that our parish can be an example to other parishes; a lot of parishes are struggling through RMC mergings. May we be a shoulder to lean on and a companion to aid them as they search for new identities and ways of unity.

2023 Mass Book and Sanctuary Candle

The 2023 Mass Book and Sanctuary Candle Intentions has been opened. There is a $10.00 donation for each Mass Intention and a $15.00 donation for each Sanctuary Candle week. Extra copies are in the back of church. The 2023 Mass Intention Form is posted on the parish website. All Sanctuary Candle dates are scheduled through the rectory office only: 708-425-2850

SCA Men's Club Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 12 & 13

The SCA Men's Club is hosting their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. They will be collecting non-perishable food products, paper goods, and monetary donations. Please bring your donations to the church vestibule.

The items collected will help restock the pantry for our sharing parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Second Collection
November 19 & 20

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.
—Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 81

www.usccb.org/cchd • www.povertyusa.org

Christmas Toy Drive
(Now through December 4th)

We will be helping to support Catholic Charities' Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, the Toy Drive helped some of the neediest children in the care of Catholic Charities unwrap the Spirit of the Season.

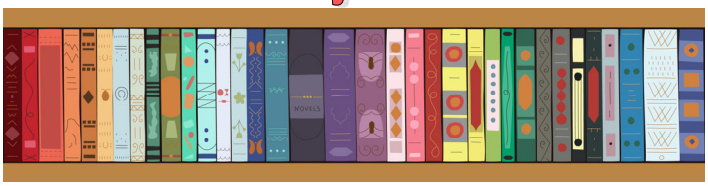
Please bring the toys to the church vestibule. Toys should be NEW, in their ORIGINAL PACKAGES, and UNWRAPPED. Catholic Charities' volunteers will wrap the toys and distribute to the neediest of children throughout the Archdiocese.

A Monetary or Gift Card donation can be dropped off in the rectory mailbox. Please write Toy Drive on the outside of the envelope.

Catholic Charities will pick up all donated toys on Monday, December 5th.

St. Catherine's Christmas Toy Drive
is sponsored by our
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Library Corner



This week the book 7 Secrets of the Eucharist by Vinny Flynn is being highlighted in our parish library. It is a wonderful way to increase devotion to our Lord in the Holy Eucharist and aid in our understanding of the Eucharistic Revival in our Church. Pope John Paul II referred to the Holy Eucharist as "the greatest treasure of the Church," and yet even many devoted Catholics have a limited understanding of this powerful sacrament. This book will change all that! You will walk away with a completely new awareness; the Eucharist is not just about receiving Communion. It is about transforming your daily life.

Reminder: Please do not forget to return any book you borrowed. Many have been out for months. Although many books have been donated, many too have been purchased.

PARISH GROUNDS
FALL CLEAN-UP
Saturday, November 19th

(meet in church vestibule at 9:15am)
Please join us as we do our annual fall cleaning of our parish grounds. Bring your rakes, brooms, leaf blowers, family & friends.
Students can receive service hours.
Contact Ms. Ward at tward@scaoaklawn.org

Versiti Blood Drive
In Appreciation

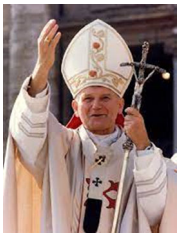
On behalf of patients needing blood products, our hospital partners, and Versiti, THANK YOU! We could not fulfill our lifesaving mission without community partners like you. The potential number of patients helped through the efforts of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish is 96.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24

LET OUR LIVES
BE FULL OF BOTH
Thanks & Giving

Join us for 9:00am Mass!

POPE JOHN PAUL II MONSTRANCE AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
9235 S. Hamilton Ave.



Christ the King Church has been blessed with the privilege of having the Monstrance blessed by St. Pope John Paul II from his hospital room in Rome one month before his passing away on May 2, 2005. This monstrance was blessed with the specific intention to:

Promote Eucharistic Adoration
Pray for Priests and for Vocations

Spend a few minutes – or an hour or two – in private meditation before the Real Presence.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church for visitation:
November 14: 1pm-3pm; 7pm-8pm Holy Hour
November 15: 5pm-7:30pm with Rosary at 7:00pm
November 16: 1pm-3pm
November 17:4:30pm-7:45pm

55+ Club Christmas Luncheon
Friday, December 2nd (11:30am-2:30pm)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Capri Restaurant
12307 S. Harlem in Palos Heights

Members $30 Non-Members $40
Price includes meal and gratuity.

Meal choice: Chicken Parmesan, Chicken Lemone, Lasagna, or Fettuccini Alfredo with Scallops.
Entree to be selected in advance.

To make your reservation:
Renee Sullivan 708-902-4422
or Larry Bergnach 708-499-2672.
Drop off payment to the rectory by November 25th.

To participate in the grab bag game, bring a wrapped $10 Christmas holiday gift.

SCA 55+ Club

Spiritual † Service † Social

For more information, please call Larry Bergnach at 708-499-2672.

SCA
SCHOOL NEWS

As part of their Confirmation preparation, 7th and 8th grade students were truly blessed to participate in a retreat led by Fr. Tom McCarthy and some young men from St. Rita.

The rectory office will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

VICARIATE V | ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

LECTOR TRAINING

Initial Training for Lectors

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Time:
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location:
St. Daniel the Prophet
(Presentation will take place in the church)
5300 S. Natoma Ave.
Chicago, IL 60638

Kathy McNicholas is a pastoral associate and director of lifelong formation at Incarnation St. Terrence Parish. Her passion is accompanying adults on their Catholic faith journey.

Description of the presentation:

Participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass

Register at:
https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration

Market Day

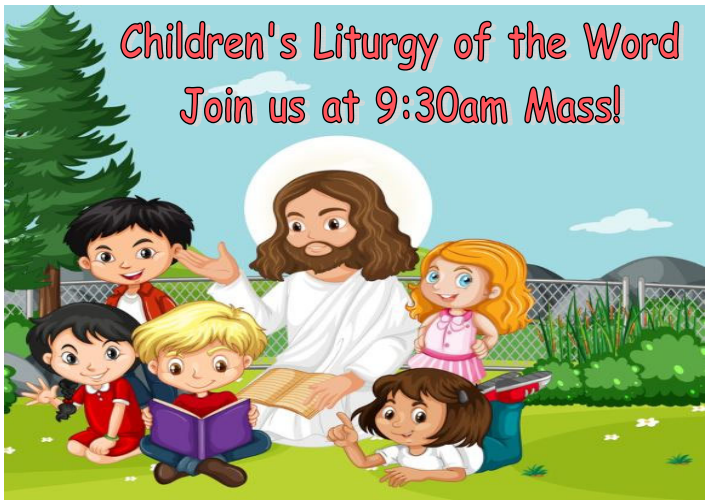
50% OFF

**Offer does not apply to ChicNSteakes

RED APPLE DAY

Join us for Market Day's first annual "Red Apple Day" and save 50% on your next order! 3 days ONLY!

NOVEMBER 11-13, 2022



Market Day
...The Original Fundraising Food Cooperative

Market Day is Back!!

This isn't your moms Market Day
Market Day gets shipped directly to your house!

- Spend 139.99 and get free shipping
- Promotions and discounts every month on certain items

HOW IT WORKS

• ORDER PRODUCTS ANYTIME FROM THE MARKET DAY WEBSITE. JUST LIKE OTHER POPULAR ECOMMERCE SITES, CUSTOMERS PAY ON-LINE. MARKET DAY ACCEPTS ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS.
• ORDERS SHIP IN A COOLER PACKED WITH DRY ICE VIA FEDEX DIRECT TO YOUR FRONT DOOR.
• OUR ORGANIZATION EARNS 10% OF THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT ON EVERY ORDER AND IT GOES DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

EMAIL ME WITH QUESTIONS
ELIZABETH.LINANE88@GMAIL.COM

Go to marketdaylocal.com and register St. Catherine of Alexandria school as your organization

Market Day
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November Gift Cards!

Love Market Day? During the entire month of November, you have a chance to win a 10-dollar gift card to Market Day! All you have to do is place an order through Market Day with St. Catherine's for your name to be put into the raffle

- Three buyers to win a 10 dollar gift card
- Top two spenders get a 10 dollar gift card
- Spend 140 dollars to get free shipping

Lector Schedule

November 19
4:00pm: Jerry Carberry

November 20
8:00am: Donna Marie Ivers
9:30am: Family Mass
11:30am: Kara Thomas
6:00pm: Linda Atkins

November 24, Thanksgiving
9:00am: Mary Aleman

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

November 19
4:00pm: Bill Gaudry/TBD

November 20
8:00am: Molly Holloch/Pete Quattrocchi
9:30am: Dan Caddigan/Mary Duggan
11:30am: Jen Bonen/TBD
6:00pm: TBD

November 24, Thanksgiving
9:00am: Mary Duggan/Rita McCann

Weekly Activities

The Adoration Chapel is open from 3:15pm-6:15pm, Monday-Friday in the FLC.

Tuesday, November 15
8:30am: 55+ Club Mass, Rosary and Breakfast
2:45-3:30pm: Children's Choir/Chime Choir Session 1-Church
4:15-4:45pm: Children's Choir/Chime Choir Session 2-Church
6:00pm: First Reconciliation (Room 111)-Church
6:30pm: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting-FLC

Wednesday, November 16
6:45pm: Alpha-Kane Hall
7:00pm: Athletic Board Parent Meeting-Church
7:15pm: Adult Choir-FLC

Thursday, November 17
First Trimester Report Cards
6:30pm-8:00pm: TRIP Cash & Carry Sales-Church Vestibule
7:00pm: Adult Faith Formation-School Library
7:00pm: Parish Pastoral Council-Rectory

Friday, November 18
6:00pm-10:00pm: Holiday Wishes Vendor Fair-Gym

Saturday, November 19
Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Sunday, November 20
Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Religious Education: 9:30am Mass; 10:30am Class

Scholastic Book Fair
Sunday, November 13-Monday, November 14.
See page 3 of this bulletin for all the details.

Weekly Financial Summary

Week of November 6, 2022
Regular Sunday Collections: 8,044*
*GiveCentral will be included in the monthly summary.

Music Schedule

November 19
4:00pm: Adult Choir

November 20
8:00am: No Music
9:30am: Children's Choir/Bell Chimers
11:30am: Contemporary Praise Ensemble
6:00pm: Phil Caffee

November 24, Thanksgiving
9:00am: Adult Choir/Children's Choir/Bell Chimers

Altar Servers

November 19
4:00pm: Nicole K/Rachel K/Ryan D

November 20
8:00am: Kelly R/Olivia R/Maeve D
9:30am: Margot Q/Nora H/Alice R
11:30am: Kali T/Elissa T/Billy L
6:00pm: Owen H/Michael G/Addie C

November 24, Thanksgiving
9:00am: Kelly R/Alice R/Gavin P

A Tax-Savvy Way to Support St. Catherine of Alexandria

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to our parish, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to St. Catherine of Alexandria, please visit archchicago.org/stockgiftform and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7461 or kwhitehead@archchicago.org**.

To The Parishioners of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish:

The following represents a summary of the financial highlights for the just-completed fiscal year (F/Y) (6/30/2022):

	PARISH	SCHOOL	TOTAL
Revenues	$ 940,182	$2,447,959	$3,388,141
Expenses	$ 781,478	$2,457,368	$3,238,846
Net Surplus	$ 158,704	$ (9,409)	$ 149,295

(Please see "inserts" for further details)

To state quite simply, the "Net Surplus" of $149,295 was generated by "Gifts and Bequests" of $216,755, an increase of $161,048 from the previous year. On the "Revenue" side, "Sunday Collections" and "Tuition" increased by $36,798 and $221,952, respectively, year over year. On the "Expense" side, "Salaries and Benefits" (+$51,334), Utilities (+$26,684) and "Insurance" (+23,169) saw the biggest year over year increases. The overall "Net Surplus" is $34,613 less than a year ago; however, last year's "Revenue" was enhanced by the one-time inclusion of "PPP Funding" proceeds (government-authorized) of $347,228.

The following projects (Capital Improvements) were completed this past year:

1. School - Internet Wiring - $7,470 – Funded by Restricted Request
2. School - Lighting Upgrade - $26,350 – Funded by Capital Improvement Fund
3. Rectory – Windows/Siding/2nd Floor improvements - $13,300 – Funded by Capital Improvement Fund
4. School – Washroom upgrades - $4,356 – Funded by Men's Club

A grand total of $51,476 was spent on Capital Improvements this past fiscal year.

Plans for the "Church Renovation-Phase II" are currently being reviewed by the Facilities Committee. Among these renovations are Electrical upgrades, lighting modifications, sound system enhancements and remodeling of the Vestibule/Sanctuary. A total of $220,000 has been set aside as part of the funding requirements. More is needed. To that end, we ask that you continue to fulfill your "To Teach Who Christ Is" (TTWCI) pledge donations. Thank you to those that have completed their pledge obligations. If you did not make an original pledge, but want to help, you can contribute via the "Blue Envelopes" (available in back of Church).

A special thank you is extended to the Men's Club and Family School Association for their continued support of School-related projects. Also, thanks to the Parishioners that continued to fulfill their TTWCI pledges, as well as to those Parishioners/Friends who made special "Blue Envelope" donations that are intended to help with the Church renovation project. A very special "thank you" goes out to the Carnival Committee – their hard work and dedication led to the most successful Carnival since its inception. Net proceeds from the Carnival operations enables the school to partially achieve its Budgetary goals, and will also help fund additional Capital Improvements (Security Doors for Church/School). Thank you to those Parishioners/Friends who were able to make a Gift/Bequest to the Parish – they always help us to achieve our financial goals. As always, thank you to all Parishioners who continue to support the Parish with their Sunday/Holiday collections. Finally, thank you to everyone who supports the various fundraisers, and in particular, the "Dream Raffle". These are so critical to the successful operations of both the Parish and School. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are continually appreciated. In short, thank you for all you do to support St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish and School!

Parish Finance Council

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Parish and School - Consolidated
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021

	Year Ended 30-Jun-22	Year Ended 30-Jun-21	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues:			
Sunday Collections	533,512	496,714	36,798
Tuition	2,168,941	1,946,989	221,952
Fees	173,621	100,288	73,333
Fundraising	104,195	138,143	-33,948
Interest	1,361	2,677	-1,316
Auxiliary Groups	4,117	-2,089	6,206
Christmas Collection	49,417	43,162	6,255
Easter Collection	27,160	34,203	-7,043
Holy Day Collections	8,712	6,453	2,259
Gifts and Bequests	216,755	55,707	161,048
Other Collections	27,477	26,150	1,327
Miscellaneous Income	51,501	54,983	-3,482
TTWCI/Other Fund Collections	15,322	15,419	-97
Outside Funding Source	6,050	18,575	-12,525
PPP Funding	0	347,228	-347,228
Total Revenue	3,388,141	3,284,602	103,539
Expenses:			
Salaries and Benefits	2,381,811	2,330,477	51,334
Repairs and Maintenance	180,658	185,278	-4,620
Archdiocesan Fees	118,407	118,692	-285
Utilities	115,332	88,648	26,684
Books and Supplies	166,015	167,234	-1,219
Insurance	100,037	76,868	23,169
Administrative	74,074	62,509	11,565
Church Supplies and Ministry	16,957	14,512	2,445
Miscellaneous Expenses	33,134	23,148	9,986
Furnishings/Equipment	945	2,065	-1,120
Capital Improvements	51,476	31,263	20,213
Total Expenses	3,238,846	3,100,694	138,152
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	149,295	183,908	-34,613

St. Catherine of Alexandria Spiritual/Stewardship Report: July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Our Parish Population

Registered Families: 1,515
Registered Individuals: 5,242
New Families Registered: 84

Sacraments Celebrated

Masses (Funeral Masses & Marriages are included, along with Live Streamed & Recorded Masses): 658
Funerals: 78
Infant/Child Baptisms: 56
RCIA Baptism: 0
Elementary School & Religious Education First Eucharists: 65
RCIA First Eucharists: 0
Elementary School & Religious Education Confirmations: 46
RCIA Confirmations: 0
Marriages: 12

Education and Formation Programs

Elementary School Students (Pre-K through 8th grade): 495
Elementary School Teachers: 22
Elementary School Part-Time Teachers: 8
Religious Education Students: 83
Religious Education Teachers: 8
55+ Club Monthly Rosary and Mass
A Marian Sing A-Long
A Night of Lenten Reflection with Gerry Dignan
A Virtual Wedding Music Fair
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Adult Faith Formation
Advent & Lent Taize Prayer Services
Alpha
Baptismal Preparation Class
Bible Study: The Case for Jesus
& The Jewish Roots of Jesus' Death and Resurrection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Christ our Light Christmas Praise & Worship
Come Back to Me Reconciliation Service
Corpus Christi Altars and Procession
Day of Spirit for 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors
Engaged & Married Couples Night
Faith Formation
Holy Hour
Holy Thursday Church Crawl
Library Corner
Neighborhood Stations of the Cross
Parish Living Rosary
Pray for Ukraine Evening/Rosary for Peace
St. Peregrine Novena
Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Resurrection
Tenebrae Service
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Vacation Bible Camp
Virtual Holy Fire Retreat for 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates
Women's Wellness: Pray and Move

Parish Community Events

107.1FM Mass Broadcast
9:30am Sunday Live Streamed Mass
Alpha Guest Reunion
Annual Anniversary Mass
Annual Anointing of the Sick Mass
Annual Mass of Remembrance & Dinner
Back to School Mass/Blessing of Back Packs
Blessing of Bikes
Blessing of the Animals
Collected Easter Care Packages for Kolbe House
Drive-Up Flu Shots
Easter Essential Drive for Our Lady of Guadalupe
First Responder's Appreciation Mass
Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
Irish Mass & Breakfast
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Popcorn Sale (Local Cub Scout Pack 3618)
Rosary Rally
Remembering 9/11 Prayer & Adoration Night
Support Our Troops/Eagle Scout (Alum)
Tom Repetny Musical Show & Dinner
Toostie Roll Drive (Knights of Columbus;
Our Lady of Fatima Council #3582)
Youth Ministry Softball League

Liturgical Ministries

Lectors: 13
Eucharistic Ministers: 31
Altar Servers: 51
Sacristans: 6
Ushers: 20
Ministers of Care: 12
Media Ministry (Videographers): 5
Adult Choir Members: 16
Children's Choir: 17
Children Bell Chimers: 10
Cantors: 5
Contemporary Praise Ensemble: 3
Media Ministry (Clickers): 22

Ministry of Care

Hospital, Nursing Home, and Home Visits & Holy Communion Calls by Priest: 66
Parishioners Receiving Visits & Holy Communion by Ministers of Care: 9

Organizations

Adult Faith Formation Team
Alpha & Alpha Evangelization Team
Angel's Bowling Team
Art & Environment
Athletic Association
Carnival Committee
Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders
Church Cleaners
Domestic Violence Outreach Team
55+ Club
Facilities Committee
Family School Association
Finance Council
Gardening Club
Jesus Christ the Returning King Prayer Group
Lenten Fish Fry Team
Liturgy Committee
Men's Club
Nurses' Ministry
Parish Pastoral Council
Religious Education Volunteers
St. Vincent de Paul Society
School Advisory Board
Sunday Bus Volunteers*
Toddling Chargers Playgroup*
TRIP
Weekday Morning Prayer Group

*Organizations that were not active due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Major Fundraisers

Carnival
Family School Association (FSA) Functions
Keeping the Dream Alive Raffle
Lenten Fish Fry
Men's Club Sports Night

Works of Charity

Aid for Church in Central & Eastern Europe: $1,612
Annual Catholic Appeal: $29,549
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: $1,694
Catholic Charities: $1,605
Church in Latin America: $931
Collection for Ukraine: $4,035
Faith Formation/Ash Wednesday Collection: $2,145
Holy Land: $1,000
Men's Club Versiti Blood Drives
Men's Club Food Drive
Missionary CO-OP Plan: $3,683
Operation Rice Bowl - Catholic Relief Services: $1,650
Pacific Garden Mission Clothing Drive
Peter's Pence: $1,300
Priest's Health and Retirement Collection: $5,348
Religious Retirement Fund: $2,372
Seminarian Education: $2,156
Sharing Parish-Our Lady of Guadalupe: $3,963
St. Vincent de Paul (Thanksgiving Collection & other Donations): $5,496
St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drives
St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
St. Vincent de Paul Toy Drive
The Women's Center/Baby Bottle Project: $5,416

October Count Weekend Average

2021=675 (+281)**

2020=Not available*	**2019**=1,004	**2018**=1,051
2017=913	**2016**=920	**2015**=971
2014=963	**2013**=951	**2012**=969
2011=1,044	**2010**=1,221	**2009**=1,265
2008=1,373		

*Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic
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November 12, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In so many ways—large and small—the pandemic has upended our lives together. Families and, in a special way, young people, have faced distressing struggles. The pandemic made our connections with one another challenging and difficult. Exactly in that moment when we truly needed supportive relationships with one another, we found ourselves separated. Sadly, this included the relationships and connections that we have in and through the Church.

We did our best to move forward and I am proud of our collective response to the challenges of the pandemic. When I announced a general dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass, many parishes offered on-line Sunday Masses, and went even further and established prayer lines and reached out to those in need. The TV Mass that I celebrated helped to keep us connected as a community of faith in Chicagoland. So many of you have told me how healing and comforting those Masses have been.

In the meanwhile, we are in a new moment. With vaccinations and boosters, restrictions on public gatherings have eased up. Many people feel more comfortable returning to Church. Yet, we know there are some elderly and immuno-comprised persons who are still not ready to return. And they should not return. These vulnerable brothers and sisters have an excusing cause for being absent and for this reason I will continue the TV Mass on ABC for the present time. But for the rest of us, I have decided, in consultation with my advisors, to lift the general dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass as we begin a new Church year on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26-27.

My hope is that the First Sunday of Advent will provide us with a fresh start to take up again our life together as a community of faith that gathers to worship God. I have asked our pastors to begin the Masses on November 26-27 with the traditional lighting of the Advent wreath. After the homily your pastor will lead the community in a renewal of baptismal promises, acknowledging that we owe our obligation to participate in Sunday Mass to God but also to each other. Our common profession of faith and of our desire to turn away from sin, will be concluded by a sprinkling rite with the waters of baptism.

Let this occasion of our renewal of faith and life, which we all so much want, provide us with a fresh start as we recommit ourselves to worship God and to be supportive of each other week after week as we gather around the Table of the Lord to be nourished and renewed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Card. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

From Activities for Veteran's Day, November 11
U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

When Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star Spangled Banner" almost 200 years ago, he called America, "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Those words are as true today as they were then.

Throughout this Nation's history, America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and coastguardsmen have bravely answered the call to defend our freedom, to aid our friends and allies, and to turn back aggressors.

We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded. We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today.

These words are inscribed on the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.: "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met." Those words apply equally to many of our World War I, World War II, Vietnam War and Gulf War veterans as well. They apply to today's active duty service members — tomorrow's veterans — who are helping to maintain peace throughout the world.

Today, it is our privilege to say "thank you" to all of America's veterans, to let them know that we appreciate them for their service and honor them for their sacrifices. The price of freedom is high. We cannot afford to forget those willing to pay it.

Today, we celebrate America's veterans for keeping this Nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

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Mission Statement

St. Catherine of Alexandria is a Catholic community, rooted in faith, family and friendship. We are responsive to the needs and concerns of those around us. We live out Jesus' words, "Come, follow me," and invite others to join us.

Past Pastors of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

†Rev. Patrick Henry
†Rev. William Lion
†Rev. Joseph O'Brien
†Rev. George McKenna
†Rev. John Kane

May they rest peacefully in the arms of Christ.

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There is a parish registration form available on our parish website: parish.scaoaklawn.org

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm

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Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule subject to change. Contact: Coordinator of Family Faith Formation Theresa Ward 708-423-5747 tward@scaoaklawn.org

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The 9:30am Mass on Sunday is live streamed.
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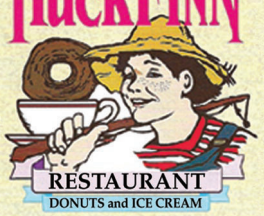

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