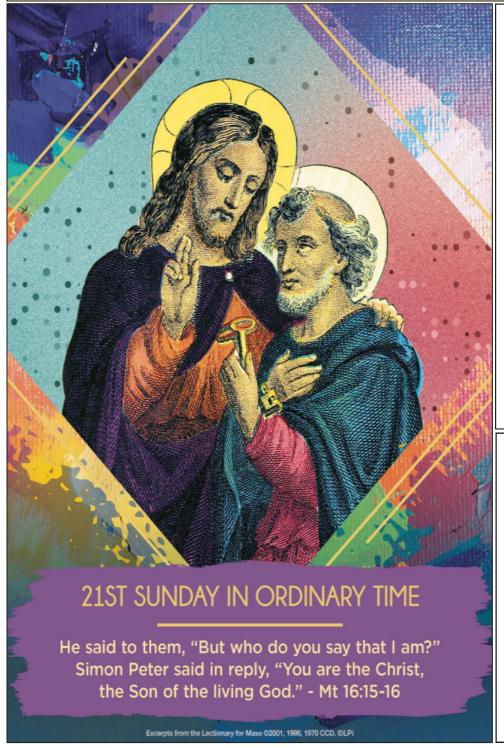
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Monday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am: †Barbara Mullarkey

Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:30am: †All Priests (living and deceased)

Wednesday, August 30

8:30am: SCA Homebound Parishioners

Thursday, August 31

8:30am: †Phyllis Modla

†Donald Ternes Grace Maher

Friday, September 1

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

8:30am: †Lynn Patko

†Karen Volante

SCA & Rel. Ed. Students, Teachers and Staff Members

Saturday, September 2

4:00pm: †Steven Leonard O'Byrne

†David Golden †Lauren McCue

Sunday, September 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: †Walter and Gertrude Lachcik

†Rose and James Harazin

†Gino Galindo

9:30am: †Joan Morrissey

11:30am: †Mary Kehoe

†Mary Porter

6:00pm: †SCA Parishioners (living and deceased)



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this coming week for a very special intention.



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Sandra Buksa, Mary Jo Bechtel and Marjorie Doherty
Please keep the Buksa, Bechtel and Doherty families
in your prayers.



Homebound Parishioners/Family Members

Please call the rectory office at 708-425-2850 if you have a homebound family member that would like to receive the Eucharist; a Minister of Care will be scheduled to go to their home.

Eleventh Annual Memorial Service for Aborted Children at St. Mary Cemetery

On Saturday, September 9th, Pro-Life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the Eleventh Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, a joint project of The Pro-Life Action League, Priests for Life and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 50 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 9th, 1:00 PM

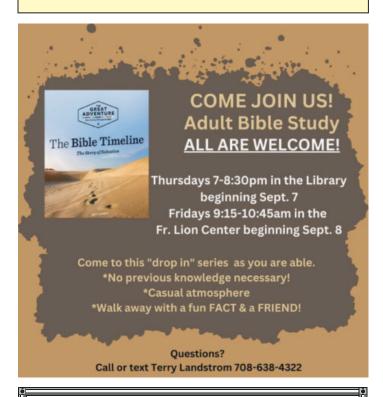
Where: St. Mary Cemetery, 87th and Hamlin, Evergreen Park, IL at the gravesite of 500 aborted babies.

Clergy: Rev. James Hyland, Rev. Deogratia Mbonyumugenzi, Rev. Ryan Brady, Deacon Larry Chyba

Please bring your Rosary and a lawn chair.

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Contact information: Suzanne Pletsch, (773) 450-8108, or pletschdoc@gmail.com



The Rectory Office and Adoration Chapel will be closed on Labor Day,

Monday, September 4.

My Dear People of St. Catherine,

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new Coordinator of Family Faith Formation,
Sandra Bustamante. Her first day of employment with us will be September 7, though she will be around before that getting prepared to start her new position. Her current ministry is Coordinator of Religious Education and Pastoral Associate at All Souls Parish, which is a new parish formed by the merging of St. Ann in Lansing, St. James in Sauk Village, and St. John in Glenwood. She also was Coordinator of Religious Education of Blessed Sacrament Parish in McKinley Park, Chicago, and St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Parish in Posen. She is trilingual, speaking English, Spanish, and German. She joins our parish team with a wealth of experience, a vibrant enthusiasm and is extremely rooted in faith. She is committed to not only preparing our children for

School Night. REMINDER: PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THAT START SEPTEMBER 10.

the celebration of the sacraments but also with a desire to foster the faith of our parish families. Our school parents will have the

opportunity to meet her this coming Wednesday at the Back to

On the weekend of July 22-23, we welcomed Fr. Geoffrey Akiso Odongo from the Diocese of Soroti, Uganda, who spoke at all Masses. I personally enjoyed having him staying with us for the weekend. He shared with us the story of the ever growing faith of the people of his diocese. You were very generous in responding to his mission appeal, donating to the faithful of the Diocese of Soroti \$4,475. Thank you for your generosity.

A special thanks to our race organizers and everyone who helped with our 12th Annual Charge On 5K and Color Run Kid's Race. Hosting such an event requires the help and support of many people. I ran the 5K once again and my age division was particularly competitive this year. I came in 4th place; one place out of medal contention. Race Results can be viewed at: https://www.racetime.info/results/2023-results/2023-08-results/

I am grateful to the Men's Club for hosting the annual parish picnic again. It was a beautiful day for a picnic. I enjoyed celebrating the 4:00pm Mass outdoors in the park.

We welcome back all our children: preschool, kindergarten, and 1st through 8th grade. I greeted all our students and parents in the parking lot on the first day of the new school year. This year we have around 500 students in our school. We begin with a school year fully staffed, and we welcome all of our teachers and staff. It was a pleasure to preside at the teacher/staff 8:30am Mass this past Monday, offering up a special prayer and blessing for them as we begin the new school year.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Dennis ZI









Johnny Cash — Ring of Fire

(Ring of Fire showcases the story of Johnny Cash through his music)

SCA 55+ Club
Drury Lane Theater - Oakbrook
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To register call: Arlene Breier 708-425-5712

Please bring your payment to the rectory office;

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Flu Shots & "More"

Sunday, September 17

9:00am to 11:30am

Kane Hall

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Vaccinations available: flu shots for age 3+, high dose flu formulation for seniors 65+, covid boosters for age 12+, pneumonia, shingles, and tetanus vaccinations for eligible groups.

Please bring your ID, completed consent form, insurance card, and wear short sleeves.

No co-payment unless required by your plan.

Flu shots are administered by the Jewel pharmacy team from our neighborhood.



Lake Geneva Sightseeing Boat Tour Tuesday, September 12 55+ Club Members \$89; Non-Members \$99 (Space is Limited)

The cost includes the bus transportation, lunch, and the sight seeing tour with the captain of the boat personally providing the details along the boat route.

Bus departs in the south lot closest to 107th street at 8:30am and will return at approximately 4:45pm. Please park your car in the south lot closest to 107th street.

The hot lunch is a sit down meal on the boat with everyone receiving a plate of roasted chicken, rice, vegetable, apple pie, coffee and/or tea.

To register call: Larry Bergnach 708-499-2672 Please bring your payment to the rectory office.

SCA Religious Education Registration Now Open



Classes start September 10

To register: please call the rectory office at 708-425-2850.









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TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE SEPTEMBER 15 & 16

Mount Greenwood, Chicago, Illinois – Father Perez Knights of Columbus Council #1444 members, friends and supporters along with other councils will kick-off the 2023-24 Drive for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities on Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16. Otherwise known as the annual Tootsie Roll Drive, proceeds from the drive are distributed to religious and secular organizations, like parish Special Religious Education (SPRED) programs or special recreation programs, that address quality of life issues for our neighbors with intellectual disabilities. Please volunteer or donate online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c44abaa2fa3fe3-2023#/ or by calling Brian Larkin at 773-343-9841 or Bill Donnelly at 773-914-2635.



COME JOIN ALPHA!

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore life, spirituality, and faith through a

Christian lens. We create a non-judgmental and open environment where it is easy for anyone who is strong, lukewarm, or simply curious about faith to explore questions of life with new friends. If you want to know more, we would love to invite you to try Session 1 of Alpha.

Who? Any St. Catherine parishioner, or anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

What? An opportunity to have an encounter with Christ that challenges you to grow in faith.

Why? To nurture your spirit.

Where? In person at St. Catherine's Kane Hall. The session will start promptly at 6:45pm. Alpha will be once a week for 12 weeks.

When? Alpha begins on Wednesday, September 20.

How? If you are interested, contact Mike Bentley, mbentley@scaoaklawn.org or 708-423-4047 to register.

THERE IS HOPE FOR THE BROKEN

ST. CHRISTINA CHURCH 3342 W 111th ST. in CHICAGO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 7PM (Doors open at 6pm)



Fr. Perez' Knights of Columbus Council #1444 and St. Christina Holy Name

Men's Club will be hosting longtime radio personality from THE LOOP, KEVIN MATTHEWS, as he tells his amazing story that renewed his faith. You will not want to miss this event as he shares his medical diagnosis and how his life changed when he encountered the Statue of BROKEN MARY.

Come and listen to KEVIN MATTHEWS at this free appearance for all ages in St. Christina Church with an opportunity to meet him at a book signing in the Parish Center. Kevin Matthew will have his first book, **BROKEN MARY: A JOURNEY OF HOPE** for sale for \$10 after the event. Also, there will a chance to win several raffle prizes from local vendors.

Alpha

Alpha Runs Here at SCA

We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question and is designed to create open conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Explore: life, faith, meaning

Watch Alpha stories: alphausa.org/stories

Alpha Week # 1: September 20 Session Topic: Is there more to life than this?

All sessions will be held in Kane Hall. All dates are on Wednesday. Please arrive by 6:45pm. November 11: Alpha will be on a Saturday from 8:00am to 12:00pm in the FLC. There will not be Alpha on November 22.

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



Back to School Blessing Mass All Students, Teachers and Staff September 10 at 9:30am

(For those who can't make the 9:30am Mass, a blessing will be given at all Masses)





Monday, September 4 at 9:00am







August 13, 2023





Mason Anthony Litterio Parents: Jonathon & Megan (James) Litterio Godparents: Patrick James and Jolene Urbaniak



Anthony David Morales
Parents: David & Maura (Maloney) Morales
Godparents: Scott Strang and Jacqueline Maloney



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Godparents: Michael Duggan and Jacqueline Knightly









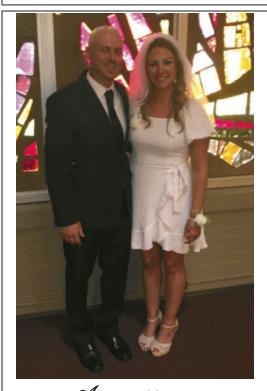






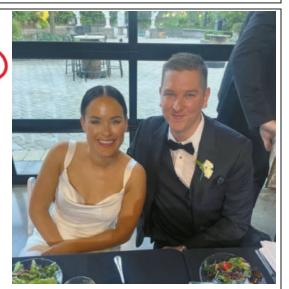








Married



August 12, 2023 Daniel Pavesic & Kathryn Diana

August 11, 2023 Jeffrey Biskey & Jamie Houlihan



...and two shall become one. Ephesians 5:31

Altar Servers

September 2

4:00pm: Gavin P, Sophia C

September 3

8:00am: Olivia R 9:30am: Sophia C 11:30am: TBD 6:00pm: TBD



Music Schedule

September 2

4:00pm: Lee Troy September 3

8:00am: No Music 9:30am: Tim Broniec

11:30am: Contemporary Praise Ensemble

6:00pm: Phil Caffee



Eucharistic Minister Schedule

September 2

4:00pm: Audrey McInerney/TBD

September 3

8:00am: Leighann Cannon/Jamie Guardi

9:30am: Liz Davis/Rita McCann 11:30am: Bob Kelleher/Eileen Kelleher

6:00pm: TBD



Lector Schedule

September 2

4:00pm: Jerry Carberry

September 3

8:00am: Aggie Lachcik 9:30am: Samantha O'Connor 11:30am: Susan LiFonti 6:00pm: Deb Caffee



Weekly Activities

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

Tuesday, August 29

8:00pm: Athletic Board Meeting-Kane Hall

Wednesday, August 30

6:30pm-8:00pm: Back to School Night

Thursday, August 31

6:30pm-8:00pm: TRIP Sales-Church Vestibule



SCA 55+ Club

Spiritual † Service † Social

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

Weekly Financial Summary

Week of August 13, 2023

Regular Sunday Collections: \$7,040*

Week of August 20, 2023

Regular Sunday Collections: \$5,575*

*GiveCentral will be included in the monthly summary.

Thank you for your continued support!

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PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after Mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.







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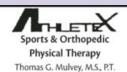


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Mission Statement

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.

New Parishioners: We welcome you!

Please call the Rectory Office at 708-425-2850 between the hours of 8:30am to 4:00pm to register.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday at 8:30am.

6:30am Communion Service: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; enter into the North lot wooden doors.

Adoration Chapel: Monday - Friday, 3:15pm to 6:15pm; 10600 S. Karlov Ave.

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1:00pm.

Schedule subject to change.

Weddings: Please call the rectory office at least six months in

advance of the date you plan to marry.

Office for the Protection of Children & Youth 312-534-5254

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Cell Phone 630-750-2348 Email: SVdP@scaoaklawn.org

Live Stream Mass

The 9:30am Mass on Sunday is live streamed. Live streams are always accessible on the following link:

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Additionally, they are accessible in the late afternoon at: http://www.parish.scaoaklawn.org/streamed_masses.

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