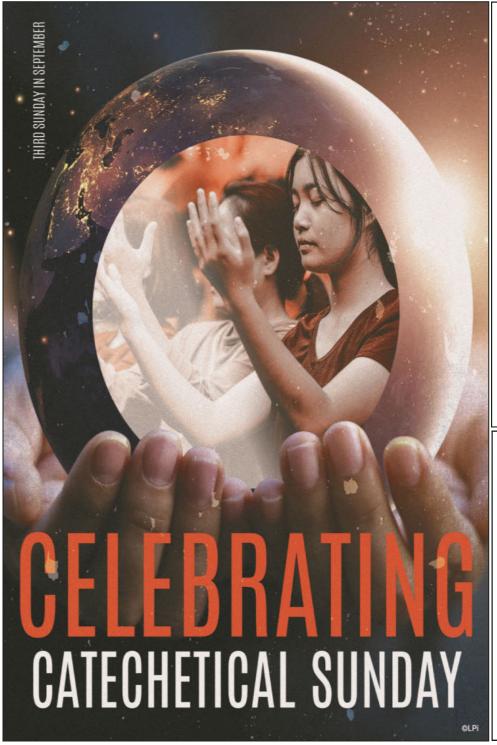
# St. Catherine of Alexandria

Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2023



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

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Monday, September 18

8:30am: †Bob Tagler

Joan and †John Grantz

Tuesday, September 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:30am: †Walter M. Warachowski

†Ned Consigny

Wednesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang,

and Companions, Martyrs

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

Thursday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30am: Camierz and †Maria Kozlowski

Friday, September 22

8:30am: †Geraldine Burzinski

†Carl and Rita (Morrison) Daubner

†Lucille Monahan

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

Saturday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

4:00pm: †Mary Jo Bechtel

Sunday, September 24

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: †Lorraine Janowiak

Donna Kochan

9:30am: †Joan McConville

†Consuelo Brennan

11:30am: †Dawn Sousanes

†SCA Parishioners (living and deceased)

6:00pm: †Theodore LaBuda

†Susan Kucharzak



#### The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this coming week for: A Very Special Intention.

Pray the Rosary with the 55+ Club Wednesday, September 20

All are welcome to join us for the 8:30am Mass. We will pray the Rosary after Mass. We will then meet at Waffle Pancake House at 9:45am

after praying the Rosary. It is located at 3458 W. 111th Street in Chicago. To register call: Larry Bergnach at 708-499-2672.

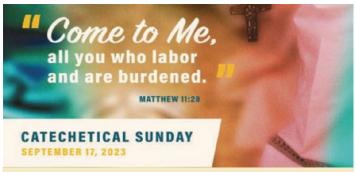
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II-Thomas Bastien & Rosemarie Paruta
III-Joseph Flores & Kerrianne Smyth



September 23, 2023 Saturday at 1:00pm Joseph Flores & Kerríanne Smyth



Catechetical Sunday was created as part of an initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children. As a catechist, you are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as you deepen your own faith. Thanks to all our teachers, catechists and volunteers!

Sincerely, Sandra M. Bustamante,
Coordinator of Family Faith Formation

#### **SCA Catechetical Team**

Evelyn Spitzer Samantha O'Connor Katie Narbone Lauren Rozner Gerilynn Russell Marty O'Connor Lissette Ortegon Brennan Leahy



My Dear People of St. Catherine,

I was reading the Catholic News Agency website about the Ulma Family of Poland. Last Sunday, September 10, the Catholic Church, for the first time, beatified an entire family who were executed by the Nazis during World War II for hiding two Jewish families. On March 24, 1944, the Nazi patrol surrounded the Ulma farm and executed the Jewish families hiding on the



farm. The Nazis then killed Wiktoria (31 years old) and Jozef (44 years old). An order was given to kill the children too. The seventh child to die was the couple's son who was in the process of being born. (Photo circa 1943)

Beatification is the next step before final step of Canonization. The beatification Mass took place in the family's village of Markowa, in southeast Poland, attended by some 30,000 people. In his homily, Cardinal Semeraro, Prefect for the Causes of Saints, said: "It would be misleading if the day of the beatification of the Ulma family served only to bring back to memory the terror of the atrocities perpetrated by their executioners, on whom, by the way, the judgment of history already weighs heavily. Instead, we want today to be a day of joy, because the page of the Gospel written on paper has become for us a lived reality, which shines brightly in the Christian witness of the Ulma couple and in the martyrdom of the new Blesseds." Cardinal Semeraro also remembered the their Jewish friends who were also killed that day.

The same day as the Beatification Mass in Poland, Pope Francis spoke to about 20,000 people gathered for the midday prayer of the Angelus at St. Peter's Square. He said, "this Polish family, which represented a ray of light in the darkness of World War II, would be for all of us a model to imitate in striving for goodness and in the service of those in need. Let us applaud this family of Blesseds. And following their example, let us feel called to counter the force of weapons with that of charity, the rhetoric of violence with the tenacity of prayer. Let us do this especially for so many countries suffering from war. In a special way, let us intensify our prayer for the tormented Ukraine."

I first learned about the beatification in the Chicago Tribune last Saturday, which published a letter from Andrzej Duda, President of the Republic of Poland. He concludes by writing, "As Poles, we are proud that on 10 September 2023, the Ulma family, our compatriots, will be added to the ranks of the Blessed of the Catholic Church. The significance of this event goes beyond the religious dimension – it will also be a tribute to heroes embodying the highest ideals of humanity. The story of their martyrdom deserves global recognition, for although it is horrifying, it is also an empowering testament to loving one's neighbor. May it change hearts and be a model of openness and solidarity."

Yours in Christ, Fr. Dennis ZI Co-Sponsored by the SCA 55+ Club, FSA, School Board, Men's Club, Athletic Board & Pastoral Council.

# DUELING PIANOS



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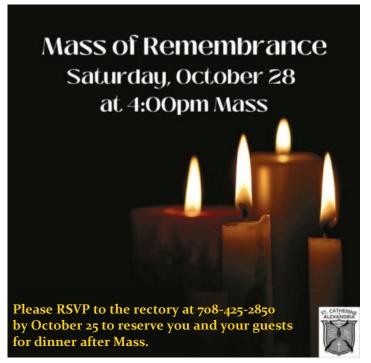
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9:00am to 11:30am

Kane Hall

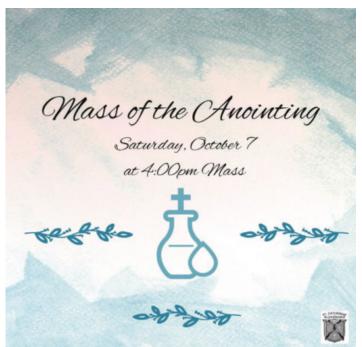
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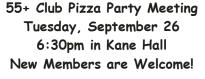








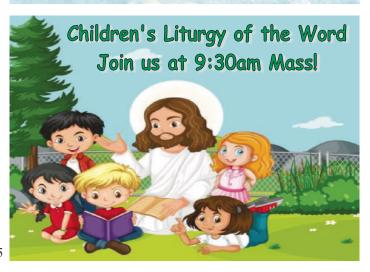
1 Corinthians 13:4a



Please join us for free pizza,

beverages and a fun time. All are welcome, but not required, to dress in their favorite 50's attire. Prizes will be given for 'best dressed'. Bring a momento from the 50's; from school, work, etc. You will enjoy 50's music, comedy and trivia. A 50-50 Split the Pot will take place for a great cause.

Questions? Call Larry Bergnach at 708-499-2672.



#### **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.

When? Alpha begins on Wednesday, September 20.

How? Contact Mike Bentley, mbentley@scaoaklawn.org or 708-423-4047 to register.

#### 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.

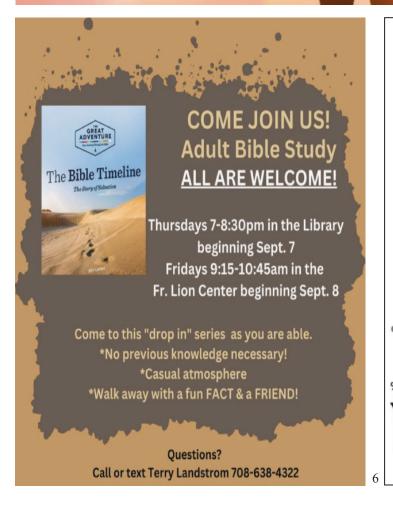
Explore: life, faith, meaning

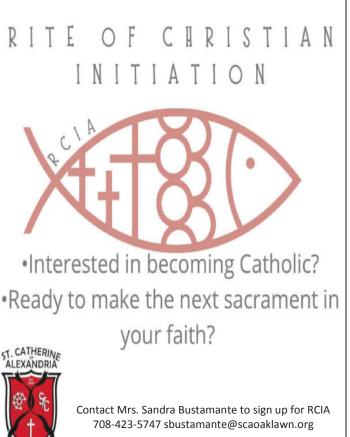
Watch Alpha stories: alphausa.org/stories

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.

Alpha will be once a week for 12 weeks.





# SCA SCHOOL NEWS













Literacy is a foundational skill and one of life's critical building blocks. There is neither an academic subject nor a skilled career that does not require strong literacy. In Ms. Hess' second grade classroom they have begun their literacy stations. Students have the opportunity to explore different ways to build their literacy skills AND they have fun while doing so!

#### Second Collection: September 16 & 17

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago.

Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please give today at archchicago.org/seminarianfund



St. Catherine of Alexandria Music Ministry presents...

# **Mustard Seed Choir**

A joyful noise of kindergartners through second grade leading song!

They will have practice times before the Mass they are scheduled.
Practices:
October 5, 12 & 19
Mass: Sundays, October 15 & 22 at 11:30am

Questions? Contact Mr. Phil Caffee pcaffee@scaoaklawn.org | 708-425-3110 | 708-476-5374







## Intellectual Disability-Tootsie Roll Drive September 16 & 17-Church Vestibule

Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council 3582 will accept donations to support programs that provide services for persons with Intellectual Disabilities, including local SPRED Religious Education Programs. We will be collecting donations after all Masses on September 16 and 17.

You may give online at:

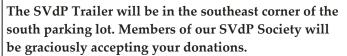
https://4agc.com/fundraiser\_pages/e7bfd5f9-bec3-4c67-90d5-6eb1c7efa4f2





# St. Catherine - St. Vincent de Paul Society's Fall Clothing Drive

Saturday, September 23: 3:00pm to 5:30pm Sunday, September 24: 8:30am to 12:30pm



Needed items: clothing, coats and shoes for men, women and children; linens, household items, including flatware, dishes, pots and pans; small WORKING appliances, including microwaves, coffee makers and toasters.

We do not accept computers, TV's, or furniture.

All donations should be in good, ready-to-use condition, not needing cleaning or repair.

Your donations will not only serve to clean out your closets but also help those who are less fortunate.

Students needing service hours, please contact Sandra Bustamante beforehand: sbustamante@scaoaklawn.org

Please stay in your car. Your donations will be removed from your car by SVdP Members.—Thank you—SVdP Society



Ice Cream Social Information Meeting
Cub Scout Pack 3618
Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
9701 Brandt Ave. in Oak Lawn
Sunday, September 17 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Anyone interested in Cub Scouts, (boys & girls)

please join us!

Questions: Steve Kunka 773-330-3342



#### SCA Library Corner Newest Editions

FROM ATHIEST TO EUCHARIST by Bashar Kirma

A SAINT IN SNEAKERS by Courtney Mares

THE HOLY HOUR PRAYER BOOK by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



#### **Altar Servers**

September 23

4:00pm: Charlotte Q/Lily H

September 24 8:00am: TBD

9:30am: Dennis V/Tim S

11:30am: TBD 6:00pm: TBD



### Music Schedule

September 23

4:00pm: Hallelujah Choir

September 24 8:00am: No Music

9:30am: Children's Choir/Bell Choir 11:30am: Contemporary Praise Ensemble 6:00pm: 8th Grade/High School Ensemble



#### Eucharistic Minister Schedule

September 23

4:00pm: Brian Tansey/Kelly Blizzard

September 24

8:00am: Peggy Faust/Sue Salmon

9:30am: Liz Davis/TBD

11:30am: Mitch Ciesla/Lynn Hartman

6:00pm: Joanne Ryan



#### Lector Schedule

September 23

4:00pm: Mary Aleman

September 24

8:00am: Peggy Faust 9:30am: Family Mass 11:30am: Ruby A 6:00pm: Linda Atkins



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#### Weekly Financial Summary

Week of September 10, 2023

Regular Sunday Collections: \$6,441\*

\*GiveCentral will be included in the monthly summary.

Thank you for your continued support!

#### Weekly Activities

The Adoration Chapel is open Monday - Friday

from 3:15pm to 6:15pm in the FLC.

Monday, September 18

7:00pm: Charger United Meeting-Kane Hall 7:00pm: Dueling Pianos Meeting-Rectory

Tuesday, September 19

6:30pm: SVdP Meeting-FLC Wednesday, September 20

School Picture Day

8:30am: 55+ Club Mass, Rosary & Breakfast (Waffle Pancake House) 2:30pm-3:30pm: Children's Choir & Bell Choir Practice-Church 4:15pm-4:45pm: Children's Choir & Bell Choir Practice-Church

6:45pm: Alpha-Kane Hall

7:15pm: Adult Choir Practice-Church

Thursday, September 21

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

7:00pm-8:30pm: Adult Faith Formation-The Bible Timeline-Library

7:00pm: Parish Pastoral Council-Rectory

Friday, September 22

No School/Archdiocese Professional Development Day

 $9\!:\!15\text{am}\text{-}10\!:\!45\text{am}\!:$  Adult Faith Formation-The Bible Timeline-FLC

Saturday, September 23

3:30pm-5:30pm: SVdP Society Clothing Drive-South Parking Lot

4:00pm: Mass (Football & Poms)

Sunday, September 24

8:30am-12:30pm: SVdP Society Clothing Drive-South Parking Lot

Religious Education: 9:30am Mass/10:30am Class

(6th Grade Family Mass/Bible Blessing/Class/Hospitality after in KH)



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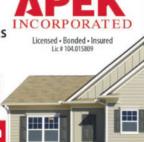
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Saturday: 10am to 2:00pm

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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.

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## **Live Stream Mass**

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

https://www.facebook.com/stcatherinesoaklawn.

You do not need a Facebook account to access the Facebook link.

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

## **St. Catherine's YouTube Channel:**





## **SCA Parish Instagram Page**

Search for it on Instagram with the handle @saintcatherineofalexandria.



St. Catherine of Alexandria has a FACEBOOK PAGE.

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