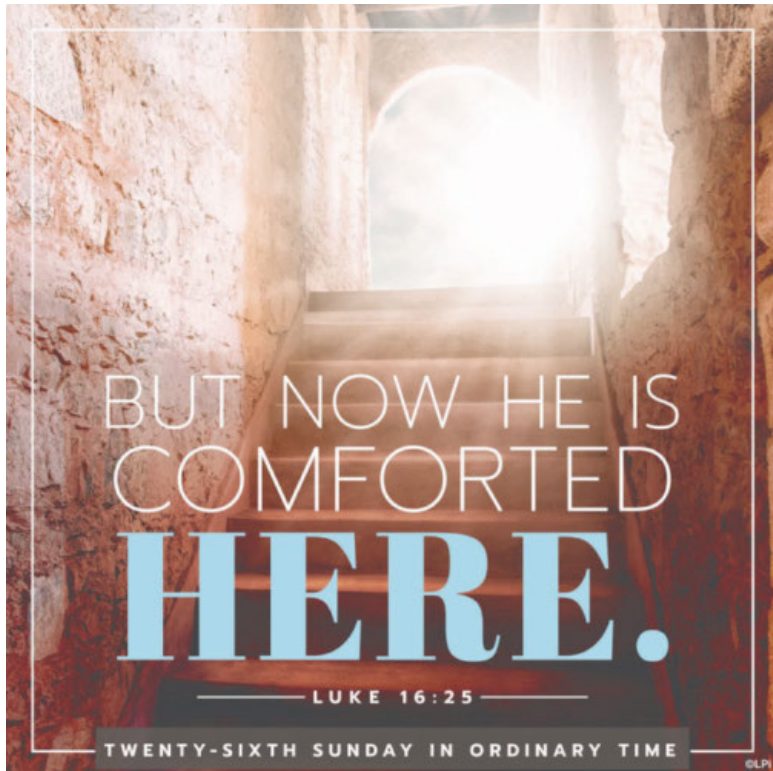




# SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES CATHOLIC PARISH



**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

**26TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad, but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.' - Lk 16:25

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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 the  
8:00 AM Mass on Saturday)

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday at 4:30 PM,  
Sunday at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

### **Family Mass Community**

Sunday at 10:00 AM in Saint Giles School Gym

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 Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
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 Thursday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
 Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
 Saturday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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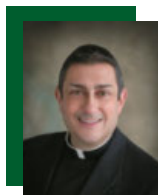
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**FATHER CARL'S CORNER**

I feel it and  
 hear it  
 spoken all  
 around me  
 these days.

There is so much bitterness  
 and hardening of hearts in  
 our country today. How do  
 we not give up on hope?  
 Read Luke 8:4-15. Jesus  
 tells the story of the Sower  
 who scatters seed. Some  
 fall on the path, some on  
 rocky ground, some among  
 thorns and some among  
 the good soil.

Jesus speaks about the  
 word of God as a seed that  
 is sown but does not  
 produce fruit in everyone.  
 Many obstacles prevent the  
 seed from taking root and  
 growing. For many of us in  
 our violent and divided  
 country, it can feel as if the  
 soil has grown hard. Words  
 of anger, fear and suspicion  
 seem to take root more  
 easily than words of peace,  
 forgiveness and respect for  
 each other. This is how  
 God's word is being choked  
 out by the thorns of hatred,  
 greed and violence.

However, this story that I  
 encourage you to look up  
 and pray over is also a story  
 of hope. Even in difficult  
 times, the Sower never  
 stops scattering seeds.  
 God never stops sowing His  
 word of life into our hearts,  
 and through us, into our  
 communities and the world.

Our task these days is to  
 ask ourselves, what kind of

soil am I? Am I allowing  
 God's word to be planted  
 deep enough within me to  
 bear the fruits of  
 compassion, careful  
 listening, reconciliation,  
 justice and peace?

Read this passage, and let  
 it encourage you not to give  
 up, not to let fear or  
 bitterness harden your  
 heart and lose hope for  
 ourselves, for our country,  
 and for the world. As we  
 walk into the week ahead,  
 with all the uncertainties  
 and challenges that we  
 face, remember who we are  
 called to be, the "good soil"  
 where God's word can grow  
 strong and our lives can  
 produce the harvest the  
 world needs the most - love  
 that builds bridges, mercy  
 that heals wounds, respect  
 that encourages dialogue,  
 and HOPE that refuses  
 to die.

May sharing in prayer and in  
 the Eucharist each week  
 help us to persevere in  
 bearing good fruit and  
 offering hope to those  
 around us and the world.

I want to share that I will be  
 away from September 29th  
 until October 9th. For any  
 sacramental or Pastoral  
 needs please contact the  
 parish offices for  
 assistance.

Happy Fall to all.

With you a Christian. For  
 you, a priest.

*F. Carl*



## This week at **St. Giles School**

### In school this week...

#### LemonAid!

LemonAid is about kids helping kids. The kids on the block of 700 Bonnie Brae wanted to do something good in 2002 on the anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Since then the block has been turning lemonade into lemon-Aid and raised over \$676,000 for children's charities in River Forest and the surrounding area. This year the money raised is benefiting Thrive Counseling Center, and Opportunity Knocks. Our counselor, Pam Wynne, and her family were instrumental in coordinating the efforts this year!



### Upcoming Events

#### LION'S LEAP IS BACK WITH A ROAR!

A Saint Giles School tradition for more than three decades, our biggest annual fundraiser, Lion's Leap, kicks off Tuesday, September 30, with a roar! Halls are being decorated, classes are getting excited – and ready! – to raise \$100,000 and give back to a school that gives so much to us all.

Lion's Leap gives students the chance to get involved in raising funds that go directly to offset the costs of their Saint Giles School education. Every student -- from our littlest Lions in PreK to our leaders in 8th grade -- collects pledges for competing in an obstacle course (for students in 6th-8th) and a fun run (for students in PreK-5th) on Friday, October 3.

As members of our extended Saint Giles School family, you can support our Lions by making a donation to our fundraising campaign.



Thank you for your support!  
Please feel free to reach out to  
us directly at 708-383-6279 or visit  
[www.stgilesschool.org](http://www.stgilesschool.org)

Donate



Today!

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SAINT GILES CHURCH

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:30 AM The Deceased of the Parish

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

8:30 AM Mary Anne & Terry Keshner

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:30 AM Joseph J. Archibald, Jr.  
Joey Cocco

8:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

8:30 AM Thomas Romens

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:30 AM Isaac Shaker  
The Deceased of the Shaker  
Family  
Mary Ann Bloom  
Marie Scandariato

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 AM The Cuevas Family

\*4:30 PM Joseph Stockinger  
Brad Hollingsworth  
Louise Cafasso

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 AM Owen Petrzalka  
Peggy Connolly

10:00 AM Family Mass Community in  
Saint Giles School Gym

10:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

\*This Mass will be live-streamed  
from the new parish website  
[www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org](http://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org).

### SAINT EDMUND CHURCH

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

5:00 PM Oak Park Catholic Parishes Mass

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Manuel Aguilar, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Mark Andersen, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Katie Barnicle, JoAnn Boyle, Eloise Brown, Melissa Brumund, Phil Calabrese, Timothy Carraher Carwinski, Lucille Dalbis, Nancy D'Agnolo, Carole DiCicco, Andrea Dickson, Paula Dote, Baby Margaret Mary Doyle, Katherine Fisher, George Fleming, Jim Fletcher, Kittie Foley, Mary Ellen Frank, Baby Ford Gallagher, Sr. Regina Gallo, Deacon John Henricks, Lois Henricks, Bill Holmes, Jennifer Hoyt, Joe Karas, Maureen Killacky, Hardie Kressler, Lynn Locke, Rossana Lopollo, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Linda Malloy, Marilyn Maggio, Lauren Marshall, Lynne Tallon Matassa, Chuck Mauter, John Megall, Paul Michael, Dave Mills, Joseph Musso, Sr., Jamie O'Reilly, Amelia Patterson, Geraldine Pedersen, Lorenzo Perez, Patrick Pollard, Gia Rapacki, Hannah Rice, Peg Sabatino, Gregory Sherwood, Deborah Sobreira, Anita Spina, Eleanor "Elle" Taylor, Regina Thorpe, Shirley Venerable, Joshua Washington, Nancy Wesclitz

*Names will be removed from this listing in the bulletin after six months and from the intercessions spoken at the weekend Masses after four weeks. Also, some parishioners have received a Prayer Shawl to represent the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the Parish Office to include someone on this prayer list, or to request someone's inclusion in the intercessions at the weekend Masses, and/or to request a Prayer Shawl.*

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Bonita Dasko, (Aunt of Carol Coleman), and Theresa M. Oddo.

## CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH? CURIOUS ABOUT ALPHA?

If you are looking for a place to share a meal, watch an interesting video and wrestle with questions at the core of faith and life – come and see!



Alpha begins Tuesday, September 30,  
at 6:30 PM In Murphy Hall (188 S. Oak Park Ave)

All are welcome – invite a friend, spread the word.

Scan here to sign up for more information or to register:

Sponsored by the Spirit and Light evangelization team, serving both Ascension and Saint Edmund and Saint Catherine of Siena –Saint Lucy and Saint. Giles parishes. Email [alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org) with any questions.





## BE A PILGRIM OF HOPE AND BLESS YOUR PETS!



Saturday, October 4 is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, and it is the day when we bless our pet friends.

This is a Jubilee Year so we are all Pilgrims of Hope. To bring our hearts together, all are invited to gather at 3:00 PM in the Courtyard to pray and sing as we honor Creation. Those who are able will walk around the block in solidarity.

Following our block pilgrimage, the Blessing of the Pets, with Deacon John, will begin at 3:30 PM in the Courtyard.


## NOVENA FOR LIFE

October is Respect Life Month. The Saint Giles Respect Life Committee invites you to pray with us for a greater respect for life in our country and our world. We will be praying the Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary beginning September 28. There are two ways to pray: with daily email reminders or with a paper copy of the Novena. Copies can be found in the church vestibule..

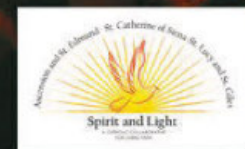
If you have any questions, please call Denise Hartney at 708-203-7437, or email at [dhartney14@gmail.com](mailto:dhartney14@gmail.com).

## Night of Light

Are you searching for light?  
Come to reflect and pray for hope,  
peace, and light in the world.



**Candle Service**  
**8 PM**  
**Monday, Sept 29**  
**St. Edmund Church**  
**and Green**  
**188 S. Oak Park Ave**





**GriefShare®**

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

**HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT AFTER THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE.**

At a Grief Share group, you will find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

**Tuesdays, September 16 to December 9**  
**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Saint Giles Campus, McDonough Hall**  
**1101 Columbian Ave., Oak Park**  
**708-223-4912—**  
**[griefshare@stgilesparish.org](mailto:griefshare@stgilesparish.org)**  
**[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)**



**JOIN US -**  
**ONE IN LOVE**  
**LGBTQ+ MINISTRY**

**Saturday, October 11**  
**from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**  
**at the Saint Giles Parish Center-**  
**1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park**

ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ Ministry meets the second Saturday of each month.

Please join us for a safe and respectful conversation. You are free to share your story, resources or whatever is in your heart that day, or just listen to others with an open heart.

We offer a friendly and safe place for The Catholic Communities of Oak Park and our Neighbors, where we welcome LGBTQ+ individuals, their partners, families and Allies to share through deep listening circles.

If you have questions, please contact: Kathie Nash  
[kathienash1023@att.net](mailto:kathienash1023@att.net).

## PLANNED GIVING

### Please Consider a QCD gift for Our Parish

You can make a gift from your individual retirement plan (IRA) that benefits you and our parish. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free.

There are three main benefits of giving with a QCD:

- If you are 73 years old or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
- The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.
- Your gift will be immediately used, allowing you to see the impact of your gift now.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles, please contact your parish business manager, Carol Coleman at 708-383-3430, Ext. 419 or [ccoleman@stgilesparish.org](mailto:ccoleman@stgilesparish.org), or contact, Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.995.0686 or [gvogt@archchicago.org](mailto:gvogt@archchicago.org).

## PARISH WEBSITE

[HTTPS://WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITIESOFOAKPARK.ORG](https://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org)

The new website launched on July 1 and replaces the two previous websites. Each legacy website has a landing page that will notify visitors of the change. The new website is a work-in-progress as we continue to add content and updates. Administrators, Hugo Lugo and Marybeth Granholm, will remain as primary contacts for each parish.

As you begin to explore the website, please share your feedback with us. We hope the website reflects the vibrant, welcoming spirit of our Catholic community.



## PARISH E-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.



## OUR PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

September 14, 2025

	Weekly Total	YTD Collection
Envelopes	\$ 6,330.00	\$ 147,193.80
Loose—Total included in YTD count	\$ 1,643.05	
Online Giving 9/9/2025–9/15/2025	\$ 9,248.38	\$ 121,140.07
Mail Collection	\$ 3,889.00	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 21,110.43</b>	<b>\$ 268,333.87</b>

Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow instructions on the church website: [www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/giving](http://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/giving)

Contact Carol Coleman at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430, Ext. 419 with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!

## MASS COUNT

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:30 PM - 153

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 AM - 151, 10:30 AM - 369, Family Mass - 130

**Total Mass Count - 803**

## SENIOR CORNER



Our first meeting has been rescheduled, so our year will start on Tuesday, September 30, with a special 11:30 AM Mass celebrated by Father Tom at Saint Giles Church.

After Mass, a light lunch will be provided in McDonough Hall. If you would like to bring a dessert to share, please feel free to do so. Beverages (iced tea, coffee and soda) will be provided.

We will have time to share stories, laughter, conversation and renew friendships. We will also be collecting our membership dues (\$25) for this new season. We hope to see all of you after our summer break. Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Please RSVP to Joan Wojcik at 708-771-4783.

## EXPERIENCING THE PSALMS

The Saint Catherine of Siena- Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Wednesday Night Bible Study is starting a new series on the Psalms!



The psalms display the full color of the human experience and relationship with God. By diving into selected psalms - examining the context, reflecting on our own experiences and what they mean for us today - we will deepen how we pray with the psalms and draw closer to God.

Bible Study started on Wednesday, September 10. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Living Room on the Saint Giles Campus (1025 Columbian Avenue) and over Zoom.

All are welcome from any parish or community - It is NOT necessary or required to attend each week. There is no need to have Bible Study experience... Come when you can!!

Please contact Maria Samatas ([msamatas@me.com](mailto:msamatas@me.com)) or Alex Ryan ([alexryan@stgilesparish.org](mailto:alexryan@stgilesparish.org)) to get all the information.



## FALL SESSIONS FOR FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN IN 4TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Children who are in 4th Grade through 8th Grade and have not yet received their First Communion are welcome to join with their peers to prepare for celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion during the Fall.

Sessions begin on Monday, October 20, and will continue on Mondays through mid-December. All sessions will meet at 4:30 PM in the Parish Center on the Saint Giles Campus, 1025 Columbian Avenue.

There will be a parent information meeting on Monday, October 6, at 7:00 PM in the Saint Giles Parish Center.

Children who attend all preparation sessions and celebrate their first Reconciliation during the course of the sessions will be able to celebrate their First Communion at any of the weekend Masses in the churches in our two parishes of Ascension and Saint Edmund or Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles.

For more information, please contact Rachel Faulman at [rfaulman@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:rfaulman@spiritandlightcenter.org), or at 708-383-3430, ext. 421

## SPIRITUAL CLASSICS FOR OCTOBER: SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES AND HIS WAY OF DIVINE LOVE

Come to the next Spiritual Classics gathering on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 PM in the Ascension Parish Center Dining Room, where we will discuss Saint Francis de Sales' inspirational classic, *An Introduction to the Devout Life*. Jeff Wood will lead the discussion. All Oak Park parishes are welcome.

*An Introduction to the Devout Life*, written over four hundred years ago, inspires and guides Catholics in pursuing a holy life. De Sales thought that the holy life was accessible to all people at all ages and in all times. He uses clear, simple language and provides vivid references to images in nature and daily life. At the heart of his message is the conviction that God has made us for himself and that Jesus offers himself in prayer and sacrament as we grow closer to God.

Saint Francis de Sales was born into a noble French family, studied law and theology, and decided against his father's wishes to become a priest. He became the Bishop of Geneva, Switzerland during a time of battles between Protestants and Catholics, yet he achieved a universal reputation for patience and gentleness. He developed a sign language in order to preach to the deaf and he is the patron saint of the deaf.



## OCIA COMPANION SPONSOR

A Companion Sponsor for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a parishioner who would like to accompany

a person who is preparing to receive the sacraments. While the individual will have a formal sponsor who they choose, a Companion Sponsor plays a vital role in helping the person understand what it means to live as a Catholic and assist in integrating the individual into the life of the Catholic community.

A Companion Sponsor is expected to connect with the person one or two times each month. Activities may include (but aren't limited to) the following:

- Attend Mass together
- Share a meal
- Go to speakers or other events in the Oak Park Catholic parishes
- Go to a Catholic baptism, funeral, or wedding
- Take a walk
- Talk about faith
- Participate in volunteer service

Companion Sponsors will receive training prior to being paired with an individual and will continue to be supported while they work with a person.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Marci Madary at [mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org).

## CREATION CARE CORNER

### Celebrate the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls upon Catholics to pray and care for God's Creation. It starts September 1st and ends October 4th. It's a time of reflection on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it. This is a time of restoration and of hope, but also a time for action. It's a time we can take to educate ourselves on new ways of living with Creation that better care for both people and the planet. It's a time to craft plans and implement those changes.

What changes will you make as an individual to contribute to a more just and sustainable future? Have you considered joining your parish Creation Care Team, or starting one? The Catholic Climate Covenant has great resources to get one started. Consider reading the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, a great source of inspiration and motivation.

As Pope Francis said, "this is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew," a season "to reflect on our lifestyles," and a season "for undertaking prophetic actions . . . calling for courageous decisions . . . directing the planet towards life, not death."

## LIVE THE LITURGY



The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance?

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## RESOURCE DOCUMENT FOR CAREGIVERS AVAILABLE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our local council of the Knights of Columbus has completed its resource document for those caring for ailing or elderly loved ones. The document includes information on individual caregivers as well as agencies and offers insights from those who have provided or arranged for care for an elderly or ailing loved one.

The Ascension Council of the Knights of Columbus invites anyone who would like to receive the document, or offer additional insights to it, to send an email to [KnightsCaregiverProject@gmail.com](mailto:KnightsCaregiverProject@gmail.com). We hope to collect additional names of caregivers or agencies used and recommendations by fellow parishioners so that we can regularly update the document. Please help us do so. And thank you to those who have already provided input!

## 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](http://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

## POPE LEO XIV @ PONTIFEX



Wherever we are, let us try not to miss any opportunity to love. This is the vigilance that Jesus asks of us: to get used to being attentive, available, and sensitive to one another, as He is with us at every moment.



## MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: BIDDING ADIOS TO THE SAINT EDMUND SCHOOL BUILDING



As Father Carl shared earlier, the decision has been made to close the Saint Edmund School building due to the enormous cost of repairing and maintaining the beloved, but very old, structure. The last day the "free stores" and social services will be available for the migrants in the building will be Thursday, October 9. Immigration Support Services has moved to Murphy Hall and that will continue.

Thank goodness (the Holy Spirit!), we have been offered ample space in another Oak Park church. YAY!!! We will share more of this good news as the details are being worked out.

But we will miss Centro San Edmundo and recognize the impact our time there has had not only on the migrants, but also the volunteers and the surrounding community. In the almost 22 months that we have been open, over 20,000 migrants have been served. They left with bundles containing bedding, clothes, shoes, boots, winter coats, and toiletries. The children played happily in their special room. Migrants were fed a warm breakfast and were able to access immigration support, social services, and English lessons. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THEY FELT WELCOME, HONORED, AND SAFE. Their countries' flags hung from the ceiling. The walls were lined with BIENVENIDOS! signs drawn by Saint Giles school children. Many volunteers spoke fluent Spanish; others made an honest effort to learn key phrases.

The school building was CHURCH. It housed a ministry that WELCOMED THE STRANGER, FED THE HUNGRY, AND CLOTHED THE NAKED. Thank you, Saint Edmund School building, for 108 years of FAITH IN ACTION. Over the next few weeks, we will share more reflections on the impact of Centro San Edmundo.

We are pausing all but financial donations now, and will alert you when we can accept donations again. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Migrant Ministry. For more information, email [immigrantministry@gmail.com](mailto:immigrantministry@gmail.com)

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 hearts! (<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/444/event/36149>).

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We are recruiting volunteers to serve as Advocates — trained companions who walk alongside families as they navigate services and pursue their goals. This unique role provides meaningful one-on-one support and connection. To learn more, we invite you to attend our next Bridge Breakfast on Saturday, October 4 at 8:30 AM in the Tutoring Center at Maguire Hall.

Learn more at [theneighborhoodbridge.org/volunteer](http://theneighborhoodbridge.org/volunteer) or contact Jeanne Gallo at [jeanne.gallo@theneighborhoodbridge.org](mailto:jeanne.gallo@theneighborhoodbridge.org)

The Neighborhood Bridge, born out of the Renew My Church initiative, is dedicated to connecting Austin families with the services they need to thrive. Learn more at [www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/the-neighborhood-bridge](http://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/the-neighborhood-bridge).

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Housing Forward provides year round emergency overnight shelter for those experiencing homelessness in two locations in our community. The parishes of Oak Park support this effort in several ways.

In October, Housing Forward will be expanding its shelter options with the opening of a new 40-bed shelter at 112 S. Humphrey in Oak Park. They are once again asking the women of Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles to help by providing a continental breakfast for Housing Forward clients on the first Monday of each month, starting in October. This is a great service opportunity for teens and families, and can be shared between households.

Next opportunity to volunteer on October 6 - Sign up for the monthly dates online by using the SignUpGenius Form below!

Housing Forward Breakfast Sign-Up  
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AAAE2EA2FA7-58142351-stgiles#/>)

To learn more about the shelter program, and volunteer opportunities, contact Theresa Lipo at 708- 692-4404 or [tglico@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tglico@sbcglobal.net).

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Steven Millies is a scholar whose work explores the Catholic Church's relationship with politics through an interdisciplinary lens that includes theology, history, ethics, sociology, and political theory. Responding to Pope Francis's call for a more integral and compassionate politics, Millies emphasizes our shared responsibility for one another and the world. He holds a doctorate in political theory from The Catholic University of America and previously served as the Strom Thurmond Endowed Chair in Political Science at the University of South Carolina Aiken. Now at Catholic Theological Union, he is the author of *Joseph Bernardin: Seeking Common Ground*, which won a Catholic Press Association award. He contributes regularly to national publications and is active in several scholarly societies. Millies is at work on his fourth book, a Catholic theological reflection on constitutional government, under the working title—*A House for All Peoples: Roman Catholicism and the Modern Constitutional State*.

No registration is needed for in person attendance.

To view the livestream, visit [bit.ly/45AW690](https://bit.ly/45AW690) or scan the QR code. For more information or questions, contact Mary Lou Matheke at [mmatheke@archchicago.org](mailto:mmatheke@archchicago.org) or 312.534.8054.

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Father James Keating, O.S.A., entered the Augustinians in 1965 after a year with Maryknoll and was ordained in 1984. With decades of pastoral ministry in New York City, Orlando, and Philadelphia, he now serves as Prior of the Augustinians' House of Theology in

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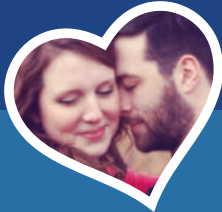


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