

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 24, 2015—Pentecost



ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to active participation in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

MINISTRY AT ST. CATHERINE'S

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

Happy Pentecost! This weekend we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending on the apostles, bestowing on them the gifts and courage they needed to live out their mission of preaching the Gospel to all people. What an appropriate time to reflect on our own unique gifts and discern how we can best use our God-given time and talents to live out *our* mission today.

How are you being called to serve, to share your gifts? Perhaps it is continuing a ministry in which you have been involved, or it may be in a new area. Perhaps you don't know yet! We have a plethora of opportunities here at St. Catherine's for you to share your time and talents and put your faith into action. Come to our **Ministry Fair in the Parish Center next weekend, May 30–31, after each Mass** to learn more about our many vibrant and growing ministries! You will be able to speak with volunteers and hear firsthand about the particular ministries, why they are involved, and how you might use your own gifts more fully to serve others in our community or benefit from these ministries yourself. Many volunteers speak of the added benefits of their involvement in ministry, such as developing friendships with other parishioners, a deepening of their faith, and a more fulfilling experience at Mass. Even if you are involved already, come learn about other opportunities and see all that is going on in and through our parish—you will be amazed and inspired! There will be good food to enjoy, wonderful people to meet, and the parish ministry team will be there to answer questions.



Our **Time and Talent Survey** will be available next weekend as well. Please pick up a survey and take time to reflect and pray about how you would like to be involved in the upcoming year. There are separate versions of the survey for adults, high school youth, middle school youth, and elementary age children, with relevant opportunities for each age group. There truly is something for everyone! The surveys will continue to be available throughout the month of June both in paper form and on the parish website. We ask everyone to fill one out and return it to the Parish Office, even if you did one last year.

In our hectic society, time is precious. It is important to set aside time to assess how we are using our time and talents and prayerfully make decisions for the coming year. We hope you will take this opportunity to do so. Our parish community is abundant with many gifts—the work of the Holy Spirit is truly being done here at St. Catherine's, and we want everyone to be a part of it!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish
is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community through
worship, witness, and service.*

*La misión de la parroquia de Sta. Catalina es
inspirar, cuidar y motivar la participación de nuestra
comunidad a través del culto, testimonio y servicio.*

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MINISTRY TEAM

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COUNCIL CHAIRS

Pastoral Council: Eileen Gravani

Finance Council: Joe Kiely

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration packets are available at all Church entrances and at the office.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Sister Parish

We enjoy an ongoing exchange of people and prayer with St. Anthony's in the Dominican Republic. Donations to the "loose change bowls" located at each Church entrance provide meals and education for over 200 children at the parish daycare center.

Almsgiving

10% or more of all donations we receive go to the poor and needy.

Clothing for the Needy

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Mass in Spanish: 4th Sunday of the month, 5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m.

Brookdale Senior Living: 4th Tuesday of the month, 10:15 a.m.

Accommodations:

Gluten-reduced hosts are available; notify a staff member.

Personal listening receivers are available from the Sacristy.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment

Infant Baptisms

We're so happy about the new addition to your family.

Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism.

Please contact the office **three months** prior to the baptism.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies after hours, please call Fr. Joe at 585-747-3649. Families should alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. Hospitals are no longer able to provide parishes with this information. If you would like to have someone prayed for at Mass and/or added to the Prayer Corner in the bulletin, we invite you to call the Parish Office at 257-2493.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Ann Marie Eckert.

Holy Orders

For information about vocations, contact Carol Dady with the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. & Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church

Rosary

Fridays at 5 p.m. in the Church

Prayer Groups

Centering Prayer and Ignatian Prayer Groups meet throughout the month. Small Christian Communities also meet weekly. For more information, call Ann Marie Eckert.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**OFFERTORY INCOME**, May 17, 2015

Collection: \$5,602

EFT Donations: \$6,507

Mailed-in Donations: \$1,195

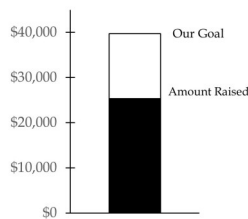
TOTAL: \$13,304**WEEKLY BUDGET: \$10,577****VARIANCE: + \$2,727**

Diocesan Missions: \$1,719

Dominican Republic Bowls: \$404

Dominican Republic Bowls Weekly Budget: \$250

Variance: + \$154

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Please prayerfully consider giving to the CMA.

SCRIPTURE READINGS*Today*

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Next Sunday

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." (1 Cor 12:4-6)

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Julia Kern, Gianna Lesselroth, Natasha Jones, Don and Pat Davis, Karen Rhinefierd, Sam Sabin, Jimmy Rowe, Monique Morse, Mary Millier, Mick Linsdell, Florence Ricciuti, Mary Ellen Carollo, and Gail Cooney.

Please hold in prayer those who have died in the peace of Christ:

Dr. George Dougan

WHAT'S HAPPENING—MAY 25–31**Monday, May 25—Memorial Day****Parish Office Closed****Tuesday, May 26**

10:15 a.m. BROOKDALE MASS

4:00 p.m. Youth Choir

7:00 p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, May 279:00 a.m. MASS: *Barbara Alm* by Margaret & Rich Steinacher

7:00 p.m. Visioning Meeting

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, May 28

9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer

7:00 p.m. Scripture Study: Parables of the Kingdom

7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, May 299:00 a.m. MASS: *Mildred Messinger* by Jeanne Thoren & Family**Friday, May 29 (continued)**

9:30 a.m. Strength Training

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

10:30 a.m. Benediction

5:00 p.m. Praying the Rosary

Saturday, May 30

9:00 a.m. AA

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. MASS: *Sgt. Michael J. Barra* by the Family of Mary & Jim Gilligan

5:00 p.m. Sleep Out for the Homeless

6:00 p.m. Ministry Fair

Sunday, May 319:00 a.m. MASS: *Jean Mailhot* by Denise & Allan Lentini

9:15 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 a.m. Ministry Fair

11:30 a.m. MASS: *Alice "Tutta" Colquitt* by Jeff & Jane Doyle

12:30 p.m. Ministry Fair

A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.

Parish-Wide Opportunities

MINISTRY FAIR AND TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS

We hope you will take advantage of the Ministry Fair **next weekend after all the Masses** to get to know all the opportunities that you have to contribute your time and talent to the parish. See the front cover of the bulletin for more information!

VISIONING MEETING FOR ST. CATHERINE'S

Each spring the staff and committees of St. Catherine's spend a lot of time trying to figure out the calendar for next year, projects and programs we want to provide, themes and focuses for the upcoming year, etc. All of this is good work, but we often do it separately, each group or committee working on their own. This year we would like to bring everyone together to do a little evaluation of the previous year(s) and to do some dreaming and visioning for the coming year. This will be a creative process, inviting people into some personal reflection and group conversations about what St. Catherine's can and should look like next year and in the years to come. *Anyone* and everyone is welcome to come to this meeting, and we hope that all of our committees and groups will ensure that someone from their team is present. This meeting will happen on **Wednesday, May 27, from 7-9 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

PARISH PICNIC

The annual parish picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, June 14, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.** There will be a live band under the tents. You are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The parish will supply meats, rolls, lemonade, and water. You may bring along any other beverage you choose. We will need assistance carrying 25 tables and 200 chairs outside on **Saturday, June 13, at 12 p.m.** If we can get a dozen people to help, we will be done in less than an hour. We look forward to another great parish picnic!

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to the following new parishioners, who registered in May: *Paul and Bridget Marques and their daughter, Clara; Geun Hyang Kim and Bondong Giu and their daughter, Chloe; Alice Eklund; Jamie and Erin Perkins; and Don Lusardi and Jeanne Coffin.* We are so glad you are here!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

We have raised \$25,390 toward the Catholic Ministries Appeal. That amount is 63 percent of our goal of \$40,148. The CMA funds many important ministries throughout the diocese, including serving people in need through Catholic Charities. The appeal ends on May 31. We will be holding a second collection **this weekend** for anyone who has not yet pledged to the CMA campaign. Please give generously to the CMA.

SAVE THE DATE!

Summer is almost here, and before you know it, it will be time for the International Peace Festival! This year's festival will take place on **September 26-27**. If you would like to contribute food that reflects your heritage (in past years we have featured African, Spanish, and Italian dishes, among others), please contact Fr. Joe at fmarcoux@dor.org. If you would like to be a vendor at the festival, please contact Wylie Schwartz at wylieschwartz@yahoo.com.

Adult Faith News

SURVEY

The Adult Faith Enrichment Committee is asking for your help in collecting information through a short survey that was sent to you via email on Wednesday. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to fill out but will provide very valuable information to the Adult Faith Enrichment Committee, Peace and Justice Committee, and other groups of the parish. You can access the survey by going to www.surveymonkey.com/r/R9BZLR8. Thanks in advance for your help!

CENTERING PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Centering Prayer is a form of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Through daily silent meditation, we attempt to open our minds and hearts to God. This method of prayer has been called a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. The Centering Prayer group at St. Catherine of Siena would like to invite you to come to an introductory workshop to learn the practice of centering prayer. The workshop will take place on **Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to noon** in the Parish Center Green Lounge. For more information, contact Dan or Linda Finlay at lfinlay103@gmail.com.

Children's/Youth Ministry

"IN THE LOOP" WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Ministry will *not* meet today. Next Sunday, May 31, HSYM will not meet at its regular time, since many of the youth will be participating in the Sleep Out for the Homeless overnight event that weekend. We would like to invite high schoolers who are not participating in the whole event to attend a portion of the event, from **5:30-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30**. During that time we will hear a speaker from the Rescue Mission and enjoy a simple soup supper. We have one more HSYM session scheduled for June 7. During this session, the teens will learn about the practice of meditation as a way to relieve stress.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Ministry will *not* meet today. They will also not meet the following weekend, May 31, as some of the youth will be participating in the Sleep Out for the Homeless overnight event that weekend. We would like to invite those middle schoolers who are not participating in the event to attend a portion of the event, from **5:30-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30**. During that time we will hear a speaker from the Rescue Mission and enjoy a simple soup supper. The last MSYM session will be held on June 7, when Ashley Blank will lead the middle schoolers in a biblical scavenger hunt.

NO FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

There will be *no* Faith Formation sessions today, Sunday, May 24. Next Sunday, May 31, all sessions *except* Children's Liturgy of the Word are cancelled due to the Sleep Out for the Homeless and the Ministry Fair. All sessions will resume for one last time on Sunday, June 7.

Stewardship Opportunities

WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

Our youth participating in the Sleep Out for the Homeless will be collecting used winter clothing next weekend, **May 30/31, after each Mass** to donate to local homeless shelters. Boxes will be at each of the entrances to Church and the entrance to the Parish Center. We all know how cold our Ithaca winters can be, so let's help those less fortunate stay warm this winter!

FAITH IN BOOKS COLLECTION

The Family Reading Partnership is a nonprofit community organization that promotes early literacy. They are a coalition of individuals, businesses, schools, libraries, and other organizations who have joined forces to "create a culture of literacy" by promoting family reading practices throughout our community. St. Catherine's is supporting their efforts through a book collection during the month of May. Please bring gently used or new children's books and place them in the baskets at the Church doors, or by the baptismal font on the west side of the Church. These books will be donated to the Family Reading Partnership and end up on the Bright Red Bookshelves throughout Ithaca—offering free books to any family who needs them. Donations (made out to Family Reading Partnership) are also welcome.



FMSC RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Our parish has really gotten behind the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack, and we hope you will also get behind the Rummage Sale that will help to fund the Mobile Pack this year. It will be held at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Burleigh Dr. on **Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** You can help in three ways: (1) Donate clothes, household items, furniture, jewelry, children's toys, paintings, etc. to the sale. (There won't be a White Elephant Sale at St. Catherine's this year, in case you were wondering!) Donations can be dropped off at **St. Catherine's on May 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; May 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and May 30 from 2-5 p.m.; or at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Friday, June 5, from 6-9 p.m.** Home pickup of larger items is available on **June 4**. (2) Help to set up or staff the rummage sale. Contact Sandy Galbreath at ggg2@cornell.edu to volunteer or arrange for a donation pickup. (3) Attend the sale and tell your friends and neighbors about it, too!





From the Book of Ann Marie

Dear Parish Family,

Many years ago, I was asked to help a Diocesan Youth Ministry Office evaluate the programs they were offering. I ended up using an analogy to help them think through what they wanted to keep, change, move around, add, etc., and the analogy that we used was a garden.

This is the process that we are going to use on Wednesday when we have our Visioning Meeting here at St. Catherine's from 7-9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and participate—but I thought it might be helpful if I told you about the process so that those of you who can come will be primed for it, and those of you who can't make it might do some thinking about the process and send me an email with your feedback. It would be most welcomed.

So if St. Catherine's programs are a garden, there are some things in our garden that are like trees, some that are perennials, and others that are annuals. For those who aren't big gardeners (or are just not following my train of thought), here is what I mean:

- *Trees:* A tree in a garden can be chopped down or trimmed, but it can't really be moved. In most gardens, we plant them where we want them and they are a pretty permanent part of our garden. We mourn a little when a storm brings them down. For St. Catherine's, I would propose that one of our trees is our relationship with the Portal de Belén. We would mourn if it went away and it is big part of how we see ourselves.
- *Perennials:* These are plants that come up every year (like tulips). We can transplant them somewhat easily, but mostly we leave them where they are and they bloom each year at different times throughout the season. We can trim them back or split them if they get too big. There are a lot of "perennial" events at St. Catherine's—the upcoming parish picnic is an example.
- *Annuals:* Annuals are those flowers that we plant each year (like geraniums). We add them to our gardens to bring a dash of color, or to fill out a space, or because we happen to love that particular flower. This year's "annual" was our Unite campaign and all the planning meetings and events that were associated with it. The adult D.R. trip is another example.
- *Soil:* Using this analogy, I am going to suggest that our liturgy, faith formation, and other things required by Canon Law are the soil that the whole garden is planted in. There is literally no garden without them. However, it is fair that we look at the quality of the soil and figure out what needs a little strengthening to bring out our best.

I am hopeful that this analogy and the process we will use will help us evaluate those things that make up our St. Catherine's calendar and shape the way that we live, pray, and grow in faith together. I think it will be a fun evening, especially if you have a little creative energy and don't mind getting your hands a little dirty in the garden!

Again, all are welcome to our Visioning Meeting **this Wednesday, May 27, from 7-9 p.m.** You don't have to be "in the know" about all of St. Catherine's events to participate. You don't have to bring all sorts of new ideas, although new ideas are welcome. All you need to do is enter in, share your experiences and ideas, and help us reflect on where we have been and where we would like to go. If you can't come but have some ideas to share, please send me an email at ameckert@dor.org.

Peace,

10 INCHES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Margaret DeGaetano, one of our parishioners, will be donating 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. She is also using this occasion to raise a little money for two other causes that are close to her heart—Hospicare and St. Catherine's new Parish Center. She is collecting donations per inch that she cuts (or just any amount is fine). If you would like to contribute, send her an email at mmd@tc3.edu or sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Center.

CALL TO RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHANGE

In his 1990 World Day of Peace message, St. Pope John Paul II warned that "the gradual depletion of the ozone layer and the related 'greenhouse effect' has now reached crisis proportions....It is necessary...that the entire human community—individuals, states and international bodies—take seriously the responsibility that is theirs." By the end of 1990 the world's leading industrial nations and corporations came together to end the production and phase out the use of ozone-depleting chemicals. They also agreed to financially assist poorer nations' transition to safer products. In addition to reducing your own carbon footprint, contact your Senators and Representative and tell them that you want the United States to take leadership in reducing worldwide greenhouse gas emissions and providing the support necessary for poor nations to comply with new reductions.

Community News

ITHACA PARADE—PALESTINE FOR PEACE

Pope Francis and the Vatican recently reiterated their support for the people of Palestine by following the lead of the U.N. in recognizing the State of Palestine. Members of the Ithaca community would like to show support for the Palestinian people by marching in the Ithaca Festival Parade on **May 28**, under the banner "Palestine for Peace." They are looking for adults who are willing to walk in the parade, and youth and adults who are willing to learn the Dabke (a simple Middle Eastern dance) to dance on the parade route. This effort is being coordinated by Sophie Zapala, and if you would like to volunteer or get more information, please contact her at sophiezapala@aol.com or 607-229-2990.

ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN PRESENTATION

On **Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m.** there will be a presentation entitled "One Land, Two Worlds, One Painful Hope" at GreenStar's The SPACE. Alit Abu Awwad and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger will tell their personal stories and speak of their efforts to build a better future in the Holy Land, a land they both call home. Come and learn more about what divides these two cultures and the things that can unite them.

News from Immaculate Conception

SCHOOL NEWS

Our students led a living Rosary at the May Crowning during Grandparents Day. This included three- and four-year-olds leading the parents, grandparents, staff, and students in prayer. Congratulations to our students who celebrated receiving their First Communion, as well as the May Crowning honor guard and attendants.

Our half-day three-year-old program has an early literacy focus and includes opportunities for play and creative expression as well as developing social skills. We have room for eight more students. Come take a tour of the program!

Our pre-K 4-year-old classes will be full when the next five students register. That will give us two classes with 17 students each. Don't let time run out—register today!

VOCAL PERFORMANCE

Voces Caelestes, a choral group from the Padre Pio Academy in Lakewood, Ohio, will be presenting *Compline: A Choral Offering* at Immaculate Conception Church on **Sunday, June 7, at 7:45 p.m.** Compline, the final of the daily canonical hours, is a meditative thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the day and an appeal for protection through the night. The order of service includes psalms, prayers, anthems, and hymns sung by a small choir. The group will offer a polyphonic chant and sacred music prelude, followed by the Compline.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 27	Visioning Meeting
May 30-31	Ministry Fair
June 14	Parish Picnic



St. Catherine of Siena Parish Lifelong Faith Formation

St. Catherine's is committed to providing people of all ages opportunities to grow in their understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Ages 3 through Kindergarten

Children's Liturgy of the Word serves children, ages 3–kindergarten, in better understanding the Scriptures. CLOW takes place during the 9 a.m. Mass. Children and a parent are dismissed at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word and the readings are explained in a way that is meaningful to them. Adult leaders are needed to lead these sessions on a rotating monthly basis.
Contact Ashley Blank, 607-257-2493 / ablank@dor.org

Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation includes the following:

- **Baptism**—First-time parents should schedule a meeting with Fr. Joe prior to or soon after the birth of their child.
- **First Reconciliation**—Children in 2nd grade prepare for Reconciliation with their parents during a six-week program in the fall/winter. Reconciliation must precede First Eucharist.
- **First Eucharist**—Children in 3rd grade or older prepare for their First Eucharist with their parents during a nine-week program in the winter/spring.
- **Confirmation**—Youth in 8th grade or older begin a two-year program which is a part of youth ministry sessions and additional programming.
- **Marriage**—Couples should schedule a meeting with Fr. Joe at least six months prior to their marriage to participate in marriage preparation.



All children and youth must also be involved in CFF / MSYM / HSYM to participate in Sacramental Preparation Programs. Adult volunteers are needed to serve as leaders of these ministries.

Contact Ashley Blank, 607-257-2493 / ablank@dor.org

Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Grades 1–5

Children's Faith Formation is designed to help children to better understand and appreciate the Catholic faith. Classes are held on Sunday mornings, from 10:15–11:15 a.m. Classes meet by age group for about 30 hours per year with a class size of 15–25. Occasionally, all-class sessions are held around specific holy days and themes. Children can also participate in home-study courses, if desired. Also included in CFF are occasional programs to help children learn and participate in faith-based activities. These include:

- **St. Nicholas Day**—held in mid-December. Includes the Christmas Pageant.
- **Stations of the Cross**—held on a Friday in Lent.
- **Service Projects**—occasional service opportunities are scheduled throughout the year within the children's classrooms.

Adult and youth volunteers are needed to serve as catechists, assistants, substitute teachers, and activity leaders for all of the programs listed above.
Contact Ashley Blank, 607-257-2493 / ablank@dor.org



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (R.C.I.C.) Adult Confirmation

Adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their initiation into the Catholic faith are invited to participate in the R.C.I.A. process. This eight-month process invites individuals to learn about the Catholic faith, ask questions, deepen their relationship with God, and grow in a community. R.C.I.A. begins in September, with the Sacraments received at the Easter Vigil. R.C.I.A. is open to all youth and adults. A similar but separate process is offered to children (and families) who would like to become Catholic through R.C.I.C. For those who are active Church members but who have never been Confirmed, a short preparation program is available in the fall.

Sponsors and team members are needed for these ministries and involve a year-long commitment. Contact: Ann Marie Eckert, 607-257-2493 / ameckert@dor.org



St. Catherine of Siena Parish **Lifelong Faith Formation**



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High School Youth Ministry (HSYM)

Grades 9–12



High School Youth Ministry provides opportunities for youth to learn more about and appreciate their Catholic faith, pray together, serve the parish and wider community, and build community with their peers and the parish. HSYM meets on Sundays from 4–5:30 p.m. In addition to these meetings, the following activities/programs are available to high schoolers:

- Dominican Republic Trip—held biannually (even years) to our sister parish in the D.R. Youth interact with and provide service to the community.
- National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)—held biannually (odd years), this conference gathers about 20,000 youth from throughout the U.S. for a weekend of prayer, workshops, community, and inspiration.
- YouthLeader—leadership training for high school youth.
- Service Opportunities—occasional opportunities for service projects are offered throughout the year.
- Easter Egg Hunt/Fall Festival/Parish Picnic/St. Nicholas Day—opportunities for youth to provide activities for younger parishioners.
- Stations of the Cross/Liturgical Ministry—opportunities for youth to lead the parish in prayer.
- Wreath and Poinsettia Sale—fundraising activities.

Adult and young adult volunteers are needed to serve on the High School Ministry Team, and to serve as activity leaders for the activities/programs listed above. *Contact Ashley Blank, 607-257-2493 / ablank@dor.org*

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation includes a wide variety of ways that adults can grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith, Scripture, prayer, and other aspects of Christian living. Included are the following:

- Life and Faith Sessions—weekly opportunities for discussion and learning. Most Sundays from 10:15–11:15 a.m.
- Scripture Study—eight-week study programs that focus on a particular book of the Bible. Usually two studies happen a year, one in fall and one in spring.
- One-Time Programs—including workshops, retreats, discussion groups, book discussions, etc.
- Adult Faith Enrichment Committee—works to design and implement the above programs.

Parishioners are invited to share their wisdom within these programs by serving as leaders. *Contact Carla Marceau, 607-257-2667 / Carla.marceau@gmail.com*



Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM)

Grades 6–8

Middle School Youth Ministry is designed to help middle schoolers understand, practice, and appreciate their Catholic faith through hands-on learning, prayer, and interactive programs. MSYM meets on Sundays from 4–5:30 p.m. Middle schoolers can also participate in home-study courses, if desired. In addition to these meetings, the following activities/programs are available to middle schoolers:

- Poinsettia Project Card Making—Advent activity.
- Shadow Stations of the Cross—presented on a Friday of Lent.
- Babysitting and Activity Leaders—occasional help needed for parish programs, including St. Nicholas Day and Parenting Workshops.
- Service Projects—occasional service projects are scheduled throughout the year.
- Just5Days—a five-day service trip scheduled for July.



Adult and young adult volunteers are needed to serve on the Middle School Ministry Team, and to serve as activity leaders for the activities/programs listed above. *Contact Ashley Blank, 607-257-2493 / ablank@dor.org*

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS: MAY 30/31	
5:00 P.M.	
Music	Diane Duthie
Lector	Steve Moolin Bob Julian
Minister of Communion	Mary Lou Bailey-Smith - Host Mary Kay La Londe - Host Jon Parmenter - Host Gail Csruth - Cup Jill Dollaway - Cup Steve Dollaway - Cup Ann Gifford- Cup Mary Hutchens - Cup
Altar Server	Bode Petrich - Cross Ben Petrich - Book
Minister of Hospitality	John Sipple - 1 Tanya Petrich - 2 Michael Petrich - 3 Terry Gifford - 4
9:00 A.M.	
Music	Karen Dumont
Brookdale	Mary Ann & David Albonesi
Lector	Gregory Menzenski Simone St. Anne
Minister of Communion	Silvia Abbiati - Host Diane Childs - Host Bob Dyer - Host Nickie Carrier-Titti - Cup Debbie Cherney - Cup Jerry Cherney - Cup Jean Luzzi - Cup Tori Wishart - Cup
Altar Server	Tristan Babcock - Cross Samuel Dow - Book
Minister of Hospitality	Azucena Ortega - 1 Chris Bates - 2 John Wishart - 3 Michael Luzzi- 4 Lucia Younger - 5 Nathaniel & Beverly Way - 6
11:30 A.M.	
Music	Sally Ramirez
Lector	Jody Kunk-Czaplicki Bob Talda
Minister of Communion	Robert Brown - Host Rob Julian - Host Marie de Roos - Host John Balmer- Cup Dan Briotta - Cup Nancy Cleveland - Cup Carla Marceau - Cup Joyce White - Cup
Altar Server	Sankofa McLaurin - Cross Kenneth McLaurin III - Book
Minister of Hospitality	Ellen Walsh - 1 Kevin Walsh - 2 Mila Veshcherevich - 3 Rose Blinn - 4 *** - 5 Diane Dunham- 6

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