



CHRIST THE KING



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
November 22, 2015
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*Mission Statement:
A Community
empowered by God
striving to make Jesus
known, experienced, loved
and imitated.*

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*Emergency after hours to request
services of a Priest:*
269-806-1102

Sunday Mass Times:
Saturday Anticipatory Mass:
5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,
5:00 PM

Daily Mass:
Monday - Saturday: 9:15 AM

Reconciliation:
First Friday: 8:15 AM
Saturday: 8:45AM & 4:00PM
Thursday: 8:45AM & 6:00 PM

*Adoration: Thursday 9:45AM—
Friday 3PM*

Religious Education Office
Phone: 269-327-0861

Youth Ministry Office
Phone: 269-327-5165 ext. 150

*Information on the Sacrament of
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Narcia Schultz 978-2340

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prayers@stcatherinesiena.org

Parish Clergy
Fr. Robert Creagan, Pastor
Fr. Dan Doctor, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ben Huynh, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Jack Prendergast
Deacon Ed Feltes



Pastor Notes

November 22, 2015

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the conclusion of the liturgical year. It was ninety years ago when this solemnity was first observed at the conclusion of the Holy Year 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Originally celebrated in October, it was moved to Last (34th) Sunday of Ordinary Time following the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). As Americans, we may not appreciate the regal terminology. Christ's coronation was far from regal; today's Gospel passage recalls the interrogation between Jesus and Pilate. Jesus accepts His Kingship for our behalf. How do we respond?

Later this week, our nation celebrates Thanksgiving Day. There will be Mass at 9:15 am in the main church on Thanksgiving Day. While not a holy day of obligation, I invite you to celebrate the Eucharist (which means thanksgiving) with your parish family. In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25. We will resume regular parish hours on Monday, November 30. In the case of emergency, please call the parish number and follow the instructions. Eucharistic adoration will be suspended on November 26-27 and will resume on December 3-4. Masses on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28 will be at 9:15 am in the Trinity Chapel.

This Thanksgiving is the 226th anniversary of the original presidential proclamation. Our first president, George Washington, designated Thursday, November 26, 1789 as "a day of prayer and giving thanks." The President commanded "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God ...and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions..." Other presidential proclamations would follow. Abraham Lincoln called for establishing a national holiday in 1863 (in the midst of the Civil War). Franklin Roosevelt fixed the fourth Thursday of November as the specific date (1939). In 1962, John Kennedy gave the historical roots for Thanksgiving with the sole credit given to the pilgrims in Massachusetts (1621). There were earlier "thanksgivings" in the New World: Berkeley Plantation (VA) in 1619, St. Augustine (FL) in 1565 and Palo Duro Canyon (TX) in 1541 by Coronado and his men. These rich origins lead us to our present day observance, including lots of food and games (for us, football). I hope that you enjoy this day with family and friends; above all, thank the Lord for all your blessings.

The season of Advent begins with the anticipatory Mass on Saturday, November 28 at 5:30 pm. While not a penitential season like Lent, there will be an expanded schedule for the Sacrament of Penance. Check the schedule at the Reconciliation Room and postings in the narthex. This is a spiritual way to prepare for the annual celebration of our Lord's Nativity.

Blessings always,
Fr. Robert Creagan

Music at the Mass November 28-29

5:30 PM	Sienas
7:30 AM	Cantor
9:00 AM	Choir
11:00 AM	Cantor
5:00 PM	Life Teen Band

Administration

John Emilio 978-2335 jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org

Collections	Budget	Actual	Difference (Deficit)
YTD—FY 7/15-6/16	\$512,432	\$496,283	(\$16,149)
2nd Collections	\$6,500	\$3,784	(\$2,716)
YTD Weekly Avg Collected = \$26,165. 5 Yr. Weekly Avg = \$28,421. Difference=(\$2,256)/week			

Charity and Justice Mission
 Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org

The Giving Trees – Church Lobby -East end.

Choose one or more gift tags from the Christmas Giving Trees to help support our local community and those who are struggling this holiday season. You might check the poster in the lobby for a brief description of the local organizations. Please pay attention to the return date on the tags (return items after Thanksgiving or by **December 6th or 13th** as indicated on the tags) so items can be packaged and delivered in a timely fashion.

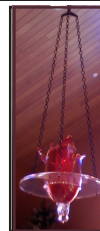


St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

Please help our SVDP food pantry by donating the following items:

- Peanut Butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Boxed Cereal
- Hearty Soups
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Meats – Tuna, Chicken, Spam
- Boxed Dinners – Hamburger Helper, Ramen Noodles, Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Baked Beans

Place items in the wooden box in Marian Hall. Thank you.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in thanksgiving for the Knights of Columbus Council 6980.

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal: \$278,869
Pledged: \$229,575.97 (82%)
Paid: \$204,874.62 (73%)
of families: 923

It's not too late to make a pledge!! You have until December 31, 2015 to make a pledge for the 2015 campaign for the 2015 tax year. Please consider making a pledge today.



Celebrating Saint Nicholas on December 6th

Please join CCDOK and Bishop Bradley as we celebrate Saint Nicholas on December 6th from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM at the Fetzer Center on Western Michigan University's Campus. Bishop Bradley will share the REAL story of Saint Nicholas, and there will be fun activities and delicious snacks for the whole family. Call 381-9800 to RSVP or learn more.



Care and Support Mission
 Mary Beckley-Clark 978-2334 mclark@stcatherinesiena.org

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP

The Widow & Widowers Group will meet on Tuesday, **November 24, 2015** at noon at the Bob Evans Restaurant on S. Westnedge. Please join us for food and fellowship.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Are you looking for something to do as the colder weather approaches?



The Prayer Shawl Weavers meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Polly Pollard Room to knit and pray. New members are always welcome. No experience necessary—we will teach you! Yarn and needles are provided.

Next Meeting:
November 24, 2015

Anonymous Groups

Food Addicts Anonymous:
 Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Rooms 6-8

Alcoholics Anonymous:
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 pm, Rooms 10-12
 Saturdays, 5 pm, Rooms 10-12

Gamblers Anonymous:
 Fridays, 7:30 PM
 Rooms 10-12

Overeaters Anonymous:
 Saturdays, 11 am, Rooms 6-8

Coats, hats, gloves, and boots/shoes that are left at church will be kept for one month. We will note the date the item is found, then donate it to St. Vincent de Paul Society downtown after a month has passed. Thanks for understanding!

Sponsors make our bulletin possible. Please thank:

Southwest Michigan Dermatology
 Dr. David Semler

Franco's Substation
 Francesca & Franco Impellizeri

They are this week's
 Featured Sponsors.

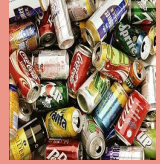
Youth Ministry Mission
 Nichole McClish 327-5165 ext. 150 nmcclish@stcatherinesiena.org



High School Life Teen programming continues throughout the 2015/16 school year! Each Sunday Mass is held from 5-6 pm, and Life Teen programming is held in the Stanley Centre from 6-8 pm! Please join us!

Middle School EDGE programming continues throughout the 2015/16 school year! Programming runs from 6:30-8:00 each Wednesday in the Stanley Centre. Anyone in grades 6-8 is invited to join us for fellowship, programming and snacks!

Please consider dropping off your returnable cans in our designated bin in Marian Hall. Donations will be used towards our 2016 High School Summer Mission Trip!



Confirmation Service Opportunities:

- ♦ Youth Ministry Caroling Event, Friday, December 11th, 6pm-9pm. Permission slips available online or in the narthex. Students MUST have a permission slip in order to participate.
- ♦ Santa's Workshop volunteers, Saturday, December 19th, 9am-1pm (set up, booth/activity coordinating, clean up) (email nmcclish@stcatherinesiena.org)
- ♦ Youth led Mid-Week Family Fuel, Wednesday, December 2nd, 5pm-7pm, Marian Hall (email nmcclish@stcatherinesiena.org)
- ♦ Parish Nursery at 9am and 11am masses (show up and sign in with the nursery volunteer)
- ♦ Coffee and Donuts prep and service (email stevelins@aol.com)
- ♦ EDGE, Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00 in the Stanley Centre (just show up :))

2016 Mission Trip Update:

Our 2016 Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip location has been secured! We will be headed to NASHVILLE, TN from JULY 17TH-23RD! Contact Nichole McClish to reserve your spot!



Confirmation

- Sponsor forms are due in class on **November 29th**.
- Saint reports are due in class on **November 29th**.
- Permission slips and retreat payments are due by **December 13th**.

Family Life Mission
 Nicky Aiello 978-2331 naiello@stcatherinesiena.org

Save the Date: Midweek Family Fuel

Join us for a special Midweek Family Fuel on Wednesday, December 2nd. Dinner will be served from 5:45-6:30 pm in Marian Hall. Recommended donation is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. We will be serving tacos, nachos, rice, refried beans and ice cream sandwiches. Everyone is welcome.

Liturgical Mission
 Ryan Hoch 978-2332 rhoch@stcatherinesiena.org

Adoration:

Adoration will be suspended during the Thanksgiving break on November 26-27. It is usually very difficult to find adorers who can be here during the holiday.

If you are interested in learning more about Adoration or if you would like to be added to the schedule, please contact Nicky Aiello at naiello@stcatherinesiena.org.

Fellowship Mission
Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org



Poinsettia Sales

This is the last weekend to order your poinsettia for the Christmas season. Sales are in the Narthex after each Mass today.

Big thanks to everyone who participated in the Wine and Canvas Party. The appetizers and desserts were delicious and a thank you to Father Bob for his generous donation of the wine. It was a fun time!



Thanksgiving Dinner is offered to our St. Catherine parishioners on Thursday, November 26th at 1:00 pm in Marian Hall. The meal includes turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole, cranberry relish, sweet potatoes, and dinner rolls. Each family is asked to bring 1 dessert. You must RSVP by November 24th to Mary Hunt at mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org or 978-2338.



Santa's Workshop

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 19th** from **10:00 – 12:00** in the Stanley Centre gym. There will be several booths for children to make crafts and meet Santa Claus. Tickets will be on sale at the door, 5 tickets for a \$5.00. Each booth will require 1 or 2 tickets. Concessions will also be for sale.



Have you stopped in Marian Hall after Sunday morning Mass? If not, please come down to Marian Hall where you can meet other families and enjoy some fellowship with a cup of coffee and a homemade donut or a bagel.

Please help our coffee and donut ministry continue serving our parish family by increasing your donut donation. This money is used for all the donut supplies, equal exchange coffee and all the paper cups, napkins and paper plates used throughout the church. The budget for supplies is based on the weekly donation. We would like to continue this ministry but may need to make some slight changes.

Attention Deer Hunters –

You can help the Knights of Columbus Council 1616 support local charities by donating your deer hide to Russell Farms. They are a Catholic owned local business located at 5616 Riverview Dr. in Parchment, MI. Russell Farms provides quality deer processing, sausage and jerky making supplies, deerskin gloves, leather craft supplies, belts buckles and other unique items. Shop local and small businesses this Christmas season. If you process your own deer, Russell Farms will still accept your deer hide for charity. Please call Russell Farms at 349-6120 or Daniel Barrett at 388-3814 for more info. You can check out our new website: www.kofc1616.com.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**SUNDAY: November 22 The Solemnity of Christ the King**

Daniel 7:13-14/Revelation 1:5-8/John 18:33b-37

- 7:30 AM †Roy Doctor
 9:00 AM †Jennie Cascio
 11:00 AM †Phyllis Smolinski
 5:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY: November 23 St. Clement, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 /Luke 21:1-4

- 9:15 AM †Erica J. Hilbert and † Carlos Alberto Wink

TUESDAY: November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Daniel 2:31-45/Luke 21:5-11

- 9:15 AM †Antoine Gonzago

WEDNESDAY: November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Luke 21:12-19

- 9:15 AM †Jerry Pochyla

THURSDAY: November 26

Daniel 6:12-28/Luke 21:20-28

- 9:15 AM †Fred Dunayczan

FRIDAY: November 27

Daniel 7:2-14/Luke 21:29-33

- 9:15 AM †Richard Pitera

SATURDAY: November 28

Daniel 7:15-27/Luke 21:34-36

- 9:15 AM †Roy Doctor

SATURDAY: November 28 Anticipating the First Sunday of Advent

- 5:30 PM †Deceased members of Knights of Columbus #6980

SUNDAY: November 29 The First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16/1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2/Luke 21:25-28,34-36

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:00 AM Steve and Nancy Dudasko – 30th Wedding Anniversary
 11:00 AM †Fred Phillips
 5:00 PM †Ann Roschek

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Weavers, Polly Pollard Room
 9:45 AM Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 12:00 PM Widow/Widowers Lunch, Off Grounds
 1:00 PM Senior Center Yoga, GWR
 5:00 PM Baptism, Church
 5:30 PM AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
 5:45 PM YOGA, Gym
 6:00 PM Deacon Formation, SCR, LL
 6:00 PM Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church
 6:30 PM FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus officers Mtg, Rooms 5-7

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

- 9:45 AM Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 1:30 PM Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds

Thursday, November 26, 2015

- 8:45 AM Reconciliation, Church**
 9:15 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass, Church
 1:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner, Marian Hall

Friday, November 27, 2015

- 9:15 AM Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

Saturday, November 28, 2015

- 8:00 AM Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3
 8:45 AM **Reconciliation, Church**
 10:15 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for Unborn Prayer Group, Trinity Chapel
 11:00 AM OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
 3:30 PM Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 4:00 PM **Reconciliation, Church**
 5:00 PM AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Sunday, November 29, 2015

- 8:30 AM Knights of Columbus Color Guard, Room 14
 3:00 PM Middle School RE/HS Confirmation Class, Classrooms
 3:30 PM Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church
 6:00 PM Life Teen, Stanley Centre

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22, 2015 Donuts & Coffee, **Equal Exchange Sales**. in Marian Hall after morning Masses; *Preschool-1st Grade Religious Education during 9 AM & 11 AM Masses.*

- 12:30 PM Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, GWR
 3:30 PM Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church
 6:00 PM Life Teen, Stanley Centre

Monday, November 23, 2015

- 9:45 AM Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 10:00 AM Medilodge, Off Grounds
 1:30 PM Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
 7:00 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 10-12

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