

BODY &  
*Blood*  
OF  
CHRIST

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church  
Portage, Michigan  
May 29, 2016

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

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269-806-1102

*Sunday Mass Times:*  
Saturday Anticipatory Mass:  
5:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,  
5:00 PM (September—April)

*Daily Mass:*  
Monday - Saturday: 9:15 AM

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

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

*Religious Education Office*  
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*Youth Ministry Office*  
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Fr. Dan Doctor, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Ben Huynh, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Jack Prendergast  
Deacon Ed Feltes



## Pastor Notes

May 29, 2016

Dear People of the Parish,

Today the Church celebrates The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Traditionally known as Corpus Christi, this was a feast that included processions and adorations in parishes. Particularly in Italy, entire villages would close their streets to allow the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to pass by homes and businesses. While we don't have a procession this year, let us do our best to be renewed in our Lord's Ultimate Sacrifice and renew our Love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. As a reminder, we have Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every week. Join us in Trinity Chapel between 10 am Thursdays and 3 pm Fridays. We can always use adorers during the early hours on Friday morning. Interested? Call the parish office for information.

Our summer Mass schedule is in place. Please note that our Sunday 5:00 pm Mass is suspended until Sunday, September 11; however there will Mass on Sunday, August 7 at 5:00 pm. This is in conjunction with our intense week of Religious Education (August 7-12) and our parish picnic on August 7. Bishop Bradley will be here to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish that weekend, too. It's going to be a BUSY day.

Monday, May 30, is Memorial Day. In 1866, following the Civil War, there was a national effort to commemorate those who died during the War Between the States. I remember going to school on Decoration Day for morning classes. Then, we would have a parade to the local cemeteries for tributes and honors. Today, it's another day off. However, I hope that you take time to share in some community events. There is mass at 9:15am as usual. At 10:00 am, there is the annual Memorial Day Parade in Portage. I will march with our preschool kids and families. (Last year, you would think that I was running for office!) Our parish even has a float this year in honor of our Golden Jubilee. If Monday is just a day off and for relaxing, don't forget those who made the Ultimate Sacrifice, so that we can enjoy our freedoms.

The replica of the Shroud of Turin remains on display this week in Trinity Chapel. If you haven't seen it, don't miss the opportunity. While the Church has made no claim to its authenticity, it remains a cherished relic.

I hope that spring has arrived and plans to stay around. With the month of June upon us, soon it will be summertime. Whatever it may do outside, I hope that you and I can be warmth and sunshine to others. Blessings on these final days of May.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Bob

## Music at the Mass June 5-6

5:30 PM	Cantor
7:30 AM	Cantor
9:00 AM	Gathering Band
11:00 AM	Gathering Band

## Administration

John Emilio 978-2335 [jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org)

Collections	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD—FY 7/15-6/16	\$1,251,611	\$1,277,408	\$25,797
YTD—Holy Days	\$65,000	\$76,608	\$11,608
YTD—Combined	\$1,316,611	\$1,354,016	\$37,405
5 Yr. Wkly Avg = \$28,421. Budgeted Wkly Avg this yr = \$27,209. Actual Wkly Avg this yr = \$27,770.			



**Website Feedback Requested**

It has been about one year since we launched our new website; now we want to know how we can improve it. We would like to hear from you, specifically, on these four questions:

- 1) Is the website easy to use? Can you readily find what you're looking for? If not, please give examples.
- 2) Once you locate what you're looking for, does the information provided address the topic effectively? In other words, is there enough detail on your specific topic(s)?
- 3) Do you use our website frequently (i.e. at least once per week)? If yes, which pages or sections of our website are most useful to you? If not, please tell us why not.
- 4) Would you like to see us have a phone app? If so, for what reasons?

Please go to <http://goo.gl/forms/2wmuptwMp7> to take our survey electronically or send your responses to Kendra Stampor ([kstampor@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:kstampor@stcatherinesiena.org)) by **June 9, 2016**. You may also find a link to the electronic version of this survey in the lower-right corner of our homepage under Quick Links. Thank you in advance for your help in improving our website.

**Music Mission**

Mike Kiebel 978-2333 [mkiebel@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:mkiebel@stcatherinesiena.org)

**Audio-Visual Ministry**

This ministry serves as an essential component in all of our Masses, so we are continually looking for people to fill Audio-Visual positions that are critical for the presentation of our Sunday Masses. An invitation is extended to all who would like to serve in this ministry. AV volunteers generally serve at the Mass they usually attend. Training is provided. Please contact the Music Office at 978-2333 if you are interested in joining our team.

**Charity and Justice Mission**

Mary Hunt 978-2333 [mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs:**

Please help us fill our shelves with certain food items for people in the community who are struggling. You may place them in the wooden box in Marian Hall marked St. Vincent de Paul Food.

- Boxed cereal
- Boxed meals – Macaroni and Cheese, Hamburger Helper
- Dry Pasta
- Jelly/Jams

We are also in need of laundry soap.

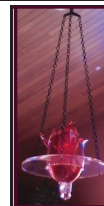
**Migrant Ministry Donations** will be collected in **Room 19** from **May 21 – June 18**. We serve over 100 children each week in the summer.

**Items needed:**

Juice boxes, water bottles, graham crackers, goldfish crackers, Rice Krispie treats, individually-wrapped cookies, crackers, and snacks.

**Craft Supplies of:** pony beads, plastic lanyard, nail polish, cotton balls, nail polish remover, stickers, coloring books, crayons, markers, white paper bags, colored construction paper, yarn, new white tube socks, buttons, hula hoops, jump ropes.

St. Catherine's parishioners generously donated 1290 diapers, 2144 wipes, 19 handmade blankets (some with matching baby hats), 82 new and used books, 58 onesies, and MORE to our **Caring Network Showerless Shower**. This year we also received a toddler bed and mattress and a high chair! The Caring Network moms and babies thank you!



*This week the Sanctuary  
Lamp burns for  
all Veterans.*

**Covenant Scholarships for Catholic Education**

No child of a registered parish family will be denied the opportunity of a Catholic education at any local CSGK Catholic elementary school due to financial need. Application packets are available in the front office or on our website under who-we-are/links/. If you have questions, please contact Father Bob at 327-5165.

**2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

**Parish Goal:** \$278,869.00  
**Pledged:** \$166,832.00 (60%)  
**Paid:** \$100,484.50 (36%)  
**# of families:** 482

If you want to have your BAA pledge payments taken out (July 2016 - April 2017) through ACH, please contact Linda Reaume at 327-5165 x144 or [lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org). Please note this is NOT the same as paying online at the Diocese. Please call or email Linda with any questions.

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:

**EMA Enterprises**  
Mike Leeuw

**Nelson Hardware**  
Jean Truitt

They are this week's  
Featured Sponsors.

Care and Support Mission  
Mary Beckley-Clark 978-2334 [mclark@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:mclark@stcatherinesiena.org)

**TIME FOR LUNCH**

The Widow & Widowers Group will be meet at noon this **Tuesday, May 31st** at Bob Evans Restaurant on Westnedge. Please join us for good food and good conversation.

**Volunteers Needed**

**Martha's Table Ministry** is looking for a few new volunteers to assist in preparing and delivering meals to our fellow parishioners in need. If you love to cook, we'd love to put your culinary skills to use! We are also seeking a meal coordinator who is able to make calls and schedule meals when needed. If you are looking to volunteer, but have limited time, this would be a great way to serve the parish!



*"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread." Proverbs 22:9*

**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

**THANK YOU** to our WMU Intern, Ann Browning, who will be completing her internship at St. Catherine's this month. She has been involved in many areas of ministry through the Charity & Justice and Care & Support Missions this year. **Best wishes as you continue your graduate studies!**

Family Life Mission  
Nicky Aiello 978-2331 [naiello@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:naiello@stcatherinesiena.org)

**VBS 2016: Our Mother Mary**

**When:** July 11-15, 2016 from 9:00 am-noon  
Registration forms are now available on our website (<http://stcatherinesiena.org/>) under Registration Forms and Job Openings.

**Volunteers are greatly needed!** Contact Nicky Aiello at 978-2331 if you are able to help.

**VBS Donation Board**

If you would like to help out with Vacation Bible School this summer but can't volunteer there is something you can do to help! We have a donation board with materials needed for VBS in Marian Hall. Choose the items you would like to donate and bring them back to the boxes in Marian Hall underneath the VBS banner before July 4<sup>th</sup>. We really appreciate and thank you for your generous donations.

**Upcoming VIRTUS Trainings**

Are you planning to participate in your child's activities here at the parish? If so, you will need to go through the VIRTUS training. This training is required of any adult who works with children at the church or within the Catholic Schools. If you are preparing to help with religious education classes, Vacation Bible School, nursery or any other activity that involves children, please plan to attend one of these trainings:

- **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish in Kalamazoo**
- **Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at St. Martin of Tours in Vicksburg**
- **Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Catherine of Siena in the Siena Conference Room**

You can register for these classes by going to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and clicking on "registration" on the left hand side.

Catechesis & Evangelization  
Leanne Phelan 327-0861 ext. 115 [lphelan@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:lphelan@stcatherinesiena.org)

Religious Education registration is now open for summer 2016 classes and the 2016-2017 year. Forms are available in the Narthex, in the Front Office or on our website (<http://stcatherinesiena.org/> and click on Registration Forms and Job Openings). The summer program for Grades 3-7 is **August 7th-12th** and **registration forms will be accepted through June 1, 2016**. Students must have made their First Communion to attend the summer session. Fall registration forms will be accepted through **July 1, 2016**. Confirmation has a separate registration form which is also found on our website. For further information, please contact Leanne Phelan at: [lphelan@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:lphelan@stcatherinesiena.org).

Youth Ministry Mission  
 Nichole McClish 327-5165 ext. 150 [nmclish@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:nmclish@stcatherinesiena.org)

Migrant Ministry for all Middle and High School students will begin on July 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Stanley Centre each Monday evening and depart for the migrant camps. Our parish youth will play games and entertain the migrant youth, as well as provide snacks and fellowship. Parent permission slips will be available when you drop off your child.

Join us for our annual **CEDAR POINT** trip!!! Youth entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for this great day of fun on **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will depart from the Stanley Centre by chartered bus at 6 am and return around 12 am. The fee for this trip is \$100 per participant, which includes transportation, park ticket, and drink bands for unlimited drinks while inside the park. Space is limited and all forms are due by June 13<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips can be found on our website under Youth Ministry or in the Narthex. Contact Nichole McClish for more information.



### Support Youth Ministry!



If you are looking for someplace to pamper yourself a bit, consider PN Nails. They will donate \$5 to our youth ministry program for every \$35 spent. Thanks in advance.

Fellowship Mission  
 Mary Hunt 978-2338 [mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org)

### Come to the Portage Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 30, 2016.

Join Father Bob Creagan, our preschool teachers and families, and our charter member veterans at the Portage Annual Memorial Day Parade. Bring the family at **10:00 am** to South Westnedge between the Southland Mall and the Portage Library and watch for the St. Catherine's float.



### A Special Thanks to Our Float Committee

A special thanks to the float committee - Max Walter, Rich Buehrle, Ann Browning, the Wilcutt family and the Clark family - for donating their time in building the float and donating supplies and to Max who donated his truck and trailer. Thank you!

### Just a Policy Note

It's that time of year for graduations and weddings and the question always comes up: Can we borrow tables, chairs, coffee makers, warmers, roasters, pots, pans, and trays etc. from the church kitchen? Unfortunately, we do not allow our equipment out of the building. We do not have in our budget a replacement fund for lost or broken equipment. Most rental companies have everything you could need to host a party.

### St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

**When:** Saturday July 16, 2016; Registration at 8:00 am, Shot Gun Start 9:00 am.

**Where:** Pineview Golf Course, Pulver Rd, Three Rivers, MI.

Men, Women, or Mixed.

Entry Fee is \$60.00 per person and includes: golf, riding cart, donuts, coffee, dinner and beverages.

Hole Sponsorships Available - \$50.00 per hole.

Payment deadline July 10<sup>th</sup>.

For any questions or to register, please contact Mark Castillo at (269) 599-4560 or Bob Hamman at (269)353-8447.



To help us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary we have ordered a special t shirt with an anniversary logo on the left chest area. We will have a limited number for sale, but there will be an order form available when we run out. Each shirt costs \$15.00 and should arrive any day. Watch for a pulpit announcement and a table in the Narthex.




**SUNDAY: May 29 The Most Holy Body Blood of Christ**

Genesis 14:18-20/1 Corinthians 11:23-26/Luke 9:11b-17

7:30 AM For all Veterans  
 9:00 AM Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus  
 11:00 AM People of the Parish

**MONDAY: May 30**

2 Peter 1:2-7/Mark 12:1-12

9:15 AM †Bob Wood

**TUESDAY: May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16/Luke 1:39-56

9:15 AM †Kay Sweeney

**WEDNESDAY: June 1 St. Justin**

2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12/Mark 12:18-27

9:15 AM Rich &amp; Donna Buehrle

**THURSDAY: June 2 St. Marcellinus and Peter**

2 Timothy 2:8-15/Mark 12:28-34

9:15 AM †Elizabeth Ender

**FRIDAY: June 3 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Ezekiel 34:11-16/Romans 5b-11/Luke 15:3-7

9:15 AM For those struggling with addictions

**SATURDAY: June 4 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Timothy 4:1-8/Luke 2:41-51

9:15 AM †Michael Donell

**SATURDAY: June 5 Anticipating the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 PM †John Skiba

**SUNDAY: June 5 The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 17:17-24/Galatians 1:11-19/Luke 7:11-17

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM †Harold &amp; Carolyn Bennett

11:00 AM For the intentions of my family in thanksgiving for all they do for me.

6:30 PM FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg, Rooms 5-7

**Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

9:45 AM Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
 1:30 PM Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds  
 7:00 PM Dynamic Catholic Brainstorm Session, SCR, LL

**Thursday, June 2, 2016**

**8:45 AM Reconciliation, Church**  
 9:45 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, TC  
 12:00 PM Parish Nurse, Room 103, LL  
 5:30 PM AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12  
 6:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group, Rooms 9-11  
**6:00 PM Reconciliation, Church**  
 6:00 PM Revelation Bible Study, Marian Hall

**Friday, June 3, 2016**

Adoration continues, Trinity Chapel

**8:15 AM Reconciliation, Church**  
 3:00 PM Benediction, Trinity Chapel  
 7:30 PM GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

**Saturday, June 4, 2016**

8:00 AM Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3  
**8:45 AM Reconciliation, Church**  
 9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Interviews, SCR, LL  
 10:00 AM Gathering Band Rehearsal, Church  
 10:15 AM Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel  
 11:00 AM OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
**4:00 PM Reconciliation, Church**  
 5:00 PM AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**
**Sunday, May 29, 2016**

8:00 AM Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion  
 Preparation, Room 14

**Monday, May 30, 2016 OFFICES CLOSED**

9:15 AM Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel  
**10:00 AM Memorial Day Parade, Off Grounds**  
 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 255, GWR  
 7:00 PM Bingo, Gym

**Tuesday, May 31, 2016**

9:45 AM Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
 12:00 PM Widow/Widowers Lunch, Off Grounds  
 1:00 PM Senior Center Yoga, GWR  
 5:30 PM AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12  
 5:45 PM Yoga, Gym  
 6:00 PM Deacon Formation, SCR, LL

Please join Fr. Daniel Doctor and Christine Wohar  
 In the Footsteps of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



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