



17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure
buried in a field.”

Matthew 13:44

17^o Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

“El Reino de los Cielos es
como un tesoro escondido
en un campo.”

Mateo 13, 44

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

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Portage, MI 49024
www.stcatherinesiena.org
Phone: (269) 327-5165
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Emergency calls for a Priest: (269) 806-1102

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 9am-5pm

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am

Reconciliation:

First Friday: 8:15 am

Saturday: 8:45 am & 4:00 pm

Thursday: 8:45 am

Adoration: Thursday 10:00 am—11:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Religious Education Office: (269) 327-0861

Youth Ministry Office: (269) 327-3441

Information on the Sacrament of Baptism or
Matrimony

Narcia Schultz-Acker (269) 978-2340

Prayer Line:

Phone (269) 978-2344

Email: prayers@stcatherinesiena.org

Parish Clergy

Fr. William Jacobs, Jr., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Sahaya Basker Lopez, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Kenneth Schmidt, Pastor
Fr. Stanley Witek, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Jack Prendergast
Deacon Ed Feltes

Presider Schedule: August 5-6

5:30 pm	Fr. Stan
7:30 am	Fr. Stan
9:00 am	Fr. Stan
11:00 am	Fr. Bill
	NO 5:00 PM MASS

Musician Schedule: August 5-6

5:30 pm	Cantor
7:30 am	Cantor
9:00 am	Gathering Band
11:00 am	Gathering Band
	NO 5:00 PM MASS



Ken's Kaleidoscope

July 30, 2017

Mark your calendars, please, for the visit of Immaculée Ilibagiza to Kalamazoo. Many of you know of her through her bestselling book *Left to Tell*, which described how she escaped death during the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. She is a faith-filled woman who speaks on the topic of forgiveness, pointedly so after so many members of her family were killed. I know from first-hand experience that she is a great speaker, both concerning the trauma that sits below the surface in her homeland, and the power of forgiveness to heal what is broken and scarred. She will be in Kalamazoo on October 19 at 7 pm at WMU's Miller Auditorium. Tickets are available at www.millerauditorium.com.

As we expand our ministry with the residents of our sister parish in El Sitio, El Salvador, we are looking for parishioners who will serve as translators of correspondence. Our new scholarship program will encourage writing letters back and forth, and we'll need people to translate them into Spanish before they are sent, and to translate others letters when they arrive from El Sitio. The more of you who help, the light the task for everyone. I propose calling us the *Gremio Español*—the Spanish Guild. You can let me know by email or call the office with your name, phone number, and email address.

We are looking for someone to take the parish secretary position (see announcement below). We are also looking for someone to join the parish staff as the Coordinator of RCIA and Adult Faith Formation. You can find the job description on the parish website, and send your resume to hrdirector@stcatherinesiena.org.

From Narcia Schultz-Acker: After much prayer and discernment, I have decided to take a position at St. Thomas More Student Parish. St. Tom's is where my faith journey began 30 years ago. The position allows me to have more time with my family and to focus on my volunteer work with Hospice of Southwest Michigan. Allen, the boys, and I remain parishioners of St. Catherine and look forward to serving our parish as volunteers. It has been a true blessing to be your parish secretary. Please continue your prayers for me, as I begin the next phase of my faith journey.

Administration

John Emilio 978-2335 jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org

Parish Finances:

July 16, 2017 (Sunday only)	Actual	Budgeted	Last Year
3 Week Average	\$26,744	\$25,966	\$26,237
YTD 3rd Sunday of Fiscal Year	\$80,233	\$77,897	\$78,711
Honduras Collection	\$16,134	N/A	\$17,486
YTD BAA This Year: Last Year:	Goal \$268,989 \$278,869	Pledged \$232,602 (86%) 718 families \$193,977(70%) 560 families	Paid \$140,944.00 (52%) \$123,244.16 (44%)

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

The Diocese will be mailing Bishop Appeal statements the 10th of each month for anyone with a balance due on their pledge according to your payment plan. Please do not send payments to the church.

ONLY INITIAL PLEDGES SHOULD BE SENT TO ST CATHERINE'S. If you have questions, contact Linda Reaume 978-2346 or lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org

Youth Ministry and Formation
Philip Dezern 616-633-0994 pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org

ST. CATHERINE – ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY

What is the point? That is a common question when it comes to a lot of topics. What is the point of exercise? What is the point of not eating your weight in bacon? I can say I struggle with this one because nothing is tastier than a good crisp bacon. What is the point? We also often ask that question about what we will call "Churchy" stuff. I can say that I have asked that question myself at moments. Why take the time out to go to Mass? Why go to youth ministry programs? Why would you take time to pray or read the bible? I have asked these questions myself. I have come to this answer....it depends. It depends on our situations of life, our personal experiences, and our viewpoint. So here are the answers I came up to, at least today.

The point of exercise is penance for what I put my parents through as a teenager. I made them sweat and so I am now sweating as well. I don't eat my weight in bacon because that is expensive, and my doctor will punish me with exercise if I do....see the sweating above. The point of Mass for me is to connect to my community and my God. It is to do the thing that makes me who I am in the Eucharist. The point of youth ministry is not to get the hours needed for a sacrament. The point is to provide another place for young people to connect to their God and their faith. Because I believe that God and their faith is what will sustain them through struggles and strife. The point of prayer is to take a minute to focus myself on what is important. The point of reading the Bible is to remember what the people before me had to go through to live the faith that I can take for granted today.

However, part of the youth ministry program is helping youth find the answer for themselves. Because my answers are not and should not be your answers. I look forward to finding out what each youth think's is the point, and helping them find their point. **What is the point?** I look forward to hearing your answers.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES JULY-AUGUST 2017

Middle School Youth Ministry

Anyone that will be grades 6-8 in September 2017

August 6, 13

4:45 – 6:00 pm @ St. Catherine Stanley Center

We will eat some snacks, faith share, and learn the theology of the Church

High School Youth Ministry

Anyone that will be grades 9 through college in September 2017

August 6, 13

6:00 – 7:30 pm @ St. Catherine Stanley Center

We will eat some pizza, faith share, and learn the theology of the Church

Prayer and Pizza

Anyone that will be grades 8 through college in September 2017

August 7, September 18, October 16, November 20

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Held at the back meeting room at Jac's Cekola's Pizza

7638 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI 49002

We will pray, talk, and eat. Food is free

Covenant Scholarships for Catholic Education

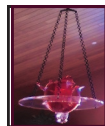
No child of a registered parish family will be denied the opportunity of a Catholic education at any local CSGK Catholic elementary school due to financial need. Application packets are available in the front office or on our website under who-we-are/links/.

If you have questions, please contact Melissa Andregg at (269) 381-2646.



CSGK.org
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
of Greater Kalamazoo

*Banns of Marriage
Second Announcement
Stanley Makowski & Yvette Michelle Green
Please pray that their marriage
is blessed and mirrors the
Love of God.*



*This week the Sanctuary
Lamp burns for
All Order Priests*

Job Postings

Parish Secretary Full Time(40 hours/week)

The Parish has a full-time job opening for an experienced office manager. Requirements include: an ability to communicate effectively with parish and Diocesan staff as well as parishioners; a familiarity with the Catholic Church's sacramental requirements; an ability to handle difficult personal situations in pastoral setting and maintaining confidentiality; administrative & organization skills for maintaining multiple calendars, recordkeeping, and preparing meeting agendas. The candidate should have proficiency in MS Word, Excel, and Publisher. Familiarity with Parish Data Systems (Church Office & Scheduler software) is a plus. Benefits available. Job description is posted on parish website or on request from Human Resources by email at HRDirector@stcatherinesiena.org

RCIA and Adult Faith Formation Coordinator Full Time (40 hrs./week)

St Catherine of Siena has a job opening for this full time position. Responsibilities include the RCIA and Adult Faith Formation programs; coordinating the outreach to parishioners and former parishioners; and recruiting, training and supporting volunteer team members. Individual must have an educational background in Catholic studies or religious education (e.g. degree in Catholic theology and experience as a Director of Adult Ministry and RCIA), and possess administrative and organization skills. Intermediate skill set in MS Office programs (Word, Excel, and Publisher) required. A full job description on parish website or on request HRDirector@stcatherinesiena.org Benefits are available.

Musician/Liturgist

Please see the "Job Openings" section of our website (www.stcatherinesiena.org) for the full job description and employment application.

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



DON'T FORGET! PRIMETIMERS will be having their summer potluck lunch this Wednesday, **Aug. 2 from 11:30 am -1:00 pm** in the Siena Conference Room. We will be joined by parishioner Steve Mollison from Lighthouse Media who will be discussing an exciting new project here at St. Catherine's. We will also have some fun with a trivia tournament and bingo for prizes! **No RSVP is needed.** Just bring a dish to pass; beverages and tableware will be provided. Anyone age 50+ is welcome to attend.

HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND VISITS

If you or a family member is a patient at Borgess or Bronson Hospital, please inform the admission staff that you are a Catholic from St. Catherine's and would like to receive Communion. HIPPA regulations require that personal information can only be shared with patient knowledge and consent. Hospitals are unable to share this information unless you instruct them to do so.



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

Catechesis & Evangelization
Janet Ingersoll 327-0861 jingersoll@stcatherinesiena.org

2017—2018 Religious Education Information

2017-2018 Religious Education information is now available on the parish website. Class schedules and registration forms for Preschool—Grade 5 and Grade 6-8 (including Confirmation) are now available on the parish website: stcatherinesiena.org/religious-formation-sacraments/religious-education/. Registration for Fall 2017-2018 Preschool-Grade 5 Religious Education classes is **due by August 1, 2017**; after August 1, 2017, the fee will increase. Please note: there will **NOT** be Summer Religious Education classes this year. Fall Religious Education Class Lists will be posted in Marian Hall on **Saturday, September 9th before the 5:30 pm Mass**.

If you have any questions about Preschool—Grade 5 Religious Education, please contact Janet Ingersoll at (269) 327-0861 or jingersoll@stcatherinesiena.org. For questions or information about Grade 6-8 Formation, including Confirmation, please contact Philip Dezern at or pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org or (269) 978-2331.

Preschool
Nichole McClish 327-3441
Mary Hunt 978-2338
preschool@stcatherinesiena.org



Are you searching for a preschool for your 3 or 4 year old child this fall? St. Catherine's Catholic Preschool provides a safe and nurturing learning experience in a Christ-like setting. We introduce the religious teachings of the Catholic Church through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

program. We teach the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to promote patience, kindness and the love of self and others. Other areas for learning opportunities are through reading and math readiness, daily art, music, and play. Fine motor and gross motor skills are formed through sensory play and hands-on experiences.

Our **3 year old children** meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 am. A \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee is required, and the tuition rate is \$170.00 per month.

The **4 year old children** meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee and \$195.00 tuition fee per month.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website or contact Nichole McClish at preschool@stcatherinesiena.org or 269-327-3441.

The preschool will be holding an open house on
Sunday, July 30th from 12-2pm.
Come on in and tour the classroom, talk with the teachers,
and learn more about our program!



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

Migrant Ministry week 2



As the bus pulled into the Grand Junction camp Monday evening, we were surprised to find the children waiting for us. They were so happy that we came back to play with them. Our teens and volunteers helped with painting finger nails, coloring and assisting at the Bingo game. Mary Spruitt and Angelica Valdez distributed care bags for each household. Your donations have helped so many migrant families and children.



Back to School Giving Trees

Please bring your Giving Tree donation to the Narthex and place under the apple tree. We will be delivering the donations this coming week. Thank you again for your generous donations!

St. Vincent De Paul Needs:

Our food pantry shelves are low on supplies; please help us fill the need of:

Canned vegetables

Canned meat (chicken, spam and tuna fish)

Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Soup

Peanut butter

Jelly

Spaghetti o's and canned pasta meals

Cereal

Hamburger Helper

Detergent
 Dish Soap
 Shampoo
 Bar Soap



Diocesan Family Day - Persons with Disabilities and their families are invited to join Bishop Bradley for Mass and a picnic following on Saturday August 19 from 11:00a.m. – 2 p.m. This event is located at Immaculate Conception 645 Douglas Three Rivers, MI 49093. Food will be provided. There is no cost!



Thank you to everyone who donated blood and those who donated sweets and snacks for our Michigan Blood Drive !!

Fellowship
 Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org



Donut Volunteers Needed

Second shift volunteers needed from 10:00-1:00. A new donut maker is needed, training will be provided. We are so blessed to be able to provide donuts to the parish on Sunday mornings. This is only made possible through our loyal volunteers! Thank you! Please contact Deb Lins at 269-324-9536 or Mary Hunt 269-978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org

Liturgy
 Fr. Ken Schmidt 327-5165 frken@stcatherinesiena.org

We are going to providing one final workshop during the month of July. This workshop will have spiritual, theological, and practical components. This workshop is for current Lectors and for those who are considering becoming a Lector. (This ministry is open to all ages after receiving the sacrament of Confirmation).

The workshops will be led by Sally Austin, the retired parish liturgist at St. Philip Parish in Battle Creek. Mark your calendar for the final workshop. **Monday July 31 6:30-8:30 pm** in Church

SATURDAY: July 29 Vigil of Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time5:30 pm People of the Parish Fr. Bill **Presider****SUNDAY: July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 **Presider**

7:30 am †Rose Mercado Fr. Bill

9:00 am †Dante Latora Fr. Ken

11:00 am †Deceased Member of K of C Fr. Ken
6980**MONDAY: July 31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34/Matthew 13:31-35

9:15 am †Kurt Schultz

TUESDAY: August 1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Matthew 13:36-43

9:15 am †John Bahurka

WEDNESDAY: August 2 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Exodus 34:29-35/Matthew 13:44-46

9:15 am †Joseph Golkosky

THURSDAY: August 3 Weekday

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38/Matthew 13:47-53

9:15 am Rich & Donna Buehrle

FRIDAY: August 4 Saint John Vianney, Priest

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Matthew 13:54-58

9:15 am End Abortion

SATURDAY: August 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17/Matthew 14:1-12

9:15 am Kate Hill

SATURDAY: August 5 Vigil of The Transfiguration of the Lord5:30 pm †For the Deceased Members Fr. Stan
of the Pat & Cecile McGovern
Family **Presider****SUNDAY: August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Peter 1:16-19/Matthew 17:1-9

7:30 am People of the Parish Fr. Bill **Presider**

9:00 am †Russ & †Bob Jacobs Fr. Ken

11:00 am †Sam Roschek Fr. Ken

WEEKLY CALENDAR*Changed locations appear in **bold** type after the event name.***Sunday, July 30, 2017**

12:00 pm Preschool Open House, Stanley Centre

5:00 pm Parish Picnic, Stanley Centre

Monday, July 31, 2017

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

10:00 am Medilodge, Off Grounds

1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds

5:00 pm Migrant Ministry, Stanley Centre Parking Lot

6:30 pm Bingo, Gym

6:30 pm Lector Workshop, Church

7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 10-12

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR

Tuesday, August 1

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GWR

5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting, Rooms 5-7

Wednesday, August 2

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

11:30 am Primetimers Potluck, SCR, LL

1:00 pm Women's Cursillo Small Group, GLP

1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds

Thursday, August 3

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church

10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity
Chapel

5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Rooms 9-11

7:00 pm Daniel Plan Group, Rooms 1-3

Friday, August 4

8:15 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church

10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity
Chapel

3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel

6:00 pm Vader/Veenstra Wedding Rehearsal, Trinity
Chapel

7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, August 6

8:00 am Catholic Men's Fellowship Rooms 1-3

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church

9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Interviews, SCR, LL

10:15 am Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel

11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8

1:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony, GWR, Stanley Centre

2:30 pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Trinity Chapel

3:30 pm Syro-Malabar Social, SCR, LL

4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church

5:00 pm AA Meeting Rooms, 10-12

For the safety of our children, Father Ken, Father Bill, Father Stan, Father Basker and Staff ask that **you escort your children ages 12 and under to the rest rooms, or any location, especially when Mass is in session.** We realize that in your eyes your child is old enough to leave Mass or other events without having you with them. However, for the safety of our children, and in accordance with Protecting God's Children, **your supervision is required at all times.** Thank you!

Making a Report of Sexual Misconduct

A report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line **(877) 802-0115**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour.

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