

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 27, 2017

Words from our Patron Saint

**Charity is the sweet and holy bond
which links the soul with its Creator:
It binds God with humanity
and humanity with God.**

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before celebrating baptism. Call the parish to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony

The Church provides marriage preparation for engaged couples. Call the parish to register.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know anyone who is in the hospital, or sick or homebound, please call the parish office.

Reconciliation: Thursday: 8:45 –9:00 am Saturday: 8:45-9:00, 4-5 pm First Friday: 8:15—9:00 am

Mission Statement:

*A Community
empowered by God
striving to make Jesus
known, experienced, loved*

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am

Adoration: Thursday 10:00 am—11:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call 978-2344 or email prayers@stcatherinesiena.org.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 9am-5pm

VIRTUS training is required of any adult who works with children at the church or within the Catholic Schools.

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

Presider Schedule: September 2-3

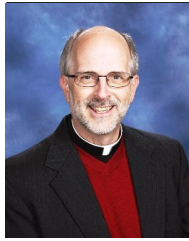
5:30 pm Fr. Bill
7:30 am Fr. Basker
9:00 am Fr. Bill
11:00 am Fr. Biasker

NO 5:00 PM MASS

Musician Schedule: September 2-3

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

August 27, 2017

This week we Welcome to our Parish staff Deborah Wezensky. She will be the parish secretary and office manager. Deb brings with her a great deal of experience in government agencies, project management and publishing. When you're in the office make sure that you take the opportunity to meet her.

Beautiful Creature

There is a beautiful creature living
in a hole you have
dug,
so at night I set fruit and grains and little pots of wine and milk
beside your soft earthen
mounds,
and I often sing to you,
but still, my dear, you do not come out.
I have fallen in love with someone
who is hiding inside
of you.
We should talk about this problem,
otherwise I will never
leave you
alone!

I would like to thank all of the families of St. Catherine's, that I have worked with for the past 6 years, for sharing your children and families with me. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with you.

I have been offered an employment opportunity that provides greater long term possibilities and more time with my children. Thus, my last day here at St. Catherine's will be Friday, September 1st. I wish all of you well and many blessings. You will always be in my prayers. -Nichole McClish

Administration

John Emilio 978-2335 jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org

Parish Finances:

| August 13, 2017 (Sunday only) | Actual | Budgeted | Last Year |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| YTD Amount Sunday ONLY for 4 Weeks | 179,629 | 180,850 | 180,412 |
| YTD Totals Sunday & Holy Day | 179,629 | 180,850 | 180,412 |
| <u>YTD BAA</u> This Year: Last Year: | <u>Goal</u> \$268,989 \$278,869 | <u>Pledged</u> \$250,392 (93%) 832 families \$216,080 (77%) 650 families | <u>Paid</u> \$162,155 (60%) \$151,563 (54%) |

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

As you know, the 2017 Bishop's Appeal is now being administered by the Diocese.

PLEASE send all payments directly to the Diocese in order for your account to be properly credited. You can still send all **INITIAL PLEDGES** to St. Catherine's. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Reaume at lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org or 269-978-2346. Thank you for your support.

Religious Education (Grades Preschool—5th Grade)
Janet Ingersoll 327-0861 jingersoll@stcatherinesiena.org

If you enjoy working with children and would like to help them on their faith journey, then I have a great opportunity for you! We are looking for teachers in our religious education program. Teachers are needed for the 3yr – 1st grade program on Sunday mornings during 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass, 1st grade – 5th grade program on Monday and Wednesday nights and also our new Sunday afternoon program for 3rd-5th graders. Please consider helping in this important ministry. Most of the lessons are already planned. Additional material and help is always available. Tuition is free for anyone who volunteers to teach! Contact Janet Ingersoll if you are interested in volunteering, would like more information, or have any questions. Classes can only be offered to the children if we have teachers who are willing to teach. Please contact me at the above phone number or email address. Thanks, Janet

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

Our preschool friends and parents have so much fun. They enjoy playdates and mom's night out. Here are our senior graduates of 2017 gathered at the Clifford's house for a pre back-to-school fun morning.



If you are interested in sending your 3 or 4 year old child to St. Catherine's Catholic Preschool, please contact Mary Hunt at 269-978-2338 or mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org. The three year olds meet every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:30. Four year olds meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00-12:00.

Job Postings

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.



Did you know that our parish has a Facebook page? Visit us on

Facebook at: www.facebook.com/stcatherinesiena for the latest information on what's happening around our parish. Then, "Like" our page to see updates in your Facebook newsfeed.

Anyone interested in **volunteering** MUST be background checked BEFORE they start volunteering and, if you are working with children, you must be VIRTUS trained. If you have any questions please contact Linda Reaume 978-2346 or lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

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

Our last visit to the Grand Junction Migrant Camp

As we pulled up to the camp, we were cheered by our small friends. They were so happy to see us! The bus was full of Bingo prizes, pizza, candy and several volunteers. Angelica Valdes arranged to have a missionary priest from Columbia celebrate a mass. It was a wonderful evening. We played Bingo and the parents gathered for mass. Then, after the service, everyone brought food to share. Our group brought several pizza's and cookies, donated by the Owen's family. We would like to thank our friends at St. Monica's for allowing us to use their school bus and Jim Redmond for making sure we got to our destination safely. Thanks to the students who dedicated their summer vacation evenings and to Karen Palmer, Angelica, Alexa Valdes and Mary Spruitt for guiding and organizing our visits.



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

TIME FOR LUNCH

The Widow & Widowers Group will meet for their monthly lunch at Bob Evans Restaurant in Portage this

Tuesday, August 29, at 12:00 pm.

Please join us for good food and good conversation.



Come join the Prayer Shawl Weavers every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am in the Polly Pollard Room as they knit and pray.

New members are always welcome!

Next Meeting: September 11, 2017



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

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

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the abundant blessings that you have bestowed upon the St. Catherine's Parish family for the past 50 years.

We are grateful to the people who had a faith filled vision in founding our parish.
We recall the special moments in our lives when we felt your presence in the sacraments we have received.
As we continue on our journey of faith, send Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may carry on the mission of Jesus.
Open our eyes that we might see the needs of others.
Open our ears that we might hear your call to discipleship.
Open our hearts that we might love without prejudice.
Open our mouths that we might share the good news of Jesus Christ.
Amen

Looking for something fun to do at St. Catherine's and a way to meet new people? Join our coffee and donut crew. Contact Deb Lins at 324-9536



Youth Ministry Mission
Philip Dezern pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org

We do not want Volunteers! We want leaders!**Part 4 of 4**

What does a leader get from the experience of youth ministry? First, you will learn. My hope is that there will be things you learn about your faith right alongside the youth. Second, you will get the chance to watch great young people grow up, and help in their development. Third, you will get more pizza, chips, cookies, and soda than you thought possible. Fourth, you get to be a part of what I hope is a great family environment. There is more that I can add to this list, however, I will let you do that as you lead. No Church can survive without parish members taking the leadership roles. The same goes for any parish program. I look forward to seeing you come forward to lead in the youth ministry program.

If interested in being a leader, contact Philip Dezern at pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org

Things to Remember about YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Parish and non-parish friends are invited to everything.

You can mix and match programs at either Church. Whatever works for your family.

No registration is required for any activity.

PROGRAMS Grades 6-8

Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph September 17 11:30 am – 1:15 pm lead into 1:15 pm Spanish Speaking Mass

Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center September 17 3:00 – 5:00 pm lead into 5 pm Mass

Bible Study @ St. Joseph September 11 and 25 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Discipleship Group @ St. Catherine Stanley Center September 13 and 27 6:00 – 7:15 pm

PROGRAMS Grades 9-12

Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center September 17 6:15 – 8:00 pm

Discipleship Group @ St. Catherine Stanley Center September 13 and 27 7:15 – 8:30 pm

Prayer and Pizza September 18, October 16, November 20 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Held in 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.

SATURDAY: August 26 Vigil of The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm †Robert Stopa Presider
Fr. Stan

SUNDAY: August 27 The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23/Romans 11:33-36/Matthew 16:13-20

7:30 am †Joe Ptacek Presider
Fr. Stan
9:00 am †Joe Nespodzany, Sr. Fr. Stan
11:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Bill

MONDAY: August 28 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thessalonians 1:1-15,8b-10/Matthew 23:13-22

9:15 am †Becky Burkhalter

TUESDAY: August 29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/Matthew 23:13-22

9:15 am †Karlene Hannigan

WEDNESDAY: August 30 Weekday

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/Matthew 23:27-32

9:15 am †Lori Hernandez

THURSDAY: August 31 Weekday

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/Matthew 24:42-51

9:15 am Ray McFarland, Sr.

FRIDAY: September 1 Weekday

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/Matthew 24:42-51

9:15 am Rich & Donna Buehrle

SATURDAY: September 2 Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary time

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/Matthew 25:14-30

9:15 am The People of the Parish

SATURDAY: September 2 Vigil of The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm †Augustina Rusinas Presider
Fr. Bill

SUNDAY: September 3 The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9/Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

7:30 am People of the Parish Presider
Fr. Basker
9:00 am Allen & Narcia Acker Fr. Bill
1st Wedding Anniversary
11:00 am Hildegard Wieckowski Fr. Basker

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27, 2017

9:00 am Seita Scholar Welcome Bag Organization, SCR

Monday, August 28, 2017

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
10:00 am Medilodge, Off Grounds
1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
6:30 pm Bingo, Gym
7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 10-12
7:00 pm Health Care Advisory Committee, Rooms 9-11
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

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

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
1:00 pm Women's Cursillo Small Group, GLP Conf. Rm
1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Clergy Appreciation Committee Meeting, Rooms 1-3
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, Lower Level

Thursday, July 31, 2017

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 103, Lower Level
5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Rooms 9-11
7:00 pm Daniel Plan Grads, Rooms 1-3

Friday, August 1, 2017

8:15 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
9:15 am First Friday Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity Chapel
3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, August 2, 2017

7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3
8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
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, Reconciliation Room, Church
5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Sunday, August 3, 2017

No Events Scheduled

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