

St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
October 29, 2017

**"You are rewarded not according  
to your work or time,  
but according to the measure of your love."**

***(Dialogue 165)***

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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, sick or homebound, please call the parish office.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Thursday: 8:45-9 am Saturday: 8:45-9 am & 4-5 pm First Friday: 8:15-9 am

**Mission Statement:**

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

**Mass Schedule:**

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

**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](mailto:prayers@stcatherinesiena.org).

**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.



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**Presider Schedule: November 4-5**

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

**Musician Schedule: November 4-5**

5:30 pm Sienas  
7:30 am Cantor  
9:00 am Cantor  
11:00 am Cantor  
5:00 pm Life Teen Band

**Ken's Kaleidoscope**

October 29, 2017

**Rerun:**

I am now accepting nominations for new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Council works with the Pastor, parish staff and the parish to implement our mission. It's a reflective, responsive, and consultative body (not decision-making) which represents the diversity of our parish, and will consist of 9-15 members. They are spiritually rooted with the focus of listening to the needs of all parishioners and collaborating with the Pastor and fellow Council members to respond to those needs. Guided by the parish vision, the Council will play a vital role in helping plan for the future. New members will join the Council in January for a three year-term, meeting every couple of months. To make a nomination, please provide a name, email, and phone, and a brief statement why you believe that person (or yourself) is a good choice for the Council.

As a sign and opportunity to strengthen our connections with our Christian sisters and brothers, there will be a major event of praise and prayer, **Kalamazoo United**, co-led by Bishop Bradley, today, **Sunday, October 29, at Wings Stadium at 4pm**. This can be another step to overcome the harm caused by our disconnection, which is really a scandal to the world when we profess to be One Body. No tickets are required.

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Designed for women and men, the retreat process is an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief. It is a specific process to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and grieve the loss of your unborn child or children. Held November 3-5 in the Grand Rapids area, to register or obtain more information, call (616) 340-1824 or toll free 1-800-800-8284 or email [mwalsh@ccwestmi.org](mailto:mwalsh@ccwestmi.org).

**Administration**

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

Date: 10-15-17 Sunday	Actual	Budgeted	Last Year
YTD Amount Sunday ONLY For 14 Weeks	\$413,900	\$413,729	\$427,421
YTD Totals Sunday & Holy Day	\$414,832	\$416,229	\$427,421
YTD BAA This Year: Last Year:	Goal \$268,989 \$278,869	Pledged \$253,162 (94%) 859 families \$217,290 (78%) 654 families	Paid \$166,531 (62%) \$153,824 (55%)

**BAA Information**

**IMPORTANT** – Please send ALL Bishop Appeal payments directly to the Diocese to insure your account is properly credited. The Diocese mails payment invoices each month and will also mail your end of the year tax statement. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**Charity and Justice Mission**

Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org



**St. Vincent de Paul** invites you to participate in their **Thanksgiving Basket project**. Each year they provide a Thanksgiving Basket filled with all the fixings to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. The items are packed on Friday evening, November 17 and delivered on Saturday morning, November 18. Names are obtained from the parish, Portage Community Outreach and South County Community Outreach for a total of 110 Thanksgiving baskets. **What to do:**

- ◆ Take a tag (s) or envelope from the Cornucopia in the Narthex.
- ◆ Bring the items to Marian Hall or deposit the envelope in the St. Vincent de Paul Box or the collection basket.
- ◆ Sign up to help pack the Thanksgiving Baskets. This is an ideal family event. Parents must accompany children.
- ◆ Sign up to deliver baskets on Saturday morning. We ask that people go in groups of 2 or more. You will be able to join others if you come as an individual.

We appreciate the generosity of our parishioners in making this a successful project.

**Fellowship Mission**

Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org



Volunteers are needed to help with the **Mary Garden Cleaning**. We need to rake, pull weeds and prepare our grounds for winter. Please join us on Saturday November 4 in the front Mary Garden. Bring your garden gloves, rakes and any tools that will help us get the job done quickly. This is a great opportunity to get your family involved! For more information contact Gary Townsend at 341-1205.

**Michigan Blood Drive** is scheduled for November 7 from 1-7 pm in Marian Hall. Volunteers are needed for the canteen area. First shift (12:45-3:45pm). Volunteers help prepare and serve snacks and juice. Second shift (3:45-7pm). Volunteers help serve snacks and drinks and clean up. Donations of cookies, cheese, crackers, fresh fruits: grapes, apples, clementine oranges, as well as fresh vegetables and juices are needed. Please drop off your donation to the Marian Hall kitchen marked "Blood Drive." Contact Mary Hunt at the above number or email with questions, or to sign-up as a volunteer.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #6980** will be hosting their annual **Spelling Bee** on Sunday, November 12. Registration starts at 12:30 pm in the Stanley Center. Register and download word lists at <http://groupsplaces.com/KofC6980/>. Any student in grades 4-9 (including any area public, parochial, private or home-school) can participate as long as they are not already participating in another Knights' Spelling Bee.



**Poinsettia sales** will begin on **November 11 & 18** in the Narthex after all masses.

**Musician/Liturgist**

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

**Receptionist**

A part-time Receptionist is needed for 10-14 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact John Emilio at 327-5165 ext. 110.

**Counters Needed**

The Monday morning counting team need your help! We are looking for subs and possible permanent members. Contact Linda Reaume if interested at 978-2346 or [lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org)

**St. Joseph Church Christmas BAZAAR**

Nov 4th, 9am-2pm and Nov-5th, 10am-1pm. Arts & Crafts, Baked Goods, White Elephant, Gift Baskets and Raffle items. Raffle tickets for sale at the event. \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This is a fun event that you won't want to miss! 936 **Lake Street, Kalamazoo.**



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### Our 4 year old friends

at St. Catherine's Preschool were able to attend the **Gull Meadow Farm field trip** after the previous week's rainout. Father Basker enjoyed the apple orchard too!

**Register** your 3 or 4 year old child by contacting Ms. Mary or Ms. Connie at 269-327-5165.



RCIA and Adult Faith Formation  
 Jay Landry 978-2331 jlandry@stcatherinesiena.org

**Dynamic Bible Study – Paul's Letter to the Romans** Join us for an exciting bible study on St. Paul's letter to the Romans, grounded in a dynamic group method of praying with Scripture. This is for everyone, no matter your experience in studying the bible. Why did Paul write a letter to the Church at Rome which he did not establish? In this study, we will start with Paul's conversion and how that experience of the Risen Christ changed his life forever. We will interpret scripture and allow the Word of God to influence our lives today through prayer. Led by Jay Landry, studies will be held on six Wednesday mornings (10 am after daily Mass) and six Wednesday evenings (6:30 pm). You are welcome to either study. The same material will be used at both sessions. We gather in the Siena Conference Room on Wednesdays November 1, 8, 15, and 29. Please bring a bible to each session. An RSVP to Jay is not required, but is helpful to know which study you will be attending. See phone number and email address above.



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



### TIME FOR LUNCH

The Widow and Widower's Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 31 at noon** at Bob Evans Restaurant in Portage for food and fellowship. Please join us!

### NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH FOR REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

#### ANNUAL EVENING PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**Thursday, November 2 at 7pm in the Church.** Light refreshments to follow in the Narthex. Join in prayer for the deceased members of our parish family. All are welcome.



#### 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

The **Book of Remembrance** will be placed in the sanctuary in front of the ambo beginning on **Tuesday, October 31** at the vigil Mass for All Soul's Day. Throughout the month of November, you are invited to enter the names of your loved ones who have died so they can be kept in prayer. There will also be blank pages available in the Narthex and at the west church exit beginning this weekend for you to complete and return to the church office if you prefer.

**Youth Ministry Mission**  
**Philip Dezern 616-633-0994 pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org**

**TRANSPARENCY IS IMPORTANT TO ME!** It is very important to me that the two parishes know what is going on in their programs. Therefore, here is a little update. This data is from the first day of the new program (July 9, 2017 thru October 16). 212 different youth from 4 different churches have attended an activity. In total, they have spent 999.5 hours at activities.

We have the youth evaluate every activity they attend. The evaluations are anonymous. We then turn those into satisfaction rating percentages. For example, if everyone gave us a 0 then we get 0% satisfaction rating. **So far we have received the following...**

**2 Very Good    1 Good    0 Average    -1 Poor    -2 Very Poor**

214 Very Good Evaluations

191 Good Evaluations

52 Average Evaluations

10 Poor Evaluations

2 Very Poor Evaluations

Overall our programs have a combined Satisfaction Rating of 64.7%

#### **GRADE 6-8 PROGRAMS**

Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph	October 29	11:30 am – 1:15 pm lead into 1:15 pm (Spanish Speaking Mass)
Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	October 29	3:00 – 5:00 pm lead into 5 pm Mass
Bible Study @ St. Joseph	November 13, 27	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Discipleship Group @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	November 8, 29	6:00 – 7:15 pm

#### **GRADE 9-12 PROGRAMS**

Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	October 29	6:15 – 8:00 pm
Discipleship Group @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	November 8, 29	7:15 – 8:30 pm
Prayer and Pizza	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

**Bible Study @ St. Joseph** November 13, 27 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Note:** We are still looking for leaders. Please contact Phil at the above phone or e-mail address if interested, or have questions.

**GOOD NEWS AND BREWS:** Good News and Brews features dynamic speakers, engaging topics on popular issues, and fellowship for married and single young adults from college through their 30s. We will meet on the second Thursday of each month. Our next offering is **November 9th from 7-9pm at Arcadia Brewing Company** 701 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo



**Contact Tim at** (tmcnamara@diokzoo.org) **with any questions.** Bring a lawn chair/blanket, invite a friend, and enjoy the awesome atmosphere! God bless!



#### **WORD OF LIFE –October 2017**

"The church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing," [www.goo.gl/MyKAp7](http://www.goo.gl/MyKAp7)

**St. Augustine Cathedral School** is bringing back **"Protect Young Eyes"** on **November 2**. We offer parents two opportunities to hear **"The Digital Culture of Kids."** This presentation is especially important for parents of young children who have yet to start conversations about technology, social media and the digital world. Visit [www.protectyouneyes.com](http://www.protectyouneyes.com), and [www.protectyouneyes.com/blog](http://www.protectyouneyes.com/blog). **Please RSVP for the session you plan to attend.**

November 2, 1<sup>st</sup> session, 3-4:30pm  
<https://staugustineafternoon.eventbrite.com>

November 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> session, 6-7:30pm  
<https://staugustineevening.eventbrite.com>



**SATURDAY: October 28 Vigil of The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Presider

5:30 pm †Lee Seguin Fr. Basker

**SUNDAY: October 29 The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Exodus 22:20-26/1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10/Matthew 22:34-40 Presider

7:30 am †Ken & †Gilda Sykes Fr. Ken  
9:00 am †Deceased Members, KofC 6980 Fr. Ken  
11:00 am Jim Cook Fr. Basker  
5:00 pm People of the Parish Fr. Stan

**MONDAY: October 30 Weekday**

Romans 8:12-17/Luke 13:10-17

9:15 am Joyce Beebe

**TUESDAY: October 31 Weekday**

Romans 8:18-25/Luke 13:18-21

9:15 am Leblong Family

7:00 pm †Don Stone

**WEDNESDAY: November 1 All Saints**

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a

9:15 am †Reno M. Santori

**THURSDAY: November 2 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**

Wisdom 3:1-9/Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9/John 6:37-40

9:15 am †Peggy Floria

**FRIDAY: November 3 Saint Martin de Porres, Religious**

Romans 9:1-5/Luke 14:1-6

9:15 am End Abortion

**SATURDAY: November 4 Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Luke 14:1, 7-11

9:15 am †Bruno Hilbe

**SATURDAY: November 4 Vigil of The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** Presider

5:30 pm People of the Parish Fr. Bill

**SUNDAY: November 5 The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13/Matthew 23:1-12 Presider

7:30 am †Mary Catherine Tucker Fr. Basker  
9:00 am †Philip A. Helner Fr. Bill  
11:00 am †Phyllis Smolinski Fr. Ken  
5:00 pm †Wanda Canney Fr. Ken

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 29, 2017** Coffee and donuts after all the morning Masses; Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Religious Education during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

11:00 am RCIA Dismissal, GLP Conference Room  
1:00 pm Religious Education Grades 3-5, Classrooms  
1:00 pm Baptism, Church  
3:00 pm Middle School Youth Ministry, Stanley Centre  
3:30 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church  
6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL

**Monday, October 30, 2017**

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
10:00 am Medilodge, Off Grounds  
1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds  
6:00 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms  
6:15 pm First Communion Parent Meeting, MH  
6:30 pm Bingo, Gym  
7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017**

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
10:00 am Contemplative Living Class, SCR, LL  
12:00 pm Widow & Widowers Lunch, Off Grounds  
1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GWR  
5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12  
5:30 pm Yoga, GWR  
5:30 pm All Saints Day Vigil Mass, Church  
6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
6:30 pm Deacon Formation, SCR, LL  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting, Rooms 5-7

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

9:15 am All Saints Day Mass, Church  
9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
10:00 am Romans Bible Study, SCR, LL  
12:10 pm All Saints Day Mass (No Music), Church  
1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds  
3:00 pm Centre Meadows, Off Grounds  
6:30 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms  
6:30 pm Romans Bible Study, SCR, LL  
6:30 pm All Saints Day Mass, Church  
7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting, GLP Conf. Room

**Thursday, November 2, 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, LL  
10:00 am Women of the Word, MH, MHK, Nursery, Classrooms  
5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12  
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Rooms 9-11  
7:00 pm Daniel Plan Class, Rooms 2-4  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer of Remembrance, Church  
8:00 pm Evening Prayer of Remembrance Reception, Narthex

**Friday, November 3, 2017**

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

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

7:30 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  
9:00 am FIAT, Rooms 2-4  
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, November 5, 2017** Coffee and donuts after all the morning Masses; Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Religious Education during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

11:00 am RCIA Dismissal, GLP Conference Room  
1:00 pm Religious Education Grades 3-5, Classrooms  
3:30 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church  
6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL



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