PALM SUNDAY

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

Mark 11:9



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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.



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: 8:45-9:00 am † Saturday: 8:45-9:00 am & 4:00-5:00 pm † First Friday:

8:15-9:00 am



April 14, 2019

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 prayers, please call 978-2344 or email prayers@stcatherinesiena.org.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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 Anderegg at (269) 381-2646.









Presider Schedule: April 20-21

9:00 pm Fr. Ken, Fr. Albert, Dcn. Brian

7:00 am Fr. Basker

9:00 am Fr. Bill, Dcn. Brian

11:00 am Fr. Albert

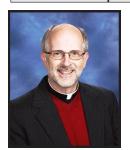
Musician Schedule: April 20-21

9:00 pm Choir

7:00 am Choir

9:00 am Choir/Sienas11:00 am Gathering Band

Ken's Kaleidoscope



Our liturgies often use the word "paschal," as in "the Paschal Mystery." Paschal is the adjective form of Passover (the feast which is called *Pesach* in Hebrew). The original Passover

which is called *Pesach* in Hebrew). The original Passover remembers two historical events for the Israelites -- the angel of *Death* who passed over their homes and spared their children when the plagues afflicted Egypt; and the passing over (through) the Red Sea when they fled Egypt to escape their *slavery*. Christians then refer to the Paschal Mystery (rooted in Passover) as the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of

Jesus, who saves us from *death*, and who frees us from our *slavery* to sin. Our Eucharistic liturgies are founded on the original celebrations of the Passover, in which the *lamb* was slain; we now celebrate the suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of the *Lamb* of God. Baptism joins us to that Paschal Mystery as does the Eucharist, which we celebrate most profoundly in these coming days of Holy Week. Please join us for the three most holy days of our faith-life.

INCENSE ALERT

We will be using incense during Holy Week at the following services:

- ♦ Holy Thursday <u>at the end of Mass</u> for the procession -- from the altar to the side entrance near the organ.
- Easter Vigil <u>at the beginning</u> from the fire outside through the main aisle and into the sanctuary.
- ♦ Easter Sunday at the 11 am Mass -- we suggest those who are affected by incense be seated in the side sections or in the narthex.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others. Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life, for "whoever would save his life will lose it." (Mt 16:25)

In living the Gospel, we cannot expect that everything will be easy, for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. . . . In such a society, politics, mass communications and economic, cultural, and even religious institutions become so entangled as to become an obstacle to authentic human and social development. As a result, the Beatitudes are not easy to live out; any attempt to do so will be viewed negatively, regarded with suspicion, and met with ridicule.

Persecutions are not a reality of the past, for today too we experience them, whether by the shedding of blood, as is the case with so many contemporary martyrs, or by more subtle means, by slander and lies. Jesus calls us blessed when people "utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account." (Mt 5:11) At other times, persecution can take the form of gibes that try to caricature our faith and make us seem ridiculous.

Accepting daily the path of the gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness. (para. 90-91, 94 in *Gaudete et Exsultate*).

Charity and Justice

The Kalamazoo Valley **CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, April 28** at Bronson Park. Rally and registration is at 1:00 pm, and the walk begins at 2:00 pm. Please consider walking this year. You can invite a friend to walk with you and have

others make financial pledges to support your walking. The money raised goes to development of food co-ops, clean water, education, micro-business, and hunger relief. To sign up to walk, please go to crophungerwalk.org. Questions? Contact Jay Landry at

978-2331.



Karen Galloway

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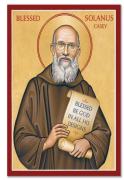
THE JELLY DONUT DIFFERENCE. In February, several classes engaged in the Jelly Donut Difference, a book and program focusing on the importance of kindness. Let us all be kind to one another this week and always!





Jay Landry

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On **Saturday, May 18**, parishioners will have the opportunity to <u>make a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center and the tomb of Blessed Solanus Casey in Detroit.</u>
Bl. Solanus was known for his ministry of healing toward people of all faiths and atheists. He saw each person as loved by God. A pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center invites us to embody God's graces working through our lives.

We will carpool from St. Catherine at 10 am, and return around 7:30 pm. We will tour the Center and pray at his tomb, followed by Mass in the newly renovated chapel of St.

Bonaventure Monastery where Bl. Solanus was the porter. Mass will be followed by sharing a meal at the On the Rise Bakery, a ministry of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen that employs bakers who are recently released from prison or completed a substance abuse recovery

program. The cost is \$7 for the tour coupled with spending money for the gift shop and the meal at the bakery. Please **RSVP by May 10** to Jay Landry at jlandry@stcatherinesiena.org, 269-978-2331 or Narcia Schultz-Acker at schacker0903@gmail.com to let them know if you will attend and if you are able to drive.



Sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Administration

John Emilio 978-2335 jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org

Weekly Collection Data: As of March 31, 2019

1. Weekly Budget Target	\$ 42,062
2a. Actual Sunday Collection	\$ 18,070
2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic	\$ 16,103
2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection	\$ 34,173
Monthly Data:	
3. Sunday Collection Monthly Budget Target	\$ 157,000
4. Sunday Collection Monthly Total	\$ 151,131
5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month	\$ 169,964

6. YTD Budget = \$1,113,490; YTD Actual = \$1,109,744; YTD Actual Last Yr. = \$1,157,914

Sponsors make our bulletin possible!

Langeland Family Funeral Homes

Norm Langeland

Vander Salm's Floral
John Vander Salm



Vacation Bible School will be held in our parish the week of July 15-19. This is always a fun and faith-filled week and we will need MANY volunteers. Funloving and friendly people are encouraged to apply. Contact Karen Galloway at 327-0861 for more information.



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Sunday, April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday	
7:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass, Church
	(Choir)
9:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass, Church
	(Choir/Sienas/Young Adult
	Praise)
9:00 am	Nursery Open during the 9
	am Mass, Nursery
11:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass, Church
	(Gathering Band)
11:00 am	Live-stream of 11:00 am
	Mass from Church, MH

Nursery Open during the 11

am Mass, Nursery
5:00 pm NO MASS TODAY

11:00 am

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

YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2019-MAY 2020 IS AVAILABLE

If you would like an electronic copy of the schedule contact Philip Dezern and he will email it to you.

WONDERING ABOUT CONFIRMATION AND WHAT YOUTH MINISTRY IS?

If you have kids currently in grades 5-11 or are just interested, let's set up a time to talk. I will pay for the cup of coffee. Feel free to even get a group together, and I will meet with you all. I look forward to talking with you. If you do not have time to meet, give me a call and we can talk over the phone.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES...SIGNUP NOW! Non-parish friends can join us.

<u>Michigan Adventure</u> - June 19 is for anyone currently grades 5-12. It costs \$45 and that pays for transportation and admission into the water and amusement park.

<u>Saint Meinrad Retreat</u> - June 24-28 is for anyone currently in grades 7-12. It also provides hours for those needing some for Confirmation prep. We spend time praying and also time at a waterpark/amusement park. The cost is \$450 and it pays for all your food, transportation, and lodging.

<u>Service Camp</u> - July 16-18 is for anyone currently grades 7-12. You get service hours and you can get Confirmation prep hours. Cost is \$280 and that pays for all food, lodging, and transportation.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

GRADES 6-8

Sunday Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph Youth Room	11:30 am – 1:10 pm	April 14
Sunday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Centre	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	April 14
Monday Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph Youth Room	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	April 15
Wednesday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Centre	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	April 17

GRADES 9-12

We will provide a carpool from St. Joseph to St. Catherine and back.

Sunday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Centre 6:15 pm — 8:00 pm April 14

Pastoral Care
Mary Beckley-Clark 978-2334 mclark@stcatherinesiena.org



There will be free blood pressure screenings in Marian Hall this Sunday, April 14 between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Stop by and say hello to one of our parish nurses.

Are you looking for a new way to serve the parish? Would you like to be a part of a growing ministry? As the number of funerals in our parish increases, we are looking to add additional volunteers as part of a "Saturday only" team. You will work as part of a team of 6-8 other volunteers to prepare and serve funeral luncheons on Saturdays as requested. Training is provided. Youth ages 12 and older are welcome to volunteer with a parent. If you are busy on Saturdays, but are willing to prepare a salad or dessert at home, we would also love to put your culinary skills to use. Please contact Mary Beckley-Clark to sign-up or for more information.

Food Addicts Anonymous:

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm Rooms 6-8 **Alcoholics Anonymous:**

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

Saturdays, 5:00 pm Rooms 10-12

Gamblers Anonymous:

Fridays, 7:30 pm Rooms 10-12 Overeaters Anonymous:

Saturdays, 11:00 am Rooms 6-8



Other News



SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR CHILDREN—The St. Catherine Nursery needs volunteers during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses, as well as at other day and evening events. The nursery cannot operate without the time and talent of dedicated volunteers. All nursery volunteers MUST be VIRTUS trained, background checked and at least 18 years old before they can help. If you are interested in being a part of this rewarding and fun ministry, contact Connie Juszczyk at cjuszczyk@stcatherinesiena.org.

Nursery



Come! Join the Team: Not the softball team – the coffee and donut team!

Our coffee and donut ministry is looking for awesome volunteers to join their crew. All three current openings have flexible schedules: Frosting maker: 1½ to 2 hours bi-weekly pick your day, Monday - Saturday. Buyer: Take bi-weekly inventory; purchase supplies on your schedule. Coordinator: Recruit volunteers, manage team scheduling, and communicate with team to ensure donuts are served to all!

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land April 19. Pope Francis requests our support for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection on April. The wars, unrest and instability in the Holy Land have created complex political, religious and military challenges that have been especially hard on Christians. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. Become an instrument of peace through your generous contribution. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Come join Catholics from around the world at THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT!

This international conference will be live-streamed on May 4 with speakers who will provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom, and resources on how Catholics can effectively share their faith with others. It will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites internationally, including St. Philip Catholic Church in Battle Creek. **This Tri-Parish Collaborative event is FREE but please register by April 28 at newevangelization.ca.** A light breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information, contact stjec@bcacs.org. Event is **8:15 am-4:30 pm** at St. Philip Parish Center, 112 Capital Avenue, NE, Battle Creek.

TV Mass for the Homebound: WOTV Channel 41 (ABC) 7:30 am. Is someone you love unable to come to church? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org, or Channel 41 WOTV (ABC) at 7:30 am Sunday. (For those who can go to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass.)

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SATURDAY: A	April 13 Vigil of Palm Sunday	Presider
5:30 pm	Michael & Charlotte Smodic	Fr. Albert
	1 st Wedding Anniversary	
SUNDAY: Api	ril 14 PALM SUNDAY	
Luke 19:28-40)/Isaiah 50:4-7/Luke 22:14-23	<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Bill
9:00 am	†Luciano Garcia	Fr. Albert
11:00 am	† Anna Sosinski	Fr. Bill
5:00 pm	†Anita Kominek	Fr. Ken

MONDAY: April 15 Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-7/John 12:1-11 9:15 am †Luciano Balderas

TUESDAY: April 16 Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-6/John 13:21-33, 36-38

9:15 am Benefactors of the Parish & Memorial Fund

WEDNESDAY: April 17 Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a/Matthew 26:14-25 9:15 am †Fred Emmerich

THURSDAY: April 18 Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15

7:00 pm People of the Parish

FRIDAY: April 19 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12/Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/John 18:1-19:42

1:00 pm Service (no Mass)

SATURDAY: April 20 Holy Saturday

Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Genesis 22:1-18 or

22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Exodus 14:15-15:1/

Isaiah 54:5-14/Isaiah 55:1-11/Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4/

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28/Romans 6:3-11/Luke 24:1-12

<u>Presider</u>

9:00 pm People of the Parish Fr. Ken, Fr. Albert, Dcn. Brian

SUNDAY: April 21 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Colossians 3:1-4 or

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/John 20:1-9/Luke 24:1-12

Presider

7:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Basker

9:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Bill, Dcn. Brian

11:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Albert

Sunday, April 14, 2019 Preschool – 1st Grade Children's Faith

Formation classes during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

8:30 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
9:00 am	Nursery Open during the 9 am Mass, Nursery
10:00 am	Benedictine Oblates, SCR, LL
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
10:30 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
11:00 am	Nursery Open during the 11 am Mass, Nursery
3:00 pm	Youth Ministry for Grades 6-8, Stanley Centre
3:15 pm	Children's Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-5,
	Classrooms, MH
3:30 pm	Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church

Youth Ministry for Grades 9-12, Stanley Centre

Monday, April 15, 2019

6:15 pm

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

9:45 am	Medilodge, Off Grounds
1:30 pm	Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
3:30 pm	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
6:00 pm	Children's Faith Formation Classes for Grades
	1-5, Classrooms, MH, SCR, LL
6:30 pm	Bingo, Gym
6:30 pm	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
7:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

9:45 am	Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
10:00 am	Centering Prayer, Trinity Chapel
1:00 pm	Senior Center Yoga, GWR
3:30 pm	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
5:30 pm	AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
5:30 pm	Centering Prayer, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus 1st Degree Ceremony,
	Rooms 1-3, 5-7
6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Meeting, Room 23
6:30 pm	FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

9:45 am	Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
9:45 am	Bulletin Stuffers, Rooms 1-3
10:00 am	Gospel of Luke Bible Study, MH
1:30 pm	Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
3:00 pm	Centre Meadows Mass, Off Grounds
3:30 pm	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
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6:00 pm	Youth Ministry for Grades 6-8, GWR
6:30 pm	Gospel of Luke Bible Study, MH
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Thursday, April 18, 2019 Holy Thursday 10:00 am Parish Nurse. Room 104. LL

11:30 am	GriefShare, Rooms 2-4
5:30 pm	AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts, GWR

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass, Church (Choir)

Friday, April 19, 2019 Good Friday

3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross, Church
1:00 pm	veneration of the Cross, Church

7:00 pm Reflections at the Foot of the Cross, Church

7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, April 20, 2019 Holy Saturday

7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3

11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8 5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12 5:30 pm NO MASS TODAY

9:00 pm Easter Vigil, Church (Choir)

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