

St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 28, 2019

**Words from our Patron Saint**

**"Nails were not enough to hold God-and-man nailed and fastened on the Cross, had love not held Him there."**

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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: 8:45-9:00 am † Saturday: 8:45-9:00 am & 4:00-5:00 pm † First Friday: 8:15-9:00 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 prayers, please call 978-2344 or email [prayers@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto: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.



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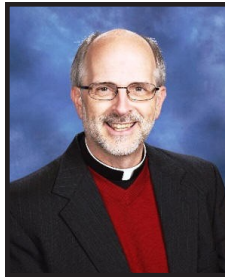
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**Presider Schedule: May 4-5**

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

**Musician Schedule: May 4-5**

5:30 pm	Cantor
7:30 am	Cantor
9:00 am	Gathering Band
11:00 am	Gathering Band
5:00 pm	Young Adult Praise

**Ken's Kaleidoscope**
**April 28, 2019**


Our parish is grateful for:

+ the "coffee and donut crews" who provide such tasty hospitality.  
+ all the liturgical ministers (musicians, sacristans, servers, lectors, and Ministers of Holy Communion) and parish staff who serve us year-round, and extend themselves for the special days of Holy Week.  
+ Arlene Pyke and the hard-working crew of the Art & Environment Committee that keep the church looking

beautiful for our liturgies.

+ the catechists, youth ministers, and all their assistants for helping form our children and young people in the Catholic faith.

+ the volunteers who cleaned and prepared our gardens and grounds for the glory of spring.

+ Doran Lefaiwe and the many volunteers who helped repaint Marian Hall.

God bless all of you, and may your service bear much fruit for the Reign of God.

If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian! Can holiness somehow be understood apart from this lively recognition of the dignity of each human being?

For Christians, this involves a constant and healthy unease. Even if helping one person alone could justify all our efforts, it would not be enough. It also mean[s] seeking social change: "For later generations to also be released, clearly the goal had to be the restoration of just social and economic systems, so there could no longer be exclusion." (para. 98-99 in *Gaudete et Exsultate*) **What do I see when I encounter someone who is homeless?**

**Administration**

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

**Weekly Collection Data: As of April 14, 2019**

1. Weekly Budget Target	\$ 28,321
2a. Actual Sunday Collection	\$ 24,175
2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic	\$ 4,145
2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection	\$ 28,320

**Monthly Data:**

3. Sunday Collection Monthly Budget Target	\$ 118,000
4. Sunday Collection Monthly Total	\$ 87,678
5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month	\$ 173,035
6. YTD Budget = \$1,166,896; YTD Actual = \$1,164,810; YTD Actual Last Yr. = \$1,206,549	



Children's Faith Formation  
Karen Galloway 327-0861 kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org



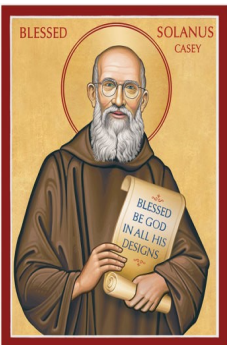
St. Catherine will host a VBS  
the week of July 15-19.

~~The theme is an African adventure~~  
**ROAR!**  
**Life is Wild, God is Good!**

This is always a fun and faith-filled week and **MANY volunteers are needed.** Fun loving and friendly people are encouraged to apply. Contact Karen Galloway at the above email or phone number.

**Vacation  
Bible  
School**

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



On **Saturday, May 18**, parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center and the tomb of Blessed Solanus Casey in Detroit. 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.

*On the Rise Bakery*  
*Sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen*

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

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS** - We wish to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the almost 70 parishioners who volunteered to become part of our funeral ministry. **What a gift you are to our parish!** In addition, we are happy to announce that this year's Butter Braid fundraiser earned \$2200 to support funeral lunches here at St. Catherine's. A special thank you to Rachel Ogrin for organizing this fundraiser.

*Thank You!*

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our bulletin possible!**

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Toni Jones

**Romence Garden Centre**  
Rob Romence



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**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel  
9:00 am Nursery Open during Mass  
10:00 am RCIA Reflection, GLP Conference Room  
11:00 am Nursery Open during Mass  
12:30 pm "Five Wishes" Workshop, SCR, LL  
3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church



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. Remember, current 5th graders can start doing activities in June.

### 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.

### IF YOU ARE BEING CONFIRMED THIS JUNE, YOU NEED TO TURN IN YOUR LETTER TO THE BISHOP.

Turn your letter into the church office and mark "Attention Philip" on the envelope.

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

Michigan Adventure: 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. **There are 20 spots left.**

Saint Meinrad Retreat: 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. **There are 6 spots left.**

Service Camp: 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. **Deadline is approaching.**

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### GRADES 6-8

Wednesday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Centre	6:00 – 7:15 pm	May 1
Wednesday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Centre	6:00 – 7:15 pm	May 15

Pastoral Care  
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**FIVE WISHES PROGRAM - WHEN:** Sunday, May 5 12:30 pm - **WHERE:** Siena Conference Room (lower level). In caring for your health, there are many decisions to be made. WHO will make decisions for you when you are unable to do so? Does your family know what you DO and DO NOT want done in a health crisis? At the end of life? Join us to explore "advance directives" using the **FIVE WISHES PROGRAM** led by Paula White, Parish RN.



**MOVING FORWARD GRIEF GROUP** - Those who are grieving the loss of someone, whether recent or not, meet with others who are walking the same path of grief for prayer, support and discussion.

***We learn to move forward, one step at a time.***

We meet on the last Monday of each month at both 10:00 am and 6:30 pm in the Polly Pollard Room (lower level). **Our next meeting will be Monday, April 29. Please RSVP to Mary at the above number with which session you are attending so we can plan for you.**



#### 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



RCIA &amp; Adult Faith Formation

Jay Landry

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## Evening Prayer in The Easter Season

Wednesdays  
May 1 through June 5  
Trinity Chapel, 6:30 pm



Join us for Vespers and hear how Christ  
continues to work in us and through us.

### 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 ministry needs the time and talent of dedicated volunteers. All nursery volunteers **MUST** be VIRTUS trained, background checked and at least 18 years old to be a part of this rewarding and fun ministry. If interested, contact Connie Juszczuk at [cjuszczuk@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:cjuszczuk@stcatherinesiena.org).

**Community Involvement:** The “Singing Crusaders” of Western Michigan is having its annual Spring Concert with the Men of A-Chord of Chicago and the Heritage Singing Men of Jenison on Sunday afternoon, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. This free concert will be held at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church, 3911 S. 12 Street, Kalamazoo. The 75 men’s voices along with the Proclamation Brass offer a great afternoon of praise to God.”

**Virtual NFP Course:** Learn Natural Family Planning with a certified teaching couple from the comfort of your home! Couple to Couple League is offering live, on-line courses. Battle Creek Teaching Couple Nick and Elissa Jasko are leading a class series on Saturday mornings (9:30am-12:30pm on May 11, and June 8). Visit [register.ccli.org](http://register.ccli.org) to sign up. Contact Elissa at [elissa.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:elissa.murphy@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Sidewalk Advocates for Life program**, formerly called “sidewalk counseling”, uses a peaceful, prayerful, compassionate, woman-oriented, law-abiding method of sidewalk advocacy to help women and men entering the abortion center to choose life and offer more life-affirming options. To be trained on how to help women in various situations choose life at Planned Parenthood, there are 2 dates to choose from: **Tuesday, April 30, or Tuesday, May 7 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm** in Oshtemo. Please contact Mary Jeske at 219-393-0644 or [20mlj13@gmail.com](mailto:20mlj13@gmail.com) with questions or to register for the training. There is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of materials and is payable at the door. Coffee, tea, water and refreshments will be provided. For more information about Sidewalk Advocates for Life, go to: [www.sidewalkadvocates.org](http://www.sidewalkadvocates.org).

**SATURDAY: April 27 Vigil of The Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**Presider

5:30 pm †Thomas Barton Fr. Ken

**SUNDAY: April 28 Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

Acts 5:12-16/Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/John 20:19-31

Presider

7:30 am †Jacqueline Rose Merkel Fr. Ken

9:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Bill

11:00 am †Pat Markus Fr. Albert

5:00 pm †Anita Kominek Fr. Albert

**MONDAY: April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 4:23-31/John 3:1-8

9:15 am †Frank J. Tucker

**TUESDAY: April 30 Easter Weekday; Saint Pius V, Pope**

Acts 4:32-37/John 3:7b-15

9:15 am †John Munley

**WEDNESDAY: May 1 Easter Weekday; Saint Joseph the Worker**

Acts 5:17-26/John 3:16-21 or, for the Memorial, Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Matthew 13:54-58

9:15 am †Frank Lash

**THURSDAY: May 2 Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 5:27-33/John 3:31-36

9:15 am †Virginia Brey

**FRIDAY: May 3 Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8/John 14:6-14

9:15 am †John Patrick Curry

**SATURDAY: May 4 Easter Weekday**

Acts 6:1-7/John 6:16-21

9:15 am †Robert Shewchuk

**SATURDAY: May 4 Vigil of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**Presider

5:30 pm †Nataliya Vansovich Fr. Basker

**SUNDAY: May 5 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Revelation 5:11-14/John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Presider

7:30 am †Paul Portman Fr. Basker

9:00 am †Paul Portman Fr. Ken

11:00 am †Sister Maxine McGee Fr. Ken

5:00 pm People of the Parish Fr. Bill

**Sunday, April 28, 2019 Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL

10:00 am RCIA Reflection, GLP Conference Room

11:00 am Nursery Open during the 11 am Mass, Nursery

3:15 pm Children's Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-5

3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church

**Monday, April 29, 2019**

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

9:45 am Medilodge, Off Grounds

10:00 am Moving Forward, PPR, LL  
 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds  
 6:00 pm Children's Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-5, Classrooms  
 6:30 pm Moving Forward, PPR, LL  
 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym  
 7:00 pm Upper Harmony Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL  
 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
 10:00 am Centering Prayer, Trinity Chapel  
 12:00 pm Widow & Widowers Lunch, Off Grounds  
 1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GWR  
 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12  
 5:30 pm Centering Prayer, Trinity Chapel  
 6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
 7:00 pm Kof C Officers' Mtg, Rms 5-7

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds  
 3:00 pm Centre Meadows, Off Grounds  
 6:00 pm Youth Ministry for Grades 6-8, GWR  
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Vespers), Trinity Chapel  
 7:00 pm Healing Through Christ, Rooms 1-3

**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room  
 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel  
 10:00 am Women of the Word, MH, Clrms  
 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 JustFaith, SCR, LL  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts, GWR  
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting, Rooms 9-11  
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL

**Friday, May 3, 2019**

8:15 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room  
 9:15 am First Friday Mass, Church  
 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel  
 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel  
 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

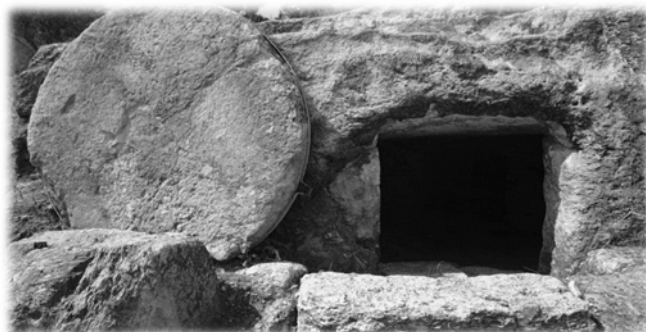
7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3  
 8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room  
 9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Interviews, SCR, LL  
 10:00 am Gathering Band Rehearsal, Church  
 10:15 am Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel  
 11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church  
 5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

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# Easter Vespers

**The work of Christ  
continues...**

**God working through us.**



From the very beginning of our church, whether we met in homes or gathering spaces, the work of Christ—healing the sick, loving our neighbor, feeding the hungry, protecting the vulnerable—all was accomplished through the work of our hands.

On Wednesdays in Eastertide, we will honor and celebrate those among us who are carrying on this work in Christ's name and in the name of our parish.

- Come hear personal accounts of God working in our lives.
- Come pray for and honor these ministers  
*(especially if you have benefitted from them!).*
- Give yourself permission at the end of the day to gather in the Grace of God working through YOU.

**Join us for Vespers (Evening Prayer)**

and let your voice be heard and God be praised.

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM IN TRINITY CHAPEL**

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH 1150 W. CENTRE, PORTAGE, 49024**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> honoring St. Vincent de Paul Ministers**

*Through the generosity of parish members, ministers help local people with food, rent, evictions and utility shut-offs. Each Thanksgiving they coordinate sharing more than a hundred food baskets with those in need in our neighborhoods.*

*Their ministry is offered with deep respect for each person they serve.*



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**Knights of Columbus  
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