

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be
opened to you.”

Luke 11:9



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**July 28, 2019 • 17th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

This is now my 4th full weekend at St. Catherine. As I have made myself available to meet and greet parishioners before and after the Masses, I am surprised and pleased how many people I already know (both from some of my former

parishes and the Kalamazoo/Portage area). I have even seen couples who I witnessed their marriage vows. It is wonderful to be in contact with everyone again. What amazes me more, especially since 13 years have passed, is how some of the youth I knew have really grown up. Funny how that happens, and yet they still quickly recognize me after all these years (it must be because I keep the same hair style!).

As of the time I am writing this, I am waiting for the official notice to arrive telling me when my installation Mass as pastor will take place. I believe this will be sometime in August. More on this to come. I have also been informed that there are plans in the works to formally welcome all our new priests to St. Catherine. Our team of priests is now complete with Fr. Jeff's arrival just two weeks ago.

I truly do appreciate how you have welcomed me and my brother priests these past few weeks. We also are thankful for all your prayers for us!

Thanks for reading!
Fr. Mark

Highlights

- Children's Faith Formation forms are available! See page 4 for more details.
- Bored Monday nights? Help Migrant Ministry! See page 5 for details.
- See new and familiar faces around the church office? You're not wrong. See staff updates on page 5.

Schedule

Mass

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

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Presiders: August 3-4

5:30 pm: Fr. Bill
7:30 am: Fr. Mark
9:00 am: Fr. Jeff
11:00 am: Fr. Bill
5:00 pm: Fr. Ben

Musicians: August 3-4

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

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If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call (269) 978-2344 or email prayers@stcatherinesiena.org.

This Week at St. Catherine

Sunday, July 28, 2019

- 8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
- 9:00 am Nursery Open during the 9 am Mass, Nursery
- 11:00 am Nursery Open during the 11 am Mass, Nursery
- 3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church

Monday, July 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
- 5:00 pm Migrant Ministry Check-In, LL Parking Lot
- 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Home Visit Committee Meeting, Rooms 5-7
- 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym
- 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14
- 7:00 pm Daniel Plan, Rooms 9-11

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00 pm Widow & Widowers Lunch, Off Grounds
- 1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GR (Stanley Centre)
- 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
- 6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, Gym, GWR
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council 6980 Officers' Meeting, Rooms 5-7

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
- 7:00 pm Healing Through Christ, Rooms 1-3

Thursday, August 1, 2019

- 8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
- 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
- 10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 104, LL
- 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
- 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting, Rooms 9-11

Friday, August 2, 2019

- 8:15 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
- 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
- 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
- 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church
- 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, August 3, 2019

- 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
- 10:00 am Gathering Band Rehearsal, Church
- 10:15 am Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel
- 11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
- 2:00 pm Wedding, Church
- 3:30 pm Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
- 5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Sunday, August 4, 2019

- 8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
- 9:00 am Nursery Open during the 9 am Mass, Nursery
- 11:00 am Nursery Open during the 11 am Mass, Nursery
- 3:00 pm Youth Ministry for Grades 6-8, Stanley Centre
- 3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church
- 6:15 pm Youth Ministry for Grades 9-12, Stanley Centre

Sponsors make our bulletin possible!

Kalamazoo Injury Law
Eric Kihm

A-1 Auto Body
Rosalie



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

Sacramental Information



Sacrament of Baptism

We would love to help you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at our church. Please call the parish office to learn more about the process and upcoming dates for Baptisms.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! We provide marriage preparation for engaged couples. Call the parish office to register.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

We have services to help those who are in the hospital, sick, or homebound. Call our parish office if you know of anyone who needs this sacrament.

Grow Disciples

Children's Faith Formation

Registration Forms Are Available!

We excited for another year of our Children's Faith Formation Classes! Registration forms can be found on our website at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/childrens-faith-formation> or pick up one in the Narthex. **Classes will begin Sunday, September 8, 2019.** Catechists are needed for Sunday mornings, Sunday afternoons, and Monday evenings. Contact **Karen Galloway at (269) 327-0861** for more information or to volunteer as a Catechist.

Youth Faith Formation

Looking for Leaders!

Do you want to make a positive impact? Do you want to laugh and have fun? Do you want to learn more about your faith? We're looking for young adults and adults to help us out with our Youth Program. Flexible days and times. Contact **Phil Dezern at (616) 633-0994** to change a life!

Confirmation Reminders

As Confirmation time is approaching, don't forget there are requirements necessary to be confirmed:

- 60 hours of youth ministry activities (starting in 7th grade). This can be done over a 2-4 year span.
- The Confirmation Record Keeping form needs to be turned in the year you wish to be confirmed.
- You need to do service hours (the number of hours is up to you and your parents).
- The year you get confirmed, you need to write a letter to the Bishop, a paper on your service work, and a paper on a saint.
- Candidates chose a sponsor (not the parents) who is at least 16 and a practicing Catholic. Remember, being a sponsor is hard work and not an honorary title.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Phil Dezern at (616) 633-0994**.

Adult Faith Formation

The Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF)

Please join our Catholic Men's Fellowship every Saturday morning after intercessory prayers for a brief discussion of the Sunday readings. For the next several months, the group will be discussing *Rerouting... Finding Our Way Back to God and His Church*, by Fr. John Riccardo (2018). These discussions encourage men to be better Catholic husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, friends, co-workers, etc. Catholic men are invited to attend any Saturday morning meeting in Rooms 1-3 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. For more information, contact **Steve Borchert at (269) 327-5207 or sborchert5207@charter.net**. If you can't do Saturday mornings, there is also a CMF group that meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in Room 14 of Marian Hall. We are in the process of beginning a new book for discussion soon and welcome any input. For more information on the evening group, please contact **Bob Woleben at rewoleben@gmail.com** or Gary Dunlap at gldunlap7709@gmail.com.

Annual Men's Retreat Weekend



Men of all ages are welcome to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to join our Annual Men's Retreat Weekend at St. Francis in DeWitt, MI on September 6-8, 2019. Join us and explore the calling of our Christian tradition! Our theme this year is *River of Life: Flowing From Our Baptism*. Suggested donation for the weekend is \$185 and includes all lodging, meals, and materials. The retreat begins with check in at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. **Register with St. Francis at (517) 669-8321 or online at <http://www.stfrancis.ws>**.

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

Engage

Thank You for Your School Donations!

Thank you to everyone who has donated school supplies and clothes for needy children in programs served by South County Community Center and Generous Hands, Family and Children Services, Kalamazoo Deacon's Conference, and Peace House. Reminder to those who took a tag to please bring donation items, with the tag, to the 'Back to School Tree' in the Narthex **by Sunday, July 28th**. If you are willing to assist with delivery of these items during late July/early August, please email **Colette at gushursts@yahoo.com**. Thank you for your donations and help with this important mission!

Serve the World

Migrant Ministry News

Please join us for our final two camp visits on **Monday July 29th and August 5th** to spend time with over 40 children at a migrant camp in Grand Junction. A Mass and Fiesta are planned for July 29th at 7:00 pm with rain date on our last visit on August 5. Adult participants and Virtus-trained volunteers (for supervising children) are also welcome! Forms are available outside the front office, as well as on our Facebook page and website. For additional information, please contact **Rachel Ogrin at rogryn@stcatherinesiena.org**.

Pastoral Care

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 in the Polly Pollard Room (lower level). Our next meeting will be this **Monday, July 29th at 10:00 am**. There will be no evening session this month. Contact **Mary Beckley-Clark at (269) 978-2334 or mclark@stcatherinesiena.org** or **Paula White at (269) 330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com** for more information.

Mark Your Calendar! Join the Primetimes for Lunch

Primetimers will be meeting at Los Amigos Restaurant on **Monday, August 5th at 11:30 am**. Primetimers are parishioners ages 50 and over, and their friends, who meet on the first Monday of even months for lunch and conversation. Take a break from the August heat and join us for lunch. Contact **Mary Beckley-Clark at (269) 978-2334 or mclark@stcatherinesiena.org** or **Paula White at (269) 330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com** for more information.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Data: As of July 14, 2019

Weekly Budget Target\$27,714
 2a. Actual Sunday Collection.....\$27,571
 2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic.....\$ 3,893
 2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection.....\$31,464

Monthly Data as of July 14, 2019

3. Sunday Collection Budget Target for Month\$106,702
 4. Sunday Collection Actual Month to Date.....\$ 90,466
 5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month.....\$179,362
 6. YTD Sunday Collection Budget = \$58,213; YTD Actual = \$59,002;
 YTD Actual Last Yr. \$61,327

Contact **John Emilio at (269) 978-2335** with any questions.

Other News

Father Ken's New Home & TRA's New Office

Father Ken has a new home at the former St. Jerome rectory at 242 Collier Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49037. However, he won't be able to move in until the end of August. He is grateful for Father Mark and the Parish's continued hospitality providing him a place to store his belongings and a place to work until then. Trauma Recovery Associates also has a new office at Family and Children Services, 1608 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, phone (269) 459-2121.

New Virtus, Nursery & Communications Manager

Please welcome Deb Dozeman to the staff at St. Catherine of Siena! Deb will take over Virtus, the church Nursery, managing the front office and Communication plans within the church. Deb and her husband, Mike, have been parishioners of St. Catherine's for twelve years. They have four children: Henry (9), Gabe (7), and twins Anna and Andrew (5). When Deb isn't busy being a wife and mother, she enjoys traveling, movies and playing trivia at One Well with the ReGeneration trivia team!

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: July 27 Vigil of The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm †Mary Hunt Fr. Jeff

SUNDAY: July 28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32/Colossians 2:12-14/Luke 11:1-13

7:30 am People of the Parish Fr. Ben

9:00 am †Kay Speese Fr. Bill

11:00 am †Pat Markus Fr. Mark

5:00 pm †Timothy Hofbauer Fr. Jeff

MONDAY: July 29 Saint Martha

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34/John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

9:15 am †Charlotte Green

TUESDAY: July 30 Weekday; Saint Peter Chrysologus,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

9:15 am †Lourdes Llagas

WEDNESDAY: July 31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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

9:15 am †Larry Skinner

THURSDAY: Aug 1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

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

9:15 am †Bruno & †Mary Bragagnini

FRIDAY: Aug 2 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint

Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

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

9:15 am End Abortion

SATURDAY: Aug 3 Weekday

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

9:15 am Sophia Mullins Baptism Anniversary

SATURDAY: Aug 3 Vigil of The Eighteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:30 pm †Matthew Gray Fr. Bill

SUNDAY: Aug 4 The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23/Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11/Luke 12:

13-21

7:30 am †Michael Donell Fr. Mark

9:00 am Julia Nespodzany Fr. Jeff

11:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Bill

5:00 pm †Anita Kominek Fr. Ben

Love God

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

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