

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Take care to guard against
all greed, for though one may
be rich, one's life does not
consist of possessions."

Luke 12:15

"Eviten con gran cuidado toda
clase de codicia, porque aunque
uno lo tenga todo, no son sus
posesiones las que le dan vida."

Lucas 12, 15



**August 4, 2019 • 18th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

Somehow, it's already August! Usually when we get to August, it's time for many school families to start thinking about a new school year. Sports, band camp (which I was always involved in as a teenager), and of course, shopping for school,

all start up. It's a long time since I was in seminary, but Fr. Jeff seems very happy that he doesn't have to go back to school this fall!

With all the moves and getting settled into the parish, one of the anniversaries I failed to mention a few weeks ago was on the 21st of July. In 1971, this was the date that our Diocese of Kalamazoo was formed. I was just a young boy at that time and don't remember too much about it. But, here we are at 48 years as a Diocese and looking to celebrate our 50th anniversary as a Diocese in just two years.

Speaking of seminary, our numbers are going to be the same for next year with six seminarians. With all the moves this summer, we now have a fulltime vocation director: Fr. Jose Haro. He will be residing at our South Street House of Formation for men who are interested in exploring the vocation of priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in this, please contact one of our priests and we will put you in contact with Fr. Jose.

Thanks for reading!
Fr. Mark

Highlights

- Children's Faith Formation forms are available! See page 4 for details.
- Blood Drive in Mary Hunt's memory a huge success! See more details on page 4.
- Bishop Bradley coming to St. Catherine's. See page 5 for the announcement.

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 10-11

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

Musicians: August 10-11

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

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

This Week at St. Catherine

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
 3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church
 6:15 pm Youth Ministry for Grades 9-12, Stanley Centre

5:00 pm KofC Clergy Appreciation Meeting, Rooms 5-7
 7:00 pm Healing Through Christ, Rooms 1-3

Monday, August 5, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 9:45 am Medilodge, Off Grounds
 11:30 am Primetimers, Off Grounds
 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living Mass, Off Grounds
 5:00 pm Migrant Ministry Check-In, LL Parking Lot
 6:00 pm SVDP Home Visit Committee Mtg, 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, August 6, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 10:00 am Baptism: A Call to Mission Bible Study, SCR, LL
 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
 6:30 pm Baptism: A Call to Mission Bible Study, SCR, LL
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Council 6980 Business Meeting, Rooms 5-7

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
 3:00 pm Centre Meadows, Off Grounds

Thursday, August 8, 2019

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
 10:00 am Women of the Word Planning Mtg, Rms 1-3
 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg, Rooms 9-11
 7:00 pm Baptism Class, GLP Conference Room

Friday, August 9, 2019

9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
 2:00 pm Medilodge Mass, Off Grounds
 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, August 10, 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
 10:15 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 11, 2019

8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
 9:00 am Nursery Open during the Mass, Nursery
 10:00 am Benedictine Oblates, SCR, LL
 11:00 am Nursery Open during the Mass, Nursery
 3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church

Sponsors make our bulletin possible!

Core Balance
 Angela

Fletcher's Pub
 Chris Housler



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

Faith Formation Registration Forms

There's still time to register your child(ren) for 2019-2020 Faith Formation classes! Forms are available online at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/childrens-faith-formation>. You may also pick up a form in our Narthex or contact **Karen Galloway** at kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org. You will receive an email confirmation within a week after your form is processed. If you do not, please contact Karen as soon as possible. We're looking forward to a great Faith Formation year!

Youth Faith Formation

Schedule of Events on August 4 and 25

Those entering Grades 6-8 next school year

3:00 - 4:45 pm St. Catherine, Stanley Center

Those entering High School next year or were in High School this year

6:15 - 8:00 pm St. Catherine, Stanley Center



Looking for Leaders!

Do you have any interest in God? 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!

Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study on Baptism



Join us for a four-week bible study on baptism, "Baptism – A Transformative Call to Discipleship & Mission." Baptism forgives our sin, makes us a child of God, incorporates us into the Body of Christ, and is a lifelong call to live as Jesus does. This bible study will draw from various books of the Bible in four sessions. We will meet on four **Tuesdays in August (6, 13, 20, 27) at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm** in the Siena Conference Room. RSVP to **Jay Landry** at **978-2331** and bring your bible.

Join Us At JustFaith - Starting in September!

JustFaith is powerful, transformative small-group journey deep into Jesus Christ through encountering the Spirit of Jesus in powerful books, videos, immersions, and your fellow participants. If you are interested in joining the JustFaith group, please contact **Jay Landry** at **978-2331**.



Serve the World

Blood Drive in Mary Hunt's Memory a Huge Success!

On behalf of St. Catherine's and the Hunt family, we want to thank all who came on Tuesday, July 23 to donate blood to the Michigan Blood bank in Mary Hunt's memory. We had an outstanding turn out. We filled 50 spaces and donated 40 units of blood—a parish record! We exceeded our goal and have you all to thank. A special thank you as well to all the St. Catherine volunteers who helped out with snacks and other tasks to make this blood drive such a success.

Did Someone Say Donuts?

Do you love our coffee and donuts on Sundays? We need you to help keep the ministry going! Our coffee and donut ministry is looking for awesome volunteers to join our crews. Flexible schedules are available. A few of the positions we are looking for: **Frosting maker** (1 ½ to 2 hours bi-weekly), **Buyer** (take bi-weekly inventory; purchase supplies on your schedule), and **Coordinator** (recruit volunteers, manage team scheduling and communicate with team to ensure donuts are served to all). If you are interested in learning more, please contact **Deb Lins** at 324-9536.



Pastoral Care

Loss of a Spouse Workshop

Grieving the death of a spouse? Or, do you know someone who is? Your life has changed forever and the grief and sadness can seem hard to bear at times. Find help and support at our Loss of a Spouse workshop on **Wednesday, August 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm** in Rooms 9-11. Suggested donation of \$5.00 covers the cost of your workbook and snacks. Contact **Mary Beckley-Clark** at 978-2334 or mclark@stcatherinesiena.org or **Paula White** at 330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com for more information or to register.

Free classes at Portage Senior Center

Matter of Balance will be offered on **Mondays from August 5 through September 30** from 1:00-3:00 pm to help improve balance and mobility. Registration is required. Contact **Kelly Milliman** at 373-5021 or kmmill@kalcounty.com. **Creating Confident Caregivers (Dementia Caregiver Education & Support)** will be held on **Wednesdays from August 7 - September 11** from 5:30-7:30 pm. Contact **Patti Stratton** at 373-5141 or psstra@kalcounty.com.

Stewardship

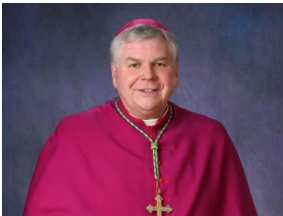
Weekly Collection Data: As of July 21, 2019

Weekly Budget Target\$30,499
 2a. Actual Sunday Collection.....\$17,733
 2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic.....\$15,471
 2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection.....\$33,204

Monthly Data as of July 21, 2019

3. Sunday Collection Budget Target for Month\$113,843
 4. Sunday Collection Actual Month to Date.....\$114,254
 5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month.....\$137,399
 6. YTD Sunday Collection Budget = \$113,843; YTD Actual = \$114,254;
 YTD Actual Last Yr. \$108,295 (First month of the fiscal year)
 Contact **John Emilio** at 978-2335 with any questions.

Other News



Bishop Bradley Special Mass of Reconciliation

Please join Bishop Paul J. Bradley for a special Mass of Reconciliation on Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 pm. This Mass, rescheduled from earlier in the year, will provide an opportunity for our parishioners to come together in prayer and with hope for the future. Following Mass, there will be time for prayerful reflection and dialogue with Bishop Bradley. Our evening will conclude by 8:00 pm. We hope you can join us.

Remembrance Error—Our Apologizes to Niedzielski Family

Our sincere apologies to the Niedzielski family for incorrectly listing family members under Remembrances in the Milestones section of last week's bulletin. It should have read: "**James Niedzielski**, husband of Joan, father of Linda (Larry) Quick & Karole (Jim) Michalka."

Special Message from Mary Beckley-Clark

It has been my privilege to be part of the staff here at St. Catherine's for the past six years. However, I have accepted a position as a Grief Counselor at Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan. My last day here will be August 14. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new chapter and be assured of my continued prayers for our entire parish. I am still a parishioner here at St. Catherine's. I look forward to still seeing you all at church activities and at mass on Sundays. - Mary Beckley-Clark, Pastoral Care Associate



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: Aug 3 Vigil of The Eighteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:30 pm †Matthew Gray Presider 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 Presider

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

MONDAY: August 5 Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Numbers 11:4b-15/Matthew 14:13-21

9:15 am †James Niedzielski

TUESDAY: August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Peter 1:16-19/Luke 9:28b-36

9:15 am †Tim Cretsinger

WEDNESDAY: August 7 Weekday; Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Matthew 15:21-28

9:15 am †Carol Schmittler

THURSDAY: August 8 Saint Dominic, Priest

Numbers 20:1-13/Matthew 16:13-23

9:15 am †G. Thomas Erhardt

FRIDAY: August 9 Weekday; Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Deuteronomy 4:32-40/Matthew 16:24-28

9:15 am †Ramona Feltes

SATURDAY: August 10 Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10/John 12:24-26

9:15 am Doyle Schmittler

SATURDAY: August 10 Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm †Mike Wisser Presider Fr. Jeff

SUNDAY: August 11 The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9/Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Luke

12:32-48 or 12:35-40 Presider

7:30 am †Anita Kominek Fr. Albert

9:00 am †Joe Nespodzany Sr. Fr. Mark

11:00 am †Pat Markus Fr. Ben

5:00 pm People of the Parish Fr. Jeff

Reporting Sexual Misconduct

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at (844) 324-3374.

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Ark In The Dark

Firefly 5K & Silent Auction



8.17.19 @ 8 PM

Join us in ending youth homelessness and trafficking!

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