

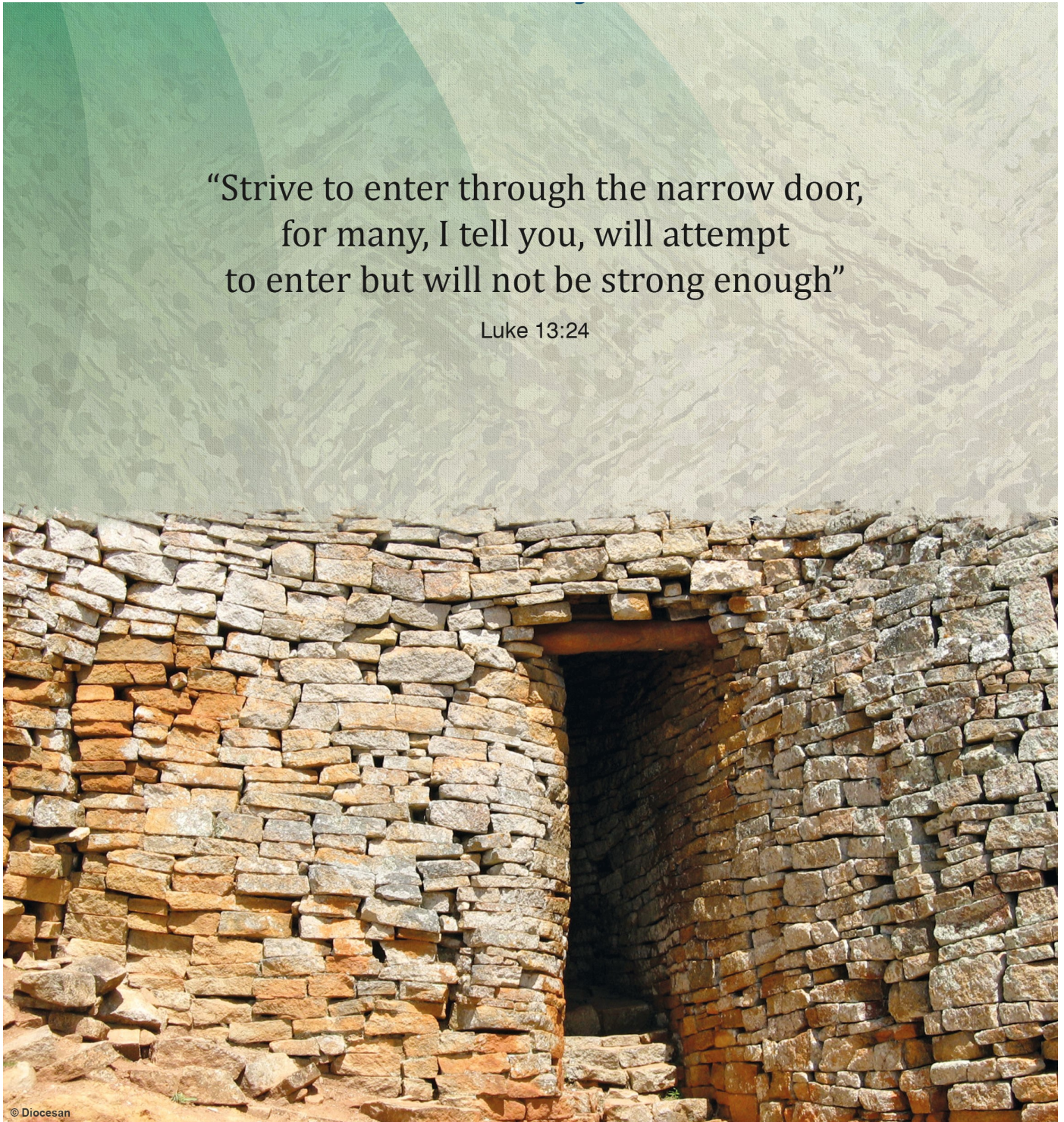
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“Strive to enter through the narrow door,
for many, I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be strong enough”

Luke 13:24



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August 25, 2019 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

Anytime we have difficulty with something in life, what do we do? We pray! Sometimes we just don't know or see what the answer will be to any situation that we face. If you happened to miss this this summer, Bishop Bradley made a visit to our parish in early August to pray with us and have a Mass of Reconciliation.

Following Mass, there was a time for discussion and an opportunity for questions and answers with the Bishop. One of my daily prayers for the past year is the prayer that we used at that particular Mass. Since I'm new here to the parish, I'm not sure if you have seen this prayer before. We need to bring such a prayer before Our Lord, and I urge you to make this a part of your prayers each day. I appreciate your continue prayers for the Universal Church, our parish community and all your priests!

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Heavenly Father, in every age, you have been our refuge. Yet again and still, we stand before you asking for your protection on your holy Church. For the victims of abuse and their families, pour out your healing and your peace. For the Bishops of this country, continue to inspire their decisions, and guide them with your Spirit. For the thousands of good and faithful priests, who have followed your call to serve you and your people in holiness, sustain them by your grace. For the faithful who are angry, confused, and searching for answers, embrace them with your love, restore their trust, and console them with your clear Gospel message, and renew them with your sacraments. We place our Church in your hands, for without you we can do nothing. May Jesus, our High Priest and true compass, continue to lead her in every thought and action to be an instrument of justice, a source of consolation, a sacrament of unity, and a manifestation of your faithful covenant. Grant this through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thanks for reading!
Fr. Mark

Highlights

- Open House for Children's Faith Formation. See page 4 for more information.
- Programs starting up this fall. See page 4 & 5 for details.
- Special screenings of the movie "Unplanned." See page 5 for times and location.

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: Aug. 31 - Sept. 1

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

Musicians: Aug. 31 - Sept. 1

5:30 pm: Cantor
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, August 25, 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
- 1:00 pm "Unplanned" Film Presentation, Church
- 3:00 pm Youth Ministry for Grades 6-8, Stanley Centre
- 3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal
- 6:15 pm Youth Ministry for Grades 9-12, Stanley Centre
- 6:30 pm "Unplanned" Film Presentation, Church

Monday, August 26, 2019

- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 9:45 am Medilodge, Off Grounds
- 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
- 6:00 pm SVDP Home Visit Committee Mtg, Rooms 5-7
- 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym
- 7:00 pm Daniel Plan, Rooms 9-11

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

- 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Weavers, PPR, LL
- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 10:00 am Baptism: A Call to Mission Bible Study, SCR, LL
- 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
- 6:30 pm Baptism: A Call to Mission Bible Study, SCR, LL
- 7:00 pm KofC Council 6980 Officers' Mtg, Rooms 5-7

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
- 6:00 pm Children's Faith Formation Catechist OSV Training, MH
- 7:00 pm Healing Through Christ, Rooms 1-3

Thursday, August 29, 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
- 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
- 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting, Rooms 9-11

Friday, August 30, 2019

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

Saturday, August 31, 2019

- 7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3
- 8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, 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, September 1, 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, September 2, 2019 (Labor Day)

(Church Offices Closed)

- 9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym

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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

Open House for Children's Faith Formation



Children's Faith Formation will hold an Open House on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 pm**. This is for all Sunday and Monday classes. Please meet in Marian Hall for a brief introduction and prayer. From there we will dismiss to your child(ren)'s classrooms. Come meet our wonderful catechists and see how you can support your child's classroom as well as get a look at the new textbooks! Light refreshments will be served. Contact **Karen Galloway** at kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org with any questions.

What Are Benchmarks?

Benchmarks is a term often used in education to list goals or targets educators need children to accomplish. Did you know that our diocese has benchmarks for our parish children? Come to our Children's Faith Formation Open House and learn about the benchmarks we have for ages 3-10 years.

St. Catherine's Has a MOPS Group

What is MOPS? It stands for **Mothers of Preschoolers**, but is for pregnant mothers up to kindergarten children. Meet other moms who desire to serve, share lives together, and develop meaningful friendships. Starting September 10, we will meet on the **second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 9:15-11:15 am** in the Stanley Centre. Limited childcare is available! For more information, visit <http://stcatherinesiena.org/mops> or contact **Liza Foley** at StCatherineSienaMOPS@yahoo.com.



Youth Faith Formation

Schedule of Events on August 25 and September 15, 2019



Those entering Grades 6-8 programs next school year

3:00 – 4:45 pm

St. Catherine, Stanley Centre

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

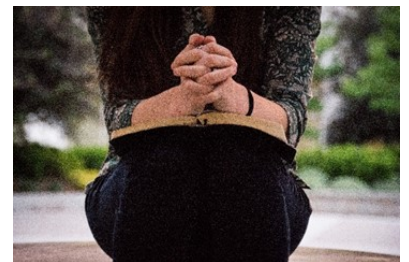
6:15 – 8:00 pm

St. Catherine Stanley Centre

Adult Faith Formation

Looking for a Women's Bible Study? Join WOW

Join Women of the Word this fall as we start a 10-week study on *Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History* by Stacy Mitch. The cost is \$10, but assistance is available. We meet weekly on **Thursdays from 10 am – 12 pm, starting September 26 or Sundays 6-8 pm, starting September 29**. A young mother's group and childcare are offered on Thursdays. We will have registration tables in the Narthex on September 7-8 and September 14-15 after Masses. **Payment may be made at registration**. Questions? Contact Katie Packard at km_packard@hotmail.com. For more information about WOW or this study, please contact Janet Wheeler at rwhee28934@aol.com.



Adult Faith Formation

Financial Peace University Coming to St. Catherine's

Sadly, the #1 reason for divorce is money problems. We all want stronger marriages; thus, we are pleased to offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Leave money stress behind! If your bills are suffocating you, we've got a plan to help. Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will show you how to beat debt and never worry about money again. **Classes begin Tuesday, October 8** and continue for nine weeks. Cost is \$99 per household and childcare is available. If childcare is needed contact John Bowman at john.bowman55@outlook.com or Raymond Shoup raymond.shoup@gmail.com.

Engage

"Unplanned" Movie Coming to St. Catherine's



Join us for one of two showings of "Unplanned" at St. Catherine's this afternoon on **Sunday, August 25 at 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm**. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Abby Johnson just wanted to help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions, which led her to become a spokesperson, fighting to enact legislation. That is, until she witnessed something that began a transformation, eventually making her a staunch defender of unborn human life. For admittance, we ask for a suggested donation of a bag of diapers (sizes newborn, 5 & 6, pullups 2-5T) for the Caring Network, a local crisis-pregnancy center. Contact **Jay Landry** at **978-2331** with any questions.

Serve the World

Pastoral Care

GriefShare

This is a nationally recognized program for those who are grieving the loss of someone. We will meet on **Fridays from September 6 to December 6 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm** in Room 2-4. We will focus on ways to heal through videos, small group discussion and Scripture. Cost is \$20.00 for all materials, including a personal workbook; scholarships are available. Contact **Paula White** at **330-3762** or pwhitenc@mac.com for more information or to register for this group.

Moving Forward

Our monthly grief group, **Moving Forward**, will not be meeting this fall. Please watch the bulletin for future updates.

Widow & Widower's Lunch

The **Widow & Widower's** group will meet for their monthly lunch on **Tuesday, August 27 at noon** at **Bob Evans Restaurant**.

Stewardship

Your Donations Count!

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Together we can make sure that every good work of the church occurs through the ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions. If you have not made a gift or pledge, please consider doing so. Gift envelopes are available at the welcome desk or the parish office. You may also submit your gift online at <http://www.diokzoo.org>.

Weekly Collection Data: As of August 11, 2019	Monthly Data as of August 11, 2019
Weekly Budget Target\$26,139	3. Sunday Collection Budget Target for Month\$193,700
2a. Actual Sunday Collection.....\$18,938	4. Sunday Collection Actual Month to Date.....\$195,461
2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic.....\$ 3,893	5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month.....\$365,690
2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection.....\$22,831	6. YTD Sunday Collection Budget = \$193,700 YTD Actual = \$195,461 YTD Actual Last Yr. = \$191,997
Contact John Emilio at (269) 978-2335 with any questions. Our new fiscal year started July 1, 2019	

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: August 24 Vigil of The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm	Special intention for the Wink Family	<u>Presider</u> Fr. Albert
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SUNDAY: August 25 Twenty – First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:8-21/Luke 13:22-30	<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	†Julia Sivley Fr. Jeff
9:00 am	People of the Parish Fr. Bill
11:00 am	†Ron Alford Fr. Ben
5:00 pm	†Anita Kominek Fr. Mark

MONDAY: August 26 Weekday

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
9:15 am †Frida Koch

TUESDAY: August 27 Saint Monica

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/Matthew 23:23-26
9:15 am †Georgie Cantu

WEDNESDAY: August 28 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/Matthew 23:27-32
9:15 am †Lori Hernandez

THURSDAY: August 29 Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/Matthew 6:17-29
9:15 am Kim Materi Nadwornik

FRIDAY: August 30 Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/Matthew 25:1-13
9:15 am Wedding Anniversary for Joe & Dee Cekola

SATURDAY: August 31 Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/Matthew 25:14-30
9:15 am Rhonda Moats

SATURDAY: August 31 Vigil of Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm	†Tom Miller	<u>Presider</u> Fr. Bill
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SUNDAY: September 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29/Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a/Luke 14:1, 7-14	<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	People of the Parish Fr. Mark
9:00 am	†Adam Gabel Fr. Ben
11:00 am	†Ronald Lindsley Fr. Jeff
5:00 pm	†Anita Kominek Fr. Albert

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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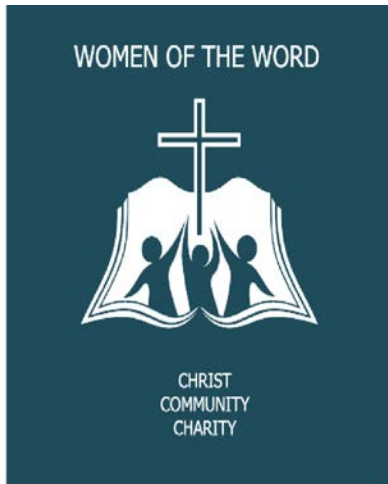
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We are Women Seeking a Deeper Relationship with Christ

Join us this September for “Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History” by Stacy Mitch

“Using the stories of Sarah, Esther, Judith, the Blessed Mother and other heroines of Scripture, Stacy Mitch helps readers see how they can follow these examples in their daily lives.”



Weekly meetings held:

Thursday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm beginning September 26, 2019

Where: Marian Hall

OR

Sunday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm beginning September 29, 2019

Where: Siena Conference Room

This is a 10-week study, which starts in September and runs until the beginning of December

COST: \$10 per book. Financial Assistance is available.

Child care is offered at the Thursday meetings

Registration dates:

September 7 & 8 and September 14 & 15 after all Masses

Payment will be taken at time of registration

For registration questions:

Katie Packard at km_packard@hotmail.com

For general questions:

Janet Wheeler at Rwhee28934@aol.com



Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Attending: Thurs. _____ Sun. _____

Childcare needed Y _____ N _____ If yes, how many children _____

Cash _____ Check _____ (Check made out to St. Catherine of Siena with WOW in the memo line).

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