

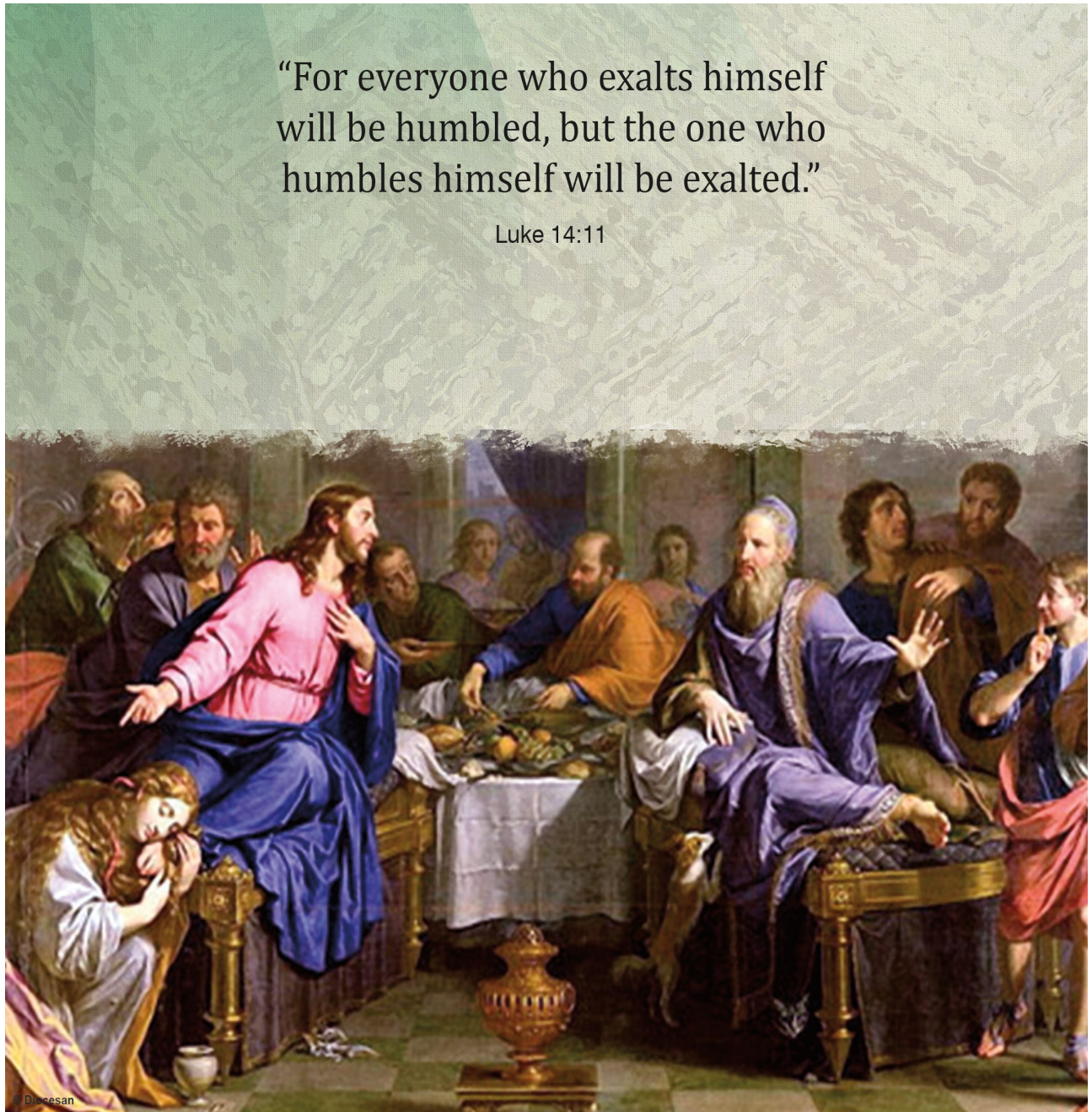
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"For everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, but the one who
humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:11



**September 1, 2019 • 22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

There's nothing like the feeling of a job well done. We stand back, look at our accomplishments, and realize that what we did was good work. This Labor Day weekend is an opportunity for every one of us to look at the work that we do. But

even more importantly: the work that was done for our Lord.

Sometimes we may wonder how the things of everyday life can be done for the Lord. Yet, being a good husband or wife, a good father or mother (or grandfather or grandmother), all these things can be a way that lead us closer to the Lord. In the "busyness" of life, it's sometimes hard to see this. Despite this, God can bless us in our daily work even when we are not expecting to find God working in this way.

Since I grew up in Kalamazoo, even though they have been gone for several years, you may have known some of my uncles. Many of them, especially on the Vyverman side of the family, were involved in the building trades. I often think of my uncles (and cousins) and the pride that they took in their work. It was no wonder that everyone wanted to hire them or have them on their jobsite. I still run into people today that remember the quality of the work that they did or tell me about the addition that one of my uncles put on their house.

Sometimes as a priest, it's a little harder to have immediate feedback on the things that we do. Often it is years later when we hear about the effect that we had on someone or on their life. Yet, that still makes me realize the importance of every little thing that I do and how even the littlest thing can bring someone closer to the Lord. Truly, this is a blessing.

Thanks for reading!
Fr. Mark

Highlights

- Last week to register for Children's Faith Formation. Get your forms in ASAP.
- Many volunteer opportunities inside. Consider helping with one or two today!
- Free blood pressure checks. See page 4.

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: Sept. 7 – Sept. 8

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

Musicians: Sept. 7 – Sept. 8

5:30 pm: Sienas
7:30 am: Cantor
9:00 am: Cantor
11:00 am: Choir
5:00 pm: Cantor

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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, 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

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

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

Friday, September 6, 2019

8:15 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
 3:00 pm GriefShare, Rooms 2-4
 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 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 KofC Council 6980 Business Meeting, Rooms 5-7
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255 Meeting, GWR, Gym (Stanley Centre)

Saturday, September 7, 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
 2:00 pm Dei Gloriam Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 3:30 pm Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clairebridge, Off Grounds
 3:00 pm Centre Meadows, Off Grounds
 5:00 pm KofC Clergy Appreciation Planning Meeting, GLP Conference Room
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting, GWR (Stanley Centre)
 6:00 pm Children's Faith Formation Open House for registered students and parents, MH
 7:00 pm Healing Through Christ, Rooms 1-3

Sunday, September 8, 2019 *Children's Faith Formation Classes for Age 3-Grade 2 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 Blood Pressure Checks, MH
 10:00 am Benedictine Oblates, SCR, LL
 11:00 am Nursery Open during the 11 am Mass, Nursery
 3:30 pm Children's Faith Formation Classes for 1st-5th Grade, Classrooms

Thursday, September 5, 2019

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church

Sponsors make our bulletin possible!

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 Polly Kragt

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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.



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

Grow Disciples

Children's Faith Formation

Open House for Children's Faith Formation this Wednesday

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.

Catechists Needed for CFF

This week is the last week to registration for Children's Faith Formation. Please attach your payment to the registration forms and drop off to the Front Office or to the Lock Box outside the Front Office. **We need several more catechists.** Classes for sections will begin as catechists come forward to serve. Please pray for our ministry! Please contact **Karen Galloway** at kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Youth Faith Formation

Schedule of Events on September 15 & 29 & October 13

Grades 6-8 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm St. Catherine Stanley Centre

Grades 9-12 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm St. Catherine Stanley Centre

Please call **Philip Dezern** at (616) 633-0994 or email pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org with any questions.

Rally Cancelled for October 12

Due to a conflicting event, we have to cancel our youth rally on October 12. Please note, the five hours being offered for confirmation prep will be credited to every youth in the program for this year. Please contact **Philip Dezern** at (616) 633-0994 or email pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org with any questions or concerns.

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.

Serve the World

Pastoral Care

Check Your Blood Pressure for Free

Monthly blood pressure checks resume next **Sunday, September 8** between the **9:00 and 11:00 am Masses**. Paula White, our Parish Nurse, is also available on **Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am** in Rm. 104 (lower level) to discuss health concerns. No appointment is needed. Please contact **Paula White** at 330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com for more information.

Engage

Get Involved in Our Music Programs

You may have noticed a chance to the mass music last weekend. We introduced a brand-new musical Mass setting called "Mass of the Beloved". If you would like to hear recordings of the musical Mass parts, please contact **Tricia Tetzlaff** at ttetzlaff@stcatherinesiena.org and she would be happy to provide them to you. With fall just around the corner, we also wanted to highlight the many way to get involved in the music at St Catherine's! Several of our groups are always accepting new members and now is a great time to join.

Caring Voices of Siena (formerly Resurrection Choir)	Sing at funerals; no rehearsals or commitments. Members are notified via email when a funeral is approaching.	Upper Harmony Children's Choir	Sings once a month at a different Mass each month from Sept.5 – May. Rehearsals on Thurs. from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the choir room, beginning September 5. Singers from 2 nd – 8 th grade are welcome.
The Sienas	Sing at the Sat. 5:30 pm Masses on the 1 st and 3 rd of each month with rehearsal at 4:00 pm immediately prior in the choir room. Singers and instrumentalists 9 th grade and older are welcome.	Young Adult Praise	Group of young people who leads Mass the 2 nd and 4 th Saturdays of the month at the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass. Rehearsal is at 4:30 pm immediately prior to Mass in the choir room. Singers and instrumentalists in 8 th grade and older are welcome.
St Catherine's Choir	Sing at the 11:00 am Mass on the 2 nd and 4 th Sundays of each month. Rehearsals are in the choir room 5:30-7:00 pm on Thursdays. We also rehearse at 10:00 am on the Sundays when we sing in Mass. Singers 9 th grade and older are welcome.	Canting	Strong singers who are interested in leading Mass as a cantor are always needed!

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Data: As of August 18, 2019	Monthly Data as of August 11, 2019
1. Weekly Budget Target\$24,002	3. Sunday Collection Budget Target for Month\$217,702
2a. Actual Sunday Collection.....\$16,865	4. Sunday Collection Actual Month to Date.....\$214,652
2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic.....\$ 2,326	5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month.....\$365,690
2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection.....\$19,191	6. YTD Sunday Collection Budget = \$217,702 YTD Actual = \$214,652 YTD Actual Last Yr. = \$214,523
Contact John Emilio at (269) 978-2335 with any questions. Our new fiscal year started July 1, 2019.	

Other News

Our Apologies to the Johnson & Watz Families

We sincerely apologize to the Helen Johnson & Vivian Watz families for incorrectly listing their names and families in the Remembrance section of our bulletin the week of August 18. The section should have read as shown below.

Helen Johnson

Vivian Watz,
Mother of Janet (Charles) Glaes

Mass Intentions

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

5:30 pm †Tom Miller Presider Fr. Bill

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 Presider

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

MONDAY: September 2 Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Luke 4:16-30

9:15 am †Jean Ptacek

TUESDAY: September 3 Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/Luke 4:31-37

9:15 am Wedding Anniv. of †Richard & Lydia Nowak

WEDNESDAY: September 4 Weekday

Colossians 1:1-8/Luke 4:38-44

9:15 am †Ronald Lindsley

THURSDAY: September 5 Weekday; Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Colossians 1:9-14/Luke 5:1-11

9:15 am †Barbara Berry

FRIDAY: September 6 Weekday

Colossians 1:15-20/Luke 5:33-39

9:15 am End Abortion

SATURDAY: September 7 Weekday

Colossians 1:21-23/Luke 6:1-5

9:15 am †Dawn Hickey

SATURDAY: September 7 Vigil of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm †Bernadine Turnwald Presider Fr. Jeff

SUNDAY: September 8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b/Philemon 9-10, 12-17/Luke 14:25-33 Presider

7:30 am For the Sick & Shut-ins Fr. Bill
9:00 am †Anita Kominek Fr. Albert
11:00 am †Pat Markus Fr. Mark
5:00 pm People of the Parish 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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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have several ministries in desperate need of help. Please consider donating your time to one of these areas:

Audio Visual (AV) - Oversee the Sound board at Masses

Coffee & Donuts - Baker to make donuts on Sundays

Coffee & Donuts - Buyer to buy supplies for Sundays

Front Desk - Help answer calls in our Front Office

Greeters - Welcome your fellow parishioners to mass

Nursery - help with 9 or 11 mass on any Sunday that fits your schedule

Ushers - Help seat and direct parishioners

**Don't Stress:
Training is provided!**



call Deb Dozeman 327-3441 or email ddozeman@stcatherinesiena.org

meet, greet & eat
with our new Priests

**Sunday
Sept. 22**



12:00 pm - Marian Hall

**Join us to Meet, Greet & Eat with our new Priests:
Fr. Mark, Fr. Ben & Fr. Jeff. Hamburgers & hot
dogs provided. Bring a dish to pass. Sign up
information is below. We hope to see you there!**

Contact: Deb Dozeman 327-3441

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