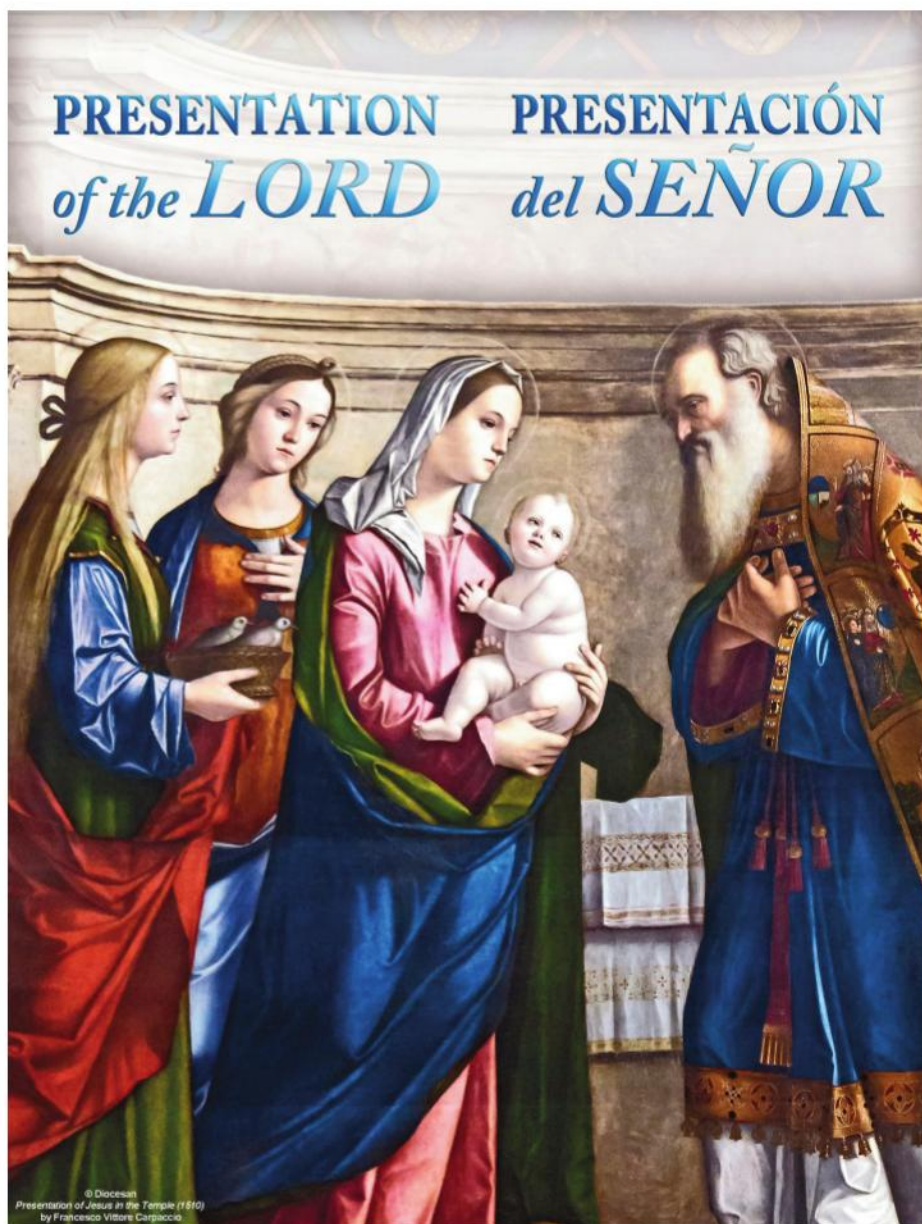




# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

## Mission Statement:

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**February 2, 2020**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**

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## News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

For those who really like Christmas, today's feast of the Presentation in the Temple is the last reminder of Christmas. Sometimes called Candlemas Day, this feast of the Presentation reminds us once again how Christ is the light of the

world. He is the one who was promised as the means to our salvation. Simeon and Anna had the privilege of the Lord revealing to them what this child would be. They immediately knew that they could now go in peace for the waiting for the Savior was now over and had been fulfilled in the person of Jesus. It's not very often that one can see what the destiny and path of an infant will be and what they will become. We rejoice once again on this day, like we did on Christmas, for the great gift the world had been given.

A few weeks ago, all registered parishioners should have received a letter in the mail about our parish finances and a census form to fill out and return. Hopefully you received this letter and have had a chance to look it over. I would like to encourage everyone to fill out the census form and return it to the parish office. This helps us to have the most current information about you and your families, and up to date contact information. Having just moved last summer, I know how many things I needed to update and change including phone numbers, email and the like (and the people who I forgot to tell that these were updated). I would appreciate it if you could help us keep our records up to date.

Thanks for reading!  
Fr. Mark

## Highlights

- Children's Penance Service February 7.  
See page 4 for details.
- Blood Pressure Screening February 9.  
Details on page 5.
- Financial Peace University Starts March 17.  
Sign up information on page 4.



### Palms Needed for Palm Burning

It's that time of year again! Please turn in palms in the basket set up in the Narthex for Palm Burning. These palms will be used during the Ash Wednesday service.

View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)

## Schedule

**All schedules are subject to change.  
Check our website for the most up to date information.**

### 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: Feb. 8 - Feb. 9

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

### Musicians: Feb. 8 - Feb. 9

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

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# This Week at St. Catherine

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**Check our website for the most up to date information.**

## Sunday, February 2, 2020

*Coffee and Donuts in Marian Hall after all the morning Masses; Children's Faith Formation Classes for Age 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade during the 9 am and 11 am Masses; Nursery open during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.*

8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel  
 11:00 am RCIA Dismissal at the 11 am Mass,  
 GLP Conference Room  
 12:30 pm Baptisms, Church  
 3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Trinity Chapel  
 3:30 pm CFF Classes (Grades 1-5), Classrooms  
 6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL

10:00 am  
 5:30 pm  
 5:30 pm  
 6:00 pm  
 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity Chapel  
 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL  
 AA Meeting, Rooms 2-4  
 JustFaith, Rooms 9-11  
 Upper Harmony Children's Choir Rehearsal,  
 Choir Room, LL

## Monday, February 3, 2020

9:45 am Medilodge, Off Grounds  
 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
 11:30 am Primetimers, Off Grounds  
 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living Mass, Off Grounds  
 6:00 pm Recipes for Change Meeting,  
 GWR (Stanley Centre)  
 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Home Visit Committee  
 Meeting, Formation Meeting Area, LL  
 6:00 pm CFF Classes for Grades 1-5, Classrooms  
 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym (Stanley Centre)  
 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14

## Friday, February 7, 2020

8:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,  
 Trinity Chapel  
 8:15 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church  
 8:30 am Morning Prayer of the Divine Office,  
 Trinity Chapel  
 9:15 am First Friday Mass, Church  
 9:45 am Bulletin Stuffers, Rooms 1-3  
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction,  
 Trinity Chapel  
 6:00 pm Upper Elementary (Grades 3-5) Penance Service,  
 Church  
 7:00 pm Upper Elementary Penance Reception, MH  
 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 2-4

## Tuesday, February 4, 2020

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
 1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GWR (Stanley Centre)  
 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 2-4  
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Council 6980  
 Business Meeting, Rooms 5-7  
 6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
 6:30 pm Greeter Meeting, Rooms 9-11  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255 Meeting,  
 GWR (Stanley Centre)

## Saturday, February 8, 2020

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 FIAT, Rooms 9-11  
 10:15 am Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel  
 11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church  
 4:30 pm Young Adult Praise Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL  
 5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 2-4

## Wednesday, February 5, 2020

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
 10:00 am Gospel of Matthew Bible Study, MH  
 1:30 pm Brookdale / Clarebridge, Off Grounds  
 3:00 pm Centre Meadows, Off Grounds  
 6:30 pm Gospel of Matthew Bible Study, MH

## Sunday, February 9, 2020

*Coffee and Donuts in Marian Hall after all the morning Masses; Children's Faith Formation Classes for Age 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade during the 9 am and 11 am Masses; Nursery open during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.*

8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel  
 10:00 am Benedictine Oblates, SCR, LL  
 10:00 am Blood Pressure Checks, Marian Hall  
 10:15 am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL  
 11:00 am RCIA Dismissal at the 11 am Mass, GLP Conference  
 Room  
 12:00 pm Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, Gym  
 3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Trinity Chapel  
 3:30 pm CFF Classes (Grades 1-5), Classrooms  
 6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL

## Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church  
 10:00 am Women of the Word, Rooms 1-3, 2-4, 5-7,  
 6-8, 9-11, MH

## Family Involvement

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." **Proverbs 22:6**

Would you be interested in doing something as a family that only takes and extra 15 minutes a week? We are looking for ushers for Mass. The usher's responsibilities include passing out worship aides, helping guests find a seat, passing the collection basket around. You would need to arrive to mass a little early so that you can be here as the parishioners start to arrive. Users must be 11 years of age or older. Please reach out to **Joe Lukowski** at: [joeboblu@yahoo.com](mailto:joeboblu@yahoo.com).

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# Grow Disciples

## Children's Faith Formation

### Upcoming Important Dates for Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

February 7	Penance Service for grades 3-5 at 6:30 pm. Reception in Marian Hall following confessions.
March 14	First Communion Retreat for second graders only in Marian Hall and East Hallway classrooms from 1-4 pm.
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt at the Stanley Centre from 10:00 am -12:00 pm.
May 1	First Reconciliation in the Church from 6:00-8:00 pm. Reception to follow in Marian Hall.
May 2	End of Year Party for all CFF classes in the Stanley Centre from 2:00-4:00 pm.
May 17	First Eucharist in the Church at 2:00 pm.

We hope you can join us for all our events. Please direct any questions or concerns to **Karen Galloway** at **327-0861** or [kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org).



### Penance Service for 3-5 Graders February 7

Please join **Father Mark** and staff on **Friday, February 7 at 6:30 pm** for a special **Penance Service** for children in grades 3-5. Come give your heart to God and receive this sacrament. There will be food and crafts in the Marian Hall following the service. RSVP to **Karen Galloway** at **327-0861** or [kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org).

## Youth Faith Formation

### Grades 6-8

3:00 – 4:45 pm

### Grades 9-12

6:15 – 8:00 pm

### Location

Stanley Centre

### Schedule of Events on February 23

Contact **Philip Dezern** at **(616) 633-0994** or email [pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org) for more information.

## Adult Faith Formation

### Gospel of Matthew Bible Study Starts This Week

Join us for an exciting bible study on the **Gospel of Matthew** where Jesus is the Messiah & Teacher, the new Moses yet greater. Jesus calls us to make disciples and Matthew contains the roadmap of Jesus for how we make disciples. This study will be offered on **Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 am** and **evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** in **Marian Hall**. We start this **Wednesday, February 5** and conclude on **April 8**. Childcare is available. If you wish to come, please RSVP to Jay at [jlандry@stcatheresiena.org](mailto:jlандry@stcatheresiena.org) or call **978-2331**. Please bring a bible and invite a friend or family member to join you.



### Find Financial Peace with Dave Ramsey's Program

We are pleased to offer Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace University Classes** starting **Tuesday, March 17** and continuing for nine Tuesdays (skipping April 7) from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**. Cost is only \$99 per household. Get and stay out of debt, build wealth, give outrageously, and leave a legacy. Every Financial Peace University membership includes access to online video lessons, local groups, subscription to EveryDollar Plus (our premium budgeting tool), member workbook, and Dave Ramsey's follow-up course, "The Legacy Journey." Please contact **John Bowman** at [john.bowman55@outlook.com](mailto:john.bowman55@outlook.com) or **269-720-1946** or **Raymond Shoup** at [raymond.shoup@gmail.com](mailto:raymond.shoup@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up.

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

# Serve the World

## St. Vincent De Paul Donations Needed

St. Vincent De Paul assists individuals/families who need help with utility bills, evictions, rent, as well as an occasional funeral expense. We also provide them with food and non-bridge items. Please prayerfully consider donating the following items to lend a helping hand. All items may be dropped off in the wooden box located on the East wall in Marian Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

### Caned goods:

tuna	soup
chicken	vegetables
pasta	beans
stew	fruit
chili	tomatoes diced/sauce

### Non-bridge items:

toothpaste/ toothbrushes  
deodorant  
shampoo/conditioner



## Pastoral Care



### Blood Pressure Screening February 9

Our Parish Nurse Ministry is sponsoring a **Blood Pressure Screening** between the **9 and 11 am Masses** on **Sunday, February 9** in **Marian Hall**. Please stop by for this free screening. Contact **Paula White** at **330-3762** or **[pwhitenc@mac.com](mailto:pwhitenc@mac.com)** with any questions.

## GriefShare Starting March 12

Join us for **GriefShare**, a 13-week Christ-centered, biblically based support group seminar, for people who have lost a spouse, family member or friend through death. A grieving person can join at any time during the 13 weeks. GriefShare sessions involve a video presenting experts and grieving people discussing grief and recovery subjects helpful to people in grief, along with time for discussion. A workbook is provided. GriefShare will be on **Thursdays** from **12:30 – 2:30 pm** beginning on **March 12**. There is a \$20 fee but scholarships are available. To register, please contact **Paula White** at **330-3762** or **[pwhitenc@mac.com](mailto:pwhitenc@mac.com)**.

## Stewardship

### Weekly Collection Data: As of 01/19/2020

Budget Target Sunday	= \$28,533	YTD Target = \$823,561
Actual Collected Sunday	= \$36,947	YTD Actual = \$823,331
Weekly Amount Last Yr.	= \$24,240	YTD Last Yr.= \$801,076

**BAA Target = \$275,724**   Pledged = \$222,606   Paid to Date = \$213,190   Shortfall\* = (\$62,534)

*\*Amount Pd v Target.*

*Any final shortfall will have to be covered by the parish via unplanned expense.*

## Other News

### 40 Days of Life Campaign Wednesday, February 26

The 40 Days for Life and campaign of prayer and fasting to end abortion is **Wednesday, February 26 to Sunday, April 5**. Join the campaign by praying in front of **Planned Parenthood, Kalamazoo** anytime from **8 am to 8 pm Mondays through Saturdays**. You can register as part of your local church community or individually. Find more information and sign up for vigil hours on the website **<https://www.40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo>**.



# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY: February 1 Vigil of the Presentation of the Lord

5:30 pm †Mary Campagna Fr. Mark  
Presider

## SUNDAY: February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4/Hebrews 2:14-18/Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

7:30 am People of the Parish Fr. Mark  
 9:00 am †Barbara Berry Fr. Bill  
 11:00 am †Ray Grey Fr. Albert  
 5:00 pm †Anita Kominek Fr. Jeff

## MONDAY: February 3 Weekday; Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr:

### Saint Ansgar, Bishop

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mark 5:1-20

9:15 am †Geraldine Gardiner

## TUESDAY: February 4 Weekday

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,30-19:3/Mark 5:21-43

9:15 am †Deceased Members of the Greives Family

## WEDNESDAY: February 5 Weekday; Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/Mark 6:1-6

9:15 am †Willard Borchert

## THURSDAY: February 6 Weekday; Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/Mark 6:7-13

9:15 am †Bruno & † Mary Bragagnini

## FRIDAY: February 7 Weekday

Sirach 47:2-11/Mark 6:14-29

9:15 am †Andrew John Gerechka

## SATURDAY: February 8 Weekday; Saint Jerome Emiliani:

### Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin;BVM

1 Kings 3:4-13/Mark 6:30-34

9:15 am †Ronald Budzyn

## SATURDAY: February 8 Vigil The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

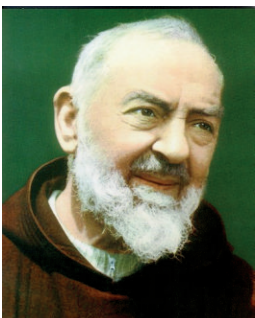
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5:30 pm Intentions for the Carol Gray Family Fr. Mark

## SUNDAY: February 9 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10/1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Matthew 5:13-16

7:30 am †Nick Frank Fr. Bill  
 9:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Jeff  
 11:00 am †Ray Grey Fr. Ben  
 5:00 pm †Anita Kominek Fr. Mark



# Love God

“Pray, hope, and  
 don't worry.”

- Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

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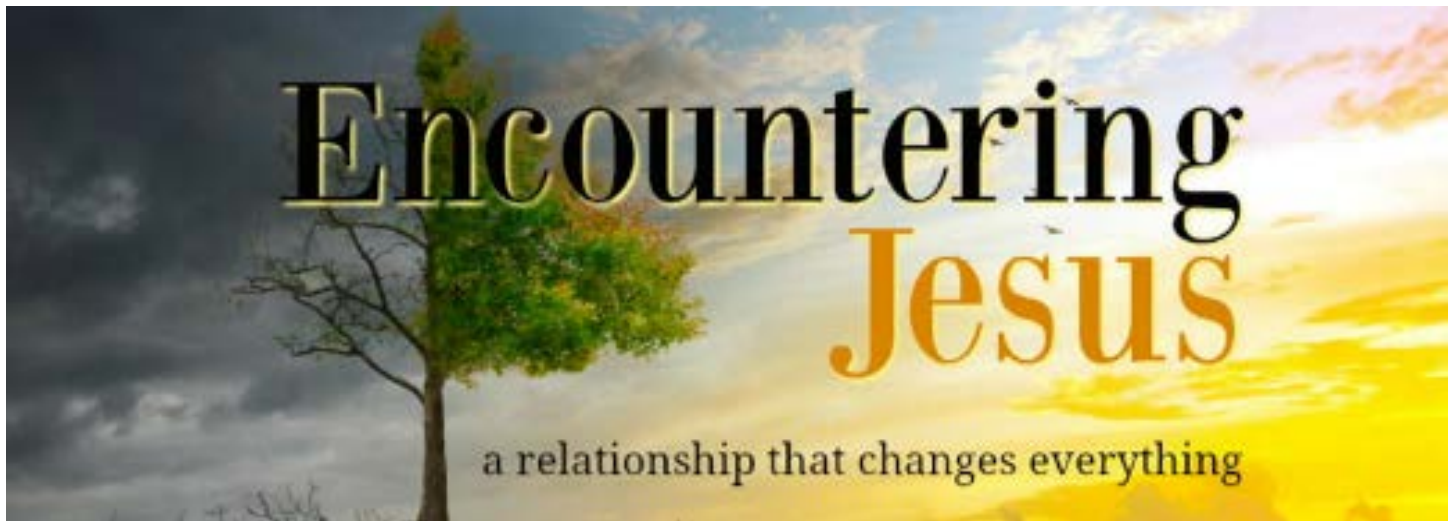
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# Encounter Jesus in John's Gospel



**Lent Retreat – Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- **Three Encounters with Jesus in John's Gospel**



**The Woman at the Well**



**The Man Born Blind**



**The Raising of Lazarus**

- Jay Landry will offer three talks **where we encounter Jesus Christ** in these Gospel passages where Jesus calls us into a love relationship with him that makes all things new.
- The retreat includes talks, quiet time, and prayer.
- Lunch will be served. A donation of \$5 is suggested to help cover lunch costs.
- Please bring a bible and a friend. Hospitality begins at 8:30 a.m. The retreat begins closer to 9:00 a.m. **Child care is available.**
- If you wish to come, please RSVP to Jay at [jlandry@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:jlandry@stcatherinesiena.org) or 269-978-2331 by Thursday, Feb. 27. Early RSVPs are appreciated. Please inform Jay of food allergies.



# Free Throw Championship

**Sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena  
Knights of Columbus - Council # 6980**

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- **Who:** Open to all 9 to 14 year old boys & girls, as long as they have not already participated in another Knights of Columbus Council Free Throw competition. There is no cost to participate.
- **When:** Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - **Registration starts at 12:00 pm**
  - Competition starts at 1:00 pm
- **Where:** St. Catherine of Siena Church at the Stanley Center Gymnasium, 1150 W. Centre Ave., Portage, MI 49024-5385 ([map](#)).
- The winner in each Age & Gender group at this *Council* Free Throw Championship will advance to the **District** Free Throw Championship also held on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Catherine's Church immediately following Council competition.
- One winner in each Age & Gender Level at the *District* Free Throw Championship will advance to the **Diocesan** Free Throw Championship held on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Augustine's Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007 ([map](#)) starting at 12 noon.
- Winners from the *Diocesan* competition advance to the **State** competition held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Sacred Heart Parish Gym, 319 E. Illinois St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 ([map](#)). Registration starts at 12 noon with competition at 1 pm.
- **For additional information please contact Nick Zafer at (269) 254-5403 or [nzafer@teamlogicit.com](mailto:nzafer@teamlogicit.com).**