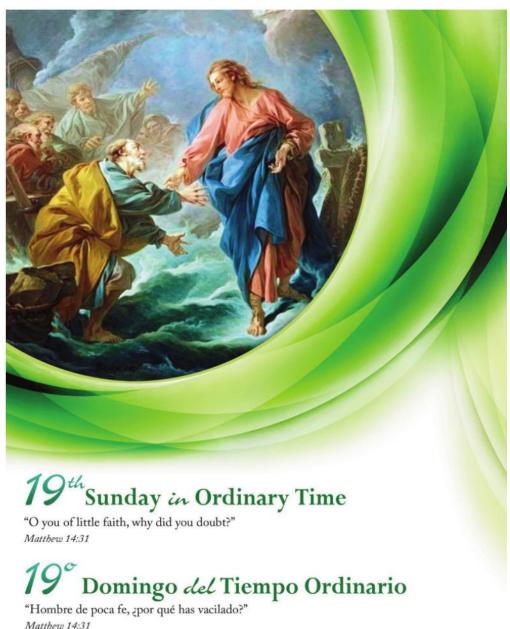


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Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water by François Boucher, 1766

# August 9, 2020 The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# **News from Fr. Mark**



Dear Parishioners,

Hey Father, isn't there a Holy Day coming up in August?

That's a normal question I expect to hear around the middle of August. Of course, this is one of those calendar years that the answer is both "Yes" and "No."

The **Feast of the Assumption**, celebrated on August 15 is always considered to be a Holy Day. However, due to the way that the calendar lines up this year, August 15 falls on a Saturday. Therefore, it is <u>not</u> a Holy Day of Obligation (due to the weekend), but for those who would still like to celebrate, a Daily Mass will be offered at **9:15 am** on **August 15 in Marian Hall**.

Later that afternoon we will begin our Sunday Masses with the 4 pm Vigil for the  $20^{th}$  Sunday in Ordinary Time. Whenever the calendar does this to us, it always causes a little confusion as to what the expectation is for attending Mass.

We will be putting the finishing touches on the decisions for Fall programs. Please stay tuned for the upcoming announcements.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark

# **Schedule**

### Mass

Monday - Friday: 9:15 am (now in Marian Hall)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm (new time)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

9:00 am is online ONLY

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

We are offering "drive-in" confessions in our main parking lot on Saturdays from 11:00 am -12:00 pm. Please remain in your car during your reconciliation.

### **Parish Office Hours**

Open by appointment only. Please email FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org Monday—Friday for assistance. We are checking our email and phone messages regularly during the business week.

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

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### Children's Faith Formation/ Youth Faith Formation/Adult Faith Formation

Due to COVID-19, our **Children's Faith Formation, Youth Faith Formation and Adult Faith Formation staff are furloughed through August 22, 2020.** Staff for these groups will be unable to answer phone calls or emails until their return. If you have any emergency concerns, please contact our **Front Office** at **FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org**. We will update you as we know more information about upcoming programs and return dates. The pandemic has created a difficult time for many. Please continue to pray for our staff and our priests.

### **Stewardship**

Thank you for all you do for our Parish. To the right are the amounts that have come in from parishioners mailing their

donations through our online program and boxes placed in the church during Mass. For those who can, we ask that you please consider continuing your support, either via mail or by eGiving through Vanco at https://stcatherinesiena.org/give.

July 6—July 12 \$32,838 (includes \$12,955 in ACH donations)

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When making a donation to El Sitio, Debt Reduction, Mass Intentions, Diocesan Second Collections, etc., please do not

July 20—July 26 \$17,549

combine with your Sunday offertory envelope. Also, it would help us in coding the donation if you put your envelope number on the memo line of any donation check. Thank you.



### Thank You for Your Help!

Thank you to all our Parishioners who contributed to our **Debt Reduction Collection** last weekend. Your contributions helped us reduce the debt by **\$3,430**. We appreciate all you do for us during these uncertain times!

# Other St. Catherine's News

### **Primetimers Meeting for August Cancelled**

Due to Covid-19, the **Primetimers will not be meeting for their August lunch**. The group encourages everyone to be safe and patronize their favorite restaurants by ordering take-out or home delivery. Primetimers are people 50 years old and over and their friends who enjoy eating out. They meet at area restaurants on the 1st Monday of each month at 11:30 am. Each person picks up their own bill. If you're interested in joining them at a future date, please contact **Paula White** at **(269) 330-3762** or **pwhitentc@mac.com**.



### Join Walking with Moms in Need



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has created a new initiative called Walking with Moms in Need, which provides support to pregnant and parenting women in need. Free local resources are available and Walking with Moms in Need will document and communicate these resources to everyone in our Parish. For more information or to be involved, please contact one of our Parish co-leaders: Margaret Meersma at margaretmeersma@gmail.com or (616) 888-5008 or Joe Magalski at jmagalski@gmail.com or (989) 992-6085. You may also visit the website at https://www.walkingwithmoms.com.

Our St. Catherine's chapter is especially looking for additional help with membership.

Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.



### Help Weed/Clean Up Church Grounds

We need help with keeping up with the weeds around our church grounds! Please consider helping us outside during the week or on a weekend to pull weeds from Mary Garden and our "islands" around the church. This can easily be a family event! If you're interesting in helping, please contact Marianne at <a href="mailto:mverner@stcatherinesiena.org">mverner@stcatherinesiena.org</a> and she will help coordinate a day and area for helping. Thank you for considering helping with this overwhelming task!

### Please Donate to our Annual Giving Tree Project

The annual **Back-to-School Giving Tree** project is starting with a few changes due to Covid-19. There are two ways to access item recommendations for donations:

- In the parish vestibule, there are 8x11 sheets taped to the window with QR codes. If you
  start to take a photo of the QR code with your phone, a link will appear to send you to
  'SignUp Genius' where you can see the items and sign up to donate or bring in something
  from the list.
- 2. Go to our website at <a href="http://stcatherinesiena.org">http://stcatherinesiena.org</a> and find the link to 'SignUp Genius' on the main page to view the items needed.



We will also post the links on our Facebook site. You may drop off your donations as you did in previous years in the designated boxes in the vestibule. Please label the bag or item with the organization it is supposed to go to. We plan to collect **through the month of August** for these three organizations:

Family and Children Services – Programs include foster care and adoption, counseling, crisis intervention, and family preservation. They have a secure website at <a href="https://www.fcsource.org">https://www.fcsource.org</a> with easy online monetary donations through Network for Good and are always in need of 'in-kind' gifts such as diaper or personal care products for their ' pantry.' They also collect books and board games for the Family Center Resource Room.

**Generous Hands** - Organization who helps hungry children by strengthening their physical, emotional, nutritional, and educational well-being. They have volunteers organizing food donations at their warehouse in Vicksburg and are also collecting supplies or financial donations. Visit their website at: <a href="https://www.generoushands.org/ways-to-give">https://www.generoushands.org/ways-to-give</a>.

**Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries** is still a resource for housing, but is now a combined effort with **Kalamazoo Deacons Conference.**Both groups utilize donations for needy families on the Northside and operate Rescued Treasures located at 524 N. Burdick Street. In the past they supported children returning to school but will now try to provide supplies for home or school. Visit their website at: <a href="https://www.kzoogospel.org">https://www.kzoogospel.org</a>.

We appreciate your willingness to cope with this project with returns to the parish by the end of August. If you want to offer help as a driver once items are collected, please send an email to **Colette** at **gushursts@yahoo.com**.

## **Around the Diocese News**



### Migrant Ministry Accepting Donations at The Aleman Center

Please consider supporting our **Migrant Ministry** program by donating goods to **The Aleman Center.** The center is in need of food (rice, flour, sugar, cooking oil, canned tomatoes, packs of water), kitchenware (glasses, dishes, water bottles, large pots & pans) and other household items (sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, diapers of all sizes, wipes). Items may be dropped off at **St. Thomas More Parish Garage**, 1333 West Lovell St., Kalamazoo, 10 am – 3 pm. Please direct any questions to **381-8917** or the **Office of Hispanic Ministry Diocese of Kalamazoo** at **903-0197**.

### **Catholic Biblical School of Michigan Starts in September**

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan exists to grow disciples in and through God's Word with an in-depth study of the entire Bible led by seminary professors, so that our faith as Catholics is vibrant and more deeply rooted in Christ. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. CBSM will begin Thursday, September 24 at SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor in St. Bernard Hall. The classes will also be offered online. Register online at <a href="http://cbsmich.org">http://cbsmich.org</a> or call (586) 438-3085 for more information.



Do you know the history behind the artwork and sculptures around the church? We'll feature a few items as space allows, but learn more about all these fascinating pieces on our website at <a href="https://stcatherinesiena.org/art-work">https://stcatherinesiena.org/art-work</a>.





# **Dedication Crosses**

The **Dedication Crosses**[1] are found on the north, south, east and west walls surrounding the Nave. These and the **Processional Cross** were crafted in the intarsia art form. This was a popular 14<sup>th</sup> century woodworking art centered in Siena, Italy at the time of St. Catherine.

<sup>[1]</sup> Constructed by intarsia artist and parishioner, Bob Wood.

# **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY: August 8, Vigil of the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY: August 9, The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Romans 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am †Deceased Members of the

Granzotto Family

11:00 am People of the Parish 5:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY: August 10, Weekday; Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10/John 12:24-26 9:15 am †Dave Lawrence

TUESDAY: August 11, Weekday; Saint Clare, Virgin

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

9:15 am † Fr. John Young

WEDNESDAY: August 12, Weekday; Saint Jane Frances de

Chantal, Religious

Ezekiel 9:1-7, 10:18-22/Matthew 18:15-20 9:15 am People of the Parish

THURSDAY: August 13, Weekday; Saints Pontian, Pope,

and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ezekiel 12:1-12/Matthew 18:21–19:1 9:15 am People of the Parish

FRIDAY: August 14, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Matthew 19:3-12

9:15 am Fr. Bill's Sister Mary Lou's 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday SATURDAY: August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary – not a Holyday of Obligation this year

Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2/1 Corinthians 15:54b-57/ Luke 11:27-28 Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Corinthians

15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

9:15 am People of the Parish

SATURDAY: August 15, Vigil of The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm †Jeanette Kaluzny

SUNDAY: August 16, The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7/Romans 11:13-15, 29-32/Matthew 15:21-28

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am †John Heffron 11:00 am People of the Parish 5:00 pm †Margaret Latora

A man who governs his passions is master of his world. We must either command them or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil.

St. Dominic



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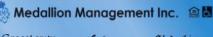
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