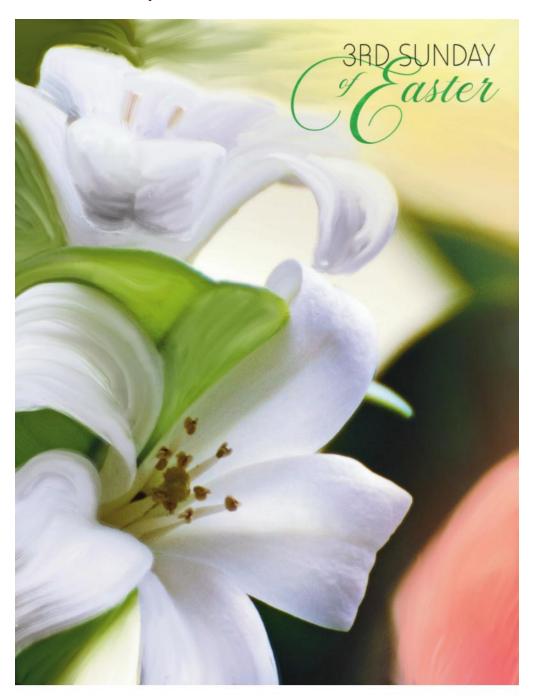
# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

A Community empowered by God and striving to make Jesus known, experienced, loved, and imitated.



April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

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### **News from Fr. Mark**



Dear Parishioners,

It has been so nice these past few weeks to see many faces in church that I haven't seen in a long time. Glad to see that more and more are able to receive the vaccine.

Even in this most unusual time, our parish depends heavily on volunteers! From the ladies who put up and took down all the Lent and Easter decorations/ flowers, the ushers who seat you at weekend Masses, those who assist with the counting of the collections, our sacristans who help us set up for Mass or others who help with the outdoor work around our campus—I am extremely grateful to all our volunteers! I want to thank our staff also who worked hard these past few weeks to make sure that everything was ready for Easter. It makes my work as pastor so much easier.

Spring is here and it's time for me once again to announce the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). Yes, BAA 2021 has started. Our goal is pretty much the same as it has been in years past. However, we have returned to the "normal" format that, as a parish, we need to make the **entire** goal before we see a refund back to the parish. Last year's special BAA campaign was a one-time campaign that was meant to help out the parishes during the time of pandemic and the loss of financial support during uncertain times (after we reached half of our goal, the rest came back to the parish). I do appreciate all who contributed to BAA 2020 during these difficult times as we were able to benefit greatly from this arrangement.

As we once again seek to support the works of the greater Church, I prayerfully ask you to consider a pledge to the Bishop's Appeal 2021. Your pledge supports the work of the Church throughout our diocese and not just at the parish level. Please watch your mailbox for your personalized pledge card and additional information on this annual appeal. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark

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Call our Front Office to leave a non-urgent message for a Priest or Deacon (269) 327-5165

### **Schedule**

### Mass

Monday - Friday: 9:15 am (Marian Hall)
Saturday

No Morning Mass

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

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

9:00 am (Stanley Centre)

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

### **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**

Email: FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org
Text to Give: (844) 311-5105

Visit Our Website: www.stcatherinesiena.org
Follow Us On Facebook: facebook.com/stcatherinesiena
YouTube: youtube.com/c/StCatherineofSienaParishMI

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call (269) 978-2344 or email prayers@stcatherinesiena.org.

### **Our Priests**



(Left to Right)

Fr. Ben Huynh, Fr. Bill Jacobs, Fr. Mark Vyverman, Fr. Jeff Hanley

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Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." Jn 8:12

April 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers -- Greetings in the Name of the Risen Lord, the Light of the World,

This is a very special year for our Diocese as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our establishment, and the faithful ministry of teaching the faith and sharing the Good News of Jesus, the "Light of the World". The theme of this year's **Bishop's Annual Appeal** is "Shining Christ's Light: Together as One Family in Faith". I am grateful for the opportunity to explain just a few of the various ways our Diocese is trying to live that theme of being the Light of Christ for all, through the various ministries, services and programs made possible by your generous support of this annual appeal.

During the unprecedented times of navigating through this worldwide pandemic, our efforts of spreading the Good News of our faith has continued to take place in the midst of the unique situations we have all encountered. For example, we have continued to provide solid formational and educational programs for the young men who are answering God's call to study for the Priesthood for our Diocese. In a special way, I was thrilled to ordain Father David Pinto as our newest priest this past December. The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides for the educational and formational expenses (approximately \$55,000 a year for each seminarian) so they can be well-prepared to be good and faithful priests for our Diocese.

Our diocesan ministry offices have adapted amazingly well in providing innovative and helpful programs to assist our Parishes and our faithful people throughout the pandemic. We have developed inspirational and educational programs that allow for digital and remote learning. These resources are offered to help the Faithful continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus and each other as *One Family in Faith*. We have developed an online Religious Education program, "The Way/En El Camino", held virtual retreats and group gatherings, and held technology webinars for our Parishes. Our 21 Catholic Schools have been outstanding in never missing a beat providing in-person teaching this school year as well as virtual and remote learning for all our students.

Our diocesan Catholic Charities, along with the Catholic Community Center (Benton Harbor), have tirelessly and creatively met the social, material and spiritual needs of all God's people, especially those in most need.

My dear Family of Faith, these important programs, ministries and resources are just a few examples of how your generous gifts to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** makes it possible to **Shine the Light of Christ** throughout our Diocese, and beyond.

Assuring you of my prayers for you and your families, and asking for your prayers for me and our Diocese as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary Year, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Paul q. Borlley

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley Bishop of Kalamazoo

### This Week at St. Catherine

All schedules are subject to change.

Check our website for the most up to date information.

#### Sunday, April 18, 2021

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	KOC Rosary, VIRTUAL via Zoom
9:00 am	Mass, Stanley Centre Gym
11:00 am	Mass, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
6:00 pm	Women of the Word, VIRTUAL via Zoom

### Monday, April 19, 2021

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Marian Hall
10:00 am	Private Prayer, Trinity Chapel

### Tuesday, April 20, 2021

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Marian Hall
10:00 am	Private Prayer, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Alpha, VIRTUAL via Zoom

### Wednesday, April 21, 2021

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Marian Hall
10:00 am	Private Prayer, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Alpha, VIRTUAL via Zoom

### Thursday, April 22, 2021

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Marian Hall
10:00 am	Private Prayer, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	Women of the Word, VIRTUAL via Zoom

#### **Friday, April 23, 2021**

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Marian Hall
10:00 am	Private Prayer, Trinity Chapel

### Saturday, April 24, 2021

9:15 am	NO DAILY MASS TODAY
11:00 am	"Drive In" Confessions, Main Parking Lot
3:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church
4:00 pm	Mass, Church

### Sunday, April 25, 2021

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	KOC Rosary, VIRTUAL via Zoom
9:00 am	Mass, Stanley Centre Gym
11:00 am	Mass, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
6:00 pm	Women of the Word, VIRTUAL via Zoom
6:30 pm	MOPS, VIRTUAL via Zoom

### Stewardship



A Lectionary provides the readings and the responsorial psalm assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). The readings are divided by the day or the theme (baptism, marriage, vocations, etc.) rather than according to the books of the Bible. Introductions and conclusions have been added to each reading. Not all of the Bible is included in the Lectionary.

Individual readings in the Lectionary are called pericopes, from a Greek word meaning a "section" or "cutting." Because the Mass readings are only portions of a book or chapter, introductory phrases, called incipits, are often added to begin the Lectionary reading, for example, "In those days," "Jesus said to his disciples," etc.

From: https://www.usccb.org/faq

Collections March 29—April 4, 2021: \$33,045

Collections March 30—April 5, 2020: \$11,275

2020-2021 Year to Date Actuals: \$ 1,099,107

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals: \$ 1,170,061

### Giving Through eGiving & ACH

Thank you for your continued support of our church. We ask those who can to continue giving, either via mail or eGiving through Vanco at <a href="https://stcatherinesiena.org/give">https://stcatherinesiena.org/give</a>. If you are interested in starting an automatic deposit of offerings, we have an Automated Clearing House (ACH) option you can utilize. Please see more information about this program on our website at <a href="https://stcatherinesiena.org/ach-form">https://stcatherinesiena.org/ach-form</a>.

### **Donations for Other Groups**

When making a donation to El Sitio, Debt Reduction, Mass Intentions, Diocesan Second Collections, etc., please do not combine with your Sunday offertory envelope.

#### **BAA Donations for 2020**

With the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal ending April 30, please make sure you are sending payments directly to the Diocese at 215 N Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo 49007. You can also pay by credit card at:

https://diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal. If you have any questions, contact Linda Reaume at Ireaume@stcatherinesiena.org.

### **Faith Formation**

### Children's Faith Formation on Facebook

Keep up to date on the latest information happening in Children's Faith Formation online on their private Facebook page. Please request to join us at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/stcatherinesienacff">https://www.facebook.com/groups/stcatherinesienacff</a>. Karen will approve your request and you'll have access to the most up to date information on CFF classes and any future programs.



Children's Faith Formation Karen Galloway, Director kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org (269) 370-9013



Youth Faith Formation
Phil Dezern, Director
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### **Onsite Activities for Youth Ministry Happening Now**

We are offering onsite activities for Youth Ministry for grades 7-12 on a limited scale. Registration is REQUIRED. If you wish to receive an email about an upcoming activity, please email

**Phil** at **pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org**. Phil will put you on the email list that receives upcoming Youth Faith Formation meeting dates and events. Remember, masks are required for all Youth Ministry in-person events. Each session will count 1.5 hours towards Confirmation. Youth are encouraged to bring water bottles as the drinking fountains are non-functional at this time.



### **Spotlight on Mass Attendance**

We've mentioned over the last few weeks that if you want a seat in the church for weekend Masses, you need to come early! Here's a snapshot of what our Mass attendance numbers have looked like over the last few months. We're so happy to see the numbers rising each week. Please note, as people continue to return to Mass in person, we may fill up the church and Marian Hall. If we fill up to capacity, we will suggest an alternate Mass for those who show up after we reach capacity. Thank you for your understanding, and WELCOME BACK!

Date	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 7:30 am	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:00 am	Sunday 5:00 pm	Weekend Total
February 27-28	107	62	115	237	90	611
March 6-7	160	103	113	239	91	706
March 13-14	173	71	92	273	135	744
March 20-21	142	98	137	244	120	741
March 27-28	154	92	99	225	107	677
Holy Thursday - April 1 at 7 pm	158					158
Good Friday - April 2 at 1 pm	194					194
Easter Vigil - April 3 at 9 pm	130					130
Easter Sunday - April 4		225	245	226 - Church 104 - Gym		800

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

### **News Around St. Catherine's**

#### **Palm Sunday Volunteer Team**

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on preparing the palms for us for this year's Palm Sunday Masses. Special thanks to **Arlene Pyke** for organizing this volunteering opportunity for the parish. If you would like to help with the **Arts & Environment Team** at the parish, please reach out to **Marianne Verner** at **mverner@stcatherinesiena.org**.



### Loss of a Spouse Seminar

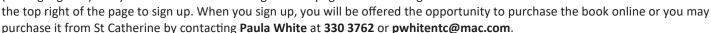


Grieving the death of a spouse? Or do you know someone who is? Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem so hard to bear. Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar sponsored by St Catherine of Siena Parish. For more information or to register, go to <a href="http://www.griefshare.org">http://www.griefshare.org</a>. This two-hour seminar will take place on Wednesday, April 21 from 6:30 -8:30 pm virtually. There is a \$5.00 cost for the book which may be ordered online. Questions? Contact Paula White at 330 3762 or pwhitentc@mac.com.

### **GriefShare Class Starting this Spring 2021**

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? There is help! **GriefShare** is a 13-week program for grieving people that helps one cope with the jagged journey of grief. The weekly sessions address different grief-related topics and include a video, group discussion and a workbook with additional materials. GriefShare meets virtually on **Thursdays** from **12:30 - 2:30 pm** beginning on **May 6**. The cost is \$20 for the workbook. To register go to

http://www.griefshare.org. Enter your zip code in the "Find a Group" area, then click on the "GriefShare" link and you will see a list of offerings. Click on the date on the St Catherine line (it is highlighted) and you will be taken to the registration page. Click the "Register Here" box at







### **Bring Back Your Rice Bowls!**

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to our main vestibule anytime. If you have any questions, contact **Marianne Verner** at **mverner@stcatherinesiena.org**.



### **Spring Clean Up Success!**

This past Saturday we had several volunteers who came to work in our gardens at the front of the church.

Nancy Dudasko (bottom right) and Angelica Murray (top left) were here all morning tending to God's gardens.

Angelica just entered into the church on Holy Saturday. We

welcome her with open arms and hearts. She has volunteered to sponsor a section of the front gardens this summer. If you are interested in sponsoring an area of the church grounds to weed, please call the Front Office at 327-5165 or email Marianne at mverner@stcatherinesiena.org.



#### SVDP Thrift Store to Reopen on May 4

St. Vincent DePaul Society's Thrift Store at 513 Eleanor Street Kalamazoo, MI 49007 269-388-4544 is reopening on Tuesday, May 4. The Store will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They are prepared to follow safety procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by requiring masks and limiting the number of shoppers in the store at one time. Many thanks to everyone who donated clothing and household goods while they were closed this past year. They will begin accepting

donated items again in June. Please feel free to call Nancy Cretsinger at (269) 254-8175 with any questions.



### **News Around the Diocese of Kalamazoo**



### Enroll at CSGK for the 2021-2022 School Year

Is a small, in-person classroom with a caring teacher the right place for your child to grow in knowledge, faith, and character? Enrollment is open in the **Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo (CSGK)** for preschool (age 3+) through high school. Learn more about St. Augustine Cathedral School, St. Monica Catholic School, and Hackett Catholic Prep at <a href="http://www.csgk.org">http://www.csgk.org</a> or find us on social media by searching for @csgkkzoo. Schedule a tour or apply today to join our family of schools. We can't wait to meet you!

### Recycle Unwanted Electronics at Hackett Catholic Prep April 22

The Hackett Catholic Prep Earth Club invites all community members to recycle their unwanted electronic items at an Earth Day Electronics Recycling Event. Items can be dropped off at **Hackett Catholic Prep** on **Thursday, April 22** from **11:00** am – **4:00** pm. Student volunteers will meet you in front of the school at 1000 W Kilgore Road. Accepted items include: computers, laptops, monitors, TVs, telephones, cameras, DVD players,



cords/cables, printers, toner cartridges, cell phones, refrigerators, air conditioners, appliances, and any other electronic items or items with a cord. All items are free to recycle with the exception of monitors (\$10 per monitor) televisions (\$20 per TV) and any items containing Freon (\$10 per item). Hard drives are wiped to Department of Defense specifications or shredded.

### Mass for the Intention of the Cursillo Movement August 15



Come join members of the Diocesan Spanish and English Cursillo Movements on **Sunday, August 15** at **2:00 pm**, when Most Rev. Bishop Paul J. Bradley will celebrate Mass for the Intention of the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Kalamazoo at St. Augustine Cathedral. It is a celebration of Cursillo, an opportunity for those interested to learn more about the Cursillo Movement, and for Cursillistas of all ages to reconnect with the movement in our Diocese. All are welcome. This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation. More details to be provided as the date approaches.

### A Message From the Diocese

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

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for Investigation. To make a report, visit

http://ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

The **Trauma Recovery Program** is a faith-based program for adult Catholic survivors of childhood abuse and neglect. The program focuses on the present, rather than the past, and teaches skills for



more effective functioning. Trauma Recovery Associates is offering a Virtual TRP Group beginning Monday, April 12th through Monday, June 28th. TRP meets in small groups for ten weeks at 2.5hrs/wk and is led by trained mental health professionals. There is no charge to participate in this group. Each participant meets with a facilitator for an individual assessment session and an individual follow-up session. To register or ask questions, contact Trauma Recovery Associates at 269.459.2121 or email **Karen** at

KarenAcri@traumarecoveryassociates.com. To find out more about TRA visit our website at http://www.traumarecoveryassociates.com.

Any Catholic in the Diocese of Kalamazoo that is an adult survivor of

Any Catholic in the Diocese of Kalamazoo that is an adult survivor of childhood abuse or neglect can apply to participate in the Trauma Recovery Program.

### **Baptisms**



We wish to extend a warm welcome to our Parish family to the following March Baptisms:

### **Asher Ames Sutton**

son of Luke & Joy Sutton

### Riley VanLeeuwen

son of Christopher and Nicole VanLeeuwen

We remember our loved ones who have gone to join our Heavenly Father in the month of March:

**Richard Cagney** 

**Onaiwu Ogbomo** 

### Remembrance





### **How Saints Become Saints**

Everyone with God in heaven is a saint, but how does the Church determine who is a saint? The process of canonization, or the formal process for sainthood, evolved over the centuries and gradually became more stringent and comprehensive.

Here's a quick overview:

Stage I: After at least five years following a person's death, a "petitioner" can ask a bishop to open an investigation for the deceased person's candidacy for sainthood. The bishop does some investigating and consults with the Holy See, the Church's governing body at the Vatican. If the Holy See approves, the "cause" will advance and the person will be called a Servant of God. A tribunal will begin an investigation into the life of the person. The results are voted on by a panel, then a group of cardinals or bishops, and then the pope. The pope may then declare the person Venerable.

<u>Stage II</u>: A person remains Venerable unless a miracle is attributed to them after their death. Scientific and theological tribunals investigate the event. If the investigation finds supernatural causes for the miracle attributed to the Venerable person, the pope may beatify the person and they are now called Blessed. Martyrs do not require a miracle to become Blessed, since the graces for martyrdom are considered miraculous themselves!

<u>Stage III</u>: If a second miracle is attributed to the Blessed person, another investigation occurs like the first miracle. The pope may now choose to Canonize the person, which infallibly recognizes them as a Saint of the universal Church.

Did you know there are 11 American Saints, 2 Blesseds, and 14 Venerables?











### April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- · care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected. **LEARN** how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

### Learn more!

usccb.org/environment wearesaltandlight.org/cst101 catholicclimatecovenant.org



### **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY: April 17, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm †Mary Skinner

**SUNDAY: April 18, Third Sunday of Easter** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

7:30 am †Eric William Gilbert

9:00 am †Adam Gabel

11:00 am People of the Parish

5:00 pm †Joan Cornell

**MONDAY: April 19** 

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 9:15 am †Kevin Wade

**TUESDAY: April 20** 

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35 9:15 am †Joan Ferrell

WEDNESDAY: April 21 Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

9:15 am People of the Parish

**THURSDAY: April 22** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

9:15 am People of the Parish

FRIDAY: April 23 Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert,

**Bishop and Martyr** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

9:15 am †Richard LeBlanc

SATURDAY: April 24 Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest

and Martyr

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

(Private) People of the Parish

SATURDAY: April 24, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm †Meghan O'Neil

**SUNDAY: April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter** 

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

7:30 am †Florence Lula Ross

9:00 am †Shirley Bur 11:00 am †Becky Pellegrini 5:00 pm People of the Parish



I shall love You, I shall love You always; when day breaks, when evening turns into night, at every hour, at every moment; I shall love You always, always, always.

— St. Gemma Galgani

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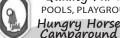
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