

# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

*We are called to honor the Lord by serving each other in hope.*



**19<sup>th</sup>** Sunday in Ordinary Time

“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

*Matthew 14:31*

**19<sup>o</sup>** Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Hombre de poca fe, ¿por qué has vacilado?”

*Matthew 14:31*

Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water  
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**August 13, 2023**  
**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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Dear Parishioners,

I would like to start out this week by thanking everyone for their patience the past few months with our priest staffing situation. I am thankful that we have the missionaries to help us fill the gap when we don't have enough local vocations to staff our parishes. Fr. Antony picked up where Fr. Benedict left off. However, Fr. Antony will only be with us a few more weeks and then it is off to his new assignment. As of the time I am writing this, it looks like things are falling into place for bringing another priest over from India from the order. Any prayers you can offer that things will go smoothly with immigration will be appreciated. I will keep you updated on this as I find out more concrete arrival dates. As I look around at the other dioceses in the U.S. and talk to brother priests in different areas, this is a similar situation that they are also having to deal with. The priest shortage is upon us now and there will be fewer priests available to staff our parishes. Please don't stop praying for vocations as this need will never stop.

Just a reminder that this coming Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Assumption. Please check today's bulletin for more information and Mass times on Monday evening and Tuesday.

Finally, especially for parents who have children needing to make their sacraments, please check with our Faith Formation office or our website to register your children for the upcoming classes that begin in September.

Thanks for reading!  
Fr. Mark



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## Mass

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am (Trinity Chapel)  
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

**All schedules are subject to change.**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 11:00 am—12:00 pm,  
Trinity Chapel/GLP

If this time does not work for you, call our Front Office to schedule an appointment with a priest.

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2023 Year to Date		\$ 144,117
2022 Year to Date		\$ 125,835

***Thank you all for your continued generosity!***

If you are interested in membership or volunteering, please contact our Front Office today!

**Office@stcatherinesiena.org or 327-5165.**

# Calendar of Events

Calendar events subject to change!

## Sunday, August 13, 2023

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	Benedictine Oblates, GLP
11:00 am	Mass, Church
12:00 pm	Baptism, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church

## Monday, August 14, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, GLP
7:00 pm	The Assumption Vigil Mass, Church

## Tuesday, August 15, 2023

9:15 am	The Assumption Daily Mass, Church
10:00 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	The Assumption Mass, Church

## Wednesday, August 16, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Canceled, Catechism in a Year Study Group

## Thursday, August 17, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	Adoration, Trinity Chapel
12:15 pm	Canceled, Art & Environment Meeting
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class, GLP

## Friday, August 18, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Canceled, P3

## Saturday, August 19, 2023

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 9/11
8:30 am	SVDP Interviews, Stanley Centre Office
9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
11:00 am	Reconciliation, GLP & Trinity Chapel
3:30 pm	Rosary for Life, Church
4:00 pm	Mass, Church

# Reflection on the Readings

In today's Gospel, we witness how Peter's faith in Jesus is put to the test once again. During a bad storm on the sea of Galilee, Jesus asks Peter to have courage, leave the boat and walk on the water toward Him. Peter steps out of the boat and begins to walk toward Jesus. But then, as Peter is buffeted by the strong winds and waves, his fright overtakes him, and he begins to sink. He cries out in terror to Jesus who "immediately" stretches out His hand and saves Peter. Jesus rebukes him for the inadequacy of his faith and asks the rhetorical question, "Why did you doubt?" After they get in the boat, the wind dies down and the disciples pay homage to Jesus, recognizing, "Truly, you are the Son of God." As we hear this familiar story, we can understand Peter's dilemma. He recognized Jesus, and courageously took a leap of faith to leave the boat and walk on the water as Jesus commanded. But then, Peter lost his focus on Jesus and instead focused on the strong wind and terrifying waves. It was then he began to sink. It is only when he returned his focus to Jesus and asked for help that Jesus saved him from sinking. How often are we just like Peter? Do we trust in Jesus to get us through the difficult storms of our lives? Or do we turn away from Jesus and focus on our problems making them even more frightening. Do we have the faith to place our problems in God's hands trusting in His mercy and grace? It may seem at times that we are sinking hopelessly under insurmountable problems. But just like Peter, if we refocus our attention on Jesus and call out to Him in prayer, we will be saved! So too when we as a parish community stay truly focused and work together on our mission of discipleship, the storms buffeting our lives and God's Church will calm as well.

Reflection by parishioner, John Ceglarek



# News Around St. Catherine

## Holy Day Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Unlike past years, the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation**. Please join us this Monday, August 14, at 7:00 pm or Tuesday, August 15 at 9:15 am or 7:00 pm in the Main Church for our Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Service.

## Congratulations Casey!



Join us in congratulating staff member Casey on her recent wedding. Casey and her husband, David Keller, got married at St. Catherine's on, July 22. Casey will be taking her husband's last name, so her email is now **ckeller@stcatherinesiena.org**. On behalf of our clergy and staff, congratulations Casey and David on this incredible milestone!



## Back to School Giving Tree Drive Extended Date: August 15

The annual Back-to-School Giving Tree project, which supports various local organizations, has been extended to August 15. SignUp Genius lists are available on our website at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/giving-tree-2> or via the above QR code. Drop off donations (labeled with the name of the recipient organization) to the area under the designated board in the Narthex, except for gift cards, which should be delivered to the office or in the drop box outside the office. Contact Colette with any questions at [gushursts@yahoo.com](mailto:gushursts@yahoo.com). Thank you!

## St. Catherine of Siena Job Listings:

With the exciting growth of our parish, we are looking to add to our "STELLAR" team! We are looking for two talented and experienced individuals to join us as we grow and strengthen our parish:

1. Parish Relations Manager:  
<https://indeedhi.re/3OCLNsi>

2. Administrative Support Leader:  
<https://indeedhi.re/47jstb5>

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about either of these roles, prepare a resume and cover letter and contact Al DeMars at (269) 978-2338.

## Respect Life's Spiritual Adoption Series: Month 9

I have finally arrived, a healthy 7 ½ pound baby boy! What a true miracle this journey has been! No one like me has ever existed nor will exist. At the miraculous moment of conception, I received my soul from God, which made me an immortal being. God's plan for me is to live my life on earth then to join Him in my heavenly home forever!

Thank you on behalf of all babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring all of us to birth

*"So that they might have life and have it to the full!" (John 10:10)*



## KofC Golf Outing August 26

Join the Knights of Columbus for their 12th Annual St. Catherine's Parish Golf Outing on Saturday, August 26, at Pineview Golf Course. Please fill out the sheet and return to the front office. Payments will be taken no later than August 21. Contact Mark Castillo at (269) 599-4560 with any questions.

## Join Us for Our Parish Picnic: September 10th

Please join us for our annual Parish Picnic on September 10 starting at 12:00 pm. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking and serving hot dogs and brats in the Stanley Centre. We hope to see you there!

# St. Catherine's Parish Picnic

**September 10**

**12:00 pm**

**Stanley Centre**



**Join us for hot dogs & brats provided by the Knights of Columbus. More details to follow.**



**Don't forget to bring  
your nonperishable  
food items for the  
Knights of Columbus  
food drive!**

# 14th Annual St Catherine of Siena Parish Golf Outing

Proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus Council 6980 Charities

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Catherine's Council

**Saturday August 26, 2023**

**Pineview Golf Course                      52065 Pulver Rd Three Rivers, MI**

**Four Person Scramble - Men's, Women's or Mixed Team**

**Registration 8:00am                                      Shot Gun Start 9:00am**

**Team Prizes, Hole in One Contest, 50/50 Raffle & more**

**Entry Fee Golf & Dinner \$75.00 per person   Dinner Only \$30.00**

**Entry Fee includes: Golf, Riding Cart, Coffee & Donuts**

**Dinner & Beverages**

**Hole Sponsorships Available-\$75.00 per hole**

**Door Prize / Raffle Prize donations accepted & appreciated**

**Sign up as a foursome, or individual and we will place you on a team**

**Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus Council #6980**

**Payment must be received by August 21 to reserve your place**

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**St Catherine of Siena Parish / K of C Golf Outing 2023**

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Player # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Player # 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Player # 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Only - # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry form & payment to::

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# Knights News



## Upcoming Events:

- **Aug. 26: Hosting Annual Golf Outing**
- **Sept. 10: Cooking Food for Parish Picnic - Hosting Food Drive**
- **Oct. 6-8: Tootsie Roll Drive**

## Welcome New Members:

- **Raymond Mason**
- **David Cross**
- **Timothy Hardigan**
- **Nidal Shomali**

## Knights of the Month:

- **John Byrnes (May)**
- **Bryan Stewart (June)**
- **Jeff Phelan (July)**

## Families of the Month:

- **Max & Frieda Walters (May)**
- **Mike & Linda-Marie Stempihar (June)**
- **Sandy & Richard Edwards (July)**

## Recent Accomplishments:

- Conducted a food drive and collected nearly 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food items which were donated to the Kalamazoo Catholic Charities Bread for Life program.
- Conducted our annual Tootsie Roll Drive on Palm Sunday weekend, and raised \$4,000 which was donated to local organizations to support mentally impaired individuals in our community.
- Assisted the parish during its Vacation Bible School program and hosted a picnic for families on the ending day.
- Participated in numerous Pro-Life activities.
- Hosted four Lenten dinners preceding the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent.
- Hosted a Kentucky Derby dinner and dance for the parish.
- Provided support crews for Donut Sundays once monthly.
- Assisted in the Easter weekend breakfast and the ordination anniversaries celebration of our clergy.
- Financially assisted numerous worthy causes including: Catholic Charities, Caring Network, and Bread of Life, Sacred Heart Seminary and diocesan seminarians, our parish Faith Formation Program, and Fr. Ben's ministry to Vietnam.
- Hosted a memorial Mass for deceased brothers of our council.
- Installed the ambo railing in the church. This was a gift to the parish, from the council.
- Hosted a parish Chili Cook-off event, which generated funds for local faith-based charities.

We continue to host weekly rosaries prior to the 4:00 PM Saturday Masses and Sunday evenings online.

## Thank You to our Kentucky Derby Dinner and Dance Sponsors and Donors:

Our Knights of Columbus Kentucky Derby Dinner and Dance was successful due to the support of these sponsors, donors, and parishioners.

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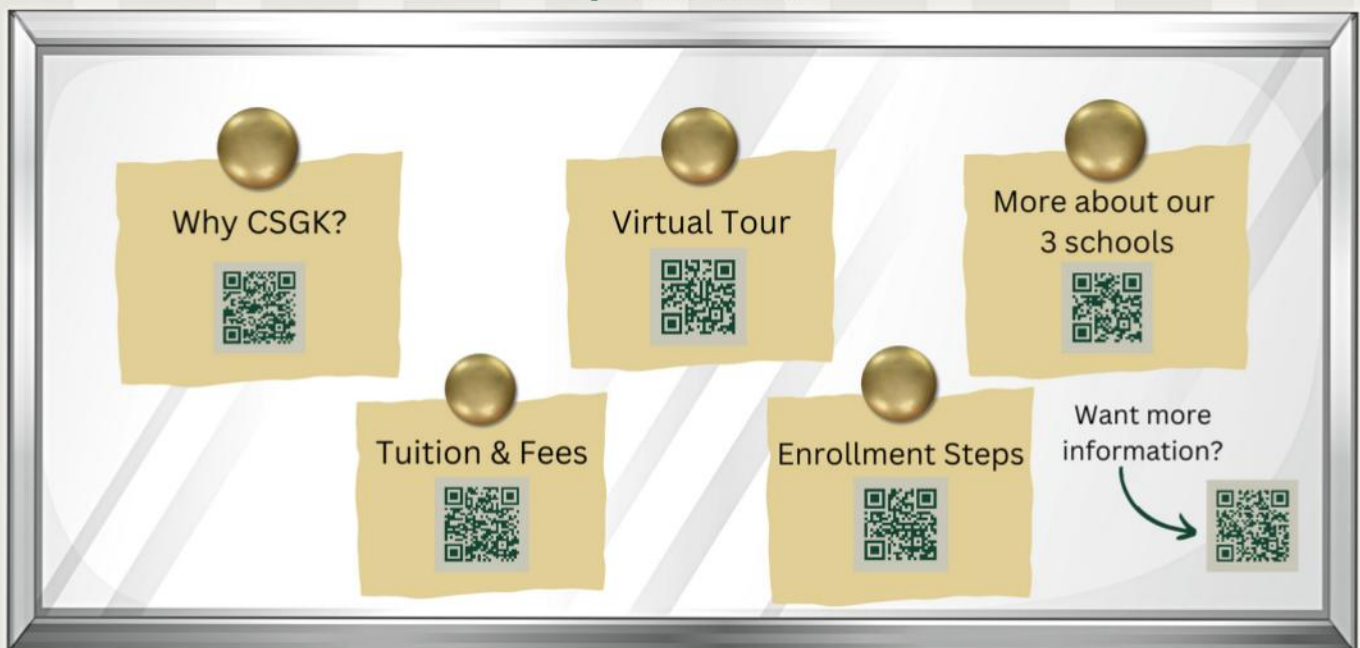
### Michigan March for Life: November 8th

The Michigan March for Life will be on Wednesday, November 8. The Rally starts at 11:00 am with the actual March beginning at 12:00 pm. The Rally and March will be held at the steps of the Capitol building in Lansing. There will be buses organized to take parishioners from various locations in the Kalamazoo Diocese to the March. Please contact Lisa Irwin at [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org) or 269-381-9800 with any questions. We hope to see many of you there!

### Job Openings at St. Monica School

- Middle School English Language Arts Teacher (Full-time salaried)
- Full Time 4th Grade Aide (40 hrs/week)
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- Lunch Room Monitor (12 hrs/week)
- After-School Care Worker (12 hrs/week)
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- Office Staff Substitutes

For questions or to apply, please email Principal Jordon Beery: [jbeery@stmonicakzoo.org](mailto:jbeery@stmonicakzoo.org) or call the school office at 269-345-2444 for more information.



# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY: August 12, Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Joseph & Anna Jankura †

**SUNDAY: August 13, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

7:30 am Konstantins Sventeckis †

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Souls in Purgatory †

5:00 pm Rocio Cedano †

**MONDAY: August 14, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

9:15 am Jun Pangilinan †

**MONDAY: August 14, Vigil THE ASSUMPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

7:00 pm David Milko †

**TUESDAY: August 15, THE ASSUMPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

9:15 am Anthony Rotolo

7:00 pm Joseph Peter † & Hilda † D'Cruz

**WEDNESDAY: August 16, Saint Stephen of Hungary**

Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

9:15 am Roquena Redondo †

**THURSDAY: August 17**

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1

9:15 am Anne Christopher †

**FRIDAY: August 18**

Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

9:15 am Marilyn Boyce †

**SATURDAY: August 19, Saint John Eudes, Priest**

Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

9:15 am Lydia Nowak †

**SATURDAY: August 19, Vigil Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Charles & Elizabeth Kovacs †

**SUNDAY: August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

7:30 am Jamie Lopez †

9:00 am Marvin Kreis †

11:00 am People of the Parish

5:00 pm Charlene Abbott

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During a Sunday service, the pastor asked the congregation for their intentions. We heard the usual requests to pray for sick people and the acknowledgments for those who helped when a parishioner died. The somber mood was broken when the last intention was heard. A woman stood up and said, "My granddaughter turned 16 this week and received her driver's license. Let us pray for us all."



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