

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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



January 14, 2024
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1150 West Centre Ave. • Portage, MI • www.stcatherinesiena.org • (269) 327-5165

In case of after-hours emergency, death, or danger of death, please call: (269) 598-0357

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, we said “goodbye” to the Christmas season. As we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary time, we find ourselves, in this month of January, wondering what our winter days will look like. I can certainly brighten your day a bit with some of the things we are looking forward to in the next few weeks. First of all, I was able to book some time in the Bishop’s schedule for him to visit us here at St. Catherine. Bishop Lohse has actually been here to St. Catherine several times for meetings that we have hosted. This will be the first time that he actually has the opportunity to meet our parishioners and enjoy a social event with us. Please mark your calendars for the afternoon and evening of **Saturday, January 27th**. Bishop Lohse will be joining us for the **4 p.m. Mass** and then attending the Knights of Columbus Chili Cookoff in Marian Hall immediately following the Mass. It will be a nice opportunity, if you haven’t done so already, to meet our new Bishop! And with the fact that it’s January, a hot cup of chili makes it even better!

Secondly, everything has finally fallen into place for us to refresh our Marian Hall bathrooms. Due to construction issues (and lack of funding at that time) when we were working on the Marian Kitchen renovation project, we had to postpone working on these bathrooms. After we had the floor tiles crack in a few places, causing a hazard, we were able to get the project back on track with several donations and a favorable project cost. Most of the fixtures are original and from the 1980’s. It’s time to freshen up these bathrooms and replace a few things that are worn out. This work may start as early as the last week of January or the first week of February. During this time, we will need to close both the men’s and women’s bathrooms in this hall completely so that construction can go faster. I’ll have more details on all of this in a few weeks.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark



PAGE 2

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.

Front Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Phone: (269) 327-5165 **Fax:** (269) 327-7266
Email: Office@stcatherinesiena.org



Text to Give: (844) 311-5105



www.stcatherinesiena.org



facebook.com/stcatherinesiena



stcatherinesiena.flocknote.com



prayers@stcatherinesiena.org, (269) 978-2344,
or <https://stcatherinesiena.org/prayerrequest>

Stewardship

December 25 - December 31, 2023	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$41,351
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$13,195</u>
		\$54,546
December 26, 2022 - January 1, 2023	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$26,583
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$16,464</u>
		\$43,047
2023 Year to Date	\$779,033	
2022 Year to Date	\$794,493	

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, January 14, 2024

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	Benedictine Oblates, GLP
10:00 am	CFF, Classrooms
10:00 am	YFF, Fellowship, GWR
11:00 am	Mass, Church
11:00 am	CFF, Classrooms
11:40 am	RCIA Dismissal, Room 1/3
12:00 pm	Baptism, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
5:30 pm	WOW, Room 2/4
6:00 pm	MS Youth Group, Stanley Centre Gym
6:30 pm	MOPs meeting, Stanley Centre Fellowship
7:30 pm	Youth Ministry M.S. Leader Meeting, SC Gym

Monday, January 15, 2024

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
6:30 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Jac's (Westnedge)
7:00 pm	CFF, Classrooms
7:00 pm	YFF, Fellowship, GWR, Stanley Office

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:45 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
6:30 pm	RCIA, Room 5/7
6:30 pm	RCIC, Room 6/8

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	St. Catherine's Buddy Up Walkers, SC Gym
7:00 pm	Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, January 18, 2024

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:30 am	WOW, Marian Hall & Classrooms 5/7,6/8,9/11
10:00 am	Adoration, Trinity Chapel
12:15 pm	Art & Environment Meeting, GLP
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	Deacon Baptism Prep Class, GLP
6:30 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room

Friday, January 19, 2024

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
---------	----------------------------

Saturday, January 20, 2024

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Classroom 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

Prior to today's reading, John had witnessed the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus "like a dove" and had proclaimed "Now I have seen and testified that he is the son of God." (John 1:34). John's two disciples followed Him, curious to learn more about Jesus. In today's Gospel, Jesus reaches out to His first disciples. John the Baptist is conversing with two of his disciples when Jesus passes by. John is moved to testify to who is in their midst with those familiar words: "Behold, the Lamb of God." Jesus then initiates a conversation with them by asking, "What are you looking for?" Jesus is testing their desire to be disciples, they must make the decision to follow Him. Are they looking for an easy life with worldly success and power? Or are they looking for God, who is total truth, love, and mercy? We know that both of these disciples chose to remain with Jesus. Andrew also decided he needed to bring his brother Simon to meet Jesus by telling him, "we have found the Messiah." Jesus speaks first to Simon, revealing he is already aware of who he is and who he will become. Jesus then changes the name of Simon to "Cephas" (which is translated Peter and means "rock"). Again, we see the divinity of Jesus revealed. For in Judaism, only God can change your name. Names were considered sacred because they signified your identity and destiny, and only God could give that. Jesus, the Messiah, is designating that Peter will be the "rock" upon which the Church of Jesus will be built. We, too, will hear Christ's call to discipleship if we open our hearts to hear His voice. We, too, are challenged with that strange but necessary question Jesus poses, "What are you looking for?" Will we choose to become a true disciple of Jesus despite knowing the hardships ahead? Are we ready to follow Him immediately when we hear the call and to remain with Him always no matter where the path takes us?

Reflection by Parishioner Dale Gerber

News Around St. Catherine

St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive

St. Vincent de Paul is collecting gently used or new coats! You can leave coats in the bin that will be found in the entry foyer at the main entrance. They are especially in need of men's winter coats, as many churches have donated women's coats! We thank you for helping keep others warm this winter.

KofC Free Throw Championship

On Sunday, **February 4**, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Free Throw Championship! It's open to all 9 to 14-year-old girls and boys, as long as they have not already participated in another Knights of Columbus Council Free Throw competition. There is no cost to participate. Registration starts at 12:00 pm, and the competition starts at 1:00 pm in St. Catherine of Siena's Stanley Centre Gym!

KofC Spelling Bee

Calling all students in grades 4th - 9th! Join us on Sunday, **January 28th** to show off your spelling skills. Registration starts at 12:30 pm, first contest begins at 1:00 pm. Free contest! Download word lists & rules at mikofc.org/resources/state-spelling-bee.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for VBS Summer 2024. This year we're scuba diving into friendship with God! Save the dates for **July 15-19!**

Liturgical Ministries

We are looking for more Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, & Ushers. If you are interested in any of these ministries or have any questions, please contact Kristi Kelly kkelly@stcatherinesiena.org

St. Catherine High School Youth Group

Highschoolers! Join us on **January 21** from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Stanley Centre. We will be focusing on "who we are," while realizing and developing our potential. Let's explore our dignity and potential together!

Save Lives with the Blood Drive

Join us for the blood drive on **January 23** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Stanley Centre Gym! You can schedule your appointment at donate.michigan.versiti.org when you select "Search Donation Locations" and insert 49024 as the zip code to find St. Catherine of Siena's schedule.

Poinsettia Donations

Donors: Joe and Noralyn Pridgeon

In Memory Of: Arden & Vada Pridgeon

Donors: Dave and Kathy Johnson

In Memory Of: Howard and Donna Johnson

John and Doris Conley

New Members

Joe & Diane Martin

John & Brooke Ross

Jared & Daneen
Richardson

Thomas & Carla
Obringer

William & Kaitie Haenni

Baptisms

Abigail Montgomery
Daughter of Matthew &
Katherine

Oliver Mogan
Son of Matt & Emilee

Emmett Mogan
Son of Matt & Emilee

Magnolia Baker
Daughter of David & Alissa

Remembrance

Linda Johnston

James Whitcomb



**Knights of
Columbus®**



Saturday, January 27 after 4 pm Mass in Marian Hall

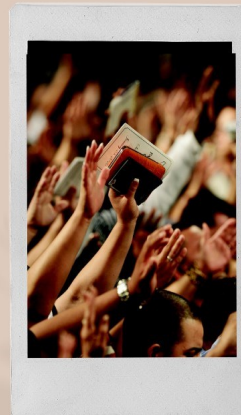
TICKETS ARE \$12, WHICH INCLUDES 3 VOTES AND A SAMPLE OF ALL OF THE DIFFERENT FLAVORS. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX ON JAN 20TH AND 21ST AFTER MASS. THERE WILL BE COMPLEMENTARY CORNBREAD AND DESSERT. KIDS UNDER 12 EAT FREE.

Contact Dan Kloosterman at (269)-760-7216 for more information.

OFFICIAL BISHOP LOHSE PARISH VISIT



You are invited to join us for Bishop Lohse's first official parish visit to St. Catherine of Siena on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Bishop Lohse will be the main celebrant of the 4:00 pm Mass. Join us afterwards for the Chili Cook-Off where Bishop Lohse will be available to meet parishioners.



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

At this weekend long event, teens experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ that ignites their devotion, strengthens their prayer life, and empowers them to live on mission long after the conference ends.

Deadline to register is January 22, 2024

For High School Students 9-12th graders

Contact Casey Keller for more information and to register!

Ckeller@stcatherinesiena.org



**MAIN
CAMPUS
STEUBENVILLE
OHIO**

**JUNE
28-30,
2024**

COST: \$350
* PAYMENT
PLANS
AVAILABLE

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: January 13, Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Walter Lavon Allred †

SUNDAY: January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Aurelio Pangilinan, Jr. †

11:00 am Lindsey Dowdy

5:00 pm Ralph William Farquhar †

MONDAY: January 15, Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

9:15 am Millie McCarthy †

TUESDAY: January 16, Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

9:15 am Elizabeth Andrus †

WEDNESDAY: January 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

9:15 am Patrick Kraft

THURSDAY: January 18, Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

9:15 am Kevin Mikulski †

FRIDAY: January 19, Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

9:15 am Laura Zingg †

SATURDAY: January 20, Weekday; Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; BVM

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

9:15 am Barbara Jean Fening †

SATURDAY: January 20, Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Kim Materi †

SUNDAY: January 21, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

7:30 am Peter † and Mickie † Tubiola

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Barb Alexander †

5:00 pm Eric Munson †

Text **JOINSCS** to **84576** OR
Connect with us online at:
stcatherinesiena.flocknote.com



Staff Contacts

Accounting

accounting@stcatherinesiena.org

Alan DeMars / (269) 978-2338

Linda Reaume / (269) 978-2346

Bulletin/Communications

communications@stcatherinesiena.org

Mackenzie Holton / (269) 327-3441

James Reasoner / (269) 327-3441

Faith Formation Ministry

faith@stcatherinesiena.org

Casey Keller / (269) 978-2335

George Dragan / (269) 978-2347

Front Office

office@stcatherinesiena.org

Kristi Kelly / (269) 978-2340

Jennifer Cramer / (269) 327-5165

Music Ministry

music@stcatherinesiena.org

Michelle Clemens / (269) 327-5165

Parish Nurse Ministry

pwhitenc@mac.com

Paula White (volunteer) / (269) 330-3762

Clergy Contacts

Fr. Mark Vyverman

Fr. Jacob Sundararaju

Deacon Brian

Deacon Ron

fathermark@stcatherinesiena.org

fatherjacob@stcatherinesiena.org

deaconbrian@stcatherinesiena.org

deaconronald@stcatherinesiena.org

All clergy contacts are @stcatherinesiena.org

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

**After-hours emergency, death or danger of death,
call for a Priest: (269) 598-0357**

How many people can you
fit in one Honda?

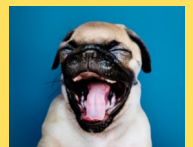


photo created by
rawpixel.com

Well, the Bible said that
all 12 disciples were in one Accord.