

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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



February 11, 2024 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners,

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This is one of the years (besides being a leap year this month), that Lent starts early. However, it's not as early a start as it could be, which is February the 4th. In 2024, our Lent season begins this coming Wednesday, February 14th.



This year it happens to fall on Valentine's Day. With the nature of Lent being a penitential season that prepares us for Easter, we will have to forego the normal Valentine's Day celebrations on the actual day. Ash Wednesday is one of those liturgical days that is a day of both fasting and abstinence. If you think about it in this way, this coming February 14th is also a way to show your love for Christ! Make Christ your Valentine during these upcoming days of Lent!

Please join us, if you are able, to start the Lenten Season with one of the Masses on Ash Wednesday. A full schedule of Lenten activities as well as Lenten regulations are included in the bulletin today. We will continue to have our normal times for confessions on Saturday mornings during Lent with some additional times such as our Penance Service on March 6th.

The work on our Marian Hall bathrooms continues. We are almost at the halfway point in our project. Please remember to use the bathrooms in Trinity hallway or the single bathrooms on the west side of the church until all the work on these bathrooms is complete. If the work continues to go well, we hope to have these bathrooms back in service by the end of February.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark

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

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or <https://stcatherinesiena.org/prayerrequest>

Stewardship

January 22 - January 28, 2024	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$17,994
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$7,364</u>
		\$25,358
January 23 - January 29, 2023	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$10,779
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$7,552</u>
		\$18,331
2023 - 2024 Year to Date	\$896,600	
2022 - 2023 Year to Date	\$923,355	

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.



On the Cover



Bishop Lohse visited St. Catherine of Siena on January 27th for the 4 PM Mass and stayed for the Knights of Columbus Chili Cook-Off. We had a blast!

Calendar of Events

Calendar events subject to change!

Sunday, February 11, 2024

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	Benedictine Oblates
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
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
5:30 pm	WOW, Room 2/4
6:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group, Stanley Centre Gym
7:30 pm	Middle School Leader's Meeting, SC Gym

Monday, February 12, 2024

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, GLP
7:00 pm	YFF, Fellowship, GWR & Stanley Office
7:00 pm	CFF, Classrooms

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Knitters, GLP
9:45 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	SVDP Business Meeting, Fellowship
6:30 pm	RCIA, Room 5/7
6:30 pm	RCIC, Room 6/8

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

9:15 am	Ash Wednesday Mass, Church
10:00 am	St. Catherine's Buddy Up Walkers, SC Gym
12:10 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass, Church
6:15 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass, Church
7:00 pm	Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, February 15, 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	Baptism Prep Class, GLP
6:30 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room

Friday, February 16, 2024

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
5:00 pm	KofC Lenten Dinner, Marian Hall
6:30 pm	Confessions, GLP
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, February 17, 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

Today's readings speak about being made whole again. In Jesus' time, leprosy wasn't just the disease that we're familiar with today. The term included any sort of blemish of the skin, and it was believed that such blemishes made a person "unclean" or less whole...and, by extension, the entire community became imperfect. The Hebrew concept was that any person who was physically or spiritually impaired could not join the assembly in worship because their impurity could taint the community's relation with God. Thus, the unclean person was ostracized for both the physical and the spiritual health of the community. This is what we hear in the first reading. In the Gospel passage, we read about Jesus' healing of the leper, a story that we're all familiar with. This person has been on the "outside" of society, away from his family, his worship, and his friends. He's asking Jesus to not only restore his health but also to give him his life back. Of course, Jesus does this for him. Consider sin as "spiritual leprosy." When we sin, we willingly separate ourselves both from God and from others. We do to ourselves what the Jewish community did to lepers in Jesus' day. Just as Jesus did for the leper, He's willing to restore us...all we need to do is ask sincerely. Lent will be upon us in just a few days; this is our time to repent of our sins and ask God's pardon. May we all take advantage of the forgiveness and restoration that God is waiting to give us.

Reflection by parishioner John Ceglarek

News Around St. Catherine

Easter Flowers - "In Memory Of" and "In Honor Of"

Many of you will start receiving an invitation to contribute to decorating the church with flowers for Easter! With your contribution, you can choose "In Honor Of" for a living person or "In Memory Of" which is for someone who has passed. You can make your donation through the envelopes you received in the mail, visit the office, or call the church at (269)-327-5165. We will be accepting donations for the Easter flowers **until Palm Sunday, March 24th**, for it to be included in the bulletin.

Book of Intentions - Did You Know?

St. Catherine's has a "Book of Intentions" where anyone with prayer requests can write their personal intentions. These intentions are offered during the Prayer of the Faithful segment of the Mass at both the Sunday and daily Masses. The Book of Intentions is located in the Narthex outside the main church on the corner closest to the office. The lighted candle and rising heat present there symbolizes the prayer of the Church rising to God in Heaven.

News Around the Diocese

Women's Day of Reflection: Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist

The Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, in conjunction with Catholic Charities' Hispanic Ministry office, invites you to a Women's Lenten Day of Reflection: Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist. This event takes place on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. Augustine Cathedral Parish. Address: 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Register by emailing kdccw.reg@gmail.com or you can call Ann Vrablic at (517)-812-3727.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a global organization that peacefully prays for an end to abortion. The next 40 Days for Life campaign takes place during Lent from February 14th to March 23rd. We pray in front of Planned Parenthood, 4201 W. Michigan Ave., on the public sidewalk. Join with our brothers and sisters from area parishes to help change hearts and end abortion in Kalamazoo. St Catherine's main day is Wednesday but you can come any day that works best for you! On **February 18th at 6:00 pm**, there will be a candlelight vigil. Candles are provided. You can sign up by registering online at 40daysforlife.com/en/kalamazoo, emailing 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com or calling Joe Magalski at (989)-992-6085.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN DINNER



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a simple Lenten Dinner on **Friday, February 16th** in Marian Hall at 5:00 pm. Enjoy meatless spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and refreshments. No registration is required for this **FREE** event. A free will donation will be accepted to benefit VBS and KofC charities.

Contact: Daniel Kloosterman at
(269)-760-7216

Eucharistic Revival

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress **on July 17-21!** It's located at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. Transportation and lodging will be arranged on your own. We encourage adults, young adults, and families to come. There are various packages available, view your options by visiting www.eucharisticcongress.org/register. Contact George Dragan for additional information or to get tickets at (269)-978-2347 or at gdragan@stcatherinesiena.org

Circle of Friends

Join us on **Wednesday, February 28th** for Circle of Friends! This gathering for adults with cognitive / developmental disabilities is a time of fellowship, activities and reflection on the Sunday readings and a simple dinner. We will gather on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Stanley Centre Fellowship Room at St. Catherine of Siena, 1150 W. Centre St., Portage. All are welcome! Upcoming gatherings are Feb. 28, Mar. 27, and Apr. 24. Contact Lisa Irwin, lisairwin@ccdok.org or 381-9800 x227 to RSVP or for more information.





LENT CALENDAR

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Ash Wednesday, February 14th	9:15 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass	Church
Thursday, February 15th	10:00 AM	Adoration	Trinity Chapel
Thursday, February 15th	12:50 PM	Benediction	Trinity Chapel
Friday, February 16th	5:00 PM	KofC Lenten Dinner	Marian Hall
Friday, February 16th	6:30 PM	Confessions	GLP
Friday February 16th	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, February 17th	11:00 AM	Confessions	GLP & Trinity Chapel
Saturday, February 17th	3:30 PM	Rosary for Life	Church
Saturday, February 17th	4:00 PM	Mass	Church
Sunday, February 18th	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM	Mass	Church
Tuesday, February 20th	9:45 AM	Rosary	Trinity Chapel
Thursday, February 22nd	10:00 AM	Adoration	Trinity Chapel
Thursday, February 22nd	12:50 PM	Benediction	Trinity Chapel
Friday, February 23rd	6:30 PM	Confessions	GLP
Friday, February 23rd	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, February 24th	10:00 AM	Lenten Retreat	Church, Marian Hall
Saturday, February 24th	11:00 AM	Confessions	GLP & Trinity Chapel
Saturday, February 24th	3:30 PM	Rosary for Life	Church
Saturday, February 24th	4:00 PM	Mass	Church
Sunday, February 25th	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM	Mass	Church
Tuesday, February 27th	9:15 AM - CANCELLED	NO DAILY MASS - PRIESTS RETREAT	NA
Tuesday, February 27th	9:45 AM	Rosary	Trinity Chapel



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday, February 28th	9:15 AM - CANCELLED	NO DAILY MASS - PRIESTS RETREAT	NA
Thursday, February 29th	9:15 AM - CANCELLED	NO DAILY MASS - PRIESTS RETREAT	NA
Thursday, February 29th	10:00 AM - CANCELLED	NO ADORATION - PRIESTS RETREAT	NA
Thursday, February 29th	12:50 PM - CANCELLED	NO BENEDICTION - PRIESTS RETREAT	NA
Friday, March 1st	6:30 PM	Confessions	GLP
Friday, March 1st	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 2nd	11:00 AM	Confessions	GLP & Trinity Chapel
Saturday, March 2nd	3:30 PM	Rosary for Life	Church
Saturday, March 2nd	4:00 PM	Mass	Church
Sunday, March 3rd	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM	Mass	Church
Tuesday, March 5th	9:45 AM	Rosary	Trinity Chapel
Wednesday, March 6th	6:30 PM	Lent Penance Service	Church
Thursday, March 7th	10:00 AM	Adoration	Trinity Chapel
Thursday, March 7th	12:50 PM	Benediction	Trinity Chapel
Friday, March 8th	6:30 PM	Confessions	GLP
Friday, March 8th	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 9th	11:00 AM	Confessions	GLP & Trinity Chapel
Saturday, March 9th	3:30 PM	Rosary for Life	Church
Saturday, March 9th	4:00 PM	Mass	Church
Sunday, March 10th	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM	Mass	Church
Monday, March 11th	7:00 PM	Divine Mercy for Beginners	Church



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, March 12th	9:45 AM	Rosary	Trinity Chapel
Thursday, March 14th	10:00 AM	Adoration	Trinity Chapel
Thursday, March 14th	12:50 PM	Benediction	Trinity Chapel
Friday, March 15th	6:30 PM	Confessions	GLP
Friday, March 15th	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 16th	11:00 AM	Confessions	GLP & Trinity Chapel
Saturday, March 16th	3:30 PM	Rosary for Life	Church
Saturday, March 16th	4:00 PM	Mass	Church
Sunday, March 17th	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM	Mass	Church
Tuesday, March 19th	9:45 AM	Rosary	Trinity Chapel
Thursday, March 21st	10:00 AM	Adoration	Trinity Chapel
Thursday, March 21st	12:50 PM	Benediction	Trinity Chapel
Friday, March 22nd	6:30 PM	Confessions	GLP
Friday, March 22nd	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 23rd	11:00 AM	Confessions	GLP & Trinity Chapel
Saturday, March 23rd	3:30 PM	Rosary for Life	Church
Saturday, March 23rd	4:00 PM	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	Church (Livestreamed)
Sunday, March 24th	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM	Palm Sunday Mass	Church
Tuesday, March 26th	9:45 AM	Rosary	Trinity Chapel
Holy Thursday, March 28th	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Mass	Church
Holy Thursday, March 28th	8:30 PM	Adoration	Marian Hall
Good Friday, March 29th	1:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Church
Good Friday, March 29th	6:30 PM	Confessions	GLP



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Good Friday, March 29th	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
Holy Saturday, March 30th	9:15 AM - CANCELLED	DAILY MASS CANCELLED	NA
Holy Saturday, March 30th	10:00 AM	Blessing of the Baskets	Marian Hall
Holy Saturday, March 30th	11:00 AM	Confessions	GLP, Trinity Chapel
Holy Saturday, March 30th	4:00 PM - CANCELLED	MASS CANCELLED	NA
Holy Saturday, March 30th	9:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass	Church
Easter Sunday, March 31st	7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM	Easter Sunday Mass	Church
Easter Sunday, March 31st	5:00 PM - CANCELLED	MASS CANCELLED	NA

Blessing of the Baskets

**HOLY SATURDAY
MARCH 30TH
10:00 AM
MARIAN HALL**



After a time of fasting, we invite you to the Blessing of the Baskets, where your food baskets will be blessed. To participate, bring your food baskets to Marian Hall shortly before 10:00 AM.

For more information about assembling the baskets to be blessed, visit:
www.polishamericancenter.org/SwieconkaBasket.htm

Lenten Retreat

**FEBRUARY 24TH
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MARIAN HALL, CHURCH**



Join us for this year's Lenten Retreat themed "Come Back to Me with All Your Heart," with Father Jacob as our Retreat Master. Gather in Marian Hall at the start. This is a FREE event. A suggested \$5 free will donation is appreciated to help cover the cost of food. Bagels and refreshing drinks will be provided for your enjoyment in the morning. A soup and salad lunch will also be provided. Please note that childcare services are not available. To secure your spot, register by contacting the Front Office at (269)-327-5165 or via email at gdragan@stcatherinesiena.org. We look forward to a spiritually enriching experience together.

ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS

WHAT IS LENT?

The **40-day period** from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by **praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.**

PRAYING ||||| FASTING ||||| ABSTINENCE



WHAT IS FASTING?



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?



Abstinence is **refraining from eating meat.** Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash
Wednesday

Good Friday

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash
Wednesday

All Fridays
of Lent

Good
Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from age
< 18 to 59 >



The sick are excused
from fasting

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for everyone



Source: Code of Canon Law

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: February 10, Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY: February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

7:30 am Kathleen McNally-Calvey †

9:00 am Michael D. Uramkin †

11:00 am James and MJ Thompson

5:00 pm Maggie Cantu †

MONDAY: February 12, Weekday

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

9:15 am Toni Kowalski †

TUESDAY: February 13, Weekday

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

9:15 am Dee Cekola

WEDNESDAY: February 14, Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

9:15 am Deacon Ed Feltes †

12:10 pm People of the Parish

7:00 pm Robert Romence †

THURSDAY: February 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

9:15 am Aurelio Pangilinan †

FRIDAY: February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

9:15 am Iori Family

SATURDAY: February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

9:15 am Ann Thompson †

SATURDAY: February 17, Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Emmel Dizon †

SUNDAY: February 18, First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Eleanor Burns †

11:00 am Rebecca McWilliams & Family

5:00 pm People of the Parish

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God is talking to one of his angels.
He says, "Do you know what I
have just done? I have just created
24 hours of alternating light and
darkness on Earth. Isn't that
good?"



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The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?"
God says, "I think I'll call it a day."