

Baptism
of the Lord

Bautismo
del Señor

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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January 9, 2022
Baptism of the Lord

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After Jesus was baptized,
he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him, and he
saw the Spirit of God descending like a
dove and coming upon him.

Una vez bautizado, Jesús salió del agua.
En ese momento se abrieron los Cielos y
vio al Espíritu de Dios que bajaba como
una paloma y se posaba sobre él.

Mateo 3, 16

Matthew 3:16

Dear Parishioners,

We spend weeks and weeks (and maybe for some of you, months and months) waiting for Christmas. Just a few short weeks ago, (16 actual days ago) we celebrated Christmas. Now it's time for us to conclude the Christmas season and celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the final weekend of the Christmas season.



Yes, it seems like Christmas does come and go very quickly. But, perhaps we have discovered that what we have experienced at Christmas does not have to be put in a box in a closet, but instead our Lord intended for us to keep living the joy, peace, hope and faith that we experienced at Christmas time. We need to put all these things into practice into our daily routines, our ordinary, as well as all the other things that come up along the way.

So, here we go into all the adventures that 2022 will bring to us. May the Lord continue to bless us and our families in all we do!

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark

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Schedule

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.

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

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am—12:00 pm
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If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call **(269) 978-2344**, email prayers@stcatherinesiena.org or visit our website at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/prayerrequest>.

Stewardship

Collections December 20- 26, 2021: \$41,334

Collections December 21-27, 2020: \$48,956

2021-2022 Year to Date Actuals: \$685,971

2020-2021 Year to Date Actuals: \$652,386

Thank you all for your continued generosity!

Parish Families as of December 2021 1,547

Parish Families as of December 2020 1,471

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

FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org or 327-5165.

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 8, 2022

- 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Catholic Men's Fellowship (Room 5/7)
- 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM SVDP Interviews (Stanley Centre Office)
- 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Through Confessions
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass (Church)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Donuts to Go after Masses (Narthex)
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Children's Faith Formation
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Benedictine Oblates (GLP)
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass (Church)
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Faith Formation
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony (Church)
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth Faith Formation (Stanley Centre)
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mass (Church)
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Women of the Word (Room 2/4)
- 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM Youth Ministry (Stanley Centre)

Monday, January 10, 2022

- 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
- 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Children's Faith Formation
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship (Stanley Centre Office)

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

- 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Shawl Weavers (GLP)
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Blood Drive (Gym)
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Children's Faith Formation
- Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting (Marian Hall)
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM RCIA (SCR)

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

- 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
- 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Children's Faith Formation
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Respect Life (Fellowship)

Thursday, January 13, 2022

- 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (Trinity Chapel)
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Women of the Word (Stanley Centre)

Friday, January 14, 2022

- 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Cenacle of Holy Spirit (Trinity Chapel)

Reflection on the Readings

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In Luke's Gospel, we hear that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus "in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Earlier in this reading John the Baptist says that he is not the Messiah but one mightier than he will come to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. This prophesy is fulfilled when the same Holy Spirit comes to those gathered at Pentecost. (Acts 2: 1-4) Since most of us were baptized as infants, we don't think much about it. But maybe we need to be reminded that we too have received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through our baptism. This precious gift is to be nourished and shared with others through our love of God and neighbor. Jesus, who had no need to be baptized, freely chose to affirm its importance as He was about to begin his public ministry. May the Holy Spirit rekindle in our lives a flame of desire to be like Jesus and spread His Kingdom here on earth to all we meet.

Hymns for January 8/9

Come to the river #651
I have loved you #616
Come to the water #617
River of glory #650

Reflection by St. Catherine's parishioner, Dale Gerber.

New Members



We welcome the following Parishioners into our Parish Family for the month of December:

Scott & Nicole Adland & Family	Matthew & Chelsea Kishler
Christopher Alley	Jean LaFever
Robert Downing	Courney Martin
Roger & Janis Ferworn	Brian & Mary Myers & Family
Kelly Hungerford	Gerald & Theresa Rerucha
Christopher & Olivia Gawne	Vincent & Ann Romano
Robert & Diane Hungerford	Michael & Sarah Sharghi
Robert & Kathleen Stalker	

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our Parish family to the following December Baptism:

Sophia May Collins

Daughter of Thomas & Emily Collins

Alaina Vojtko

Daughter of Andrew & Andrea Vojtko

Baptisms



Remembrance



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

Catherine Taylor

Patricia "Pat" Curry

Norbert Tylicki

Faith Formation for All

AFF = Adult Faith Formation
CFF = Children's Faith Formation
YAFF = Young Adult Faith Formation
YFF = Youth Faith Formation

AFF: Catholic Men's Fellowship Meets Mondays & Saturdays

Did you know we have a **Catholic Men's Fellowship** group here at St. Catherine's?

This weekly gathering consists of SCS men who meet to worship, pray, study the bible, and fellowship to help become more Godly influences in each other's lives. They meet on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Stanley Centre Office (led by **Bob Woleben**, contact at rewoleben@gmail.com) and Saturday mornings at 8:00 am in rooms 5/7 (led by **Steve Borchert**, contact at sborchert5207@charter.net).

AFF: New ZOOM Bible Study January 12

Join Barbara Murphy-Sanders as she teaches a **NEW Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke** starting **Wednesday, January, 12**. Meetings will be held via Zoom from 6:00—7:00 pm on Wednesdays. This is Year C in the Church liturgical year, and Luke is the best story teller par excellence. In the Gospels, you'll learn about the prodigal son and the good Samaritan and much more. Email **Barbara** at bmurphysanders@gmail.com, or go to <https://stcatherinesiena.org/bible-study-on-gospel-of-luke> to get the Zoom link.

CFF: Father/Son Euchre Tournament for January 22 is CANCELLED.

CFF: Mandatory Sacramental Prep on January 11

Parents of First Communion students receiving First Communion this May, please plan to attend a mandatory **Sacramental Prep meeting on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm in Marian Hall**. Parents will receive the necessary sacramental booklets, provided by the parish, at this time and receive pertinent information on the requirements for First Communion (i.e. Reconciliation and the Eucharist). If you have any questions or cannot attend this date, please contact **Karen Galloway** at cff@stcatherinesiena.org or **327-0861**.

YAFF: Pizza & Prayer on January 24

Young Adult Faith Formation continues to meet for **Pizza and Prayer** select Mondays. Join them at their next event on **Monday, January 24 at Jac Cekola's Pizza in Portage**. Pizza and non-alcoholic beverages are provided. RSVPs are appreciated. Sign up today online at <https://bit.ly/PrayerPizza> or contact **Phil Dezern** directly at **(616) 633-0994** or pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org.

YFF: Sunday Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12 on January 9

Youth are invited to attend our **Sunday Youth Ministry** held in the **Stanley Centre at 3:30 - 4:45 pm OR 6:15 - 7:30 pm** on **January 9**. Youth will learn about theology, share about their faith in God, while also playing games and trivia! RSVP to **Phil Dezern** at **(616) 633-0994** or pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org. This event will count towards one and a half Confirmation credit hours. The next few Youth Ministry Sundays after this one are January 23, February 27 and March 13.

YFF: Bible Study on January 31 for Grades 6-12

Join Phil in **Trinity Chapel** on **January 31** from **6:00—7:15 pm** to discuss the upcoming scripture readings and reflect on our lives and relationship with God. NO RSVP required for this event. Any youth in grades 6-12 is welcome to join. The next few Bible Studies after this one are February 28 and March 14.

YFF: Spiritual Discussion on January 31 for Grades 7-12

Join your fellow youth for a **Spiritual Discussion** at Culvers in Portage on **Monday, January 31** for **FREE** food while learning more about spiritual writing, themes and how they relate to your life. Next few Spiritual Discussions are February 28 and March 14. RSVP required—spaces are limited to eight people per session. RSVP to **Phil Dezern** at **(616) 633-0994** or pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org.

YFF: Movie Retreat for Grades 6-12 February 26

Youth Faith Formation is offering a **FREE Movie Retreat** on Saturday, February 26 from 12:30 - 4:45 pm. RSVP required as space is limited. RSVP to **Phil Dezern** at **(616) 633-0994** or pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org. This event will count towards five Confirmation credit hours.



News Around St. Catherine's



Blood Drive January 11—Sign Up Today!

Our blood drive is **THIS Tuesday, January 11** in the **Stanley Centre**! Are you signed up to donate yet? It's not too late, and donations are desperately needed. Log on to the St. Catherine's drive on Versiti website at <https://bit.ly/SCSBloodDrive0122> to register. Make a difference in the lives of your neighbors. Contact **Deb Dozeman** at ddozeman@stcatherinesiena.org or **327-3441** with any questions.

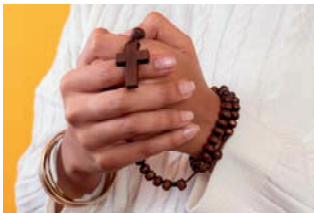
Scam Alert -

We've heard from a few people that they've received emails or texts from St. Catherine's, specifically Fr. Mark, asking for gift cards. While we always appreciate donations, no one in our clergy or staff will email or text you asking for gift cards. Please do not give money to anyone on these emails or text messages. Thank you for your continued support of our church through our regular donation methods of our drop boxes throughout the church, our online giving options (<http://stcatherinesiena.org/give>) and our ACH options. If you have any questions about donations, please contact us at FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org or 327-5165.



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News Around the Diocese



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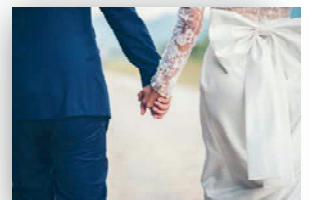
Join the Kalamazoo and Portage Knights of Columbus as they join together for a Public Recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Saint Augustine Cathedral Steps in Kalamazoo MONTHLY, on the **second Saturday at 9:30 am** rain, snow, or shine. Bring your rosary. For more information contact **Cindy Vennix** at cindy.vennix@gmail.com We will be praying for (1) conversion of souls, especially those in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, (2) reparation for the sins of our state and nation, (3) for protection of our families and our Faith, and (4) to repulse the attacks and deceptions of the devil. (5) In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Diocese of Kalamazoo Caregivers Connection:

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? You are invited to a **virtual gathering on the first Sunday of the month** (when date falls on a holiday weekend we move to the following Sunday) from **1:00 – 2:00 pm on Zoom**. The focus is to build relationships, share faith and experiences, and create a supportive community. To learn more or to register go to <https://diokzoo.org/caregivers> or contact **Lisa Irwin** at **381-9800 x227** or lisairwin@ccdok.org. Zoom link will be sent to those who register. **Upcoming date is January 9.**

Joy-filled Marriage Retreats Announced for 2022

Planning to get married in 2022? A marriage formation weekend for engaged couples. The **Joy-Filled Marriage** process is a comprehensive marriage preparation program rooted in virtues as well as Theology of the Body. The program incorporates rich Catholic theology with sound psychology. **2022 Dates:** JANUARY 15-16; MARCH 19-20 (SPANISH); MAY 14-15; SEPTEMBER 10-11 To register, visit <http://diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation>.



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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.



**Tuesday
January**

11

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**



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LOCATION:
The Stanley Centre

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JAN. 12, 2022

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to get the Zoom link.

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prodigal son, the
Good Samaritan and
much more!

Bishop Barron's "The Creed" Video Study

**Starts Tuesday, January 25
6:00-8:00 PM
Marian Hall**

We will meet every other Tuesday
at the same time and location.
A light meal will be offered with a
voluntary donation.

Learn more and register online at
[https://stcatherinesiena.org/
bishop-barron-video-study](https://stcatherinesiena.org/bishop-barron-video-study)
or contact Margaret Meersma at
margaretmeersma@gmail.com
616-888-5008

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: January 8, Vigil of Feast of The Baptism of The Lord

4:00 pm Donna Moran†

SUNDAY: January 9, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

7:30 am Marion Erlandson †

9:00 am Deacon Jack Prendergast †

11:00 am Donna Moran†

5:00 pm Donna Moran†

MONDAY: January 10, Weekday, First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

9:15 am Mary Anne Stora-Jansen†

TUESDAY: January 11

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

9:15 am Janice Weatherbeet†

WEDNESDAY: January 12

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

9:15 am George & Hellen Plevyak†

THURSDAY: January 13, Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

9:15 am Fr. Bill Jacobs

FRIDAY: January 14

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

9:15 am Catherine Lyman†

SATURDAY: January 15

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

9:15 am Jaime Lopez

SATURDAY: January 15, Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Millie McCarthy †

SUNDAY: January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

7:30 am Nancy Tudor †

9:00 am Harold & Jeanne Guetling †

11:00 am Ken Bennett†

5:00 pm People of the Parish

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 <https://stcatherinesiena.org/give>.

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

<https://stcatherinesiena.org/ach-form>. When making a donation to El Sitio, Debt Reduction, Mass Intentions, Diocesan Second Collections, etc., please do not combine with your Sunday offertory envelope.

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