

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 6, 2018

Words from our Patron Saint

**Make yourself a channel for all peoples, giving each
of them what they need, according to their
disposition and what I, your Creator, give to you.**

(Dialogue 109)

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before celebrating baptism. Call the parish to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony

The Church provides marriage preparation for engaged couples. Call the parish to register.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know anyone who is in the hospital, sick or homebound, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday: 8:45-9 am Saturday: 8:45-9 am & 4-5 pm First Friday: 8:15-9 am

Mission Statement:

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

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Adoration: Thursday 10:00 am—11:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

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

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 9am-5pm

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

Covenant Scholarships for Catholic Education

No child of a registered parish family will be denied the opportunity of a Catholic education at any local CSGK Catholic elementary school due to financial need. Application packets are available in the front office or on our website under [who-we-are/links/](#). If you have questions, please contact Melissa Andregg at (269) 381-2646.



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Presider Schedule: May 12-13

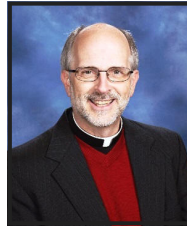
5:30 pm	Fr. Basker
7:30 am	Fr. Basker
9:00 am	Fr. Bill
11:00 am	Fr. Bill
5:00 pm	Fr. Ken

Musician Schedule: May 12-13

5:30 pm	Sienas
7:30 am	Cantor
9:00 am	Cantor
11:00 am	Choir
5:00 pm	Life Teen Band

Ken's Kaleidoscope

May 6, 2018



Some of you may have noticed that the classrooms in Marian Hall are getting some touch up. 33-year-old wallpaper has been removed and all the rooms are being painted. New whiteboards will replace the ancient chalkboards. Eventually the hallways and then Marian Hall itself will also be painted, and the bathrooms will be upgraded. Volunteers are welcome to help paint -- call Matt

Miller at (269) 806-1106.

Bishop's Annual Appeal—As Christian stewards we recognize God as the source of everything we are and have. We are grateful for our blessings and seek ways to give back, to return some of these gifts to show our love for the Lord and one another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, all of us share in the mission of the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo. Only when we work together can we accomplish God's work. So please prayerfully consider a very generous gift to this year's appeal. Our parish goals are 100% participation and donations totaling \$270,000; with your gift we can achieve these goals. Remember, no gift is too small or too large, because every gift makes the work of Jesus Christ possible. You may also make a pledge and arrange for electronic payments online at www.osvonlinegiving.com/867.

Parish Vision—In the last couple of weeks I have written about our parish vision, which gives our parish as a whole a common direction, to guide our decision-making, and to help focus our priorities so we can use our resources well. Our vision has one key word, and four bullet points. Last week I introduced the first bullet point, Love God.

Our second bullet point is: **Grow Disciples**. We disciples are the people who have made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ. That's not something we do one time; discipleship is a way of life.

Discipleship is the process of conversion from a life centered on myself, to a life whose daily focus is *following the desires of God, living out the teaching of Jesus, guided each day by the power, wisdom, and strength of the Holy Spirit*.

Discipleship is ongoing and is not completed when we are confirmed, or are ordained. Discipleship is much more like marriage, which begins with courtship, engagement, and then the vows that are exchanged at a wedding ceremony. The wedding day is the beginning and not the end of marriage, which must deepen and grow so it does not stagnate and die.

So it is also for disciples of Jesus Christ. We must continue to learn and put into practice on a daily basis – how do we strengthen our family life? How can we pray better? How can we understand the deep riches of the Bible? How can we practice the virtues better and avoid the temptations and snares of evil?

Discipleship is not merely education and attending classes; it is the practical formation of *doing* what disciples do. How do we help our children and young people not simply learn things *about* God and the Church, but come to know God in a personal way, and then *be* the Church that Christ has called us to be?

Most of the time that's done better when we do it with others and not by ourselves – Bible studies, small Christian communities, prayer groups, classes, spiritual book clubs, support groups for those who are grieving and those who are divorced and those who have been suffered trauma; 12-step programs, retreats, faith formation, group spiritual direction (*continued on page 3*).

Ken's Kaleidoscope Continued

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We engage in all these activities as a means to help us **grow to be better disciples** of our Lord. As we do so, we become a better enfleshment of the living Christ in the world, so that others can see him and know him. "Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Christ." (Ephesians 4:15)

Charity and Justice Mission
Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org

Michigan United staff will be hosting an evening for justice seekers to learn more about Michigan United's current campaigns in our community including: Immigration Legal Services, Ending the School to Prison Pipeline and Universal Family Care. Come learn how you can join us in advocating for change that will make our community a more just, hospitable and welcoming community for all.



WHEN: Tuesday May 22 from 7 - 8:30 pm
WHERE: Michigan United office, 1009 Stockbridge St, Kalamazoo MI 49001
 Questions?? Contact: Paula White at 330-3762 or paula@miunited.org

Fellowship Mission
Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org

Mother's Day is Sunday May 13, 2018.

Don't make reservations for breakfast, instead bring your mother to Marian Hall after the morning masses where she can sit back and enjoy the special food prepared by the Knights of Columbus. K of C will also be selling roses after all Mother's Day Weekend Masses. The net proceeds will be donated to the Caring Network (Diocese of Kalamazoo Catholic Charities).



The Knights of Columbus Council #6980 would like to thank the parish for participating in the Rosary for Life and Healing Lenten program. The final count of Rosaries prayed and recorded on the lobby chart was 1464, almost double last year! Please continue to pray for the end of abortion and healing.



Today, Sunday May 6, at 2 pm is the St. Catherine Tea Party. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10 per person. Join us at the Stanley Centre with our guest speaker Polly Cekola-Kragt from ChocolaTea. Enjoy special treats and tea!

Administration
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Date: 4-22-2018 Sunday	Actual	Budgeted	Last Year
YTD Amount Sunday ONLY For 43 Weeks	\$1,206,569	\$1,231,392	\$1,187,833
YTD Totals Sunday & Holy Day	\$1,268,993	\$1,299,392	\$1,250,257

An Apology

My Dear Brothers and Sisters;
 I was invited to speak to you about the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I tried to use that opportunity to begin a conversation about stewardship focusing on generosity and gratitude.

In my presentation at the 11 am Mass, I intended to use an example of how extending ourselves generously includes hospitality. It was wrong of me to say and I can understand how some were offended by my comments. I would like to express my sincerest apologies for offending anyone. That was certainly not my intention.

Lessons were learned as I continue to grow in my new position and I do hope, with your forgiveness, we can move forward and work together in building God's Kingdom at St. Catherine's, in the Diocese of Kalamazoo and around the world.

Most Sincerely,
 Tom Dowdall
 Director of Stewardship and Development



Thank you for the generous donations collected at St.

Catherine of Siena. A total of \$1,984.28 will be sent to Catholic Relief Services!

Vacation Bible School 2018

Mark your calendars! St. Catherine of Siena will be offering Vacation Bible School the week of **July 16-20**. The theme for this year is **SPLASH CANYON**. Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At **SPLASH CANYON**, kids discover that on life's wild ride, Jesus is by our side. God saves us through Jesus and gives us life and hope every day.

Sponsors make our Bulletin possible!
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Preschool
 Connie Juszcyk 978-2348 preschool@stcatherinesiena.org
 Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org



Exciting News! St. Catherine's preschool is expanding their hours. We are opening the school for a full day of services beginning this fall. Watch the bulletin for details or contact Connie or Mary.

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation
 Jay Landry 978-2331 jlandry@stcatherinesiena.org

St. Catherine Spiritual Renewal – Help Us Build It

Have you had an encounter with Jesus Christ that melted your heart that inspired you to change how you lived? Once you began to realize how much God loves you and is bending over backwards to save you, did this experience move you to **fall in love** (again perhaps) with Christ, God the Father or the Spirit? This is spiritual renewal or conversion: when we engage God in some way and it changes us, filling us with grace and joy that calls us to change our lives; we change joyfully, because we know that God is calling us to it.

Narcia Schultz-Acker and Jay Landry are developing a spiritual renewal program for our parish around the four pillars of our parish vision statement presented in the bulletin and by the videos of Fr. Ken and the parish staff at the end of weekend Masses. We are asking you, the people of St. Catherine of Siena, to share a bit of your spiritual journey in **one** dream session to help us build this program, so that we can spiritually renew our parish, all of us can continue to fall in love with Jesus Christ and follow him more closely to reach the goals of our parish vision.

Please consider joining us for **one** of these **Fall in Love** dream sessions, like a mini-retreat, where you will have the chance to revisit an encounter with Jesus Christ, God the Father or the Spirit and how that touched your heart to begin to change your life. After revisiting this encounter, we will invite you to dream about the spiritual renewal that you'd like to see happen at St. Catherine. Again, you are invited to attend only **one** of these sessions.

The dates for these "Fall in Love" sessions are below. Please consider attending **one** of these sessions. We will start at 6:30 p.m. and be done in about two hours.

Thursday, May 17

Wednesday, May 23

Thursday, June 7

Tuesday, June 12

Please RSVP to Narcia at schacker0903@gmail.com or Jay at jlandry@stcatherinesiena.org or by calling 978-2331 to let us know which session you wish to attend. Please invite a family member and a friend at the parish to attend with you. Questions? Please contact either one of us.

Religious Education
 Janet Ingersoll 327-0861 jingersoll@stcatherinesiena.org

Attention Adults and Middle & High School Students

Are you looking for something fun to do this summer? Do you enjoy working with children? If so, then you should consider volunteering for St. Catherine's Vacation Bible School!

This year's theme is **SPLASH CANYON!** We are in need of **LOTS** of volunteers to help with this program which will take place on **July 16-20 from 9 am - 12 pm**. There are many areas where help is needed: snacks, crafts, games, nursery, story telling, Bible challenge, 3 year old – 5th grade leaders and more.

Volunteers who commit to volunteering the ENTIRE WEEK will not have to pay a registration fee.

On-site daycare in the church nursery is available free of charge for all volunteers.

This year there are two different ways you can sign up to volunteer. You can go to our church website, click on Parish Life and then go to VBS, or you can contact Janet Ingersoll.



Youth Ministry Mission
Philip Dezern 616-633-0994 pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org

JUNE 2018 – MAY 2019 PROGRAM IS OUT...THIS INCLUDES CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

If you going to have a 6-12 grader next year please pickup your packet of information, contact Philip to have it emailed to you or mailed to you, or have your youth pick it up at the next youth ministry time.

We are also looking for more leaders this year in the program. Anyone that is graduated from high school can assist as a leader. Please contact Philip Dezern if interested.

FROM OUR YOUTH

In a recent youth ministry time we asked the youth to write what they would say to someone if someone asked them why they should engage God. I want to share each week what they wrote. Some of them put their names. If they did I have placed their name with their writing. Each week will be a new set of writings!

Everyone should engage in God; young or old, Catholic or not, good or bad. God gives us guidance, a force to be good through transcendentalism. It helps us improve. To find the right in the wrong, good in bad. We get a drive to do good, help others, improve the world. We need this in our society in need. So, whenever it's the God we believe in as Catholics, or another god; engage... and find guidance. –Fiona Doyle

I think that everyone should engage with God because it is someone to guide you. God helps you believe to good things. Engaging with God gives you someone to talk to and someone who will always be there for you.

GRADE 6-8 ACTIVITIES

May 7	Bible Study @ St. Joseph	6:30 – 8:00 pm
May 9	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	6:00 – 7:15 pm

GRADE 9-12 ACTIVITIES

May 9	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	7:15 – 8:30 pm
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WE STILL HAVE ROOM FOR TWO SUMMER ACTIVITIES - Contact Philip Dezern to register. Non-parish youth are welcome to attend!
There is Scholarship Money available for those in need.

Michigan Adventure	June 19	10 spots left	Open to anyone currently grades 5-12
Saint Meinrad Retreat	June 26-30	waiting list	Open to anyone currently grades 7-12

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Rehearsals will be 45 minutes before the Mass
 St. Joseph Church May 19 @ 5:30 pm Rehearsal 4:45 in the Gym

Care and Support Mission
Mary Beckley-Clark 978-2334 mclark@stcatherinesiena.org

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS NEXT WEEKEND**

There will be Blood Pressure Checks next **Sunday, May 13** after the 9 am Mass in Marian Hall. Here's to good heart health!



Have you ever noticed the display of roses in the rear of the church by the picture of the Virgin Mary? They are part of the Rosebud Program, a program of **Elizabeth Ministry** International. Different colored flowers identify those who are pregnant, celebrating a birth or adoption, grieving a miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or infant death, or wanting to become pregnant or adopt.

If you know someone in need of prayers, simply fill out one of the cards and attach it to the appropriately colored rose. The people of St. Catherine's will continue to pray for all the families the rosebuds represent. During the month of May, we ask for **our Blessed Mother's intercession for all mothers**, especially those most in need of God's healing love and grace.

Anonymous Groups
Food Addicts Anonymous:
 Tuesdays, 6:30 pm Rooms 6-8
Alcoholics Anonymous:
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 pm
 Rooms 10-12
 Saturdays, 5 pm Rooms 10-12
Al-Anon:
 Thursdays, 5:30 pm Rooms 6-8
Gamblers Anonymous:
 Fridays, 7:30 pm Rooms 10-12
Overeaters Anonymous:
 Saturdays, 11 am Rooms 6-8

Other News

Hackett Catholic Prep Band Boosters presents Jazz Night 2018 - Saturday, May 12 from 7-10 pm at Hackett Cafeteria (1000 W. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo) *Featuring* the Hackett Jazz Band, hors d'oeuvres, raffle and cash bar! *All proceeds support the Hackett instrumental music program.* Purchase tickets online at hackettcatholicprep.org.

SATURDAY: May 5 Vigil of The Sixth Sunday of Easter

		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	†Darrell Adair	Fr. Bill

SUNDAY: May 6 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/1 John 4:7-10/John 15:9-17

		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	†Julie Atkins	Fr. Bill
9:00 am	†Barbara Brief	Fr. Stan
11:00 am	†Deceased members of the Eugene Keller Family	Fr. Stan
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Basker

MONDAY: May 7 Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

9:15 am †Betty Hartmann

TUESDAY: May 8 Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

9:15 am †Kazys Rusinas

WEDNESDAY: May 9 Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

9:15 am †Dorothy Graham

THURSDAY: May 10 Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

9:15 am †Julia Nespodzany

FRIDAY: May 11 Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

9:15 am †Adam Keilen

SATURDAY: May 12 Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

9:15 am †Marteen Coucke

SATURDAY: May 12 Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord

		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	Intentions for St. Vincent dePaul Society	Fr. Basker

SUNDAY: May 13 The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23

		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Basker
9:00 am	†Peggy Floria	Fr. Bill
11:00 am	†Patricia Berninger	Fr. Bill
5:00 pm	People in the Military	Fr. Ken

Sunday, May 6, 2018 *Preschool – 1st Grade Religious Education during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.*

9:00 am Nursery during the 9 am Mass, Nursery
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 11:00 am Nursery during the 11 am Mass, Nursery
 12:00 pm RCIA Mystagogy, GLP Conference Room
 1:00 pm Religious Education Grades 3-5, Classrooms
 2:00 pm Tea Party, Gym
 3:30 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church
 6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL

Monday, May 7, 2018

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 10:00 am Medilodge, Off Grounds
 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
 6:00 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms
 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR
 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 17

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

9:30 am Prayer Shawl Weavers, PPR, LL
 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GWR
 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Classrooms
 6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 1:00 pm Women's Cursillo Small Group, GLP Conf. Rm
 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
 6:00 pm Middle School Scripture Program, Stanley Ctr
 6:30 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms
 6:30 pm Easter Vespers, Trinity Chapel
 7:15 pm High School Scripture Program, Stanley Ctr

Thursday, May 10, 2018

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 10:00 am WOW, Marian Hall, Nursery, Classrooms
 10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity
 10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 103, LL
 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
 5:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Rooms 6-8
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Rooms 9-11
 6:30 pm Upper Harmony Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 7:00 pm Baptism Class, GLP Conference Room

Friday, May 11, 2018

9:45 am Bulletin Stuffers, Rooms 1-3
 10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity
 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, May 12, 2018

7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3
 8:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Training, GWR
 8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Interviews, SCR, LL
 10:15 am Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel
 11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
 3:30 pm Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Sunday, May 13, 2018

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 10:00 am Blood Pressure Checks, MH
 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 12:00 pm RCIA Mystagogy, GLP Conference Room
 2:00 pm Polish Mass, Trinity Chapel
 3:00 pm Polish Mass Social Hour, SCR, LL
 3:30 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church
 6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL