

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Words from our Patron Saint
"Love transforms one into what one loves."
(Dialogue 60)

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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: 8:45-9:00 am Saturday: 8:45-9:00 am & 4:00-5:00 pm First Friday: 8:15-9:00 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: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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 Anderegg at (269) 381-2646.



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Presider Schedule: March 2-3

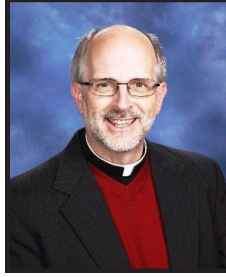
5:30 pm	Fr. Bill
7:30 am	Fr. Albert
9:00 am	Fr. Ken
11:00 am	Fr. Ken
5:00 pm	Fr. Bill

Musician Schedule: March 2-3

5:30 pm	Cantor
7:30 am	Cantor
9:00 am	Gathering Band
11:00 am	Gathering Band
5:00 pm	Young Adult Praise

Ken's Kaleidoscope

February 17, 2019



I am happy to announce Rachel Ogrin has joined the parish staff. She will work part-time as the Director of Human Resources for the parish, and also take on some other responsibilities as my delegate. Rachel comes to us after a long period of employment as a human resource specialist at Stryker.

I will be hosting a two-session introduction to the **Process of Forgiveness**, a seminar I have been teaching for the past 17 years. Forgiveness is what we do for ourselves to be freed of anger, pain, and the desire for revenge that become our burden

when we have been deeply hurt. Session A will meet on Friday, March 1, and Tuesday, March 12; Session B will meet on Friday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 26. Each session is from 6:30-8:00 pm. There is a large amount of printed material to be prepared, so please call ahead to tell us if you plan to attend (we don't need to know which dates). Check the bulletin for the meeting room (it's different on different dates).

Rachel's Vineyard is a beautiful opportunity for anyone who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process to help participants experience God's mercy and compassion. It also brings God's forgiveness to repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief. The retreat is confidential, and respectfully honors each participant. It is open to anyone who is struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion, including mothers and fathers, parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends.

National Marriage Week was last week. We received a list of resources too late to include in the bulletin. If you are interested in strengthening your marital relationship, here are some resources (and the hyperlinks can also be found by going to the parish website).

- Consider participating in "Discovering Our Deepest Desire" -- a 7-week series beginning March 5.
- Virtual Retreat for Couples – a simple 7-day opportunity for couples to reflect and pray together.
- For Your Marriage and Por Tu Matrimonio have resources and tips in English and Spanish.
- Michigan Celebrates Marriage and Michigan Celebra Matrimonio – websites with resources.
- Catholic experts offer 8 tips to improve marriages.

Reflections on Personal Holiness by Pope Francis (18)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel invites us to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life. Usually the rich feel secure in their wealth, and think that, if that wealth is threatened, the whole meaning of their earthly life can collapse. Jesus himself tells us this in the parable of the rich fool: he speaks of a man who was sure of himself, yet foolish, for it did not dawn on him that he might die that very day. (cf. Luke 2:16-21)

Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life. In this way, we miss out on the greatest treasure of all. That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart, for there the Lord can enter with his perennial newness.

This spiritual poverty is closely linked to what St. Ignatius of Loyola calls "holy indifference," which brings us to a radiant interior freedom: "We need to train ourselves to be indifferent in our attitude to all created things, in all that is permitted to our free will and not forbidden; so that on our part, we do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honor rather than dishonor, a long life rather than a short one, and so in all the rest."

Being poor of heart: that is holiness. (para. 67-69 in *Gaudete et Exsultate*)

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



Centering Prayer - Would you like to develop a greater prayer life? Centering Prayer is a form of contemplative prayer. By choosing a name for God, you can breathe this name in and out, centering yourself in God's mystery and gentleness. Centering Prayer is the prayer of stillness and silence that invites us to be fully present to God and to contemplate, or be with, God's presence. Centering Prayer can "center" you in God. It can help you gradually live into your true self in God.

Please join us for Centering Prayer led by Jay in Trinity Chapel. Jay will briefly describe it, and then you will practice it. We will gather on Tuesdays in Lent (**starting March 12**) at 10 am or 5:30 pm. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish. Please invite a friend or family member. Child care can be available; please let Jay know if you need it by Thursday, March 7.

Parish Lenten Retreat – “Stewardship: Becoming Sons & Daughters of God”. Join us on **Saturday, March 16** for the Parish Lenten Retreat on stewardship as becoming the person whom God is calling you to be. Stewardship is about becoming a son or daughter of God. It is part of our divine DNA that we were given at baptism and repeatedly affirmed in the Eucharist.

Jay will lead two prayer sessions on the biblical foundations of stewardship, both focused on encounters with Jesus: the Rich Young Man and Zacchaeus. The retreat includes quiet prayer coupled with two Catholics who will share their stewardship journeys, Marci McCarthy (St. Basil Parishioner, economist, Diocesan Stewardship Council) and Fr. Ken Schmidt.

We will start at 8:30 a.m. in Marian Hall and end at 4:00 p.m. The day includes lunch (\$5 suggested donation) and child care. Please bring a bible and a friend with you. If you wish to come, please RSVP to Jay at 269-278-2331 or jlandry@stcatherinesiena.org by March 14 or earlier for child care. Early RSVPs are appreciated.

Administration
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We've Got You Covered: A big thank you to our Clerical Guild volunteers who have been providing administrative support and hospitality to staff and guests while at our parish office's front desk.

Guild volunteer now number 15! Recent breakdown: Ruth Morris steadfastly volunteers on Wednesday mornings. Niki Hall and Sandy Edwards are truly valued – expertly filling in while Alana Murray was on maternity leave. Stella Peters, a new volunteer, assisted in a recent mass mailing. Our bulletin typing assistants went from two, Michelle Alberty and Peggy Grieve, to four when Michelle trained Karen Magalski and Margaret Hudson.

Paid staff and Guild - we are here to serve. Our goals include extending kind hospitality and giving spiritual nurture as part of our work with the desire to expand the Reign of God in everyday life.

As a team, I am richly blessed by our Clerical Guild and front office staff's talents, administrative skills, confidentiality, service orientation, initiative and provision of support to our parishioners, other pastoral associates, clergy and staff members as well as all those that enter our doors. Deb Wezensky, Pastoral Associate for Parish Management.

**Sponsors make
our bulletin possible!**

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Pray a Rosary for Life and Healing

A poster will be in the Narthex starting March 3. Pray the Rosary seeking God's grace to end abortion. For every rosary you pray, mark it on the chart. Last year we had 1,400 rosaries prayed and marked. Pray often, pray with the family, pray while you commute, walk, or jog. Have children use a sticker or sign their name. Stand up as a Catholic parish and ask God's intercession in our lives and our community.

Sunday Morning Rosary,
Trinity Chapel 8:30 am and
10:30 am
 Join parishioners for the
 Lenten devotion.

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Sunday, March 3, 2019 *Coffee and Donuts in Marian Hall after all the morning Masses; Preschool – 1st Grade Children's Faith Formation Classes during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.*

8:30 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
9:00 am	Nursery Open during Mass
11:00 am	Nursery Open during Mass
3:00 pm	Youth Ministry for Grades 6-8, Stanley Centre
3:15 pm	Children's Faith Formation Grades 1-5, Classrooms, MH
3:15 pm	3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade CFF Online Program Meeting, MH
3:30 pm	Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church
6:00 pm	Women of the Word, SCR, LL
6:15 pm	Youth Ministry for Grades 9-12, Stanley Centre

Youth Faith Formation
Philip Dezern 616-633-0994 pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org

SOME GREAT NEWS!

- According to the Roman Catholic Church, **parents are the primary educators of the faith!** Why is that great news? Because parents are truly creating the new generation in their image. Data points out that kids say their parents are the most important influences in their life. *Parents do not give up!*
- Your households are the most important Church kids will ever be a part of. **The Roman Catholic Church calls your home the Domestic Church.** This means you are doing Church every day, all the time, every second. Why is that great news? Because it means you, as parents, are raising your kids in the Church constantly.
- As Paul Harvey might say...we will find out the rest of the story years from now. I personally believe that it is great news. You as parents, grandparents, foster parents, etc. keep up the good work. **Keep teaching your kids the faith.** We all want to raise our kids to be the healthiest and happiest versions of the themselves. Do not let their faith be dis-included from that. Yes, I look forward to seeing the rest of the story. Let us all pray it is a story to be proud of, let it be Great News!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

GRADES 6-8

Sunday Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph Youth Room	11:30 – 1:10 pm	March 3
Sunday Youth Ministry @ St Catherine Stanley Center	3:00 – 5:00 pm	March 3
Monday Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph Youth Room	6:00 – 7:15 pm	March 4
Sunday Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph Youth Room	11:30 – 1:10 pm	March 17
Sunday Youth Ministry @ St Catherine Stanley Center	3:00 – 5:00 pm	March 17
Monday Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph Youth Room	6:00 – 7:15 pm	March 18
Wednesday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	6:00 – 7:15 pm	March 20

GRADES 9-12

We will provide a carpool from St. Joseph to St. Catherine and back. Contact Philip Dezern by the Wednesday before the activity to tell him you need a ride. We will leave St. Joseph at 5:40 pm and return to St. Joseph at 8:25 pm.

Sunday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	6:15 – 8:00 pm	March 3
Sunday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	6:15 – 8:00 pm	March 17

SUMMER ACTIVITIES SIGNUP ARE HAPPENING NOW

Contact Philip Dezern for registration materials. Remember that friends are welcome at any of these activities.

Michigan Adventure June 19 For anyone currently Grades 5-12

Saint Meinrad Retreat June 24-28 For anyone currently Grades 8-12

- You get 15 hours towards Confirmation Prep

Service Camp July 16-18 For anyone currently Grades 7-12

- You get 18 hours of Service and 12 hours towards Confirmation Prep

Administration
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Weekly Collection Data: As of February 10, 2019

1. Weekly Budget Target	\$ 26,731
2a. Actual Sunday Collection	\$ 21,399
2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic	\$ 4,093
2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection	\$ 25,492

Monthly Data:

3. Sunday Collection Monthly Budget Target	\$ 111,500
4. Sunday Collection Monthly Total	\$ 62,572
5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month	\$ 171,780
6. YTD Budget = \$897,311; YTD Actual = \$916,024; YTD Actual Last Yr. = \$941,343	

Pastoral Care
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The Widow & Widowers Group will meet this Tuesday, February 26 at 12 noon at Bob Evans Restaurant on South Westnedge. All are invited!

Food Addicts Anonymous:
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm Rooms 6-8
Alcoholics Anonymous:
Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 pm
Rooms 10-12
Saturdays, 5:00 pm Rooms 10-12
Gamblers Anonymous:
Fridays, 7:30 pm Rooms 10-12
Overeaters Anonymous:
Saturdays, 11:00 am Rooms 6-8

Children's Faith Formation
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Sunday March 10, 2019 our parish will host a **Eucharistic Retreat** for the children who will be receiving Our Lord for the first time this Spring. We are looking for fun-loving and friendly adults to run games and activities during the Retreat. **You do not have to be Virtus trained for this event.** It runs from 1:00-4:00 pm. Please reach out to Karen if you are willing to give witness to our Lord with our young parishioners.



CANS FOR KIDS. Please remember our program as you enjoy your favorite beverage. You can get double the pleasure by dropping off those empties at St. Catherine, knowing you are helping to support our programs. A bin in Marian Hall is provided for your convenience.



PARENTS: The time will soon be here to register your child for our Faith Formation programs. Classes filled very quickly last year, and we will need dedicated catechists to make our programs the best in the Diocese. If you have a 5 or 6-year-old child be aware that our Sacramental Prep is TWO years. This means that if you expect your second grader to receive their First Holy Communion in the Spring of that year, they need to enroll in CFF the fall of their first-grade year.



Vol-un-teer: A person who willingly undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. Do you have a willingness to serve Christ? The **Children's Faith Formation** needs volunteers to act as subs for when our catechists are ill. Must be Virtus-trained or willing to become Virtus trained. We are also looking for volunteers to run games on March 10, 2019 during the annual Eucharistic Retreat. This is a fun, faith-based afternoon. NO TRAINING required to help at the Retreat! If interested, please reach out to Karen.

Other News

40 Days for Life Vigil at Planned Parenthood, Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17. Join the Knights in this important "stand up for Life" silent prayerful hour. St. Catherine's action day will be Wednesdays but the overall effort covers Mondays thru Saturday with other churches covering the times. For details contact John Byrnes, K of C, 269-779-3669. A sign-up sheet will be at the Rosary for Life poster in the Narthex.

Hackett Catholic Prep invites you to join us at the **Shamrock Celebration** on Saturday, March 2! For over thirty years, the Shamrock Celebration has been Hackett's biggest annual fundraiser and our opportunity to celebrate with alumni, school families, and friends. Hosted in the Western Michigan University Bernhard Center Ballroom, the evening includes dinner, dancing, entertainment by Hackett student performers, raffles, games, and silent/live auctions. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit hackettcatholicprep.org/shamrock.

SATURDAY: February 23 Vigil of The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm	†Jean Fisher	<u>Presider</u> Fr. Albert/Deacon Brian
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SUNDAY: February 24 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Corinthians 15:45-49/
Luke 6:27-38

7:30 am	†Nick Frank	<u>Presider</u> Fr. Bill
9:00 am	†Shirley Whipps	Fr. Albert
11:00 am	†Erica Holbert	Fr. Bill
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Albert

MONDAY: February 25 Weekday

Sirach 1:1-10/Mark 9:14-29

9:15 am †Frank Seidl

TUESDAY: February 26 Weekday

Sirach 2:1-11/Mark 9:30-37

9:15 am †Adam Keilen

WEDNESDAY: February 27 Weekday

Sirach 4:11-19/Mark 9:38-40

9:15 am †Dorothy Graham

THURSDAY: February 28 Weekday

Sirach 5:1-8/Mark 9:41-50

9:15 am †Betty Hartmann

FRIDAY: March 1 Weekday

Sirach 6:5-17/Mark 10:1-12

9:15 am †Nancy Schmidt

SATURDAY: March 2 Weekday

Sirach 17:1-15/Mark 10:13-16

9:15 am †Lilia Armas

SATURDAY: March 2 Vigil of The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm	†Shirley Whipps	<u>Presider</u> Fr. Bill
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SUNDAY: March 3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7/1 Corinthians 15:54-58/Luke 6:39-45

7:30 am	People of the Parish	<u>Presider</u> Fr. Albert
9:00 am	†Lisa Ort	Fr. Ken
11:00 am	†Fred Dunayczan	Fr. Ken
5:00 pm	†Lorraine Kus	Fr. Bill

Sunday, February 24, 2019 *Coffee and Donuts in Marian Hall after morning Masses.*

7:00 am Upper Harmony Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
9:00 am Nursery Open during the Mass
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:00 am Nursery Open during the Mass
3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church
6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL

Monday, February 25, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
9:45 am Medilodge, Off Grounds

1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
6:30 pm Bingo, Gym
7:00 pm Upper Harmony Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

9:30 am Prayer Shawl Weavers, PPR, LL
9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
12:00 pm Widow & Widowers Lunch, Off Grounds
1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GWR
5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Mtg, Rms 5-7

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
10:00 am Gospel of Luke Bible Study, SCR, LL
1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
6:30 pm Gospel of Luke Bible Study, MH
7:00 pm Healing Through Christ, Rooms 1-3

Thursday, February 28, 2019

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am Women of the Word, MH, MHK, Nursery, Rooms 1-3, 5-7, 6-8, 9-11, 10-12
10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 103, LL
11:30 am GriefShare, Rooms 2-4
5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
6:00 pm JustFaith, SCR, LL
6:00 pm Cub Scouts, GWR
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting, Rms 9-11
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL

Friday, March 1, 2019

8:15 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
9:45 am Bulletin Stuffers, Rooms 1-3
3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
6:30 pm Forgiveness Seminar, SCR, LL
7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, March 2, 2019

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

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