

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 3, 2019

Words from our Patron Saint
"One who knows more, loves more."
(Dialogue 66)

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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

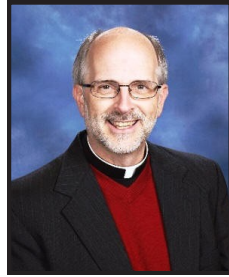
If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call 978-2344 or email prayers@stcatherinesiena.org.

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.

Ken's Kaleidoscope



Can you believe that this week is the beginning of Lent? Even though it starts “late” this year, it always catches me by surprise. On Ash Wednesday we will have a mass early in the morning as well as masses in the afternoon, and evening. And you can always come into the church to pray, make your Lenten commitment, and place ashes on your forehead as a reminder of your attitude of repentance (sorrow and desire to grow). In the bulletin you will find announcements of various activities that are opportunities here within the parish for your spiritual development; and the world around us is filled with needs that Christ wants us to fill.



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.



Presider Schedule: March 9-10

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

Musician Schedule: March 9-10

5:30 pm Sienas
 7:30 am Cantor
 9:00 am Cantor
 11:00 am Choir
 5:00 pm Young Adult Praise

Reflections on Personal Holiness by Pope Francis (21)

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." These are strong words in a world that from the beginning has been a place of conflict, disputes and enmity on all sides, where we constantly pigeonhole others on the basis of their ideas, their customs and even their way of speaking or dressing. Ultimately, it is the reign of pride and vanity, where each person thinks he or she has the right to dominate others. Nonetheless, impossible as it may seem, Jesus proposes a different way of doing things: the way of meekness.

Christ says: "Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Mt 11:29) If we are constantly upset and impatient with others, we will end up drained and weary. But if we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them and stop wasting our energy on useless complaining. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux tells us that "perfect charity consists in putting up with others' mistakes, and not being scandalized by their faults."

Meekness is yet another expression of the interior poverty of those who put their trust in God alone. Indeed, in the Bible the same word – *anawim* – usually refers both to the poor and to the meek. Someone might object: "If I am that meek, they will think that I am an idiot, a fool or a weakling." At times they may, but so be it. It is always better to be meek, for then our deepest desires will be fulfilled. The meek "shall inherit the earth," for they will see God's promises accomplished in their lives.

Reacting with meekness and humility: that is holiness. (para. 71-72, 74 in *Gaudete et Exsultate*)

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation
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Centering Prayer - Would you like to develop a stronger relationship with God in prayer? God is mystery and often communicates in silence. God as mystery seeks to embrace and love us into becoming our true self. A mystical practice of prayer that dates back to the earliest days of the Church is Centering Prayer, a form of contemplative prayer. This type of prayer is practiced by millions of Christians around the world. Please join us for Centering Prayer in Trinity Chapel where Jay Landry will offer a brief invitation to this prayer, and then we will practice it. We will gather on **Tuesdays in Lent at 10:00 am or 5:30 pm, starting on March 12**. If you need child care, please let Jay know 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 am in Marian Hall and end at 4:00 pm**. 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 by March 14 or earlier for child care.

The Wild Goose Videos – Lenten Fridays after Stations of the Cross - Join us for these powerful videos that invite us to discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. The term “Wild Goose” was used by ancient Celtic peoples to refer to the Holy Spirit. From Fr. Dave Tivonka, a Franciscan Friar, the narrator of these 23-25 minute films, “The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God’s love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ that leads us to our heavenly Father. We will watch the first video, “God’s Love Poured Out”, on Friday, **March 8**, in the church, with a discussion to follow, after the Stations of the Cross (**Stations of the Cross are at 6:30 pm**). We will watch a new video each Friday after the Stations of the Cross. See <https://thewildgooseisloose.com/about> for a trailer.

Process of Forgiveness— will be hosted by Fr. Ken. This is a two-session seminar which he has 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 burdens when we have been deeply hurt. The continuation of **Session A will meet on 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. Check the bulletin for the meeting room.

Charity and Justice
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Donate to Caring Network for 40 Days for Life. Caring Network assists pregnant women of all ages, faiths and marital status with life-affirming decisions. During 40 Days for Life, **March 6 through April 14**, please consider donating new items, including newborn clothing – 4T boys and girls, socks, bibs, blankets, books, bottles, wipes, family hygiene and cleaning products are all appreciated! Please visit www.ccdok.org or call 269-381-1234 to learn more about Caring Network, a program of Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Sponsors make
our bulletin possible!

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Congratulations Deacon Jack!

Deacon Jack Prendergast is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate Sunday, March 3rd, 2019. Thank you Deacon Jack for your many years of faithful service to Christ and his Church!

Ash Wednesday Masses (March 6, 2019)

7:00 am	Fr. Albert
9:15 am	Fr. Ken
12:10 pm	Fr. Bill
6:30 pm	Fr. Ken

Sunday Morning Rosary, Trinity Chapel 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Join parishioners for the
Lenten devotion.

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3:30 pm	Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Rm
4:00 pm	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Rm, Church
5:00 pm	AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
6:30 pm	Recipes for Change Dinner, Stanley Centre
Sunday, March 10, 2019 <i>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.</i>	
8:30 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
9:00 am	Nursery Open during Mass
10:00 am	Benedictine Oblates, SCR, LL
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
10:00 am	Blood Pressure Checks, MH
11:00 am	Nursery Open during Mass
3:15 pm	Children’s Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-5, Classrooms, MH
3:30 pm	Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church
6:00 pm	Women of the Word, SCR, LL

Youth Faith Formation
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WHY DO WE DO YOUTH MINISTRY THE WAY WE DO IT? PART 1 OF MANY...

Sometimes people ask me why we do youth ministry the way we do it. I wanted to share a few things I believe from having done youth ministry for 20 years. This is going to be a continuous series, with occasional breaks. So please read this article each week!

We must teach youth to learn to share their faith, otherwise what is the point? We share the most important things in our lives. We share about sports, friends, family, vacations, favorite college athletic team, and so much more. People share happy and sad things. If we teach youth that they should not share their faith, then we are teaching them that God is not one of the most important things in their life. For those who say some people are not talkers...that is correct. However, every person I know, even those that are not sharers still share the most important parts of their life. Let's give youth a chance and the confidence to do that. That is why we do a share-based program. We get in youth ministry that sharing means you are vulnerable. We work with our leaders to create safe space to share. Sharing the faith and learning to speak about our faith are important parts of spreading the faith. It is a big goal of youth ministry, and why we do the program in a share-based way.

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 by the Wednesday before the activity. 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 ACTIVITY SIGNUPS ARE HAPPENING NOW

Contact Philip 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
- You get 12 hours towards Confirmation Prep

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Weekly Collection Data: As of February 17, 2019

1. Weekly Budget Target	\$ 28,633
2a. Actual Sunday Collection	\$ 15,780
2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic	\$ 4,098
2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection	\$ 19,878

Monthly Data:

3. Sunday Collection Monthly Budget Target	\$ 111,500
4. Sunday Collection Monthly Total	\$ 82,951
5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month	\$ 171,780
6. YTD Budget = \$925,944; YTD Actual = \$936,803; YTD Actual Last Yr. = \$965,511	

Pastoral Care
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THE 3 C'S OF FLU PREVENTION FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

CLEAN: Wash your hands frequently. Scrub with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

COVER: Cover coughs/sneezes with a tissue or the crook of your elbow.

CONTAIN: Contain flu germs by avoiding people who are already sick.
If you have the flu, STAY HOME.



THE PARISH NURSE OFFICE HAS MOVED—IT IS NOW LOCATED IN ROOM 104 (LOWER LEVEL) ACROSS FROM THE CHOIR ROOM. OFFICE HOURS ARE THURSDAYS FROM 10:00-11:00 AM OR BY APPOINTMENT.



JUST A REMINDER IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND

If you or a family member is a patient at Borgess or Bronson Hospital, please inform the hospital staff when you register that you are a Catholic from St. Catherine's and would like to receive Communion. HIPPA regulations require that personal information can only be shared with patient knowledge and consent.

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



Other News



The **coffee and donut program** is in need of someone to coordinate the volunteers next fall. We are also looking for someone to make the weekly frosting for the donuts. This can be done ahead of time at your convenience. If you have questions, or are interested in helping out, please contact Deb Lins at 324-9536.

Friday Adoration Time Change During Lent. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at **8 am** during the six Fridays of Lent instead of 10 am. Father Albert and Deacon Brian will be praying the Morning Prayer of the Divine Office at 8:30 am. All are invited to join them.

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

Pray a Rosary for Life and Healing, 2019. Poster will be in the Narthex **starting March 3.** Pray the Rosary seeking God's grace to end abortion. And 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 and sign their name. Stand up as a Catholic parish and ask God's intercession in our lives and our community.

40 Days for Life Vigil at Planned Parenthood, Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17. This year is critical! 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 Saturdays with other churches covering the times. For details contact John Byrnes, K of C, 269-779-3669. The sign-up sheet will be at the Rosary for Life poster.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, March 22-24, 2019. Designed for women and men, the retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. Held in a private location in the greater Kalamazoo area, the retreat process is an opportunity to experience the mercy and compassion of God, surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, and guilt, and grieve the loss of your unborn child or children. For more information or to register, call 800-800-8284 or email mwalth@ccwestmi.org. Financial assistance is available. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

SATURDAY: March 2 Vigil of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presider

5:30 pm † Shirley Whipps Fr. Bill

SUNDAY: March 3 The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Presider

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

MONDAY: March 4 Weekday; Saint Casmir

Sirach 17:20-24/Mark 10:17-27

9:15 am † Hi Sung "Thomas" Park

TUESDAY: March 5 Weekday

Sirach 35:1-12/Mark 10:28-31

9:15 am †Donald Tramontin

WEDNESDAY: March 6 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18/2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2/Mark 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 am †David Piotrowicz
 9:15 am †Doris Runnels
 12:10 pm †John & †Mary Byrnes
 6:30 pm † Doreen Lefaive

THURSDAY: March 7 Thursday after Ash Wednesday; Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Luke 9:22-25

9:15 am †Carlos Ramirez

FRIDAY: March 8 Friday after Ash Wednesday; Saint John of God, Religious

Isaiah 58:1-9a/Mark 9:14-15

9:15 am †Kimberly Nadwornik

SATURDAY: March 9 Saturday after Ash Wednesday; Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Isaiah 58:9b-14/Luke 5:27-32

9:15 am †Jeanne Sparks

SATURDAY: March 9 Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent

Presider

5:30 pm †Richard Markus Fr. Ken

SUNDAY: March 10 The 1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10/Romans 10:8-13/Luke 4:1-13

Presider

7:30 am †Jack Bresnahan Fr. Ken
 9:00 am People of the Parish Fr. Bill
 11:00 am †Junior Carneiro Fr. Albert
 5:00 pm †Kyle Schascheck Fr. Bill

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, Classrms, 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 Ctr

Monday, March 4, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 9:45 am Medilodge, Off Grounds
 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living Mass, Off Grounds
 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym
 7:00 pm Upper Harmony Children's Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR
 8:00 pm Youth Group Faith Sharing, Off Grounds

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 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 Business Mtg, Rms 5-7

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Ash Wednesday Mass, Church
 9:15 am Ash Wednesday Mass, Church
 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 10:00 am Gospel of Luke Bible Study, MH
 12:10 pm Ash Wednesday Mass, Church
 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
 3:00 pm Centre Meadows, Off Grounds
 6:30 pm Gospel of Luke Bible Study, MH
 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass, Church
 7:00 pm Healing Through Christ, Rooms 1-3
 7:30 pm Gospel of Luke Bible Study, MH

Thursday, March 7, 2019

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
 10:00 am Women of the Word, MH, MHK, Nursery/ Room 14, Rooms 1-3, 5-7, 6-8, 9-11, 10-12
 10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 104, 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 Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting, Rms 9-11
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL

Friday, March 8, 2019

9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
 2:00 pm Medilodge Mass, Off Grounds
 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
 6:30 pm Recipes for Change Hands-On Class, MH
 6:30 pm Forgiveness Seminar, SCR, LL
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Church
 7:30 pm Wild Goose Video, Church
 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, March 9, 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
 10:15 am Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel
 11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8

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