

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10, 2019

Words from our Patron Saint

**"We trust and believe in what we love."
(Dialogue 8)**

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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.

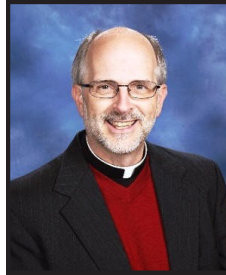


Presider Schedule: March 16-17

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

Musician Schedule: March 16-17

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



Congratulations to the very organized and hard-working crew of the Recipes for Change dinner -- one of the social highlights of the parish year. Thank you for your efforts to expand our horizons beyond the borders of the USA, and for providing great food and wonderful

entertainment.

Special opportunities in Lent include my two-part series on forgiveness, helping us to understand what Forgiveness really is (and isn't); how to do it; and what gets in the way. Also our Lenten retreat on Stewardship (don't let the word scare you!). It's really about how we act as Jesus' disciples. By the way, the Gospel of Luke has a lot to say about that. Different parish leaders will also guide us in the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings throughout Lent. Soon we will have an expanded schedule available so you can partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well.

Reflections on Personal Holiness by Pope Francis (22)

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

The world tells us exactly the opposite: entertainment, pleasure, diversion, and escape make for the good life. The worldly person ignores problems of sickness or sorrow in the family or all around him; he averts his gaze. The world has no desire to mourn; it would rather disregard painful situations, cover them up or hide them. Much energy is expended on fleeing from situations of suffering in the belief that reality can be concealed. But the cross can never be absent.

A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes. In this way they can embrace Saint Paul's exhortation: "Weep with those who weep." (Rom 12:15)

Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness. (para. 75-76 in *Gaudete et Exsultate*)

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation
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Centering Prayer - In Lent on Tuesdays, starting March 12, please join us for Centering Prayer, a gentle form of contemplative prayer that is focused on our breathing. We will gather at 10 am or 5:30 pm in Trinity Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Lenten Retreat – “Stewardship: Becoming Sons & Daughters of God”. Interested in exploring God’s call to us about stewardship? What is stewardship? Join us on Saturday, **March 16 from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm in Marian Hall** for the Parish Lenten Retreat on stewardship that is a joy-filled way of life that flows from our falling in love with a God who created us in love. We will hear testimonies from Marci McCarthy (St. Basil parishioner, economist, & Diocesan Stewardship Council) and Fr. Ken Schmidt about their stewardship journeys.

Lunch (a \$5 donation is suggested) and child care is included. Please bring a bible and a friend with you. Please RSVP to Jay by March 14 and earlier for child care.

The Wild Goose Videos – Lenten Fridays after Stations of the Cross - Join us for these transforming videos that invite us to discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, whom the ancient Celts called “The Wild Goose.” From the narrator, Fr. Dave Tivonka, “If you allow him, the Wild Goose will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. The Spirit will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God.” Join us on Friday, **March 15 at 7:30 pm** in Marian Hall for the second video, “The Breath of God.” 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 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.

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St. Augustine's **Once in a Blue Moon Garage Sale** is almost here!
600 West Michigan Avenue in downtown Kalamazoo

Friday, March 15 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, March 16 from 8:00am - 2:00pm

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

Join parishioners for the Lenten devotion.



Charity and Justice



Promoting a Hunger-Free Community Since 1982

You are invited to the 2019 Community Celebration **March 21 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** at the Fetzer Center on WMU’s campus to enjoy hors d’oeuvres, donor and volunteer awards, an update from the executive director, and more.

FREE and open to the public. Free, on-site parking. Please RSVP to Katie at katie@kzoolf.org or (269) 488-2617, ext. 206.



- 8,760 nights of shelter are provided at Eleanor House Family Shelter annually.
- 95% of people assisted by HRI move from emergency shelter to permanent housing.

Did you know that a child who experiences homelessness is 2x more likely to become a homeless adult? You can help Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI) to keep families in the home or quickly provide housing solutions. **Join the Walk to End Homelessness on March 23, 2019 at the Kalamazoo Growlers’ Homer Stryker Field at 10:00 am.** Crowd friendly, leashed dogs are welcome. Can’t walk? Donate online www.housingresourcesinc.org or join us at Bell’s Brewery for lunch from 11:00 am-2:30 pm when 10% of lunch purchases will benefit HRI!

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Sunday, March 17, 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.*

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| 8:30 am | Rosary, Trinity Chapel |
| 9:00 am | Nursery Open during Mass |
| 11:00 am | Nursery Open during Mass |
| 1:00 pm | Knights of Columbus 1st Degree Ceremony, SCR, LL |
| 3:00 pm | Youth Ministry for Grades 6-8, Stanley Centre |
| 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 |
| 6:15 pm | Youth Ministry for Grades 9-12, Stanley Centre |

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

WHY DO WE DO YOUTH MINISTRY THE WAY WE DO IT? PART 2 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.

Youth Ministry is not all about games. The model of Youth Ministry has shifted and changed throughout the years. Youth Ministry has gone the extremes from being basically gym time, to all about adoration and prayer, to all about service camps, to all about social time, to all about classroom teaching. I have seen most of those switches in my life. The model I have used for youth ministry is that we are going to teach the kids to pray, but not force a certain prayer style. We are going to have social time, but we need to provide an education as well for the youth. We are going to do retreats so youth can get away from normal life. We are going to encourage service, but are going to encourage you to do a majority of your service as a family. **BALANCE IN YOUTH MINISTRY IS WHAT WE STRIVE FOR.** My hope is that the youth of the parish are finding balance in youth ministry. Which means at any given moment some will be bored, some will be engaged, and some will be on the fence. The hope is that youth get something every week that they need, want, and desire.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / GRADES 6-8

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 17
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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		



Administration
John Emilio 978-2335 jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org

Weekly Collection Data: As of February 24, 2019

1. Weekly Budget Target	\$ 29,784
2a. Actual Sunday Collection	\$ 15,578
2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic	\$ 4,098
2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection	\$ 19,676

Monthly Data:

3. Sunday Collection Monthly Budget Target	\$ 111,500
4. Sunday Collection Monthly Total	\$ 102,627
5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month	\$ 171,780
6. YTD Budget = \$955,728; YTD Actual = \$956,479; YTD Actual Last Yr. = \$1,006,071	

Pastoral Care
 Mary Beckley-Clark 978-2334 mclark@stcatherinesiena.org

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 and would like to receive Communion. HIPPA regulations require that personal information can only be shared with patient knowledge and consent.



If you know someone in our parish community who is ill or residing at a long-term care facility and unable to attend Mass, please call Mary. We have Ministers to the Sick who are able to share the Eucharist with the sick or homebound.

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 LAST coffee and donut Sunday will be April 7.

Sign-up sheets for new volunteers starting this Fall will be on the tables in Marian Hall following Mass beginning March 17. You may also contact Deb Lins at 324-9536 to sign up.

Reminder to Parishioners: Bring in your D&W and Family Fare receipts (any grocer that has "direct deposit" on the bottom of the receipt). Ask family and friends to save them for you too! This helps to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul chapter! Also needed are: Non Bridge Items – Shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap, feminine products, cleaning products, toothbrushes. Food – Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, chili, stew, mac & cheese, jelly. Thank you for your support!

Friday Adoration Time Change During Lent. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at **8 am during the Fridays in 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.

Pray a Rosary for Life and Healing, 2019. A poster is in the Narthex. 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 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 mwals@ccwestmi.org. Financial assistance is available. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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

		<u>Presider</u>
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

		<u>Presider</u>
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

MONDAY: March 11 Lenten Weekday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Matthew 25:31-46

9:15 am Benefactors of the Parish & Memorial Fund

TUESDAY: March 12 Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15

9:15 am †Carl Hizer

WEDNESDAY: March 13 Lenten Weekday

Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32

9:15 am †Barbara Berry

THURSDAY: March 14 Lenten Weekday

Esther C:12,14-16, 23-25/Matthew 7:7-12

9:15 am †Nataliya Vansovich

FRIDAY: March 15 Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matthew 5:20-26

9:15 am †Lyndon Cronen

SATURDAY: March 16 Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48

9:15 am †Barbara Berry

SATURDAY: March 16 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent

		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	†Michael Wisser	Fr. Basker

SUNDAY: March 17 The 2nd Sunday of LentGenesis 15:5-12, 17-18/Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/
Luke 9:28b-36

		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	†Jack Bresnahan	Fr. Bill
9:00 am	†Barbara Berry	Fr. Basker
11:00 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Basker
5:00 pm	John Hart	Fr. Bill

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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
 3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church
 6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL

Monday, March 11, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 9:45 am Medilodge, Off Grounds
 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
 6:00 pm Children's Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-5, Classrooms, MH, SCR, LL
 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

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

9:30 am Prayer Shawl Weavers, PPR, LL
 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 10:00 am Centering Prayer, Trinity Chapel
 1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GWR
 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
 5:30 pm Centering Prayer, Trinity Chapel
 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Business Mtg, Rms 9-11
 6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
 6:30 pm Fr. Ken's Forgiveness Seminar, GWR

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 10:00 am Gospel of Luke Bible Study, MH
 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, March 14, 2019

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
 10:00 am Women of the Word, Marian Hall
 10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 104, LL
 11:30 am GriefShare, Rooms 2-4
 12:30 pm Art & Environment Meeting, Room 19
 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 15, 2019

9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross, Church
 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
 7:30 pm The Wild Goose Videos, MH

Saturday, March 16, 2019

7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3
 8:00 am Boy Scouts Troop #255 First Aid Merit Badge Meeting, GWR
 8:30 am Parish Lenten Retreat, MH
 8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Interviews, SCR, LL
 10:00 am FIAT, Rooms 9-11
 10:15 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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