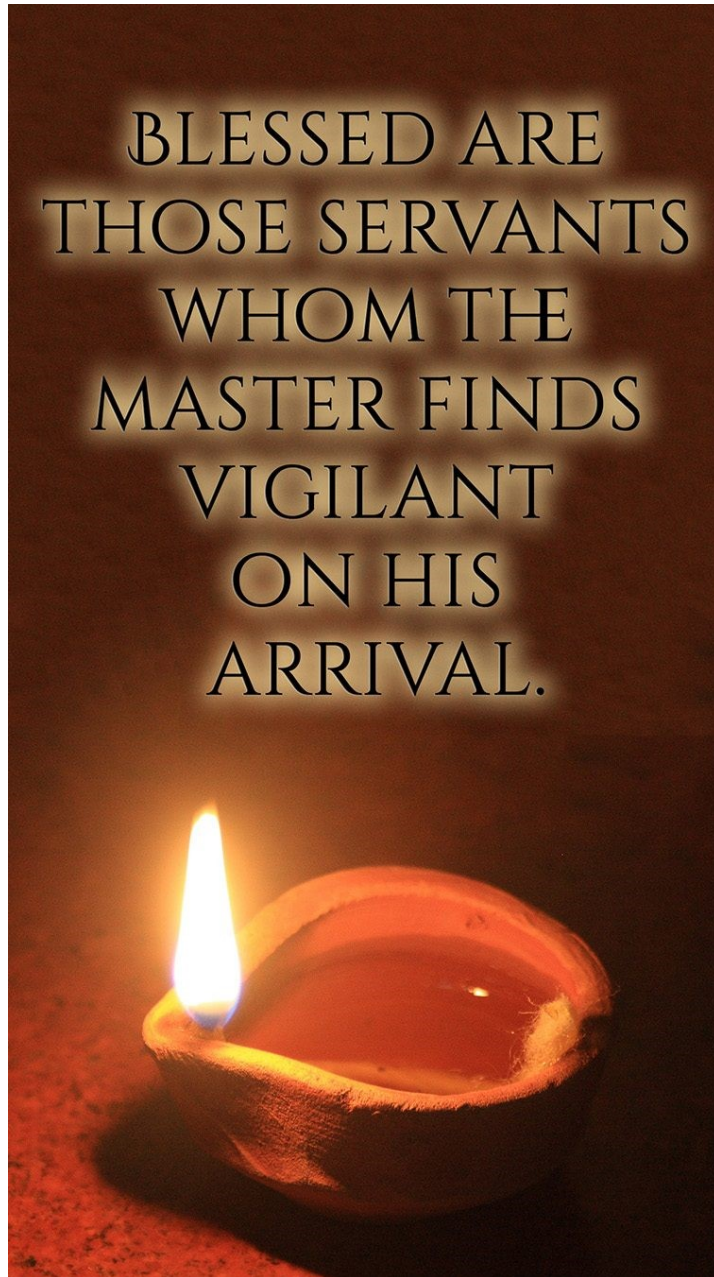


# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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BLESSED ARE  
THOSE SERVANTS  
WHOM THE  
MASTER FINDS  
VIGILANT  
ON HIS  
ARRIVAL.



**August 11, 2019 • 19th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

## News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

Maybe I have lost some sense of time with the move this summer, but we are already arriving in the middle of August! This of course means that we have a Holy Day of Obligation this week: The Feast of the Assumption. A vigil Mass will be

celebrated on Wednesday, August 14 at 5:30 pm and Masses on the Holy Day itself (August 15) will be at 9:15 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm.

It also means we are getting closer and closer to the start of school. As you probably heard, Fr. Jeff is going to be the Hackett Chaplain. That means he will be spending several days a week at Hackett throughout the school year (plus his day working at the Marriage Tribunal at the Diocese and his activities here at St. Catherine's). But that also means he needs to report to school this week with the rest of the staff! We will certainly keep Fr. Jeff very busy during his first full year serving in a parish and in his other ministries.

As the school year gets ready to kick off, it's also time to start thinking about registering for our fall programs such as our Youth and Children's Faith Formation programs. Additional information about these, and all the programs and offerings that will begin soon, can be found on our website.

Thanks for reading!  
Fr. Mark

## Highlights

- Holy Day of Obligation, August 15. Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. See page 3.
- Children's Faith Formation forms are available! See page 4 for details.
- Looking to volunteer? Many opportunities inside! Consider giving a few hours of your week to a good cause!

## Schedule

### Mass

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

### 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

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Presiders: August 17-18

5:30 pm: Fr. Mark  
7:30 am: Fr. Mark  
9:00 am: Fr. Ben  
11:00 am: Fr. Albert  
5:00 pm: Fr. Ben

### Musicians: August 17-18

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

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If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call (269) 978-2344 or email

# This Week at St. Catherine

## Sunday, August 11, 2019

- 8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
- 9:00 am Nursery Open during the Mass, Nursery
- 10:00 am Benedictine Oblates, SCR, LL
- 11:00 am Nursery Open during the Mass, Nursery
- 3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church

## Monday, August 12, 2019

- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 9:45 am Medilodge, Off Grounds
- 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
- 5:00 pm Migrant Ministry Check-In, LL Parking Lot
- 6:00 pm SVDP Home Visit Committee Mtg, Rooms 5-7
- 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym
- 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14
- 7:00 pm Daniel Plan, Rooms 9-11

## Tuesday, August 13, 2019

- 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Weavers, PPR, LL
- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 10:00 am Baptism: A Call to Mission Bible Study, SCR, LL
- 1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, GR (Stanley Centre)
- 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
- 6:00 pm SVDP Business Meeting, Rooms 9-11
- 6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
- 6:30 pm Baptism: A Call to Mission Bible Study, SCR, LL

## Wednesday, August 14, 2019

- 9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
- 5:30 pm Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church**
- 6:00 pm VIRTUS Training, SCR, LL
- 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting, GLP Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Healing Through Christ, Rooms 1-3
- 7:00 pm "Loss of a Spouse" Workshop, Rooms 9-11

## Thursday, August 15, 2019

- 8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
- 9:15 am Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church**
- 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
- 10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 104, LL
- 12:10 pm Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church**
- 5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
- 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting, Rooms 9-11
- 7:00 pm Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church**

## Friday, August 16, 2019

- 9:45 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
- 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
- 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

## Saturday, August 17, 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
- 2:00 pm Dei Gloriam Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
- 3:30 pm Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
- 4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
- 5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

## Sunday, August 18, 2019

- 8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
- 9:00 am Nursery Open during the 9 am Mass, Nursery
- 11:00 am Nursery Open during the 11 am Mass, Nursery
- 12:30 pm Baptisms, Church
- 3:30 pm Young Adult Praise Band Rehearsal, Church

## Sponsors make our bulletin possible!

**Main Street Pub**  
Tim Housler

**Park Allergy Center**  
Dr. Michael Park

## Sacramental Information



### Sacrament of Baptism

We would love to help you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at our church. Please call the parish office to learn more about the process and upcoming dates for Baptisms.



### Sacrament of Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! We provide marriage preparation for engaged couples. Call the parish office to register.



### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

We have services to help those who are in the hospital, sick, or homebound. Call our parish office if you know of anyone who needs this sacrament.



### 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

# Grow Disciples

## Children's Faith Formation

### Open House for Children's Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation will hold an Open House on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 pm**. This is for all Sunday and Monday classes. Please meet in Marian Hall for a brief introduction and prayer. From there we will dismiss to your child(ren)'s classrooms. Come meet our wonderful catechists and see how you can support your child's classroom as well as get a look at the new textbooks! Light refreshments will be served. Contact **Karen Galloway** at [kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org) with any questions.

### Faith Formation Registration Forms

Faith Formation Registration is still open for the 2019-2020 year, but spaces are filling up! Register your child(ren) with forms available online at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/childrens-faith-formation>. You may also pick up a form in our Narthex or contact **Karen Galloway** at [kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org). You will receive an email confirmation within a week after your form is processed. If you do not, please contact Karen as soon as possible. We're looking forward to a great Faith Formation year!

## Youth Faith Formation

### Schedule of Events on August 25th

**Those entering Grades 6-8 programs next school year**

3:00 – 4:45 pm St. Catherine, Stanley Center

**Those entering High School next year or were in High School this year**

6:15 – 8:00 pm St. Catherine Stanley Center



### Looking for Leaders!

Do you want to make a positive impact? Do you want to laugh and have fun? Do you want to learn more about your faith? We're looking for young adults and adults to help us out with our Youth Program. Flexible days and times. Contact **Phil Dezern** at **(616) 633-0994** to change a life!

## Adult Faith Formation



### Dismemberment Ban Petition

A statewide signature gathering effort is now underway to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure, also known as Dilation and Evacuation. Over the next few months, the signatures of 400,000 registered voters in the state are needed to bring this measure before Michigan lawmakers. Learn more about this cause on their website at <http://michiganvalueslife.org> or contact **Joe Magalski** 903-0177 or [jmagalski@gmail.com](mailto:jmagalski@gmail.com).

### Register Now for JustFaith

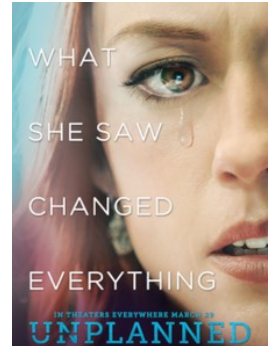
JustFaith is powerful, transformative small-group journey deep into Jesus Christ through encountering the Spirit of Jesus in powerful books, videos, immersions, and your fellow participants. Susan Creager, a recent St. Catherine JustFaith graduate, says, "JustFaith is a deep dive into social justice through the lens of Jesus. It is active and mindful listening; it is looking into the eyes of the other and seeing yourself. JustFaith releases the human spirit to reach out and care for the other and steward the planet." If you are interested in joining others like Susan, please contact **Jay Landry** at **978-2331**.



# Engage

## “Unplanned” Movie Coming to St. Catherine’s

Join us for one of two showing of “Unplanned” here at St. Catherine’s on **Sunday, August 25 at 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm**. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Abby Johnson just wanted to help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions, which led her to become a spokesperson, fighting to enact legislation. That is, until she witnessed something that began a transformation, eventually making her a staunch defender of unborn human life. For admittance, we ask for a suggested donation of a bag of diapers (sizes newborn, 5 & 6, pullups 2-5T) for the Caring Network, a local crisis-pregnancy center. Contact **Jay Landry at 978-2331** with any questions.



# Serve the World

## Pastoral Care

### Loss of a Spouse Workshop

Grieving the death of a spouse? Or, do you know someone who is? Your life has changed forever and the grief and sadness can seem hard to bear at times. Find help and support at our Loss of a Spouse workshop on **Wednesday, August 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm** in Rooms 9-11. Suggested donation of \$5.00 covers the cost of your workbook and snacks. **Contact Mary Beckley-Clark at 978-2334 or [mclark@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:mclark@stcatherinesiena.org)**.

### Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers who would like to spend an hour or two each month visiting seniors at two area care facilities, Brookdale Assisted Living and Centre Meadows Senior Apartments. You would be leading a short prayer service, distributing Communion and sharing the love of God with our fellow Catholics who are unable to attend Mass. Training is provided. **Contact Mary Beckley-Clark at 978-2334 or [mclark@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:mclark@stcatherinesiena.org)** for more information.

## Stewardship

Weekly Collection Data: As of July 28, 2019	Monthly Data as of July 28, 2019
Weekly Budget Target .....\$23,358	3. Sunday Collection Budget Target for Month .....\$137,201
2a. Actual Sunday Collection.....\$18,588	4. Sunday Collection Actual Month to Date.....\$136,665
2b. Actual Sunday ACH & Electronic.....\$3,823	5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month.....\$137,399
2c. Actual Total Sunday Collection.....\$22,411	6. YTD Sunday Collection Budget = \$137,201 YTD Actual = \$136,665
	YTD Actual Last Yr. \$128,931
<b>Contact John Emilio at 978-2335 with any questions.</b>	

# Other News

## Virtus Training at St. Catherine’s

St. Catherine’s will host Virtus Training on August 14 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm in the Siena Conference Room. You must register online at <https://www.virtus.com>. You will also need to complete Michigan and national background checks before you are completely Virtus trained. Spacing is limited. Please contact **Deb Dozeman at 327-5165** if you have any questions.

## St. Monica is Hiring!

St. Monica Catholic School is looking to hire dedicated, responsible individuals to work in their after-school care program, Kids’ Klub. Employees for Kids’ Klub are needed every day of the week during the school year, Monday – Friday, from 3:00-5:30 pm to help supervise students on school grounds. If interested, please contact **Clare Zemlick at [czemlick@stmonicakzoo.org](mailto:czemlick@stmonicakzoo.org)**.

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY: August 10 Vigil of the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	†Mike Wisser	Fr. Jeff

## SUNDAY: August 11 The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9/Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	†Anita Kominek	Fr. Albert
9:00 am	†Joe Nespodzany Sr.	Fr. Mark
11:00 am	†Pat Markus	Fr. Ben
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Jeff

## MONDAY: August 12 Weekday; Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Deuteronomy 10:12-22/Matthew 17:22-27

9:15 am	†Kay Speese
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## TUESDAY: August 13 Weekday; Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priests, Martyrs

Deuteronomy 31:1-8/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

9:15 am	†Gene Kangas
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## WEDNESDAY: August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Deuteronomy 34:1-12/Matthew 18:15-20

9:15 am	†Edward Sowulewski
5:30 pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish

## THURSDAY: August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Vigil:** 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Corinthians 15:54b-57/Luke 11:27-28 **Day:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

9:15 am	†Timothy Cretsinger
12:10 pm	To all those who suffer
7:00 pm	†Michael Donell

## FRIDAY: August 16 Weekday; Saint Stephen of Hungary

Joshua 24:1-13/Matthew 19:3-12

9:15 am	†Trinidad Llaga
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## SATURDAY: August 17 Weekday; BVM

Joshua 24:14-29/Matthew 19:13-15

9:15 am	Benefactors of the Parish & Memorial Fund
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## SATURDAY: August 17 Vigil of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	†Art & †Pat Pula	Fr. Mark

## SUNDAY: August 18 The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10/Hebrews 12:1-4/Luke 12:49-53

		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Mark
9:00 am	†Betty Keeler	Fr. Ben
11:00 am	†Ron Alford	Fr. Albert
5:00 pm	†Anita Kominek	Fr. Ben

## Reporting Sexual Misconduct

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**.

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## THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

Office of the Bishop

August 8, 2019

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past few weeks we have watched in horror as scores of innocent lives have been taken, or were forever changed, due to multiple acts of gun violence. Sadly, these heinous acts all took place in venues where people---young and old alike---should feel most comfortable and are the most vulnerable: from a summer festival, to a popular back-to-school retail store, to an outdoor night-time entertainment area. Such unspeakable and indiscriminate taking of human lives reflects a troubling trend in our culture as we see the eroding of the value and dignity of all human life. We are also understandably shaken and disturbed as we experience a kind of loss of our own: we feel less secure and more anxious for ourselves and our loved ones.

Even in the face of these despicable acts, we must remain a prayerful, faithful and hope-filled people. Therefore, I ask that our entire Diocese designate next week's Holy Day of Obligation's celebration of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven, as a Day of Prayer for Peace and an End to Violence. I am inviting all 59 of our Parishes to devote special prayers during their Holy Day Masses, as we all call upon the intercession of our Blessed Mother, and as we stand in solidarity for the protection of all human life. Next week, on August 15, 2019, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, body and soul, into her Heavenly Home. I feel this is a fitting time to once again turn to our Blessed Mother during these times of trouble to seek her protection, to ask for her intercession, and to know that she will stand with us and help us. I will be celebrating the 12:10 p.m. Mass on that same day at St. Augustine Cathedral as our diocesan celebration of this special day of prayer.

I also call our faithful Catholic people, and all people of good will everywhere, in addition to celebrating Mass on this Holy Day next August 15, 2019, to find ways to devote that day to special prayers, including the praying the rosary, as well as making it a day of fasting and offering up your personal sacrifices. Let us remember in a special way all victims of violence, as well as their families and loved ones, who must find the courage and hope to deal with their tragic losses. Finally, let us pray for peace throughout our country and our world. Most of all, let us pray for a conversion of those individuals who, for whatever distorted reasons, choose to perpetrate violence against others.

May God's Holy Spirit help us to work for peace, and may all our sisters and brothers in the human family feel the solidarity of our prayers and support.

Asking the blessings of our Loving God, and the maternal protection and intercession of our Blessed Mother, to come upon you, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley  
Bishop of Kalamazoo