

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 29, 2018

Words from our Patron Saint

**For you, high eternal Father, loved me
without being loved by me.**

(Dialogue 108)

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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.



Presider Schedule: May 5-6

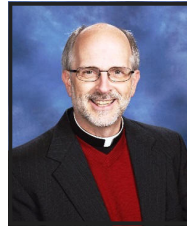
5:30 pm Fr. Bill
7:30 am Fr. Bill
9:00 am Fr. Stan
11:00 am Fr. Stan
5:00 pm Fr. Basker

Musician Schedule: May 5-6

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

Ken's Kaleidoscope

April 29, 2018



The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our opportunity as Christian stewards to show our gratitude for all God's gifts and to do what God has asked us to do—reinvest a small portion of our blessings in order to extend the Reign of God and continue the work of Jesus Christ.

When you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you make possible the more than 70 spiritual, pastoral, educational, and charitable programs and services provided through the diocese. Your gift does make a difference: Our parish goals are 100% participation and \$270,000, and your gift will help us attain both goals. Make your commitment as a part of your Easter celebration — Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead for our sake; how can you show your gratitude? You might even consider increasing your last year's gift by a percentage or specific dollar amount in order to meet increased needs in our diocese and beyond.

Parish Vision—Last week I wrote about our parish vision, prepared by parish leaders to provide a sense of direction for our parish. A vision statement gives our parish as a whole a common direction, to know where we're headed. Having a vision helps to guide our decision-making – to choose what we'll do and not do, because we can't do everything. Having a parish vision helps us to focus our priorities so we can use our resources well.

Our vision has one key word, and four bullet points. The first bullet point is **Love God**. When Jesus was asked, "What is the most important commandment?" this was his answer: Love God! God has loved us first; then God created us and gave us all the rest of the universe as a gift. God then extended himself again when we got lost and forgot who we were and chose sin instead. After all that, God asks one thing in return: Love me back! If we are created in the image and likeness of God, then the best way to know ourselves is to love the One in whose image we're made. We get to know God well by remembering what God has done, listening to what God teaches, and acting like God acts.

Our primary action for loving God is to pray together, which is why we have the Eucharist. Remembering that God is a Trinity, its own community of loving one another, we come together in the image of that Trinity to be united with one another in love. So the first bullet point of our parish is this: we Love God.

We do that first of all in our Sunday worship as a community. We strive to do that as best as we can – heartfelt praise, proclaiming the Scriptures well, singing out our hearts led by good music, in a beautiful space, with good preaching, and ministering to one another in various roles of readers, singers and musicians, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, sacristans, priests and deacons.

There are more who make us welcome and cared for when we come -- ushers and greeters, wedding assistants, people who welcome newcomers to the parish, those who make donuts and coffee, and those who clean up after we leave. There are those who keep praying for the needs of our parish and our world – at daily mass, the Rosary group, the prayer groups, and the Prayer Line.

It also includes all those who take care of our church and grounds – those who decorate the church, and those who care for the plants, the candles, the liturgical linens and vestments, the gardens and lawns and parking lots, and the maintenance and janitorial staff. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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And above all that, it's all of us who make provision for the parish by contributing to its upkeep and paying down the mortgage; and those who count the money and handle the finances. All of this is part of our parish **Loving God**, and making the space to do it together as a community in the image of God – as members of the Body of Christ.

Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with your all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, with all your mind" (Luke 10:27)

Charity and Justice Mission
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Saint Vincent De Paul continues to save the receipts from D & W stores and Family Fare. We are very close to receiving a \$1,000 check for St. Vincent De Paul! Please bring your receipts into the church office.

SVDP Donations for non-bridge items are needed: toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, laundry soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes, and bar soap. Nonperishable food items needed are: canned vegetables, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, soups, pasta and cereal. All items may be dropped off in the wooden boxes in Marian Hall.

Migrant Ministry—Planning your summer? Share an extra couple hours a week working with the children in our migrant camps. Each Monday we travel to Grand Junction, work with the children and provide arts and crafts as well as sharing a snack and juice box. Our journey begins July 9 and runs through August. Watch the bulletin for more details to come.

Fellowship Mission
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Tea Party Ticket Sales—Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex this weekend for the St. Catherine Tea Party. Please join us on Sunday May 6 at 2 pm at the Stanley Centre with our special guest Polly Cekola-Kragt, owner of ChocolaTea. Tickets are \$8.00 per person.

Coffee and Donut Volunteers—Your help is needed with our coffee and donut ministry. If you are interested in volunteering with a team, please sign up on the clipboard found on the tables in Marian Hall or contact Deb Lins at 269-324-9536. Deb will be putting together a fall schedule soon.



Parish Picnic—Seeking individuals who have great organization skills and can help plan events. Our parish picnic is Sunday August 5 and I could use your help! We provide food, fun and fellowship! Contact Mary Hunt.

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Date: 4-15-2018 Sunday	Actual	Budgeted	Last Year
YTD Amount Sunday ONLY For 42 Weeks	\$1,180,959	\$1,166,896	\$1,163,419
YTD Totals Sunday & Holy Day	\$1,243,383	\$1,234,896	\$1,230,325



National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Join Bishop Bradley at Portage City Hall, from noon – 1 pm. Gather with our Christian brothers and sisters and people of good will to pray for our nation and our federal, state and local leaders. (Rain site is First Reformed Church on Westnedge Avenue across from City Hall).

DIOCESAN 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A special Mass for couples of the Diocese of Kalamazoo who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 3 pm at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo. Couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary any time in 2018 are asked to contact their parish office so their names can be submitted for a personal invitation from Bishop Bradley to participate in this celebration. Invitations will be mailed beginning August 20.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT OUR PRESCHOOL

After deliberations by the Parish Council and the Finance Council, we are going to expand our Catholic Preschool to be a full-day program for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds. We are also becoming part of the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo. For more information or to register, please contact Connie or Mary.



RCIA & Adult Faith Formation
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Kingly Office of Our Baptism—The late Archbishop Dom Hélder Câmara of Brazil is well known for saying, "When I encourage us to feed the hungry, they call me a Christian. When I ask 'why are there hungry people?' they call me a communist." He offers a distinction in feeding hungry people versus looking at the root causes of why much of our world and nation live in hunger, poverty, and oppression. If we help feed people for a day, they will be hungry tomorrow. If we walk with hungry, poor people helping them feed and better themselves, developing their God-given gifts, we are working to build the just Reign of God and working for justice.

By the royal office, the kingly/queenly office, of our baptism, we are called to address the root causes of injustice in our world. Most injustices in society are systemic and have been festering for decades. Charity and service play important roles in the Christian life, but fail to address the root causes of injustice. By our putting on the person of Jesus Christ in baptism, we are called to live as Christ in our communities, working with others to address the root causes of racism, sexism, poverty and other injustices. We cannot do everything, but we can work for justice by getting to know Christ in one person, and through that relationship, come to love the suffering Christ in that person. Through this love, our baptismal grace can motivate us to work for the liberation of the suffering Christ in others who suffer from these societal injustices, what St. John Paul II calls "social sin."

From *Lumen Gentium*, a document of the Second Vatican Council, we hear, "...let the [baptized] so remedy the institutions and conditions of the world...that these may be conformed to the norms of justice...that in every...affair they are to be guided by a Christian conscience, since no human activity may be withdrawn from God's dominion."

Approximately 1500 years ago, St. Augustine, our diocesan patron, strongly advocated for the poor and oppressed. Amidst a dispute between landowners and day laborers, Augustine challenged the landowners about the low wages they paid their workers. In response to Augustine's charge, the landowners gave their workers a one-time, charitable gift, hoping this would bring resolution. Accordingly, Augustine responded with a stronger call for them to embrace conversion and justice, saying, "Charity is no substitute for justice withheld."

By putting on Christ in baptism, may we build the just Reign of God by getting to know and advocating for the suffering Christ in the poor and marginalized.

Religious Education
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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.



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

FROM OUR YOUTH

In a recent youth ministry time we asked the youth to write what they would say 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 included their name with their writing.

"You should engage God because he is very important in our lives. He created us and made us individual, special in certain ways. He also gave us free will and freedom instead of making us perfect. He is finally supportive and always there for you."

"Think of all the good times you have ever had... God has allowed you to have those experiences. The least you can do is go to church for 1 hour out of 168 hours in a week to thank Him." –Ryan Gillen

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

If you are going to have a 6-12 grader next year, please pickup your packet of information, email 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 has graduated from high school can assist as a leader. Please contact Philip Dezern if interested.

SUMMER PROGRAMS YOU CAN SIGN-UP FOR:

Contact Philip Dezern to register. Non-parish youth are welcome to attend!

Michigan Adventure	June 19	Open to anyone currently grades 5-12
Saint Meinrad Retreat	June 26-30	Open to anyone currently grades 7-12

GRADE 6-8 ACTIVITIES

May 2	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	6:00 – 7:15 pm
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 2	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	7:15 – 8:30 pm
May 9	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	7:15 – 8:30 pm

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Rehearsals will be 45 minutes before the Mass

St. Joseph Church	May 19 @ 5:30 pm	Rehearsal 4:45 in the Gym
St. Catherine Church	June 10 @ 5:00 pm	Rehearsal 4:15 Marian Hall

Care and Support Mission

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Are you grieving the loss of someone? YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Please join our Care & Support staff for coffee and conversation with others who are walking the same path. We will meet on the last Monday of each month at either 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM in the Polly Pollard Room (lower level).

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 30. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4



Creating Confident Caregivers is a program for those caring for persons with dementia or memory loss. It provides participants with information and resources to better manage the role of caregiving. Classes are free (donations accepted). Respite care is available. Class size is limited.

Date/Time: May 16, 23 & 30; June 6, 13 & 20 2:00-4:00 pm

Location: Story Point, 3951 W. Milham Ave, Portage

To register, please contact Patti Stratton at 373-5141 or psstra@kalcounty.com.

Other News

You're Invited to a Retreat for the Domestic Church on May 5, 2018 from 10 am - 5:15 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kalamazoo. The St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council 9962, jointly with the Kalamazoo Oratory of St. Philip Neri, would like to invite all Catholic families to join us in retreat for a **family day of recollection**. There will be opportunities for Adoration, Confession, topical presentations on the Domestic Church, kids' activities, guided prayers, and Mass to finish the retreat. Coffee & donuts will be provided in the morning and lunch will be provided after one of the first sessions. Please consider joining us for a wonderful day. Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting office@stmarykzoo.org or by calling (269) 342-0621.

SATURDAY: April 28 Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter

		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	Intentions of SVDP Society	Fr. Stan

SUNDAY: April 29 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/1 John 3:18-24/John 15:1-8 Presider

7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Stan
9:00 am	Deceased members of K of C Council 6980	Fr. Ken
11:00 am	†Kazys Rusinas	Fr. Ken
5:00 pm	†Douglas & †Helen Molzahu	Fr. Bill

MONDAY: April 30 Easter Weekday The Annunciation of the Lord St. Pius V, Pope

Acts 14:5-18/John 14:21-26

9:15 am	†Frank Lash
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TUESDAY: May 1 Easter Weekday St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 14:19-28/John 14:27-31a

9:15 am	†Joe Cekola
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WEDNESDAY: May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:1-6/John 15:1-8

9:15 am	†Bob Wood
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THURSDAY: May 3 Weekday Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

1 Corinthians 15:1-8/John 14:6-14

9:15 am	John Patrick Curry
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FRIDAY: May 4 Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31/John 15:12-17

9:15 am	To End Abortion
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SATURDAY: May 5 Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10/John 15:18-21

9:15 am	†Jack Greiner
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SATURDAY: May 5 Vigil of The Third 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 Presider

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

Sunday, April 29, 2018 *Coffee & Donuts in Marian Hall after am Masses; Preschool – 1st Grade R. Ed. during 9 & 11 Masses.*

9:00 am	Nursery during the 9 am Mass, Nursery
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
3:30 pm	Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church
6:00 pm	Women of the Word, SCR, LL

Monday, April 30, 2018

9:45 am	Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
10:00 am	Medilodge, Off Grounds

10:00 am	Care and Support Coffee, PPR, LL
1:30 pm	Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
6:00 pm	Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms
6:30 pm	Bingo, Gym
6:30 pm	Care and Support Coffee, PPR, LL
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR
7:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 17

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

9:45 am	Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
1:00 pm	Senior Center Yoga, GWR
5:30 pm	AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
5:30 pm	Yoga, GWR
6:30 pm	Deacon Formation, SCR, LL
6:30 pm	FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
6:30 pm	Deacon Formation Small Group, Rooms 2-4
7:00 pm	K of C Business Meeting, Rooms 5-7

Wednesday, May 2, 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
3:00 pm	Centre Meadows, Off Grounds
6:00 pm	Middle School Scripture Program, Stanley Center
6:30 pm	Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms
6:30 pm	Easter Vespers, Trinity Chapel
7:15 pm	High School Scripture Program, Stanley Center

Thursday, May 3, 2018

8:45 am	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
10:00 am	Women of the Word, MH, Nursery, Classrooms
10:00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity Parish Nurse, Room 103, LL
10:00 am	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

Friday, May 4, 2018

8:15 am	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
9:15 am	First Friday Mass, Church
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 5, 2018

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	Gathering Band Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
10:00 am	John Connor Visitation, Narthex
10:15 am	Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel
11:00 am	OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
11:00 am	John Connor Funeral Mass, Church
12:00 pm	John Connor Funeral Luncheon, MH
4:00 pm	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
5:00 pm	AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

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