

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 April 22, 2018

Words from our Patron Saint

**Do not presume to choose your own way of
 serving instead of the one I have made
 for you.**

(Dialogue 100)

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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: April 28 - April 29

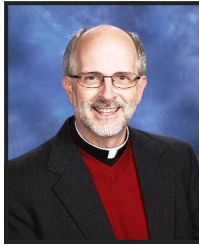
5:30 pm Fr. Stan
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 9:00 am Fr. Ken
 11:00 am Fr. Ken
 5:00 pm Fr. Bill

Musician Schedule: April 28 - April 29

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

Ken's Kaleidoscope

April 22, 2018



We are starting the Bishop's Annual Appeal which supports all of the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. They serve people in ways that we as a parish alone cannot. Please prayerfully consider what your household can pledge to support the educational, pastoral, and religious programs and services offered by our diocese. Our parish goal is 100% participation, therefore, no gift is too large or too small. With your gift we can reach our target of \$270,000!

Care and Support Mission

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

TIME FOR LUNCH—The Widow & Widowers Group will meet for their monthly lunch at Bob Evans Restaurant in Portage on **Tuesday, April 24 at 12:00 pm**. Please join us for food and fellowship.



FIVE WISHES is a document which expresses your wishes for your healthcare should you be unable to do so yourself. It is an "advance directive" which guides your family, friends and health care professionals in providing the kind and amount of care you want. Please join us to learn about the **FIVE WISHES** on Saturday, April 28 from 3:30-5:00 pm in Rm. 23. This session is free and open to all who are interested.

Questions? Contact Paula White, RN-BC, Parish Nurse at 330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com.

Anonymous Groups

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

Sponsors make our Bulletin possible!

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Date: 4-8-2018 Sunday	Actual	Budgeted	Last Year
YTD Amount Sunday ONLY For 41 Weeks	\$1,157,914	\$1,138,575	\$1,122,703
YTD Totals Sunday & Holy Day	\$1,220,313	\$1,181,490	\$1,161,981

Charity and Justice Mission
 Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org

The **Mobile Food Initiative**, one of **Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes** most recent programs, is already making an impact for many in this community. The goal of this program is to get additional supplies of grocery assistance into the hands of people who need it within Kalamazoo County. Food is distributed on a first come first served basis. As with most other Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes' programs, there are no eligibility requirements or paperwork to fill out. **Food is free to local residents.** Loaves & Fishes is **looking for volunteers** for their Grocery Pantry Program during regular business hours. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (269) 488-2617 for more information.



Migrant Ministry—Are you available to join us each Monday evening during the summer as we visit the migrant camp located in Grand Junction? We spend time bonding with the children by providing crafts, games and snacks while their parents unwind after working so hard in the blueberry fields. This ministry begins on July 10 and runs through August. Contact Mary Hunt for more information. (You must be Virtus trained.)



Saint Vincent De Paul continues to save the receipts from D&W stores as well as Family Fare. We are so close to receiving a \$1,000.00 check! SVDP continues to assist those who need help with utility bills, evictions, rent, security deposits as well as an occasional funeral expense, etc.

SVDP is accepting donations for non-bridge items, which include: toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, laundry soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes, and bar soap. Nonperishable food items needed are: canned vegetables, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, canned meats such as tuna, chicken, spam, hearty soups, pasta and cereals. All items may be dropped off in the wooden boxes in Marian Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Fellowship Mission
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St. Catherine's Tea Party is Sunday, May 6, 2018 beginning at 2 pm. in the Stanley Centre gym. Tickets are on sale April 28/29 in the Narthex, cost is \$8.00 per person. For questions contact Mary Hunt.

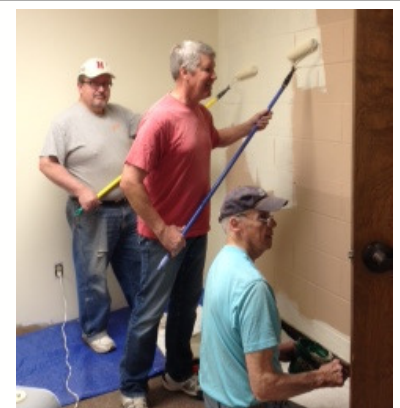
Coffee and Donut help is needed beginning in the fall! This is the sweetest ministry at St. Catherine's and fun for the family! Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in



UNITY 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).

Annual Spring Overnight Retreat for Adults with Cognitive/ Developmental Disabilities, April 28-29, 2018. The retreat will take place Saturday, April 28 at 9:30 am to Sunday, April 29 at 1 pm in the Lakeview Lodge at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis. Activities will focus on the theme "St. Philip Neri: Following Christ with Joy." Enjoy fellowship, food, prayer, activities, crafts, Mass and more. Registration deadline is April 16 and is limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$35. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177/ lirwin@diokzoo.org



Please excuse our dust in the Marian Hall Classrooms! We are **seeking volunteers** to help wipe down walls, paint, and tackle other various cleaning duties! If interested, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

Preschool
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 Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org



Thank you for purchasing a butter braid! We made over \$700 for our playground.

The month of April is flying by! Conferences were held this past Thursday and Friday, along with our fundraiser evening. We were very happy to see those who ate dinner at Mancino's in support of our school. Thank you!

Preschool Open House—Stop by this Sunday April 22nd from 12:30-2 pm. and visit our classroom located at the Stanley Centre.

Donate your pop cans and support St. Catherine's Preschool—Drop off your pop cans in Marian Hall to the wooden collection box and our friend, Thomas Chen will take care of the rest. Thank you for your donation!

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

The Prophetic Office of Our Baptism

When we are baptized, we are called to live the prophetic office of baptism. The prophetic role is to call people who have strayed away to turn back to God. A prophet does things out of the box such as wearing camel's hair and eating crickets to call attention to the collective blindness of the larger society. A prophet frequently takes the yoke of society upon themselves to show the people what is happening: living out of blindness, sin. Ezekiel, for example, was told by God to stand with his packed suitcases before the Temple saying, "Get ready! We are all going to Babylon." The people thought he was nuts. Yet, in time, Ezekiel was quite right when King Nebuchadnezzar conquered Israel, carted the Jewish people off to Babylon, and later burned the temple to the ground.

Jesus is our role model for living as a prophet. He often takes the values of society and turns them upside-down. For example, in his time and ours, the groups of people who would be seen by most cultures as "blessed" would be the wealthy, powerful, high-society people. Yet, in Jesus' beatitudes, he blesses the poor, meek, pure of heart, peacemakers, and those persecuted for seeking God's justice (see Matthew 5 and Luke 6). He takes the societal totem pole and turns it upside-down, placing the poor, oppressed, and powerless at the top. In doing so, Jesus eventually takes the yoke of the world upon himself – the cross – to reveal to us our collective sin, that is, living in a manner that is opposed to the Reign of God. Thus, when Jesus lives as a prophet, he reveals God's overwhelming love, which is always what motivates prophetic living, including Blessed Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day, and Martin Luther King, Jr., all of whom never dreamed where their prophetic calling would lead.

By our baptism into Christ, we are all called to live as prophet, entering into solidarity with the poor and suffering of our society by our embrace of the cross, which is the conflict that inevitably occurs when we live as prophets. Jesus said to his disciples and to us, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it" (Mark 8:34-35). May we, through the grace of baptism, seek to build God's reign as prophets sowing the seeds of justice and hope in a world that is crying out for God's healing love.



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 to someone 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 placed their name with their writing.

God is here to help you. Without Him, life becomes harder really fast. He is there to give you advice and lead you toward God. You should believe in God because He will help you make better decisions. God will also be there to listen to you and comfort you. Everyone deserves God and His love. –Jillian Skurski

People should engage God because He is someone you can always turn to for advice. He is a good helping hand that everyone should use. Whenever I need advice on something, I always ask God first. He always gives the best advice. My life is so much better because I talk to God daily.

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

April 23	Bible Study @ St. Joseph	6:30 – 8:00 pm
April 25	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	6:00 – 7:15 pm
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

April 25	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	7:15 – 8:30 pm
May 2	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	7:15 – 8:30 pm
May 9	Bible Study @ St. Catherine	7:15 – 8:30 pm

Important Parent Meetings upcoming. We will talk about the youth ministry program next year, including Confirmation. You can go to either Church meeting at any time. It is all the same information.

April 25	7:30 – 8:30 pm	St. Catherine	Stanley Center
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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 Place Marian Hall

Other News

The **Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Kalamazoo is creating a new Strategic Plan** that will guide the Catholic schools for the next three to five years. They are inviting you to be part of the process by attending a focus group in your area within the next few weeks. The purpose of these groups will be to gather input from constituents in four major areas. These areas include Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence, Governance and Institutional Vitality. The focus groups will be:

Monday, April 23 at St. Joseph Elementary School in Battle Creek; Tuesday, April 24 at Lake Michigan Catholic High School in St. Joseph (in the Rose Center); Wednesday, April 25 at St. Margaret's School in Otsego (in the McGuire Room); Tuesday, May 1 at St. Augustine Cathedral School in Kalamazoo (in the Fr. Crowley Center gymnasium). All focus group sessions are scheduled to last about ninety minutes, each beginning at 7 pm. Questions? Feel free to contact Margaret Erich at merich@diokzoo.org or (269) 903-0165.

The Nursery Ministry is actively seeking individuals interested in providing childcare for our families during Mass and special events. The cost is free and the time commitment is minimal. Seeing God in the eyes of the children in your care is the reward. Please consider joining this ministry and being a vital part of your church family. Connie Juszczuk will be looking forward to receiving your calls 269-330-7615.

SATURDAY: April 21 Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter

		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	†Marilyn Lindley	Fr. Ken

SUNDAY: April 22 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12/1 John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18

		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	†Robert Neal & †Jackie Robinson	Fr. Ken
9:00 am	†Barb Brief	Fr. Bill
11:00 am	†Suzanne Zieserl	Fr. Bill
5:00 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Basker

MONDAY: April 23 Easter Weekday; Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adelbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 11:1-18/John 10:1-10

9:15 am †Angelo Portlesi

TUESDAY: April 24 Easter Weekday; Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 11:19-26/John 10:22-30

9:15 am †David Ni from Hackett Class of 2007

WEDNESDAY: April 25 Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Peter 5:5b-14/Mark 16:15-20

9:15 am †Sara Parlow

THURSDAY: April 26 Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25/John 13:16-20

9:15 am †Marshall J. Draper

FRIDAY: April 27 Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33/John 14:1-6

9:15 am †Reverend Richard Loehrlein, S.M.

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

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

SUNDAY: April 29 5th Sunday of Easter

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

		<u>Presider</u>
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

Sunday, April 22, 2018 *Coffee & Donuts in Marian Hall after all morning Masses; Preschool – 1st Grade R. Ed. during the 9 & 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 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 12:00 pm RCIA Mystagogy, GLP Conference Room
 12:30 pm Preschool Open House, Preschool Classroom, SC
 3:30 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church
 6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL

Monday, April 23, 2018

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 10:00 am Medilodge, Off Grounds
 1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds
 6:00 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms
 6:30 pm Bingo, Gym

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #255, GWR
 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 17

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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
 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 Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting, Rooms 5-7

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 1:00 pm Women's Cursillo Small Group, GLP Conf. Room
 1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
 6:15 pm Middle School Scripture Program, Stanley Centre
 6:30 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms
 6:30 pm Easter Vespers, Trinity Chapel
 7:30 pm High School Scripture Program, Stanley Centre

Thursday, April 26, 2018

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 10:00 am WOW, Marian Hall, Nursery, Classrooms
 10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity
 10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 103, LL
 5:30 pm 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, April 27, 2018

9:45 am Bulletin Stuffers, Rooms 1-3
 10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity
 3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel
 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church
 7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

Saturday, April 28, 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
 10:15 am Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel
 11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
 2:00 pm Wedding, Church
 3:30 pm Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 3:30 pm "Five Wishes" Presentation, Room 23
 4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
 5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

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
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 11:00 am Nursery during the 11 am Mass, Nursery
 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
 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