

**St. Catherine of Siena Parish**  
 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 September 2, 2018

**Words from our Patron Saint**

**Nothing great is ever achieved without  
 much enduring.**

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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](mailto: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 Anderegge at (269) 381-2646.



**Presider Schedule: Sept 8-9**

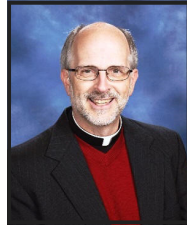
5:30 pm Fr. Ken  
7:30 am Fr. Ken  
9:00 am Fr. Basker  
11:00 am Fr. Basker  
5:00 pm Fr. Ken

**Musician Schedule: Sept 8-9**

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

**Ken's Kaleidoscope**

September 2, 2018



While I was in Lodwar, Kenya, I had the chance to visit Fr. Bruno Okoli, formerly an associate pastor here at St. Catherine's. He invited me to join him for Mass one afternoon with a small Christian community that meets in one of Lodwar's neighborhoods. Perhaps 15 families were present, about 40 people, and there we celebrated mass and 9 baptisms of infants and small children.

We gathered in an alley between two homes about 7 feet wide. The priests sat on a bench seat from a van that was draped with some tablecloths. The altar was a low coffee table. The people sat in rows of two on one side of the alley because the other half of the alley contained piles of lumber and wire and other construction supplies, with an aisle between the seating and the supplies. The baptism took place using a pitcher of water and a bright plastic washtub. And God was present among us.

**To all Parishioners, please aware:**

**IRS Imposter Scam Alert from the AARP** -- please disregard telephone callers who claim to be IRS employees, and say you owe taxes. They might also:

- threaten to arrest or deport you if you don't pay,
- know all or part of your Social Security number,
- rig caller ID to make it look like the call is from the IRS, or
- tell you to put the money on a prepaid debit card and tell them the card number.

**Know that the IRS does NOT:**

- call to demand immediate payment about taxes owed without first sending you a notification by mail,
- ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone,
- threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement to arrest you for nonpayment.

If you have any doubts, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040. Or, if you've spotted a scam or think you may have been scammed, call the AARP helpline at 877-908-3360 for advice and guidance.

In our parish, we're proposing a variety of ways that each person can engage: you can pick an activity to **Serve the World**.

There are so many possibilities, dare I say unlimited? This is a choice for which your imagination can run wild. How can we reach out to our community, our region, and our world?

Jesus continuously preached about extending the Reign of God. That is the primary responsibility every baptized person -- to *Engage with* the world, not to hide from the world.

We can Engage against *inequity* due to someone's zip code, because of their education or their job, or their physical or mental limitations. We can Engage against discrimination, hatred, fear. We can Engage in solidarity with every human sister and brother -- regardless of the pigment in their skin, the biology of who they love, or the country where they born or now live. We can engage in protective stewardship of the earth and its creatures and its resources.



**Administration**  
**John Emilio 978-2335 jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org**

**Weekly Collection Data: As of August 19, 2018**

1. Weekly Budget Target for August 19	\$ 23,739
2a. Actual Aug 5 Sunday Collection	\$ 16,940
2b. Actual Aug 5 Sunday ACH & Electronic	\$ 4,091
2c. Actual Aug 5 Total Sunday Collection	\$ 21,031

**Monthly Data**

3. Sunday Collection Monthly Budget Target	\$ 92,000
4. Sunday Collection Monthly YTD Total	\$ 85,094
5. Budget Operating Expenses for the Month	\$137,447

**REMINDER:** If you are starting a new ACH or changing any information concerning your old ACH, it could take up to 2 weeks for the change to go into effect. Thank you for your understanding.

**Hospitality**  
**Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org**



Join us next weekend (9/8 & 9/9) for a Ministry Fair in Marian Hall after all the masses! There you can find out more information regarding Charity & Justice or Hospitality Ministries or other ministries offered in the parish.

Welcome back our delicious **donuts and coffee starting on Sunday**



**September 9th.** We are so excited to enjoy a homemade donut after mass, it's just enough to sweeten our day. Stop by and thank our crew of bakers, servers and anyone preparing the donuts.

**Coffee Club**—After daily Mass on Tuesday, September 4 join us in Marian Hall for a special time of fellowship and hospitality with your parish family. Oatmeal will be our main course. If you would like to bring something to share, here are some suggestions: yogurt, fresh fruit, coffee cake, muffins or your favorite sweet recipe.

**Children's Faith Formation**  
**Janet Ingersoll 327-0861 jingersoll@stcatherinesiena.org**  
**Karen Galloway 327-3441 ext. 150 kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org**



We are so excited for the start of Religious Ed which is fast approaching, **BUT we are in desperate need of teachers to guide our students on their religious journey!**

**Teachers are needed for the following Sunday classes; 9 am First Grade, 11 am Preschool, 3:15 pm First Graders, 3:15 pm Second Graders.** Please pray on

volunteering your time to this wonderful opportunity, we do not want to have to cancel any of our class sessions! All interest and questions can be directed to Janet Ingersoll.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
**Goal: \$270,293**



**\$262,930 from 698 Families**  
**(out of 2,200 families)**  
**As of 8/22/18**

**We just need \$7,363 more!**

**Let's get this done!**

Please return your pledge card or pledge at [www.diokzoo.org](http://www.diokzoo.org).  
 Reminder to send your payments directly to the Diocese.



**Polish Mass -**  
 St. Catherine of Siena on **September 9 at 2 pm.** Potluck to follow in the Siena Conference Room.

**Sponsors make our bulletin possible!**

**Metzger's Heating & Cooling**  
Tom

**Fletcher's Pub**  
Chris Housler

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3:00 pm	Youth Ministry: Grades 6-8 Stanley Centre
3:15 pm	Religious Ed: Grades 1-5, Classrooms, MH
3:15 pm	3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Children's Faith Formation Online Program Mtg, MH
3:30 pm	Young Adult Praise Rehearsal, Church
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Ministry Fair after the 5pm Mass, MH</b>
6:15 pm	Youth Ministry: Grades 9-12 Stanley Centre

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

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / GRADES 6-8**

Sunday Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph Youth Room	11:30 – 1:10 pm	September 9
Sunday Youth Ministry @ St Catherine Stanley Center	3:00 – 5:00 pm	September 9
Monday Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph Youth Room	6:00 – 7:15 pm	September 10
Wednesday Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	6:00 – 7:15 pm	September 12

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / GRADES 9-12**

*We will provide a carpool from St. Joseph to St. Catherine and back. Contact Philip Dezern by the Wednesday before the activity to tell him you need a ride. 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	September 9
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**Group Faith Sharing for Grades 6-12**

Dates: September 10 & 12                                      Time: 8:00 – 9:00 pm

**What we do?** We will talk about life, faith, and where you fit in the church. We will meet at a restaurant or coffeehouse. We pay for your food and beverages. The restaurant is decided after we see who signs up and what location is best. **You must RSVP to Phil to attend this. Each date is a separate signup, but you are welcome to sign up for both dates.**

**YOU WANT TO BE CONFIRMED NEXT YEAR?**

For those looking to be confirmed this next year make sure you get the packet of information from Philip Dezern by email. You can also call him and he can get your information to send you a copy. **Do not wait till September. You will find yourself behind the process.**

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

**Celebrating the Workers of Mercy gathering** - All those engaged in works of mercy and charitable outreach throughout the Diocese are invited to the "Celebrating Workers of Mercy" Mass, dinner and speaker on September 27. Bishop Bradley will celebrate Mass at 6:30 pm in St. Augustine Cathedral, and a simple dinner and speaker will follow in the Crowley Center. Please RSVP by Sept. 20 to 269-903-0147 or jjaconette@diokzoo.org.



**Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes are seeking volunteers.** Here is a list of opportunities for you to get involved: Drivers, Front Desk Receptionist, Pantry Stocker, Warehouse Greeter, Pantry Volunteer, Special Events Volunteer, Call Center Volunteer. If you are interested in any of the positions, contact KLF Volunteer Coordinator Andrea Meinema at 269-488-2617 ext. 209

**St. Vincent De Paul** supports several families with heating and housing assistance. SVDP continues to distribute food and personal items to families who are low on finances and feeding the family comes last when bills are due. Thanks for *your* help with donations to our food pantry. Place your items in the wooden boxes in Marian Hall which is labeled St. Vincent. We ask for **nonperishable foods** such as: canned fruit and vegetables, canned hearty soups, canned tuna and chicken, canned beans, pasta and spaghetti sauce. We also need **non-bridge items** such as: toilet paper, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, personal hygiene items, laundry soap and shampoo.



**Come join Catholic Charities and Holy Family Healthcare for our Community Supper Series.** Enjoy a FREE meal, great conversation, and fun family activities. Meet our service providers and learn more about what we can do to help you. It's a great opportunity to meet your community and break bread together! Car-

**5:00-7:00 PM**  
**@ CARING NETWORK**  
**JULY 20**  
**SEPTEMBER 14**  
**OCTOBER 12**  
**NOVEMBER 9**  
**DECEMBER 7**

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

There will be **NO BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** next weekend after the 9:00 am Mass due to the Ministry Fair in Marian Hall. Please contact Paula White, Parish RN at 330-3762 to arrange an appointment or stop in from 10:00-11:00 am on Thursday mornings in Rm. 103 (lower level) to get your BP checked. We apologize for any inconvenience.



**Looking for a new way to meet and engage with others in our parish? Are you a knitter or have you always wanted to learn?** Our Prayer Shawl Weavers meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 9:30-11:30 am in the Polly Pollard Room (lower level) to knit and pray for others in the parish. Yarn, needles and encouragement are provided! For more information, please contact Kathy Byrne at 327-8568. New members are always welcome.

Anonymous Groups  
**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  
**AI-Anon:**  
Thursdays, 6:30 pm Rooms 6-8  
**Gamblers Anonymous:**  
Fridays, 7:30 pm Rooms 10-12  
**Overeaters Anonymous:**  
Saturdays, 11:00 am Rooms 6-8

#### Other Information

**The Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF) Saturday Morning Group** meets every Saturday morning in Room 1-3 from 7:30 to 9:00 am. After prayers and a brief discussion of the Sunday readings, the group focuses on a Catholic book. For the next few months that book will be *The Seven Secrets of the Eucharist* by Vinny Flynn (2006). These Discussions are used to help men be better Catholic husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, friends, co-workers, etc. Catholic Men who are interested can attend any Saturday morning meeting. For further information contact Steve Borchert (269) 327-5207 or sborchert5207@charter.net.

**Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life**—From August 3 through September 28, the U.S. Bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast that a change in the U. S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray).



#### Please give Karen a warm welcome!

My name is Karen Galloway and I feel blessed and honored to join the Children's Faith Formation here at St. Catherine. I have been a parishioner for 23 years and have taught Religious Education for 15 years. I am the mother of three adult children and "Gigi" to one gorgeous granddaughter. I am also a retired OTR who specialized in pediatrics for 35 years. It is my sincere prayer that our Children's Faith Formation programs lead our youth to a deep and personal relationship with God.

**Women of the Word**—Come join us as we study "Opening Your Heart" by Lisa Brenninckmeyer. It is a 23 week study. Weekly meetings held: Thursday, 10:00 am-noon starting September 27 or Sunday from 6:00-8:00 pm starting September 23. Child care is offered at the Thursday class. **Cost:** \$43 per book (financial assistance is available).

**Registration dates: September 8, 9, 15, and 16 after all Masses.** Payment will be taken at the time of registration. Registration form on St. Catherine's website at [www.stcatherinesiena.org](http://www.stcatherinesiena.org). For registration questions contact Katie Packard at [km\\_packard@hotmail.com](mailto:km_packard@hotmail.com). For information about WoW or the study, contact Janet at [rwhee28934@aol.com](mailto:rwhee28934@aol.com).

Everyone's Polish on **September 8, 2018** at **St. Mary's Catholic Church**, 939 Charlotte Ave., Kalamazoo for **POLISH NIGHT**. No cover charge. 4:15 pm - Holy Mass; 6:00 pm - Dinner \$15/adults, \$5 for children 10 years and under. Tickets available only until September 4. Cash bar. Dancing to live music. For more information, visit [www.stmarypolishnight.com](http://www.stmarypolishnight.com) or call the Parish Office at 342-0621.



**SATURDAY: September 1 Vigil of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

<b>Time</b>		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	65 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Max & Frida Walter	Fr. Ken

**SUNDAY: September 2 The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8/James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Tom R. Alberty	Fr. Ken
9:00 am	80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Tom R. Alberty	Fr. Basker
11:00 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Basker
5:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Arias	Fr. Ken

**MONDAY: September 3 Weekday; Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church; Labor Day**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Luke 4:16-30

9:15 am	†Deanie Tramontin
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**TUESDAY: September 4 Weekday**

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16/Luke 4:31-37

9:15 am	†Kay Speese
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**WEDNESDAY: September 5 Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious**

1 Corinthians: 1-9/Luke 38-44

9:15 am	†Wanda Witucki
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**THURSDAY: September 6 Weekday**

1 Corinthians 3:18-23/Luke 5:1-11

9:15 am	Fred & Deb Skalski for a Special Intention
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**FRIDAY: September 7 Weekday**

1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Luke 5:33-39

9:15 am	To End Abortion
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**SATURDAY: September 8 Weekday; The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

9:15 am	For all the Saints that have gone before us
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**SATURDAY: September 8 Vigil of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>Time</b>		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	Intentions for St. Vincent de Paul Society	Fr. Stan

**SUNDAY: September 9 The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 35:4-7a/James 2:1-5/Mark 7:31-37

		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	†Nick Frank	Fr. Stan
9:00 am	†Barbara Brief	Fr. Ken
11:00 am	†Jim Caroll	Fr. Ken
5:00 pm	Helga Henschke	Fr. Basker

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**

8:30 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
9:00 am	Nursery open during the 9 am Mass, Nursery
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
11:00 am	Nursery open during the 11 am Mass, Nursery
3:30 pm	Young Adult Praise Rehearsal, Church

**Monday, September 3, 2018** **Parish Offices Closed**

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:45 am	Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
6:30 pm	Bingo, Gym

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

9:45 am	Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Church
10:00 am	Coffee Club, MH
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	KofC Business Meeting, Rooms 5-7

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

9:45 am	Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Church
1:30 pm	Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds
3:00 pm	Centre Meadows, Off Grounds
4:00 pm	KofC Clergy App. Planning Mtg, Rms 1-3

**Thursday, September 6, 2018**

8:45 am	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Rm, Church
10:00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity
10:00am	Parish Nurse, Room 103, LL
5:30 pm	AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
6:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group, Rooms 9-11
6:00 pm	Sharing Faith with Others, SCR, LL
6:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Rooms 6-8

**Friday, September 7, 2018**

8:15 am	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Rm, Church
9:15 am	First Friday Mass, Trinity Chapel
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, September 8, 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	FIAT, Rooms 9-11
10:15 am	Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel
11:00 am	OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8
3:30 pm	Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
4:00 pm	Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church
5:00 pm	AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12
<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Ministry Fair after 5:30pm Mass, MH</b>

**Sunday, September 9, 2018** *Coffee & Donuts after all morning Masses; Preschool-1st Grad Religious Education during 9 am & 11 am Masses.*

8:30 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Ministry Fair after the 7:30 am Mass, MH</b>
9:00 am	Nursery open during 9 am Mass, Nursery
10:00 am	Benedictine Oblates, SCR, PPR, LL
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Ministry Fair after the 9 am Mass, MH</b>
11:00 am	Nursery open during 11 am Mass, Nursery
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Ministry Fair after the 11 am Mass, MH</b>
<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass, Trinity Chapel</b>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass Social Hour, SCR, LL</b>

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