

Parish Social Ministries

Student Suppers

October 25: Bodensteiner family and Aimee Beckman-Collier
November 1: Teresa Ryan - Italian group
November 8: St Augustin Confirmation Class

Linens Volunteers

October: Susan Bolte
November: Sheila Lingwall

Bread Bakers

October: Denise Peterson
November: Brian Smith

Money Counters

October 25: Paul Gibbins
November 1: Annette Roth
November 8: Jim Greenfield

Coffee and Donut Hosts

October 25: Fisher family
November 1: Faber family
November 8: Bodensteiner family

Food Pantry

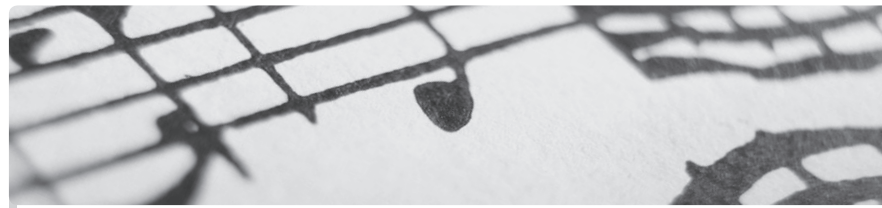
Please leave your non-perishable food items in the gathering space. Your cash donations are also welcome! Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

Stewardship Corner

Thank you for your financial support of St. Catherine's ministry. The tithing for the week of October 18th we received was \$2567.

Bulletin Items

Please submit bulletin announcement requests to office@stcatherinedrake.org by Wednesday at 11:00 am.



Music

Entrance: In This Place #308

Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with Joy

Presentation: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #610

Communion: Seed, Scattered and Sown #363

Closing: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #570

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Fisher, Robert Jedlick, Audrey McGee, Erin Besser, Jessica Satterfield, Megan Marsh

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Annelise Escher, Mitch Klocke, Hallie O'Neill, Anne Stella, Jessica Richter, Emily Freier

Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Jonathan Fortino, James Maertens, Maria Zigas, Victoria Tramp, Jordan Apostolik

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 25, 2015

BLIND FAITH

"Be on your way. Your faith has healed you." –Mark 10:52



The blind beggar Bartimaeus had faith, and Jesus immediately healed him of blindness (Mk 10:52). Bartimaeus expressed his faith in Jesus vocally, publicly, and repeatedly, even after he was scolded and told to keep quiet (Mk 10:47-48).

Bartimaeus also expressed his faith when "he threw aside his cloak, jumped up and came to Jesus" (Mk 10:50). When a blind man throws away his cloak, he had better be healed, or he may never find his cloak. Moreover, a cloak was worth much more in Biblical times, for it was used as collateral and shelter (Dt 24:12-13).

Bartimaeus expressed his faith by fearlessly (Mk 10:49) coming to Jesus (Mk 10:50), accepting Jesus as his Rabboni, that is, Teacher (Mk 10:51), and following Jesus, that is, becoming His disciple (Mk 10:52).

To please God, we must live in faith (Heb 11:6). To live for Jesus and to love Him with all our hearts, we need faith. To move mountains (Mt 17:20) and to conquer the world, we must have faith (1 Jn 5:5). To accept the grace of salvation, we must have faith (Eph 2:8). Have faith as Bartimaeus had faith.

PRAYER: Lord, I have faith. Help my lack of faith (Mk 9:24, our transl).

PROMISE: "They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them." –Jer 31:9

PRAISE: Praise Jesus of Nazareth (Mk 10:47), Son of David (Mk 10:47, 48), Rabboni (Mk 10:51), "the Resurrection and the Life" (Jn 11:25), Lord, and God!

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PRAYER OF CATHERINE

*Power of the eternal Father,
Wisdom of your only-begotten Son,
Clemency of the Holy Spirit,
fire and deep well of charity,
You know how,
and you are able,
and it is your will,
so I plead with you:
have mercy on the world,
and restore the warmth of charity
and peace
and unity
to Holy Church.
I do not wish you to delay any longer.
I beg you
to let your infinite goodness constrain you
not to close the eye of your mercy!*

Parish Mission Statement

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center is a spiritual "home away from home" for Drake students and resident parishioners. We strive through worship, prayer, fellowship, study and service to be disciples of Jesus today so that we will be the leaders of the Catholic Church and Community tomorrow.

St. Catherine of Siena

Catholic Church and Student Center

Trusting God

In life we sometimes face challenges that make us even doubt if God is close to us and loving us. When the future seems uncertain, the present gloomy, and the past struggling, we tend to struggle with our faith and ask questions like, "where is God?" Yet it is even during such trying moments that we have to trust in God and his providence.

Trusting in God is a radical transformation to believe in the promises of God and His grace for us. St. Paul, dealing with his struggles in life, wrote, "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). Trusting God simply means believing that He loves us, He's good to His children, He has the power to help us, He wants to help us, and He will help us. Trusting God means putting God first in our lives and understanding His abundant grace to guide. The Psalmist says, "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil" (Psalm 37: 3-8).

Learning to trust God is a journey of relationship. Normally, in our everyday life, we do not have much difficulty in trusting those we have a great relationship with. It comes naturally that the higher the level of relationship the better the trust we have in them. Trusting God is a personal relationship. Once we deepen our relationship with God through prayer, reading of Scriptures, personal works of charity, a good relationship with our church, and living in the presence of God, trusting God becomes easier. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you" (Psalm 33:22).

Rev. Mark Owusu

Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center

New parishioners and students are asked to register online at www.stcatherinedrake.org or by contacting the parish office. Please notify the parish office when moving or with a change of phone number or email.

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, October 25

Liturgical Coordinator: Kristi Ryan

Lectors: John Fleming, Jeanne O'Halloran, Brian Gongol

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Harris, Robert Heles, Kristi Ryan, Barb & Larry James

Sunday, November 1

Liturgical Coordinator: Sheila Lingwall

Lectors: Linda Grady, Robert Heles, Art Hessberg

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth & Paul Gibbins, Erin Siebers, Linda Grady, Laura Green

Calendar

Week of October 25

- 26 Monday: Office closes at Noon
No Mass
- 27 Tuesday: 5 pm Mass
- 28 Wednesday: 5 pm Mass
- 29 Thursday: 5 pm Mass
7 pm Hope for the Earth - Meredith Hall
9:15pm Candlelight
- 30 Friday: 12 pm Mass
- 31 Saturday: 10:30am Fr. Gillick & Emmaus House
5 pm Mass
Reconciliation at 6pm. or by appointment
- 1 Sunday: 10:30 am Mass
5 pm Mass
6 pm Student Supper
8:30 pm Mass

Campus Ministry

Hope for the Earth

St Catherine of Siena is hosting an upcoming talk titled "Hope for the Earth". It is free of charge and open to the public. It will be held Thursday, October 29 at 7pm in Meredith Hall room 109. The speakers will be, Fr. Robert Grant of St Ambrose University Davenport, who will speak about Pope Francis' writings about the environment and Professor Nanci J Ross Assistant Professor of Biology of Drake University, who will speak about the scientific side of the environment.

Spring Break Service Trip

Since we have decided to not go to El Salvador this winter break, you can join Laura Green on a WorkFest service trip to McKee, KY, March 12-18. Estimated cost is \$300. For more details check out the website or contact Laura at lauracatherine.green@gmail.com.

Parish News

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation on Sunday, November 1st from 9:00 - 10:15 am. for family discussion and age appropriate groups on a topic related to "The Year of Mercy". Please remember to attend at least 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children classes per month to fulfill the diocesan requirements.

World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generosity last weekend for World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$529. Some people are called to serve in other countries, but all of us can pray and support the Missions from right here in the parish.

Boy Scout Wreaths

Tommy Fisher will be in the Hall after Mass this weekend selling beautiful wreaths for his boy scout troop. Please stop by and see him to purchase your Christmas wreaths.

Ghana Fundraiser Dinner

We will be having a fundraiser dinner on November 21 at 6:30pm for the Water Project in Ghana. There will be dinner, live auction and silent auction. Tickets are \$35 per person. See Margaret Cavanagh for details.

Emmaus House

Want to know more about the spirituality in which Pope Francis was formed? Come join us for a Day of Reflection and Ignatian Spirituality led by Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J. on Saturday, October 31st at St. Catherine of Siena parish from 10:30 to 4. Registration opens at 10am. and suggested offering is \$30 per person, which includes lunch. **Clergy and Drake students are FREE with student ID.** Preregistration is appreciated. To REGISTER, please email us at emmaus_house@yahoo.com.

Please pray for our parishioners and any and all others who are suffering from illness or injury.

Around the Diocese

Called and Gifted Workshop

St. Pius X Church in Urbandale is offering a Called and Gifted Workshop. If you are looking for direction in your life or want affirmation you are in the right place, consider attending this workshop. The workshop will be held Oct 30, 7-9:30pm and Oct 31, 9am-4pm. The suggested donation is \$15. Lunch and childcare will be provided on Saturday. An alternative time will be offered to those who are unable to come Friday due to Beggar's Night. Please go to St. Pius X's website for more information and registration forms (www.stpiushome.org) or contact Emily Schmid at eschmid@saintpiuschurch.org or 515-276-2059

Best of Ireland

Fr John Vakulska is leading a pilgrimage on April 18-28, 2016 thru Ireland. For more information contact him at 712-490-8047 or johnvakulskas@gmail.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY PRESENTS

The Challenges of Aging
What do we do now? This event promises to be enlightening, thought-provoking and will provide practical advice for those navigating the aging process as well as those who are caring for aging loved ones. Featured panelists: Dr. Bob Bender, parishioner and geriatrician; Kim Walker, Care Manager, Transitional Life Consulting; Jane Augspurger, Stephen Ministry Leader. Monday, October 26, 7pm-8:15pm., the Serra Room at St Francis of Assisi. All are welcome!

Pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Junipero Serra

Msgr. Chiodo will lead this pilgrimage April 11-20, 2016. Tour the different Missions that St. Junipero Serra helped found in California. There will be an informational meeting with power point on Monday Oct. 26th @ 6:30pm in the lower church at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Des Moines.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 6 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment. Parents are required to participate in the Baptism Preparation Program.

Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6-8 months in advance of the proposed wedding date to allow for completion of required marriage preparations.

Parish Meetings

Finance Council: Third Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.