

Parish Social Ministries

Student Suppers

Please sign up in the gathering area for this semester's student suppers. They begin again on January 24. Many hands make light work.

Linens Volunteers

January: Kristi Ryan
February: Amiee Beckman-Collier

Bread Bakers

January: Ellen Robinson
February: Jeanne O'Halloran

Money Counters

January 17: Paul Gibbons
January 24: Brendan Comito
January 31: Jim Greenfield

Coffee and Donut Hosts

New sign up sheet on the table

January 17: Bakke Family
January 24: Faber Family
January 31: Shirley Harris

Food Pantry

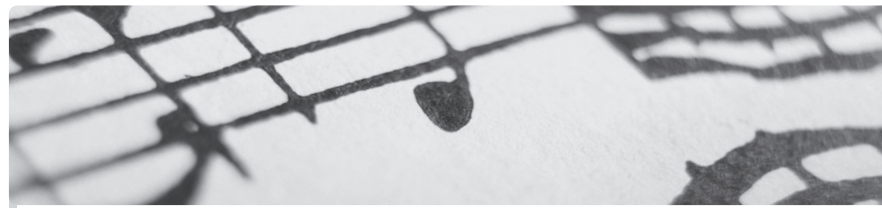
Please leave your non-perishable food items in the gathering space. Your cash donations are also welcome! Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

Stewardship Corner

Thank you for your financial support of St. Catherine's ministry. The tithing for the week of January 10th we received \$1393.

Bulletin Items

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



Music

Entrance: Sing a New Song #558

Psalm: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations

Presentation: Lord, Who at thy First Eucharist #370

Communion: We are Many Parts #586

Closing: In the Day of the Lord #579

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Allison Richter, Nana Coleman

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Adults

Parish Staff

Fr. Mark Owusu, Pastor
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Drake Newman Community

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The Catholic Parish on the campus of Drake University



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 17, 2016

WHY PRAY?



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!

“For Zion’s sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.” –Isaiah 62:1

At the wedding of Cana, Mary told Jesus: “They have no more wine” (Jn 2:3). Jesus seemed to respond that He wasn’t going to do anything about it because His hour had not yet come (Jn 2:4). Then Jesus changed the water into wine (Jn 2:9). Did Jesus change His mind? Did Mary talk or pray Jesus into changing His mind? Can our prayers get God to do things for us?

The answer to these questions is “No.” God doesn’t change His mind (see Mal 3:6), and we don’t have to talk or pray God into doing things for us. He loves us so much that He wants to do for us much more than we can ever want done.

The purpose of this conversation between Mary and Jesus may be to show us the importance and power of Mary’s prayer and also of our prayers. Prayer is one of our major ways of participating in God’s plan. We are not just the beneficiaries of the Lord’s work; we are co-workers with Him (1 Cor 3:9). We are not merely incidental to the Lord’s work; we are so important that we can even move up the timing of God’s plan (see 2 Pt 3:12). Because the Lord has chosen to make us important, our prayers are extremely important. Pray accordingly.

PRAYER: Father, teach me why I pray.

PROMISE: “It is one and the same Spirit Who produces all these gifts, distributing them to each as He wills.” –1 Cor 12:11

PRAISE: Praise You, All-holy Lord Jesus, risen Lord and King Who is to come! All glory and honor belong to You.

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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.

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Catholic Church and Student Center

Catholics Come Home

During the season of Lent, the local parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines will initiate a great opportunity, Catholics Come Home. It is an opportunity first and foremost to invite, welcome, and engage our brothers and sisters who have lost their faith, have crisis of faith, and have left the Catholic Church. It is also a great opportunity to evangelize and welcome to our faith those yearning for a relationship with Christ.

Many Catholics ("once a Catholic, always Catholic") have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time. Many of them yearn to come back to their faith, to their daily or weekly Mass, to their fellowship with the parish family. They feel a call from God and the Church to come back home.

Regardless of their reasons for leaving or for not going to Masses and being united with the parish family, we encourage and invite them to always come home and return to the solemn practice of the nourishments from sacraments and the fullness of a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic family.

Our responsibility as men and women of the faith is to INVITE our separated brothers and sisters some of whom are close friends, family members, colleagues at work, neighbors, and community members. We also WELCOME them with open arms, embracing and showing them the way to be united with us again. We also ASSIST them as they gradually learn their faith and nourish themselves with the sacraments. We SUPPORT them in dealing with their own difficulties and challenges of life. We continue to JOURNEY with them on the path of our Christian and Catholic faith. This is a shared responsibility – we are all called in our small ways to be part of the new evangelization, making Christ known, loved, and shared.

The question is: How can we embark on this journey of inviting and welcoming our brothers and sisters back home? We will surely work together on this journey.

Rev. Mark Owusu

Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church and 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 phone number or email.

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 17

Liturgical Coordinator: Sheila Lingwall
Lectors: Brendan Comito, Jan Wise, Ian Dragoo
Eucharistic Ministers: Peggy & Jim Leonardo, Sheila & Dave Lingwall, Jessica Seadler

Sunday, January 24

Liturgical Coordinator: Brian Gongol
Lectors: Jim Deal, Dee Cordero, Bill Eimers
Eucharistic Ministers: Sara Lauterwasser, Jeanne O'Halloran, Kevin Ryan, Larry Hinst, Traci Dragoo

Calendar

Week of January 17

- 18 Monday: No Mass
- 19 Tuesday: 5 pm Mass
- 20 Wednesday: 5 pm Mass
5:30 pm Finance Council
6:30 pm Parish Council
- 21 Thursday: 5 pm Mass
- 22 Friday: 12 pm Mass
- 23 Saturday: 5 pm Mass
Reconciliation at 6pm. or by appointment
- 24 Sunday: 10:30 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Student Supper
8:30 pm Mass

Find world-wide Mass times at www.masstimes.org

Campus Ministry

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50 Best Newman Centers

We have been named 44th in the top 50 Best Newman Centers! The Newman Centers on this list were chosen based on the following criteria:

- The Newman Center offers regular Mass times during the week.
 - The Newman Center regularly offers Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and other opportunities for spiritual growth.
 - The Newman Center offers regular community-building events.
 - The college must have a Catholic population of greater than 100 students.
 - Percentage of Catholic students, relationship with the local parish, and specific site amenities was also taken into account.
- Go to <http://www.bestcollegereviews.org/features/college-newman-centers/> for the full article.

Parish News

Join Us

"Church of Mercy" Book Study
Monday nights at 7 - 8:30pm. We will meet at St. Catherine's. If you have not yet purchased the book or study guide, they are still available in the parish office.

Family Faith Formation

Just a reminder that we will have 2 classes in February, the 7th and 21st, since there was no class today.

Finance Council

We have our regular meeting this Wednesday at 5:30pm. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the members:
Annette Roth, Paul Gibbins, Jim Greenfield, Larry James, David Lingwall, Brendan Comito, Traci Bonday, Bob Van Gilder.

Parish Council

We will be having our next meeting on Wednesday, January 20, at 6:30pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the following members:
Elizabeth Stamper, Jeff Bakke, Gus Cordero, Larry James, Greg Bellville, David Lingwall, Ann Gernes.

Coffee and Donut Hosts

Please sign up on the new coffee and donut sign up sheet on the table. This is a wonderful ministry to greet our parishioners and guests.

The Caring Committee

provides meals to families of a newborn, phone a parishioner who is housebound, visits a parishioner in the hospital, brings a casserole to a person recovering from an illness. If you are in need of any of these services, please contact the Parish Office 271-4747 and inform them of your specific needs. If you would like to join this Committee, please contact Jan Wise at 255-0134 or janwise515@gmail.com and let her know how you would like to help.

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

Around the Diocese

Holy Trinity Catholic School Open House

Please join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 31st, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Families with students entering 3-year-old Preschool - 8th grade for the 2016-2017 school year are invited to attend our open house and learn more. Tuition assistance is available. A delicious omelet breakfast will also be served. If you have questions or would like to schedule a personal tour, please contact Melissa Heller at 255-3162 x 1115 or mheller@htschool.org.

Respect Life Mass

Please join the Respect for Life Committee at a Mass for Life to be held at St. Joseph Parish 3300 Easton Blvd. Des Moines IA 6:30pm on Friday, January 22nd. This Mass is being said on the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision. Please come and help us honor all life, born and unborn.

Join us in Prayer

Join area Catholic Sisters for a short prayer service Sunday, January 31 at 12 noon, Beaver and Franklin, Des Moines. We will gather in front of a billboard put up by Iowa's Congregations of Catholic Sisters calling us to love and care for our Earth. Sisters of the Humility of Mary will lead us in prayer in support of Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

Upcoming Events

Please check out the bulletin board and table in the gathering space to see flyers of upcoming events around the diocese. Many different kinds of things going on.

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.