

Parish Social Ministries

Student Ministry

Sign up sheet for Spring Semester is now available in the gathering area.

Thank you to all who have donated time or food for this semester's student suppers!

Linens Volunteers

January: Raelynn Trigoutis

February: Susan Bolte

Bread Bakers

January 14: Ann Gernes

February 11: Jan Wise

Money Counters

Dec 31: Tracy Bonday & Denise Peterson

Jan 7: Annette Roth & Pat Carruthers-Green

Jan 14: Brendan Comito & Jim Deal

Coffee and Donut Hosts

New sign up sheet on the table please sign up!

Dec 31: Available

Jan 7: Family Faith Formation

Jan 14: Family Faith Formation - James & Laird

Food Pantry

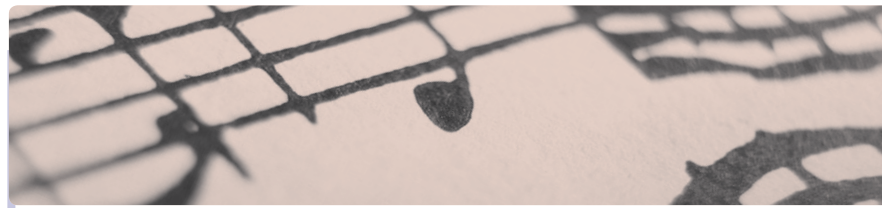
The Donation of the Month is **Pasta**. Please leave your non-perishable food items in the gathering space. **Envelopes for cash donations** are available on the table outside the office.

Stewardship Corner

Thank you for your financial support of St. Catherine's ministry. The donations for the week of Dec 24th we received \$6493.

Bulletin Items

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



Music

Entrance: Angels We Have Heard on High #80

Psalm: The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Presentation: Of the Father's Love Begotten #84

Communion: What Child Is This #104

Closing: Angels, from the Realms of Glory #109

Saturday 5:00 p.m

All available locals

Sunday 10:30 a.m

Kate Broderick, Angela Gust, Macey Coppess

Parish Staff

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The Catholic Parish on the campus of Drake University



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph • December 31, 2017

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FAMILY

O dear Jesus,

I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family.

May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith.

I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary,

loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother,

pray to Jesus for our family,

for all the families of the world,

to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph,

holy guardian of Jesus and Mary,

assist us by your prayers

in all the necessities of life.

Ask of Jesus that special grace

which He granted to you,

to watch over our home

at the pillow of the sick and the dying,

so that with Mary and with you,

heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Amen.

THE REAL THING

"He came to the temple now, inspired by the Spirit, and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus to perform for Him the customary ritual of the law, he took Him in his arms and blessed God." –Luke 2:27-28

Some orthodox Jews have the custom of using the birth of a baby boy as an occasion to discourse on the coming of the Messiah. An older relative traditionally starts the conversation with the question: "Could this baby be the Messiah?" Then various relatives wax eloquently about the coming and the glories of the Messiah.

Some people may have thought that Simeon and Anna were only engaging in this traditional conversation when they were talking about the Child Jesus "to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem" (Lk 2:38). Simeon and Anna may have then even more vehemently insisted that Jesus was "a revealing Light to the Gentiles, the Glory" of Israel (Lk 2:32). However, people may have thought this was part of the game. Then Simeon and Anna would have tried to tell them this wasn't a ritual, but the real thing. This Baby was the Messiah!

We face a similar situation in our day. When we proclaim Jesus as Messiah and Lord, people think this is merely the religious game and the standard church-talk. Yet we, like Simeon and Anna, must be filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaim that this is the real thing. Jesus is the Messiah. Christmas is real. God has become a man. We are saved. Jesus is Lord and God.

PRAYER: Father, may our family life be so holy that it shouts that Jesus is the Messiah.

PROMISE: "He remembers forever His covenant which He made binding for a thousand generations." —Ps 105:8

PRAISE: Praise God our "Father from Whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its' name" (Eph 3:14-15).

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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.

St. Catherine of Siena

Catholic Church and Student Center

The Family – The Domestic Church

The proclamation of the Gospel of the Family is an integral part of the mission of the Church, since the revelation of God sheds light on the relationship between a man and a woman, their love for each other and the fruitfulness of their relationship. The Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium, describes the family as the "domestic Church" because it is the first place where family members and baptized Christians learn about their faith. It states, "From the wedlock of Christians there comes the family, in which new citizens of human society are born, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit received in baptism are made children of God, thus perpetuating the people of God through the centuries" (#11). In the family, parents and guardians "should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation.

In these times, a widespread cultural, social, (economic) and spiritual crisis is posing a challenge in the Church's work of evangelizing the family, the vital nucleus of society and the ecclesial community. Yet, the family is an inexhaustible resource and font of life in the Church's pastoral activity. Therefore, the primary task of the Church is to proclaim the beauty of the vocation to love which holds great potential for society and the Church. The Church, fully aware that family life is not ultimately defined by difficulties and that people do not have problems only, willingly recognizes the efforts being made, primarily by young people, to bring about a new springtime for the family. This can be seen in the moving testimonies in many Church encounters where a renewed desire for marriage and family life is clearly manifested, above all in the newer generations. In light of this desire, the Church is called upon to offer support and guidance, wherever she be, in faithfulness to the Lord's mandate to proclaim the beauty of family love.

The Holy Father (Pope Francis) has encouraged everyone to look with hope to the future and recommended a manner of acting which preserves and fosters love within the family, namely, by saying "Can I? May I?", "Thank you" and "I'm sorry" and never allowing the sun to set on a quarrel or misunderstanding, without having the humility to ask forgiveness. This accent on mercy has had a great impact even in matters relating to marriage and the family, in that, far removed from every kind of moralism, it confirms the Christian outlook on life and opens new possibilities for the future, no matter what the personal (or family) limitations or the sins committed.

Taken from the Preface of Synod of Bishops on "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the context of Evangelization" (Instrumentum Laboris), 2014

Rev. Mark Owusu

Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church and Student Center

New parishioners and students are asked to register online at stcatherinedrake.org or by contacting the parish office. Please notify the parish office when moving or with a change of phone number, address or email. **In case of an emergency after hours, please call 515-505-6847**

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, December 31

Liturgical Coordinator: Ann Gernes

Lectors: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 7

Liturgical Coordinator: Kristi Ryan

Lectors: Peter Martin, Nellie Robinson, Fr Ed Pfeffer

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Heles, Marlene Kautzky, Larry Hingst, Shirley Harris

Calendar

Fr Mark will be out of town Tuesday - Saturday for Student Leadership Summit in Chicago with 15 students and the 4 FOCUS Missionaries.

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| 1 Monday: | Office Closed
No Monday Mass until February 2018 |
| 2 Tuesday: | No Mass
6:00pm Catholic's Divorced Survival Guide |
| 3 Wednesday: | No Mass |
| 4 Thursday: | No Mass |
| 5 Friday: | No Mass |
| 6 Saturday: | 5:00pm Mass
6:00pm Reconciliation |
| 7 Sunday: | 10:30am Mass |

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

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

Use of the Building

Please contact the office manager before planning functions in the building at office@stcatherinedrake.org or 271-4747

Campus Ministry

Please pray for Fr Mark, students, missionaries and parishioners who are attending Student Leadership Summit next week in Chicago. Approximately 5000 students attend to go deeper in a relationship with Christ, learn practical skills alongside fellow leaders of the Church, and receive the real-to-life tools needed to bring Christ to others.

Parish News

Faith Formation (FFF)

Look for details on upcoming Social event in January.

Winter Warm Up

Thank you to all who contributed warm clothing to our Winter Clothing Drive. The warm coats, sweaters, snow pants were given to the Clothes Closet at Capital Hill Lutheran Church in the East Village, as well as Findley Elementary School, in association with Drake University. Homeless families are given the opportunity to choose clothing or housewares free of charge. They were very appreciative of the donations from St. Catherine of Siena.

Final Donations for the year

Any donations received dated in 2017 will be accepted for this tax year. We greatly appreciate any and all donations!

Ushers Needed

In an effort to improve the hospitality and welcoming spirit of our community we are looking for people who are interested in an usher program at St. Catherine's. The responsibilities will include welcoming people coming into Mass, seating of guests, and handing out bulletins. If you are interested please contact Greg Bellville at gbellville@gmail.com

Nanny wanted

Parishioners seek nanny to watch two toddlers (soon to be ages 3 and 1) on Fridays in our home. Start immediately or after the holiday break. Kids are well-behaved but need lots of attention. Contact Sara at 669-7019 if interested

Weekend Schedule

Holy Family

Sat, Dec 30 at 5pm

Sun, Dec 31 at 10:30am

Solemnity of Mary

Sun, Dec 31 at 4pm -

cancelled due to weather

Around the Diocese

We need snacks!

Consider something as simple as bringing a few snacks to Catholic Charities' homeless shelter. They are always in need of meal providers, as well as yogurt, string cheese, and protein items for night time snack. Contact Ashley Raske, Shelter Coordinator, at 282-1235.

Lend a Hand at Catholic Charities

Food Pantry Catholic Charities Outreach Center has re-opened as a choice food pantry. Call Brooke at 515-262-7290 to learn how you can volunteer to feed the hungry.

CSM Trivia Night

Annual Trivia Night will be Sat., Feb. 24, at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The evening will begin at 5:30 with social time, a full dinner, drinks and trivia! Round up a team of 8 family members, friends or fellow parishioners for an evening of food, fun and trivia. For more information visit www.centerforsocialministry.org or contact 515-782-3054 or centerforsocialministry@gmail.com.

GriefShare

A special weekly seminar designed to offer encouragement and help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

- Mondays, Feb 12-Mar 19
 - 10 am-noon
 - St Francis of Assisi, St Clare Room
 - Suggested donation \$25 for workbook & materials
 - Limited to 20 participants
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/griefshare-seminar-registration-39528559987>

Dowling Catholic Terra Livre Club trivia night

2018 is Dowling's 13th year supporting the Terra Livre organization, which is a non-profit organization that offers educational and support services to underprivileged and at risk children. Over spring break, 30 Dowling students will be travelling to Brazil to help support the Terra Livre. 100% of the proceeds from Trivia Night will go to the children of Goiania, Brazil and WILL NOT cover student trip or travel expenses.

Where: Holy Trinity, 2926 Beaver Av

When: Jan 26, door open at 6:00pm
Food, beverage and on-site babysitting available. Cost is \$25 per couple or \$100 for a table of 8. Contact Erik Smith at esmith@dowlingcatholic.org

Mass Intentions

Mass may be offered for your intention or on someone's behalf. Please contact the office for available dates.

5:00pm For the Parish

10:30am For the Parish

5:00pm For the Students

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Wednesdays 4-5pm, Thursdays 8-9pm, Saturdays 6-7pm 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 pm**. Members: Annette Roth, Paul Gibbins, Jim Greenfield, Brendan Comito, Tracy Bonday, Bob Van Gilder, Patrick Carruthers-Green

Parish Council: Third Wednesday every other month at **6:30 pm**. Members: Greg Bellville, Gus Cordero, Ann Gernes, Laura Carruthers-Green, Margaret Hanson, Ryan Wise