

Parish Social Ministries

Student Supper Ministry

Oct 6: Raelynn Trigoutis, Linda Lowe, Kathy Schneider, & Aimee Beckmann-Collier
Oct 13: No Meal-Fall Break
Oct 20: Catholic Charities

Linens Volunteers

October: Susan Bolte
November: Elizabeth Stamper

Bread Bakers

Oct 13: Annette Roth
Nov 10: Denise Peterson

Money Counters

Oct 6: Kristi Ryan & Raelynn Trigoutis
Oct 13: Pat Carruthers-Green & Kristi Ryan
Oct 20: Annette Roth & Larry James

Coffee and Donut Hosts

Oct 6: Gongol Family
Oct 13: Available
Oct 20: Deaf Community

Food Pantry

The Donation of the Month is **fish sauce and canned seafood**. 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 weeks of Sept 29th we received \$2,808.

Contact the office if you would like the ACH form or check our website to support by online giving.

Bulletin Items

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



Music

Entrance: Gather Your People #313

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Presentation: You Have Called Us #646

Communion: One Bread, One Body #339

Closing: How Can I Keep from Singing #441

Saturday 5:00 p.m

Taylor Glomb, Allison Kæfring, Esther Lwakabamba, Seth Hammond, Sonya Benzmiller

Sunday 10:30 a.m

Adam Poole, Samantha Poole, Faith Satern, Noah Brinkmeyer, Jordan McGready

Sunday 5:00 p.m

Robert Schroeder, Kaylinn Vos, Anne Furman

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 6, 2019



PRAYER OF ST 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!*

St. Catherine of Siena, Pray for us!!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OR DEATH

*"The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather One That makes us strong, loving, and wise."
—2 Timothy 1:7*

We live in a world of "destruction and violence," strife and "clamorous discord" (Hab 1:3). What are we to do? "Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily" (Hab 2:2). We receive visions from the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:17).

We must not only have a vision and be able to express it, but we must also see the vision fulfilled (Hab 2:3). We do this by faith (see Hab 2:4). Faith is both a gift (1 Cor 12:9) and a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22).

The prophet Zechariah proclaimed: "Not by an army, nor by might, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zec 4:6). Only by the Holy Spirit can we defeat the evil spirits and see God's plan fulfilled for our lives. When we pray the Creed, we call the Holy Spirit "the Lord, the Giver of life." The Holy Spirit is necessary for life. To quench the Spirit (1 Thes 5:19) is to begin to die. We need the Holy Spirit to be as active as possible in our lives.

Thus, we must renew our Baptisms at which we received the Holy Spirit. We must also renew our Confirmations when we received a new Pentecost and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We should "stir into flame" the power and love and self-control which comes from the Holy Spirit (2 Tm 1:6, 7). Come, Holy Spirit! Baptize me, immerse me into You (see Mt 28:19).

PRAYER: Father, may I not grieve the Holy Spirit in any way (Eph 4:30).

PROMISE: "The vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come." —Hab 2:3

PRAISE: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! All creation exults in Your merciful love. Alleluia!

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Parish Mission Statement

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

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church and Student Center

Faith: a choice and a gift

Faith is a choice in our lives even at the same time that it is a gift of God to us. There are days when our faith seems small and weak. There are other times when our faith seems strong and deep. Faith is about knowing what God asks of us and trying to do what God asks of us. Let us look at today's readings and listen to them attentively as we try to allow God's Word to form us in faith.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Habakkuk. This prophet is recounting to us an experience that perhaps many of us have had: praying to God for a particular favor and nothing happens! If we were only praying for material favors, perhaps we would not be surprised, but even when we ask God for spiritual favors, He seems often not to reply to our prayers. Here we might think of the young children in alcoholic families who pray to God to help their parents—and nothing happens. We can think of parents who are watching one of their young children die and who pray for healing—and nothing happens. We can think of parents praying for faith for their children—and nothing happens.

Habakkuk is telling us to be patient and wait. We must wait on God. Faith calls on us to believe that there is a personal God who really cares about us and in whose hands the whole world is resting. We are called to believe that God is alive and active in our world. We are called to believe that God loves each one of us personally and also is involved in our lives in a personal way. This is not easy to believe, but it is the invitation given to us by God in that revelation which we call Holy Scripture.

The Gospel from Luke also seems to be teaching us that we must wait on the Lord. We should not presume simply that because we cry out to God, then God will do exactly what we want. Luke puts this into an image of a master and a servant. No servant would expect to come into the house where he or she works and have the employer wait on him or her! Yet that is exactly how we seem to expect God to be with us at times!

So much of the teaching of the Holy Scriptures is about the necessity to persevere in prayer, without expecting any kind of immediate results. We are invited to put all of our trust in God. We are invited to live each day with an awareness that God is in our lives and actually doing something in our lives. We may not see it, but that is not important. The attitude of faith is much more important than actually seeing any results.

Let us encourage one another to live by faith. Let us invite one another to deepen our daily trust in the Lord. When we sense that God is active in our lives, let us be witnesses to God's presence. When we must walk in darkness, let us also walk by the light of the faith of others. Lord, increase our faith.

Monastery of Christ in the Desert

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 515-771-6463**

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, Oct 6

Liturgical Coordinator: Kristi Ryan

Lectors: Bob Heles, Bobbi Segura, Fr Ed Pfeffer

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Gernes, Shirley Harris, Bob Heles, Bobbi Segura

Ushers: Margaret Hanson, Gary Payne

Sunday, Oct 13

Liturgical Coordinator: Margaret Hanson

Lectors: Deb Rogers, Kristi Ryan, Tonya Swanda

Eucharistic Ministers: Barb & Larry James, Marlene Kautzky, Jeanne O'Halloran

Ushers: Art Hessburg, Eunice Owusu-Anokye

Calendar

7	Monday:	5:15pm Mass-Our Lady of Guadalupe
8	Tuesday:	5:15pm Mass 6:00pm Andrew Dinner at St Pius X
9	Wednesday:	5:15pm Mass 6:00pm Parish Council meeting 7:00pm Easing into Prayer (AFF)
10	Thursday:	12:30 Faith Movie-closed caption 5:15pm Mass 9:15pm Candlelight Mass
11	Friday:	12:00pm Mass
12	Saturday:	5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Reconciliation
13	Sunday:	10:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass 8:00pm Mass

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

Campus Ministry (CM) DU Bulldog Catholic

Parish News

Family Faith Formation(FFF)
Hello everyone! We are excited to have our second large family faith formation class this Sunday. Please be there at 9:00am. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Abbie! See you soon!

Parking Issue

The fencing around our property is now in place. Our doors will all be accessible. Parking on the North of our building so no longer available. The 28th St entrance is closed Parking is available on the WEST end of this lot and on Brattleboro St. Olmsted is ONLY for overflow. If you are unable to walk from a parking spot, you may be dropped at the sidewalk on Brattleboro St and our sidewalk. We are hoping for volunteers to assist those in need. If you are able to volunteer to come early and assist those in need, please contact Raelynn Trigoutis for details. A walker is available between the doors for further assistance, if necessary. When this project is completed, around Thanksgiving, we will have a beautified entrance with parking spaces right out of our door. Our sign will also be moved to Brattleboro St sidewalk for better visibility. All at no cost to us! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Teresa in the office at 271-4747 or office@stcatherine-drake.org Thank you for your patience in this time of construction!

WELCOME FR OPONDO

We are still organizing times for parishioners to meet Fr Opondo one on one. If you would be interested in hosting Fr Opondo for a meal or meet and greet, please contact Teresa in the office and a schedule will be put together for him. Thanks!

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to all of our families that have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our goal is 100 percent participation. We need your help! If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider supporting our Catholic Church in southwest Iowa by making one today.

Liturgy Coordinator Meeting

Please meet at 11:45am this Sunday, Oct 6 for the annual coordinator meeting. Please contact Dave and Sheila if you are unable to attend.

Save the Date

Mon, Oct 7, 5:15 pm Mass celebrated by Msgr Bognanno followed by the Rosary. Pray for the end of Abortion with the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Abortions have been prevented and many abortion centers have closed after visitations by the Miraculous Image. You are invited to touch this important sacramental and ask our Mother to pray for you and your intentions.

Caring Committee Volunteers Needed

The St. Catherine's Caring Committee offers meals for parishioners who are new parents or who are recovering from an illness. The Committee also provides rides to doctor's appointments or therapy sessions, visits to those in the hospital or visits with someone unable to leave his/her home. Would you like to join this group of people reaching out to other parishioners? The time commitment isn't great. But the time is important to those you serve. An email is sent to the group and you help when you can. If you are interested in being a part of this valuable ministry, please contact Jan Wise at janwise515@gmail.com.

Des Moines Hunger Hike

Don't think your contribution is too small. Here is what your donation to Des Moines Area Hunger Hike may accomplish: \$1 will buy packets of seed for families locally or overseas through the Des Moines Garden Project or Seeds International. \$3 will help buy a box of cereal or a gallon of milk for the breakfast feeding program of Children and Family Urban Movement. \$5 will buy ten meals through the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry. \$10 will help with several meals through the Wesley Life Meals on Wheels program through Wesley Life. \$20 will help feed a school child a month for a year through Mary's Meals. We will have a special collection next weekend for donations. Make checks payable to Des Moines Area Hunger Hike with St Catherine's in the memo or checks can be mailed to: PO Box 489, Des Moines IA 50302

Cookie Collection!

Our St. Catherine community will again be collecting Cookies for the Central Iowa Homeless Shelter on the weekend of Oct 12-13. Our Faith Formation students will help at the meal on Wed, Oct. 16 in partnership with St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Please place your donations of fresh or packaged cookies in the box near the entrance of our gathering space. The homeless recipients appreciated your donations in August. Thank you! Contact Barb James 515-491-8001 with questions.

Around the Diocese

Area Church Events

See table in gathering area for flyers of other events around the Diocese.

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

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

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 5:45 pm. Members: Annette Roth, Brendan Comito, Jim Greenfield, Kristi Ryan, Patrick Carruthers-Green, Raelynn Trigoutis, Bob Van Gilder

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