



# St. Catherine of Siena

## Catholic Church and Student Center

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### Upon Further Review

*a semi-regular series from some of the world's finest spiritual writers*

## Walk Together

*Today we're called to walk together in a new way toward that land of promise and to celebrate who we are and whose we are. If we as church walk together, don't let nobody separate you. That's one thing Black folk can teach you. Don't let folk divide you or put the lay folk over here and the clergy over here, put the bishops in one room and the clergy in the other room, put the women over here and the men over here.*

*The church teaches us that the church is a family. It's a family of families and the family got to stay together. We know that if we do stay together, if we walk and talk and work and play and stand together in Jesus' name, we'll be who we say we are, truly Catholic; and we shall overcome – overcome the poverty, overcome the loneliness, overcome the alienation, and build together a holy city, a new Jerusalem, a city set apart where they'll know we are his because we love one another.*

*Thea Bowman, FSPA, "Address to U.S. Bishops," United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, conference presentation, June 17, 1989, YouTube video, 35:03.*

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### MASS TIMES

#### WEEKDAYS

**Monday:** 5:15 PM  
(Communion Service)

**Tuesday-Thursday:** 5:15 PM

**Friday:** 12 NOON

#### WEEKENDS

**Saturday:** 5 PM

**Sunday:** 10:30 AM; 8 PM

**African Mass:** 2 PM  
3rd Sunday in English;  
other Sundays in Kiswahili

**Last chance Mass:** 8 PM

Student masses at 5 p.m. begin  
Jan. 29, 2023.

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# Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena

Catholic Church and Student Center

New parishioners and students are invited to register online at [stcatherinedrake.org](http://stcatherinedrake.org) or by contacting the parish office. Please notify the parish office when moving or with change in phone number, address or email.

## Search: Campus Minister

### St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center at Drake University Campus Minister – Full Time

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic student Center with the Diocese of Des Moines seeks a full-time Campus Minister. We serve the students, faculty, and staff of Drake University, and are involved in support of students at other colleges and universities in the Diocese. Our engagement of students happens through authentic and inclusive personal accompaniment.

The Campus Minister plans, directs, and implements ministry programs and assists the pastor with the day-to-day functions and ministries of the Student Center. Employing a student-based administrative and ministerial model, the Campus Minister provides leadership, direction, and support to the Student Ministry Team and supervises the FOCUS team's interface with joint programs and events.

This is a full-time, 12-month position. Salary is competitive, based on credentials and experience. A full benefits package is included through the Diocese of Des Moines. For more information, please go to this link for the job description which includes the essential duties, and qualifications.

#### Application process

By January 16, 2023 please submit the following materials electronically to: [hr@dmdiocese.org](mailto:hr@dmdiocese.org)

- Resume
- evidence of relevant experience and accomplishments related to the listed job responsibilities, and a statement about why you feel called to this vocation. These items may be submitted as a cover letter of up to 500 words or a short video or audio recording of five minutes or less.
- two letters of recommendation, one of which is from one's pastor or bishop

## Service Opportunities

### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities could use a hand helping others. Volunteers and donations are always welcome as Catholic Charities strives to empower individuals and strengthen families through its five programs: Counseling; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Emergency Family Shelter; Food Pantry; and Refugee Services.

Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter could use meal providers and pillows. The Domestic Violence shelter could use nonperishable food items such as pasta and canned goods, said Emily Klisares, community relations manager. Other needed items range from soap, toothpaste and towels to blankets, shower curtains, rice cookers, pajama sets and materials for refugees such as vacuums, bus passes, knife sets and more. Find ways to contribute, donate or volunteer by going to [Catholic-CharitiesDM.org](http://Catholic-CharitiesDM.org) and click on "Contribute."

### Sacred Heart Catholic Job Opening

Sacred Heart Catholic in WDM is hiring a Director of Family Faith Formation beginning May 2023. This position leads the Formation staff and parish in the specific mission to equip parents to be the first educators of the faith using a family formation model. Applications are being accepted until February 17 and the start date for the position will be May 15, 2023. Full details can be found at [www.sacredheartwdm.org/employment](http://www.sacredheartwdm.org/employment)

### Catholic Youth Camp in Panora

Catholic Youth Camp, the summer camp in Panora, IA, is hiring 22-24 college-aged individuals to be on their Summer Staff team. To apply, go to <https://stmcenter.com/summer-staff>.

Bulletin announcements are due by Wednesday by noon each week. Submit to: [office@stcatherinedrake.org](mailto:office@stcatherinedrake.org)

## Parish Life & More

### Our ADA goal: \$45,826



Our Contributions are now at: \$43,863; Balance: \$1,963. Please continue to send your ADA contributions addressed to the Diocese of Des Moines. The deadline to reach our goal is February 28, 2023. Thank you.

### Drake Little Food Pantry

The community of St. Catherine’s stocks the little food pantry on the south side of church every day. We invite you to bring items each week, since the need is great.

### Student Masses

Sunday masses at 5 p.m. will begin on January 29, 2023 when classes resume.

### Sarah Hart Music Workshop & Concert

Sarah Hart will be coming to Des Moines on Jan. 14 for a Music Ministry workshop at St Pius in Urbandale. All musicians in the diocese are welcome. Sarah is a catholic musician, OCP Composer, and has many of her songs in our missals. The purpose of the workshop is to give our church musicians some formation, and, especially after covid, give them a good moral boost. This is also a wonderful opportunity to visit and network with other musicians. She will hold a concert at St. Francis in West Des Moines on Sunday, Jan 15 at 6:30 p.m. This is open to anyone. For more information, go to <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Tlu-7xgqz PVgt2ICyVYHm2lf8-gauBLK1JUqddSGtc/edit?usp=sharing>

## Around the Diocese

### Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools

Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools are collaborative communities of spiritual formation and academic excellence, where students grow in faith and wisdom and emerge as responsible citizens dedicated to the practice of life-long discipleship. We believe Catholic education should be rooted in faith, focused on excellence and supported by a caring community while providing the best value to our families. Our schools are now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year. Learn more at [dmdiocese.org/grow](http://dmdiocese.org/grow) or contact Nicole Evans-Diocese of Des Moines Enrollment Director at [nevans@dmdiocese.org](mailto:nevans@dmdiocese.org).

### Four-Week Guided Retreat at Emmaus House

This retreat, "Inner Peace in Darkness and Light," from The First Spiritual Exercises by Michael Hansen, SJ, is adapted from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Throughout this four-week retreat, retreatants are invited to pray daily for approximately 30-45 minutes, and then gather weekly as a group for a time of sacred listening and spiritual conversation.

Meeting dates are Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31 & Feb. 7

Time: 9 –10:30 a.m. at Emmaus House

Facilitator: Victoria Gloe

Cost: \$35.

Cost of book is not included. For details, go to <https://www.theemmaushouse.org/four-week-retreat>



## On Further Review

Reflection from Loyola Press

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

## Faith Formation

Please join the St. Kate’s community for Encounter, a parish-wide faith formation opportunity for EVERYONE of all ages and stages of life. Encounter is not just faith formation for families with kids; it’s for **everyone**. St. Kate’s will host Encounter every third Sunday of the month following the 10:30 Mass. The next session is on Sunday, January 15th. Each Encounter session will begin by enjoying a meal together followed by an engaging and interactive program designed to reach all ages in matters of faith and community. The program will end at approximately 1:15. Families with school-age children received a separate registration form via email and do not need to register again this year.

All other households at St. Kate's can register in the following ways: using [this link](#), the QR Code below or the paper registration forms available in the Gathering Space after Mass or in the Parish Office. The main dish of lunch will be provided and all registered households are asked to bring a side dish to share that is NOT dessert.

**Donations**  
*Please assist St. Kate’s by mailing a check to the office or giving online by clicking on the DONATE button on our website or by completing an ACH form for automatic withdrawals.  
**Thank you for your generosity.***



## OUR MISSION

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center is a spiritual “home away from home” for resident parishioners and Drake students alike. 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.