



St. Catherine of Siena

Catholic Church and Student Center

Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 14, 2023

It was love that drew me to join the Campus Ministry team at St. Catherine's more than six years ago. The love of Christ and a heart for college students seeking to make sense of the world and to make their Catholic faith their own.

Students come to Drake University and St. Catherine's on a quest. They are searching for answers to life's biggest questions. They are curious, open, and hungry for a closer relationship with Christ, and for a sense of belonging. It's been such a joy to walk in faith with students as they discover more of God's love for them and their unique gifts.

The stats are staggering and the need for effective campus ministry has never been greater. [Word On Fire Catholic Ministries](#) published that "Half of young Americans who were raised Catholic (50% exactly) no longer identify as Catholic today. Roughly eight-in-ten (79%) who shed their faith leave before age 23."

We are so grateful that St. Catherine's and the Diocese are collaborating to invest in a full-time Campus Minister role to accompany our students and nurture our Newman community which is deeply rooted in prayer, service, and leadership development. Just as they do at the Drake Relays, I'll pass the baton and wish you all Godspeed.

Chris and I will go forth to see what's next in God's plan for our service. Our hearts are full. We're so thankful to all of you who supported us and our ministry during our time together.

Peace & Blessings,

Erin Smith



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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: 5 PM

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

Last chance Mass: 8 PM

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Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena

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

Campus Ministry

by Kayla Hartman

Bishop's Visit and Blessing of the Brains

Last Sunday, students were blessed to be joined by Bishop Joensen. Bishop Joensen has joined the students annually for Mass near the end of the semester. It is always an honor when the Bishop comes. He blesses the brains of anyone who wishes to receive a blessing, especially students as they prepare for finals.



Aubrey Williams gets her brain blessed by Bishop Joensen during the Blessing of the Brains.

Campus Ministry Recognition

Sunday Mass was eventful for the students last week. Multiple people were recognized for their service to Campus Ministry including Aurelia Isenbart, Colin Flattery, Erin Smith and all of the outgoing student leaders. (More information will be coming in future bulletins about Aurelia and Colin) The David Robinson Scholarship was also presented to Maddi Cave. A description of Maddi's service and leadership at Drake and in the St. Catherine's community will be shared in a future bulletin.

Student Written Hymn

Senior, Kaylin Vos, performed a hymn she wrote at the end of Mass. She was joined by a cellist, a pianist and another vocalist. While at Drake, Kaylin studied vocal performance and has used her musical talents in a variety of ways. It was a privilege to witness the talent of Kaylin and the ways she glorifies God through her gifts.



Kaylin Vos (far right) performs her hymn.

Finals Breakfast

To close out the school year, students gathered for fellowship and delicious breakfast burritos on Tuesday night. Within the chaos of studying for finals, FOCUS missionaries served breakfast at night to provide a fun study break for the students. This year's finals breakfast was filled with young and old faces of St. Catherine's. Students who have been



Finals Breakfast continued

around for one-six year(s) joined us one last time this year. The event was filled with fellowship, frisbee, bags and working on the puzzle.



Many students joined Finals Breakfast for fellowship, breakfast foods, and games.



Matt Prendergast, Dew Veeraphan, Chase Laurent, Conaire Bradfield, Colin Flattery, Wally Wisniekwski, and Owen Fulton relax from the stresses of finals together.



Parish Life & More

Plastic Bags and Containers Needed

The Catholic Worker House is in need of plastic bags and plastic containers for food to go for their guests. Any containers larger than yogurt containers would work. Please put them in the bin under the table which is between the two doors in our gathering space. Thank you.



Catholic Charities Collection—May 14

There will be a collection for Catholic Charities on May 13 and 14. Catholic Charities serves the people of Southwest Iowa by providing food, shelter and empowerment programs that lead to housing, employment, and more. Their professional counseling services help sort out barriers that can keep people from being their best. Please be generous.

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. The need is great.



Job Opportunities

Part-time Adult Faith Formation Coordinator

St. Mary of Nazareth is seeking a part-time Adult Faith Formation Coordinator with flexible hours. If interested, visit www.stmarysdsm.org for more details.

Bookkeeper Opening

St. Francis of Assisi is looking for a full time bookkeeper. For a full job description, visit their website, saintfrancischurch.org/our-parish/job-openings/. Applicants can send their resume to Tim Schulte, our Business Manager at tschulte@saintfrancischurch.org.

Around the Diocese

Biking for Babies

Join St. Luke's in Ankeny for the Biking for Babies Des Moines Local Ride on Saturday, June 24th! Join Bishop William Joensen and fellow cycling enthusiasts for a fun day with family and friends. With three options of a 22-mile, 48-mile (to the High Trestle Trail Bridge) or a free 5-mile children & family fun ride, there's sure to be a route for everyone! Riders and volunteers needed to support this great cause - so join Biking for Babies today! Proceeds from the Local Ride will go to support three local pro-life organizations: Agape Pregnancy Resource Center, In-nervisions Healthcare, and Martha's House of Hope. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/4145sod>

Silent Women's Ignatian Retreat by Sgharon Doran: Women of Hope Who Find God in All Things

Get away from the hectic pace of life and take time to deepen your relationship with God by engaging your heart, mind, body and eternal soul. Hear God speak to your heart in the community of silence. There will be 11 preached conferences by Sharon Doran who combines her love of Sacred Scripture with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

August 24-27, 2023 At Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA, 1 hour east of Omaha and 1.5 hours west of Des Moines. Cost for lodging, meals and retreat: \$425. Check-in between 4:30-5:30pm on Thursday & concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Register at creighton.edu/curc or by using this QR code:



Bulletin announcements are due by noon of Wednesday each week. Submit to: office@stcatherinedrake.org

Upon Further Review

From Catholic Studies Program, St. Louis University by **John Foley, SJ**

We live in an age when nostalgia sells. We have radio stations devoted to “oldies,” that is, the music of some former era. Television has endless recall of shows from Jack Benny to Leave it to Beaver to I Love Lucy to ... you name it.

Such a human thing it is to remember the spirit of the past and to understand better what we have done and have been. Can all of it media hype, designed to “sell product”? We are tempted to say, yes, hype, hype and nothing but hype. Yet much of what our nostalgia dredges up was actually good in its day, and remains so. Do you remember to say yes to Christ’s presence within you?

Throughout Easter the Church is recalling the adventures of the Church in the weeks after Jesus died and then rose again. We sit around the campfire of our memories, telling stories about how it was then Philip. Remember Philip who told Jesus, “just show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Of course he was seeing Jesus and therefore was looking at the Father, but he did not know it. And do you remember what Jesus said just before his passion and death? That he would send the Spirit of Truth into our hearts. And that we would not be left orphans. It was hard to understand then and it is still pretty difficult.

Let us go over it one more time. Jesus seemed to say, first, that God the Abba was so much within Jesus that every time you see him it is the same thing as seeing God. Second, Jesus said, I am going to be so much within you—yes, you normal people—that whenever people see you it will be the same thing as seeing me! And of course, the Father is in me, so they see the Father too! “I almost have it,” Philip gulped.

So Jesus said it again. You will not see me anymore. But that doesn’t make me absent from you. I and Abba will be within you so that your very spirit will hold the Spirit of me and of the Father. All you need to do is to say “yes.”

Then Philip saw it. In the upper room he *touch*ed the truth. Very soon he was running from place to place doing miracles and preaching about the Messiah!

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city ([First Reading](#)). We ourselves touch the truth and receive it also. Maybe it is not so dramatic as Philip’s experience, but we have it every Sunday and any other day we choose

Donations

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Thank you for your generosity.

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to participate in Mass. We touch and receive Jesus on the tongue.

Simple? No. Well, maybe it is simple. This Sunday let us remember again not hype but these deepest, dearest mysteries of our lives.

Faith Formation

Encounter, our new intergenerational faith formation program, has been wildly popular with parishioners of all ages and stages of life. We invite you to share food, fellowship, and formation with the St. Kate’s community during our final two sessions, when we will explore the following topics:

May 21 – St. Francis of Assisi & Franciscan spirituality



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.