



# St. Catherine of Siena

## Catholic Church and Student Center

Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 7, 2023

### Upon Reflection...

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

## Earth Prayer

*Hey! Lean to hear my feeble voice.  
At the center of the sacred hoop  
You have said that I should make the tree to bloom.  
With tears running, O Great Spirit, my Grandfather,  
With running eyes I must say  
The tree has never bloomed  
Here I stand, and the tree is withered.  
Again, I recall the great vision you gave me.  
It may be that some little root of the sacred tree still lives.  
Nourish it then  
That it may leaf  
And bloom  
And fill with singing birds!  
Hear me, that the people may once again  
Find the good road  
And the shielding tree.*

**Black Elk (1863-1950), Ogalala Sioux,  
quoted in [www.firstpeople.us](http://www.firstpeople.us)**

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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

## 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.

### Campus Ministry

#### Seniors by Kayla Hartman

St. Catherine's has been blessed with the service our seniors have provided to the community. Within this group there are two presidents of DU Bulldog Catholic, two Campus Ministry Interns, and six students who have served in leadership positions. They will use their gifts and talents in new ways as they graduate from Drake or leave Des Moines for rotations or missionary work.

Elise Conrad will join the Actuarial Leadership Development Program at Travelers Insurance. She will move to St. Paul, Minnesota in June.

Trevin Detwiler will get married in August and will attend graduate school at the University of Kansas to pursue a PhD in particle physics.

Kayla Hartman will serve as a FOCUS missionary for the next two years.

Erik Janss will get married in June and then Erik and Brinn will serve as FOCUS missionaries for the next two years.

Emma Nutter will stay in Des Moines and room with a close friend and fellow Drake Public Relations graduate. Emma is in the final round of interviews for a Public Relations job in Des Moines.

Noah Peterson will work on a forestry project over the summer and then go to Boulder, Colorado for graduate school.

Alexia Simonton will be a Leadership Development Program Associate at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. She will stay as a member of St. Catherine of Siena and continue her service with the Haven Project.

Andrew Smith will enter his 4<sup>th</sup> year of medical school this fall. He will complete his year of rotations in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He will apply for a residency in Pediatrics in the fall.

Amanda Smith will get married on May 26<sup>th</sup> and move to Madison, Wisconsin. She is currently looking for some Catholic creative jobs.

Kaylin Vos has accepted a full choral assistantship at Western Illinois University starting this fall. After two years, she will earn her Master of Music in choral conducting.

Kevin Wyatt will move home to St. Louis to study for the bar exam. He hopes to begin his legal career in Missouri to be close to family and friends there later this fall.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they enter into this time of transition and continue to discern how to best serve and glorify God.

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation

You're invited to join the ranks of many dedicated people volunteering in the Des Moines parks...a gift that benefits the entire community. Volunteers supplement Parks and Recreation staff and bring creativity and vitality to our organization while meeting new friends, learning new skills, and even building resumes. Some areas to volunteer in are keeping the playgrounds safe, flag placement and removal, Bikes, Boxes and Brews.

Here are a few Catholic organizations that could use some help:

[Bishop Drumm Care Center](#), 3837 Winwood Dr., Johnston. Contact the [Volunteer Coordinator](#)

[Catholic Charities](#), 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines. Contact [Emily Klisares](#), Community Relations Manager, 515-237-5078

[Connection Café](#), 600 6th Ave., Des Moines, 515-771-1481 (this is managed by several downtown churches including St. Ambrose Cathedral) [Rob Hoover](#)

[Des Moines Area Religious Council Emergency Food Pantry](#), 100 Army Post Rd., Des Moines. [Contact info @dmreligious.org](#).

[House of Mercy](#), 1409 Clark St., Des Moines, 515-643-6500. Contact [Todd Beveridge](#).

Mercy Medical Center, 1111 6th Ave., Des Moines, 515-247-3246. Contact Volunteer Services.



## 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 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.

### Rome, Beneath the Surface

Deacon Omar Gutierrez will tell the story of the discoveries under the Eternal City, discoveries that can help us better understand our faith and why we are called to share it. This free event will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines on June 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.



### Eighth Annual Ignatian Retreat

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023

Time: 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Location: St. Pius X Catholic Church (3663 66th Street, Urbandale, IA)

Presenter: Amy Hoover

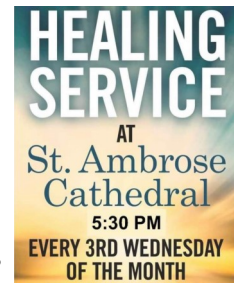
Retreat will also be accessible virtually through Zoom.

For more information, go to <https://www.theemmaushouse.org/ignatian-retreat>

## Around the Diocese

### St. Ambrose Cathedral Healing Service

On May 17th, all are invited to attend a healing service at St. Ambrose Cathedral beginning at 5:30 PM. *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*



### Bishop Drumm Guild Garage Sale

This garage sale will be held each Thursday morning on Bishop Drumm's campus in Johnston from 8:30-12:30 p.m. from May 4 through Sept. 28. Donations are accepted on the Thursdays of the sale at the garage located on the campus or by calling Helen Thull at 515- 669-4621. No computers, baby cribs or car seats, old electronics or TVs will be accepted.

### Catholic Youth Camp , Panora

Sessions are beginning to near capacity for this summer at Catholic Youth Camp! Registering your campers today is the best way to ensure they get their preferred week and avoid the dreaded wait-list. Visit [stmcenter.com/sessions](http://stmcenter.com/sessions) today to see each week's availability. Volunteer counselor applications are also open. Anyone who will be 16 by May 1 is eligible to counsel. Visit [stmcenter.com/counselors](http://stmcenter.com/counselors) for more information and to apply today.



### 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.



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

## Upon Further Review

From Loyola Press

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

## 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



### 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.