



St. Catherine of Siena

Catholic Church and Student Center

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 20 2023

What is going on?

1. Campus Minister

Our new and full-time Campus Minister has settled in and is up and running. Among other things, she is: meeting with Bulldog Catholic Leadership Team to plan welcome week; reaching out to students at DMU, DMAAC, and Grinnell; planning service events (Reggie's Sleepout for September 30); attending Diocesan meetings and trainings; and planning the semester's events calendar.

2. Focus Missionaries

Focus Missionaries are also in town and on the move. While fundraising for their upkeep as well as preparing and planning for students to move in next week, they are sharing meals and playing games with the few students who have come back.

3. Encounter – (Our Intergenerational Approach to Faith Formation Program)

Year Two of *Encounter* will begin on Sunday, October 1, following the 10:30 Mass. We have changed from having it on the Third Sundays of the month to the 1st Sundays of the month.

4. The Haven Project (A Review of our Parish Life)

The Haven Project has spurred lots of positive action on a number of parish fronts including programming, information sharing, and improvements to our physical shared space. Here are highlights:

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- ◆ Insets on the south side of the gathering space are being converted to badly needed storage spaces for tables, paper products for meals, etc.
- ◆ The impermanent wall on the south side of the central gathering space has been removed and will be replaced by a permanent wall and a one-door entry to the classroom. A large screen will be mounted on this wall to allow for the use of PowerPoint presentations, the sharing of video, and the viewing of movies for campus ministry, Encounter, and other events sponsored by our Community Formation Ministry, lifelong learning team, and family ministry.
- ◆ Additional smaller screens will be placed in the room formerly known as the library (to be used for small group viewing of videos, movies, and presentations) and in the gathering space between the kitchen door and the first inset. The screen on the west side of the gathering space will be programmed to feature daily and weekly events at St. Catherine's.
- ◆ Parish information packets, both for current parishioners and prospective members, are in process, under the auspices of the Community Formation Ministry and Communications team. They'll be available to all, both in hard copy and online versions, by the end of the month.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Protas Okwalo
Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Offiong
Weekend Pastoral Associate

Rev. Mr. Rick Condon
Deacon

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Office Manager

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Megan Schultz
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Gus and Dee Cordero
Deaf Ministry Coordinators

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Liturgical Coordinators

Laura Catherine Carruthers-Green
Faith Formation Coordinator

PARISH COUNCIL

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Larry James

Annette Roth

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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

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

Student Mass: 5 PM

starts Aug. 27

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 or by contacting the parish office. Please notify the parish office when moving or with change in phone number, address or email.

Campus Ministry

Welcome DU Bulldog Catholics Ministry of Service Chair — Chase Laurent



My name is Chase Laurent. I am a 3rd-year year Quantitative Economics major here at Drake. Outside of DU Bulldog Catholic, I am involved with Drake Weightlifting and Fitness Club and Drake Economics Club. I decided to run for Ministry of Service because I was a member in prior years and enjoyed serving our community. I am excited to step outside of my comfort zone and fill the shoes of the leaders before me. My favorite thing about St. Catherine's is our team of FOCUS Missionaries.

What is Going on? continued

- ◆ The Communications Team is preparing a master calendar, which will provide a coordinated view of events sponsored by Campus Ministry, the Ministry of Service, Faith Formation, Community Formation Ministry, and the Ministry of Music, Liturgy, and Prayer. This, too, will be available by the end of August.
- ◆ Our all-parish Mass and picnic will take place on Sunday, September 17, 10:30 am, at Colby Park in Windsor Heights. Hope you'll plan to attend.
- ◆ An opportunity for service for both students and resident parishioners is scheduled for October 20.

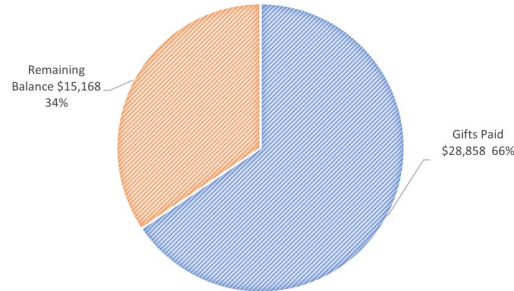
St. Catherine of Siena said, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." As her namesake parish, we are working toward Ignition!

Welcome Back

Students!



Parish Life & More



ADA 2023

As of July 28, 2023, our donations total remains at \$28,858. We have \$15,168 left to reach our goal.

Cookie Collection in August

The next Cookie Collection for the Central Iowa Shelter will be the weekends of August 20th and 27th for the dinner on Thursday, the 31st. Please bring your freshly baked or store-bought cookies to the cookie storage bin on those weekends. St. Catherine's assists St. Mark Episcopal Church with this project by supplying the dessert for the meal they prepare.

Fall Clothing Drive

The Fall Clothing Drive will be held after Masses on Sept. 10. Please bring fall and winter clothing to Mass on Sat. Sept. 9 or Sun. Sept. 10. We especially need school clothes, shoes and boots, and winter coats, hats and gloves. Clothing will first be offered to our parishioners and any left will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Catherine's Mass and Picnic in the Park

Join us Sunday morning, September 17th at Colby Park Pavilion in Windsor Heights for 10:30 am Mass, followed by our annual parish picnic. The beautiful, air-conditioned pavilion will allow us to celebrate rain or shine! Colby Park is located at 6900 School St. in Windsor Heights.

Fried chicken, lemonade, and desserts will be provided. We ask that you bring your favorite potluck dish to share, along with your own table service.

We will organize ride sharing for those in need of a ride, and for those who are willing to take a few extra passengers! There are signup sheets in the gathering space for both.

Please join us for Mass, fellowship, food, and fun as we celebrate our wonderful faith community. All are welcome!

Around the Diocese

Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools

This year's event is on Aug. 26 at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. The keynote speaker is Dowling Catholic alumna Anne Nizzi Clark '87. Anne and her husband, Brent, chose St. Francis of Assisi and Dowling Catholic for their three children Blake '18 (Iowa State), Caitlin '20 (University of Iowa), and Colin '23 (Creighton University). Anne will share her experience with the Diocese of Des Moines Catholic schools as a student and as a parent. The Clark family will discuss how Catholic education helped position each for success in the classroom and beyond. Purchase tickets [here](#).

St. Vincent de Paul

Did you know St. Vincent de Paul Social Services assists people from all corners of our community and surrounding areas? They help all in need, including those who may not qualify for services from other agencies. Assistance includes: • Healthy Food Pantry • Personal care pantry • Infant products • Post-Disaster assistance • Free clothing pantry • Furniture household item assistance. Donate – Shop – Volunteer at one of their locations in DSM: 1426 6th Ave • 520 Army Post Rd • 801 73rd St Call 515-282-8327 or info@svdpdsm.org for more information.

Mary's Helping Hands Fundraiser

Mary's Helping Hands, a local non-profit supporting families and babies with basic necessities, is holding a Pack and Play Fundraiser to promote safe sleep. They provide 50 pack and plays on average each month and serve over 300+ clients! This is where they are asking for help. They have created an Amazon registry to help fund these important items. To find their registry, search "Mary's Helping Hands" in the Amazon registry list. Or drop a check off at our office if you prefer. The first 100 people to buy one will receive a token of our appreciation. Thanks and God Bless!



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

Upon Further Review

From The Word Among Us

Did you notice a theme in today's readings? Isaiah prophesies that the Temple, God's "house," will become a house of prayer "for all peoples," wherever they come from (56:7). Then Paul rejoices that Gentiles are coming to faith in Christ and entering the Church-God's house. And Jesus challenges his disciples to look at a Canaanite woman, a pagan, as someone beloved of God and deserving of his mercy.

Through these readings, we can hear God asking us to reach out to those people who might feel they don't belong in his house. They may not be the people we expect to see at Mass on Sunday, but they are part of the "all peoples" whom God is longing to welcome into his kingdom. Here are three short stories that illustrate this point:

- * Imran grew up in a devout Muslim household, but in college he became friends with some Christians whose faith and welcoming attitude moved him to start reading the New Testament.
- * Mandy loved to party, but after one hangover too many, she found an AA group meeting in the local parish. There she met a parishioner named Joan who helped her get sober-and who introduced her to the Lord.
- * Alan was a regular brawler in prison until his new cellmate convinced him to join a Bible study. The message of Jesus' forgiveness and love that he heard there pierced his heart. Now, instead of fighting, he tells other inmates about the Lord.

Jesus' heart breaks for those who don't yet know him. He is always reaching out to them, calling them into his house. And he does that by leading them to believers who *do* know him. That's us. All we have to do is befriend those people and share with them how the Lord has touched our lives. We don't have to do it perfectly, either. We just have to try, and the Spirit will work through us.

So who will God send to you today?

"Lord, open my heart to share your love with the people you put in my path today."

Donations

Please assist St. Catherine'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.

Faith Formation

Save the date of Sunday, October 1st as we kick off Encounter for the year! Encounter is St. Catherine's intergenerational faith formation program. Encounter meets after the 10:30 Mass every first Sunday of the month and is open to everyone in the community from all stages and ages of life and levels of faith. Our theme for each monthly session this year is learning about Mass. Look for more information to come soon! Contact Laura Carruthers-Green lauracatherine.green@gmail.com for more information.

Family Ministries

Households with children are invited to join St. Catherine's Family Ministry for the following:

Monday, August 21st at 6 pm:
Back-To-School BBQ at the Lucas' house

Saturday, September 9th-Sunday, Sept. 10th: Camping trip to Walnut Woods State Park (you can camp for whatever portion works for your family or just come for playing and food without the overnight)

Contact Laura Carruthers-Green lauracatherine.green@gmail.com for more information.

OUR MISSION

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church and Student Center at Drake University is an inclusive and supportive community of resident parishioners and students striving through liturgy, community, service, and faith formation to grow as servant leaders for the Catholic church and broader community.

OUR VISION

St. Catherine of Siena, a Newman community, is an inclusive spiritual "home away from home."