

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

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Evangelization

Evangelization, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is “The proclamation of Christ and his Gospel by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of Christ’s command” CCC.905; cf.861). Evangelization is a term we Catholics struggle with because we don’t get the real meaning of it or we are not able to live it. I like the Catechism’s simple definition — evangelization is a way of life. We don’t need to go around telling people we are Christians, that we are Catholics — our way of life should be testimony enough. Being baptized and receiving the other sacraments “qualifies” one to be called a Catholic. But how we live our baptism promises every day is what truly makes us a Catholic Christian.

We see our pews becoming more empty and many Churches being closed down because their congregations are shrinking. I believe we need to find new ways of evangelizing. In the month of May, I took my vacation to Kenya. As I was traveling by train from Nairobi to Mombasa, I encountered a Muslim lady, who ate nothing for most of the journey. (I didn’t know it was the holy month of Ramadan.) About 6:15 pm, she opened her bag, removed some food she had brought with her and starting sharing with other Muslims on the train because it was time to break the fast. A gentleman seated next to me wanted to know more about the Islamic religion. The lady generously explained. I was left to reflect on her explanation of her religion.

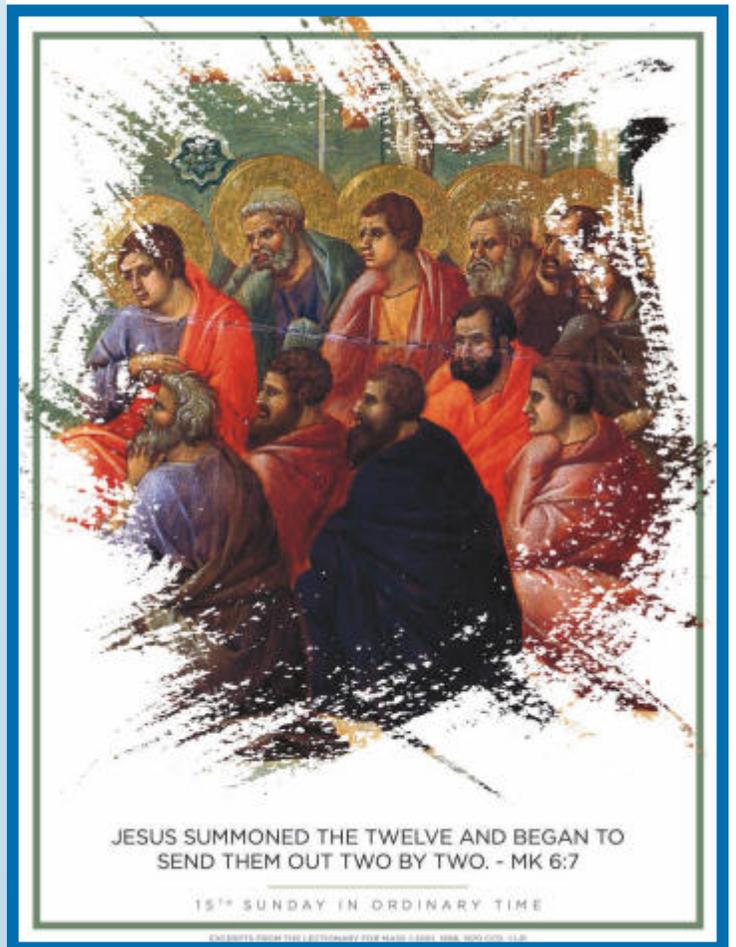
She said Islam is very welcoming; Muslims first invite people to come to a service. Once you come and are comfortable, you can be given instructions. Catholics, she said, welcome and then give you so many instructions that you are not able to process them. To some extent, there is truth in that statement.

Every baptized Christian is called to evangelize. Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Mt. 28:19-20). You don’t need to have any theological training to evangelize; living your life as a Christian is enough.

In today’s first reading, we hear of Amos being called to proclaim the Word of God. Amos responded to the call, saying God said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.” Amos was not “trained” as a prophet, but he did carry God’s message. Today’s Gospel tells of Jesus sending his disciples, instructing them to carry nothing for the journey but a walking stick. He is telling them to evangelize without prejudice, without judgment, but to simply carry the Word of God. Do we respond to Jesus’ words? To whom are we called to evangelize? *Fr. Peter Patrick*

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with Saint Sebastian**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 11, 2021

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 11	9:00 am Mass (Church)
Tuesday, July 13	8:30 am Mass (Church)
	9:00 am Faith Formation (FKCC)
	10:15 am St. Vincent de Paul (Rectory)
	4:30 pm School Committee (Virtual)
Friday, July 16	8:30 am Mass (Church)
Saturday, July 17	9:00 am Trail Experience Garden Club
Sunday, July 18	8:30 am Mass (Church)

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, July 11 - Fr. Peter Patrick
 Lectors Mary Miller, Ron Ranallo
Sunday, July 18 - Fr. Chuck
 Lectors Shayne Steliga, Bernadette Davel

Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday morning Adult Formation has resumed following 8:30 am mass in the Community Center. Consider coming on Tuesday mornings for fellowship, prayer and formation. All are welcome! Drop in one time or come regularly.

Deacon Information Session

The Archdiocese's Office of Diaconate Formation will hold an information session at St. Sebastian on Monday, July 26, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. If you want to find out more about serving as a deacon, please come. The time between now and Thanksgiving is a very important window for men to discern whether to apply for admission into the class of 2022. Application starts in January 2022.

Regular Contributions thru 6/30/21 - Week 52	\$183,094
Prior YTD Amount	<u>178,400</u>
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year	\$ 4,694

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, July 11 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Joey Badora & Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)
 Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-14/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

Monday, July 12

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 13 St. Henry

8:30 am Church and Civil Leaders
 Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian

Thursday, July 15 St. Bonaventure

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 am Peace Among All Nations
 Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/Mt 12:1-8

Sunday, July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Bonnie Dougherty (Lieb Family)
 Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

My family recently went on a good old-fashioned American road trip. We drove west on I90 through Minnesota and South Dakota. We drove up north through Wyoming and spent some time in Yellowstone National Park. We went down south into the Grand Tetons before heading back east to home, and yes, of course, we stopped at Wall Drug. It was a wonderful adventure, and I was so excited for my kids to see God's beauty all over our country. I have since heard of six different families taking the same trip this summer. I think it must be the official post-COVID trip.

The trip was incredible, but I don't want to talk to you about the travel. I want to tell you about the preparation. To go on this trip, my family did a lot of preparation. First, we planned. We put together a spread sheet with dates, destinations, mileage and timeframes. We made packing lists that consisted of clothes, toiletries, medications, sunscreen, bug spray, car activities, footwear for different occasions, rain ponchos, swimming suits and, of course, charging cords. We stopped our mail and talked to our neighbors about putting out our garbage. We put WAY more time on the preparation of the trip than we spent on the trip itself.

In the Gospel today, Jesus commissions his disciples to go out and begin their ministry. He instructs them to take nothing but a walking stick. Does he have them make itineraries? No. He tells them to go to the houses that invite them in. A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about trust. So much of Jesus' message was rooted in trust. Jesus knew that if his disciples were firmly focused on their mission that the details would fall into place. Today, we have a tendency to over plan and micromanage. Jesus reminds us to stay focused on the mission and don't sweat the details. Things won't always go to plan, but we will be okay with faith.

-- In what ways do you micromanage? When have you trusted?
 -- How do you try to live out the mission of the disciples to spread the Good News?

Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, David Teufel, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

St. Catherine School is accepting registrations for the 2021-22 school year. As a testimony of how well the school engaged students and parents during last year's socially-distanced school year, the number of students registered for the coming year has increased. Tell your neighbors about our school's success in increasing test scores even with the stress of a "hybrid" schedule. You are the school's best ambassadors.

Senior Ministry

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time." John Lubbock

"During the pandemic, we have all been on a heightened sense of alert. Stress and worry have been our constant companions. Now that things are slowly getting back to normal, we have a great need to take a step back—to relax and unwind a little. This summer may present an opportunity to do just that."

Robert Best

Sustainability Tip

During the heat of summer, cool indoor spaces seem indispensable to health and comfort. How do you ensure that you are using your home's cooling unit in a responsible manner? Insulate and seal as well as you can, clean the air filter, use fans strategically and do heat-related chores in the evening. Read more at <https://www.greenhomeguide.com/know-how/article/how-to-air-condition-your-home-responsibly>

Facing Racism

"Oh Lord, let us pray for healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism." *-adapted from USCCB*

Cleaner Needed for the Parish . . .

to keep the office and church clean and orderly. The expectation is to work 4 to 8 hours per week. Primary tasks include emptying trash, sweeping and mopping the floors and cleaning the restrooms. Get more information from Carole Poth at 414-445-5115, extension 204.

Book Club . . .

is reading "The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany" by Lori Nelson Spielman and will meet in the rectory on Thursday, August 12, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join the group and enjoy the discussion at any time.

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 6:30 pm

What Journeys Have You Taken?

Have you traveled - physically - to exotic places . . . spiritually - to new understandings? We all have arrived at this place in our lives along paths as unique as we are. Share the stories of your journeys in *Reflections of Faith*. Send them to secretary@saintcatherine.org. The deadline is July 19.

Centennial Trivia Question & Last Month's Answer

July's question is: What religious order staffed St. Catherine School throughout much of its history? Note: It was NOT the same order that staffed St. Sebastian's School. (We've received two correct answers so far.) Last month's trivia question was: When was the present St. Catherine Church building constructed? The answer is: 1949.

Consider a New "Career"

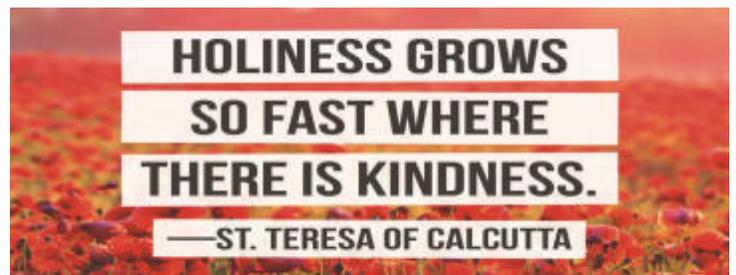
Tutors are needed to help children who are struggling to learn to read. Volunteers work one-on-one for two hours a week paired with the same students all year so meaningful relationships can develop. Training and learning modules give support. More info: Kathleen Mantz at kathleen.mantz@gmail.com

Help Our Parish Win \$20,000!

Did you ever think, "I wish we had ___ at St. Catherine's? The Catholic Community Foundation is offering an opportunity to win one of five special \$20,000 awards for a winning idea for what you think St. Catherine's needs outside of our budget or current programs. Think "outside the box" and submit your idea to Carole Poth by **tomorrow, July 12**.

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Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

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