

# Saint Catherine of Siena

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## *22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

August 29, 2021 \* 22nd Sunday \* Ordinary Time



Dear Friends,

I'm prejudiced for a variety of reasons but I love the month of August! The days are flying by and I hate to see what is coming ahead with the "official end of summer".

Even though, I never had children of my own, I did not enjoy the thoughts of Labor Day or the return to school. I always think of my friend Tracey Crowley who sincerely hated to see summer end and her children returning to school.

Last week many of our young people were off to colleges and universities! Excitement and some fear for first year students and parents who are letting the "nest" empty a bit. Please know I hold all our young people in prayer as well as all of you parents. It's exciting that these young women and men can go off to school. Let's pray all goes well and we can have an academic year with good health and people being responsible for the well being of everyone.

Last Saturday, Don Smith and Kristen Leschorn were married. For those of you who do not know, Don was on the Staff of Transfiguration for many years and now is employed by the Diocese of Rochester. This wonderful couple were married in Ontario, New York at Saint Mary's of the Lake (Saint Maximilian Parish). Many of our Staff members were able to attend and said it was a beautiful celebration. Please join me in prayers and blessings for the marriage of Don and Kristen.



Vacation Bible School x 2 was a great gift to our faith communities this summer. First of all, we celebrated "Wilderness Adventures" at the Church of the Transfiguration. I have noted this special week in previous writings. What a fantastic week it was. And, then to build upon that blessing we had VBS last week at Saint Catherine of Siena with the theme of "Attitude of Gratitude"!

New this year was that this second VBS offering was totally family oriented in the evening. From the beginning of 6 PM, dinner was offered each night to all the participants and then engaging activities of faith took place until 8PM. It was very well received and I have heard from many parents who enjoyed having the time for themselves to connect with one another. I think this might be worth repeating!!!



Big Kudos to all our volunteers and Parish Staff who worked so hard and prayerfully to make these two gems take place. Thank you to all who participated and made living and meeting the life of Jesus a joy!

So, I did share my new dental adventure! Yep, I am fortunate and it is a first world gift at being 66 years old. Some friends, who are obviously fun, sent me a picture of their Invisalign photos, and I corralled another friend at mass for a dual picture. Part of our treatment is to take pictures at a certain point with and without the braces. Well, here are my first shots with Dave & Karen.



As my dear friend Claire who is 92 years old would say, "Aren't we fortunate". She is right in saying that when we look all around us and know so many are not as fortunate as ourselves. That is why we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus and do everything we can to meet people in their need and hope.

Speaking of which, ever hear of Operation Smile? Maybe you have seen infomercials on TV. Friends of mine, Doctor Bill and Kathleen Magee created this phenomenal ministry. This blessing provides free surgery to children with cleft palate and no access to care. They travel all over the world caring for these children. I met them through their niece, Lindsey Marshall Ferrari and have been so moved by their goodness. I share this because my issue of braces is nothing in comparison to these children. If you are not already familiar with this ministry, please check it out at:

[www.operationssmile.org](http://www.operationssmile.org)

If you are so moved to assist them, tell them Rob introduced you to this gift of life.

Lastly, Deacon Pat DiLaura will be our homilist this weekend. Pat will be moving on to Saint Louis as their Deacon September 1st. I know we are all saddened to see Pat move on. He is a gift I have appreciated in my life and I know yours for so many years. Pat and Roxanne are true disciples of love. They will remain our parishioners "per the word of mouth from Pat" and we will continue to support them and their ministry with our love and prayer.

Love you Roxanne and Pat!!!!

Blessings,  
Father Rob



**SEASON OF CREATION**

The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. It begins September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on October 4 which is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron of Ecology.

This year's theme is, "A HOME FOR ALL? RENEWING THE OIKOS OF GOD." Oikos is the Greek word for "home". By rooting our theme in the concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the earth; we focus on the fact that the Earth belongs to God and each creature belongs to this common home.

You are invited to join the Prayer Service for Creation Day this Wednesday, September 1st on line at:

[www.SeasonsofCreation.org](http://www.SeasonsofCreation.org)



Let Us Pray!

Creator of All,

We are grateful that from Your communion of love, You created our planet to be a home for all. By Your Holy Wisdom You made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises You in their being and cares for one another from our place in this web of life.

In this season of Creation, we pray that the breath of Your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to Your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of Your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.

We offer our prayer, in the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.



**Want to be Catholic?**

God speaks to our hearts in so many ways. Have you ever felt drawn to learning about what Catholics believe and practice, with the possibility of you, yourself, becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) offers to those who have never been baptized ... or those who were baptized Catholic but never practiced their faith, never received their First Communion nor were Confirmed, just that opportunity.

If you would like to know more or to be part of this Faith Journey, call Ruth at 624-4990 or e-mail: [ruth.maier@dor.org](mailto:ruth.maier@dor.org)

**SEPTEMBER ROSARY**

The first Wednesday of every month, Laura & Clyde Cutter invite you to join them at 7pm in the Chapel or on FaceBook—Live to pray the Rosary. The first Wednesday in September is September 1st. Know that all are welcome!



**Please know that Prayer Shawls are available for those who are ill or grieving. To obtain a Prayer Shawl for someone in need, you can see Ruth after Mass or call (624 - 4990) or stop by the Parish Office.**



**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### Announcing a Seminar on Alcoholism

**Join us on September 12th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Catherine's Church, Dan C. will tell you how he lost just about everything as a result of his addiction, and what his life is like today.**

I started drinking regularly at 16 and by 18 was drinking daily. I became addicted to drugs and in a few short years life got dark. I lost all of my friends and my family was afraid of me. I dropped out of college and couldn't hold down a job. I knew I was in trouble but I didn't see a way out. I was introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous and slowly started listening to what people were saying. I started to understand they had a solution to my problem. I got a sponsor, worked the 12 steps, found a new relationship with God and my life has changed. I am now 9 years sober, married with 3 kids, have a job and am a responsible member of society. Through this journey, I have also reconnected with my faith and I am an active member at my parish.



**SILENCE IN THE FACE OF EVIL  
IS ITSELF EVIL.  
GOD WILL NOT HOLD US GUILTY.  
NOT TO SPEAK IS TO SPEAK.  
NOT TO ACT IS TO ACT.**

**-Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

German pastor & theologian  
martyred by the Nazis  
for not being silent.

### Elizabeth Ministry



Elizabeth Ministry is a Catholic support network for miscarriages, still birth and infant loss. As local Catholic women who have experienced the loss of a child, our goal is to offer support to women and families suffering through a similar loss.

We strive to provide emotional, spiritual & practical support to women and families. We offer ongoing support by being available in person or over the phone to talk, to listen and pray together.

In May and October we sponsor a Mass of Remembrance at various parishes throughout the Diocese. We distribute comfort kits, provide resources and help make logistical arrangements. If you (or a loved one) are seeking support or are interested in joining our mailing list, contact:

Molly Hickey at [ElizabethMinistryROC@gmail.com](mailto:ElizabethMinistryROC@gmail.com) or  
Janene Loughran at 585-329-1974



the Sanctuary Candle  
August 29—September 4, 2021  
for  
**Paula Treggett**

**GRIEF SHARE**  
Starts Wed., 9/8/21

### Grief Share at Transfiguration

Our Grief Share Support Group begins on Wednesday, 9/8/21. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, workbook and shared conversation with each session led by an experienced and caring facilitator. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this twelve-week program on Wednesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM in our Parish Life Center. Materials cost - \$25.00. Registration forms are on our website or by contacting the parish office. Questions? Please contact Margie Benza at [margie.benza@dor.org](mailto:margie.benza@dor.org) or at 248-2427 x244. Registrations are due 9/3/2021.

## THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Dr. Joe Kelly Fall Series

**The Unique Features of the Gospel of Luke  
Church of the Transfiguration**

**Wednesdays: October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021**

**RSVP required for planning purpose.**

On the first Sunday of Advent 2021, our Sunday Gospel readings will once more come from the Gospel of Luke. As we listen to these readings, we often hear much that is familiar to us. But in fact, there is a great deal of material (about 40%) found in this Gospel that is found only in Luke. This is 4-week series will explore some of the wonderfully unique stories and themes that add so much to our understanding of the ministry of Jesus. Come and be surprised by this amazing Gospel.

Please contact Meg Kastner;  
[meg.kastner@dor.org](mailto:meg.kastner@dor.org);  
248-2427 or 624-4990  
Provide an email address or phone  
number with your RSVP. Thank you.  
>>> All are welcome ! <<<<



Join us on **Wednesday, September 15, 2021** for Notre Dame Retreat House's **Day of Prayer**

(Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424)

"Feeding the Spiritual Hungers"



**Presented by:** Rev. Robert Werth. Fr. Werth is a priest within the Diocese of Rochester for the last 42 years. He is currently serving as Parochial Vicar at Cabrini Rochester. He has a Masters in Scriptures and in Social Work and is also a Licensed Master Social Worker. *Conference 9:30am – 12:00pm* followed by lunch, free time, confessions and day ends with mass at 2:00pm. There is a \$25.00 fee. Please register by calling 585-394-5700 or email



**Women in the Spirit  
Needs a Committee Leader  
&  
Committee Members**




Covid has impacted many things, one of them being the committee that plans and facilitates our monthly Women in the Spirit gatherings. New members are needed to listen to the women of our clustered parishes and recommend ways to nurture their desire to share in the practice of our faith, spirituality and our Catholic teachings. We hope to create a forum for women to discover, learn, pray and serve together through guest speakers, discussions, service projects, community activities, book reviews and lots of conversation.

The time commitment is the first Monday evening of each month with some planning sessions along the way. Our goal is to have a committee leader plus 10 members in place by September 2021 resulting in a plan to offer our community of women by January 2022.

If this committee is something that you would like to be a part of or explore further, please contact Meg Kastner.; [Meg.Kastner@dor.org](mailto:Meg.Kastner@dor.org) / 248-2427 or 624-4990. Thank you!

★ **Star Lights** ★  
 "Stars of St. Catherine's lighting the world"  
 August 2021

**Scott Tubbs  
& Kathy Goldbach**

I would like to nominate Scott Tubbs and Kathy Goldbach for a Star Light award. A couple of weekends ago, we received almost four inches of rain in 24 hours. As a result, three large trees uprooted and landed on the lawn & the fire pit at the rear of the church. I spoke to Scott and he said that he would cut them up for fire wood and clean up this area. Kathy said she would help and they both spent many hours cutting and clearing the trees and limbs off of the lawn areas. Within the week after the storm, the grass area and fire pit area were cleared of all debris and raked clean. You would never know there were large trees uprooted there. This job would have cost our parish a lot of money to remove these trees.

This is stewardship in action and both of these stewards deserve a big thank you!

★ ★ Gratefully,  
Bob Goldbach

*Summer*  
**YOUTH  
NITES**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH ARE WELCOME!  
FREE EVENTS



**Outdoor Movie Nite @  
St. Catherine  
8/31 @ 7-9pm**

*Bottle and Cans*

This weekend, August 28/29, is the last weekend of our on-site bottles and cans collection. However you may continue to donate your bottles and cans to St. Catherine's **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND** by taking them to the Nickle and Dime Redemption Center located at 1350 Pittsford– Mendon Rd. , Bldg. 12 ( in back of plaza) or 2 Main St., Bloomfield (corner of Main and Maple Streets). Be sure to tell them you would like your returns to go to the St. Catherine of Siena Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for your support!





# Mass Intentions

Legend: S = St. Catherine of Siena; T = Transfiguration

**Sunday, August 29, 2021** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*\*\*Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

T-8:45 am Mass: Bill Maher by Amy Maher  
Mary Alice Bessette by Roxanne & Dcn. Pat DiLaura  
S-10:45 am Mass: Dorothy Redding by David Redding

**Monday, August 30, 2021**

\*\*\*1 Thes 4:13-18/ Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

T-6:45 am Mass: For Peace & Justice

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

\*\*\*1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

S-9:00 am Mass: Care of God's Creation

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

\*\*\*Col 1:1-18/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

T-6:45 am Mass: Grace & Art Roberts Sr. by the Roberts Family

**Thursday, September 2, 2021**

\*\*\*Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

S-9:00 am Mass: The People of St. Catherine of Siena

**Friday, September 3, 2021**

\*\*\*Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

T and S – No Service

**Saturday, September 4, 2021**

\*\*\*Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

T-4:00 pm Mass: Donna Blasko by Mary, Ed & Ward Blasko

S-5:30 pm Mass: Mary Alice Bessette

by Deacon Jim & Josephine Carra

**Sunday, September 5, 2021** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

\*\*\*Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

T-8:45 am Mass: Bette Burgunder by Debbie & Jim Mulcahy

Tom Tripp by The Empty Nesters

S-10:45 am Mass: Betty Hurley by Stewardship Ministry

## WELCOME HOME

2021-2022 Stewardship of Treasure

	Actual	Budget	Var
Weeks Ending 8/15/2021	\$5,463	\$6,144	(\$681)
July 1 - August 22, 2021	\$84,274	\$80,603	\$3,671

*Thank you for your continued Generosity!*



## Mass Honoring First Responders

on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 11, 2021  
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
Rochester, New York

Please join Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, as, in gratitude, we pray to God for the safety of all First Responders who so selflessly serve our community, and for all who served with courage in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, especially those who gave their lives or were injured

## HARVEST EXCHANGE TABLE

The annual Harvest Exchange Table is on the Porch and ready for your garden produce sharing. The Exchange Table is for those who wish to share the abundance of their harvest with non-gardeners or exchange their produce... example: green beans for yellow squash; tomatoes for cucumbers, etc...

It's nice to



## Earth Angels Prayer Ministry

Although our Earth Angels Ministry has not been meeting each week after 10:30am Mass during this pandemic time, your prayer requests are still welcome.

You can submit them on our Website: <https://saintcath.org/earth-angels> OR you can still drop your request in the Collection Baskets when you come to Church. Every request is confidential. You do not need to sign your name if you do not wish. Each request is prayed for individually.

## Earth Angel Prayer Request

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Masses: Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 10:45am
Tuesday & Thursday 9am



Reconciliation: Saturday by appointment

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