

# Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Parish

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## Our Mission

...is to respond to the Love of God ,  
to be a visible sign of Christ's life.  
We are striving, with the help of  
the Holy Spirit, to bring the presence  
of Christ's life and love to all.

## Bulletin

### Online & by email:

saintcatherine.com

**Submissions:** deadline Thursday the  
week prior, earlier near the holidays

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm  
Friday 9am-noon

## Mass Schedule

Daily: Tuesday-Friday 8:15am HSC  
Communion: M & Sat 8:15am HSC  
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 pm,  
Sunday 8:30am, 11am in the church

## Confessions

Sat. 3:15 -3:45 pm or by appointment

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**CARING  
FOR  
GOD'S  
HOUSE**

**Pledge Update:  
as of December 29, 2017**

**Number of pledges: 102  
Amount pledged: \$57,265  
Received: \$45,015**

January 14, 2018

The Christmas lights are down and manger scene and Christmas trees are back in the boxes ! But we are still in Emmanuel experience. God is always with us. This weekend we are welcoming Rev. Timothy Coday C.PP.S. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries.

And it is a great way to give the Emmanuel experience to the children who really needed our help around the world.

Please remember to pray for our parishioners and friends who are sick and going through treatments these days you will find their names on page 6 .We are so excited to start our new Youth Ministry. Please encourage Ellie as she is beginning her ministry among us.

Fr Thomas.

I am the 2<sup>nd</sup> of eleven children and for the past two years I lived and volunteered in London at a retreat center for the young people of Westminster Diocese. Before that I have lived off and on in foreign missions with my family since 2010. Starting in February St. Catherine's is going to hold a Praise and Adoration event, which will hopefully be held once a month in the church. Everyone and anyone is invited! We are also in the midst of planning a youth group that will run at least once a month and will give the young people of our parish the chance to encounter God in a personal way .If you feel like God is prompting you to help in any way, my phone number and email are below and I would love to hear from you! Thank you so much to everyone who has already offered to help me in this ministry. Please pray for me, the young people who will be attending and everyone who will be helping to put these events together.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

**First Reading** — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).



**Mind, Body and Soul ~** Join us for classes every Tuesday evening at 6pm in Coleman Hall. Classes are one hour and the cost is only \$7.00. Bring your own mat....ALL levels are welcome!



Thank you Knights all you do for the St Catherines. Always great to be at the Monthly breakfast on every first Sunday.



The Lord does not only call people like Samuel and the two disciples. God calls each of us. We must be attentive to God’s presence in prayer, sacred scripture, the sacraments, interactions with others, the beauty of creation. We are to grow in willingness to respond, to live as God’s people in the daily circumstances of our lives. Eli’s guidance to Samuel is for us as well: with an open heart and mind, we do well to say to God, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Like the two disciples in today’s Gospel, we must be ready to set aside whatever might stand in the way of our relationship with Christ and our Christian living. It was more than Simon’s name that changed. The disciples discovered in Jesus a new way of life, and they shared the good news of this life with all.



The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.  
—St. Francis de Sales

Please bring soup cans for the food pantry to celebrate **SOUPER BOWL** with our friends in need.



Again in 2018, Retrouvaille will be having 3 weekends for couples. We will have one on January 26-28th at Saviour Pastoral Center.

# Year End Tax Statements!

As a parish, we provided your year- end tax statements per your request for the last two years. This year, we will print out everyone's contribution statements, but we will not mail them out. We ask that you pick up your copy in the office; but if you were not able to pick up yours, please call the office and we will mail it to you. Your statements will be available for pick up starting the week of January 22, 2018!

Thank you for your generous financial support to your Parish!



**It's NEW...it's for YOU...yes YOU...come join us for our first BOOK CLUB.**

WHEN: Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm

WHERE: Specific Parish location TBD

WHAT: BUSY LIVES & RESTLESS SOULS by Becky Eldredge

Info about the book:

*If you've already figured out your life and feel totally complete, then this book may not be for you. But if you are like the rest of us, every day presents a mountain of to-do items, jobs to go to, errands to run, projects to complete, meals to cook, children to raise... You forge ahead and get it done, but you know that things aren't as they should be. Even when you check every item off your daily list, you still feel as though something meaningful and essential is missing from the very center of your life.*

*Spiritual director and writer Becky Eldredge has felt that same longing, and she knows what people are missing—a relationship with God through prayer. In *Busy Lives & Restless Souls*, Eldredge interprets principles of Ignatian spirituality in a fresh way to equip us with prayer tools that are accessible and practical within the relentless realities of our daily routines. Just as important, she shows us how we can bring our relationship with God to life by becoming what St. Ignatius called “contemplatives in action.” For all who sense that there is a missing peace in their lives, *Busy Lives & Restless Souls* will help them find it—right where they are.*

## IMPORTANT DETAILS

You can purchase the book on your own as it can be found on Amazon and Loyola Press, Kindle versions available OR you leave \$11.50 in check or cash in parish office, kindly mark envelope “BOOK CLUB” (to order the deadline is: Wednesday, January 17, 2018).

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Shelangouski @ 636/697-5918.

## Getting to Know SPRED



**Jennifer Hudson**

I have lived in the Kansas City area my whole life. I am the youngest of 3 children. I grew up near St. Catherine Parish and attended OLOP school 6th through 8th grade and then went to O'Hara High School. I started working at Sam's Club the year I graduated up until 3 years ago. I now work for an apparel manufacturer.

I currently live in Belton, Mo. with my husband, Jeff, of 17 years and our dog, Tito. Together, we enjoy camping, boating, fishing and traveling. We love to be on the move. For the past 6 years we have had a permanent residence for our camper close to Truman Lake in Warsaw, Mo. where we spend our time on the weekends.

For as long as I can remember I have been involved in SPRED. My mother was a previous Activity Catechist and I was invited to go on SPRED outings when I was a teenager, as well as volunteering with the Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Years later in 2001 I was invited to join SPRED as a Helper Catechist. It is a commitment, but one that has been rewarding. I enjoy getting together and seeing everyone. We have been together so long, SPRED is more like an extended family.

**SPRED is in need of two more catechists. If interested, please contact Judy Shute: [gegejuju44@gmail.com](mailto:gegejuju44@gmail.com). SPRED Open Mass on August 26, 2018 With Bishop Johnston. All are welcome!!!**

## Music Ministry Corner



**Now is a great time to join the choir. We rehearse 7pm in the church on Thursdays and sing at the 4pm Saturday Mass. Contact Bob Sandford for info: [bsandford@saintcatherine.com](mailto:bsandford@saintcatherine.com) or 816-761-5483x102.**

### Why Sing?

So many expressions like "finding your own voice" and "speaking up for yourself" suggest what we already suspect: are voices are deeply personal. By them we express who we are and what we care about. By them we sustain our relationships with God and neighbor. By them we sow discord or peace. Singing our prayer, we offer up ourselves and open ourselves to the loving grace of God.

~Bob Sandford

### Today's Psalm—Ps 40:2,4, 7-8

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.  
I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.  
And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.

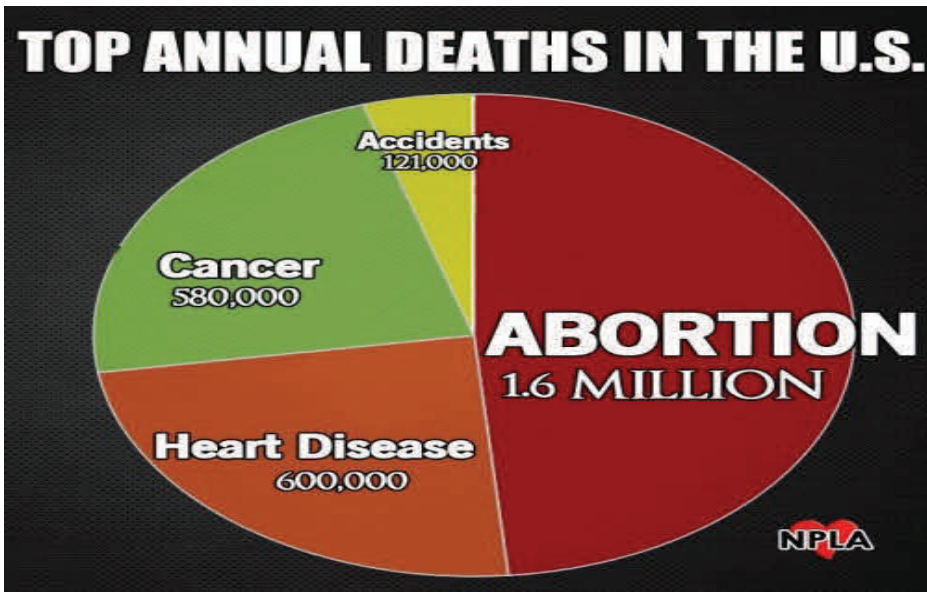
Sacrifice or offering you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, "Behold I come."

### Next Weekend's Music Ministers Schedule

**Mass: 1/20-21/2018: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 Sounds of Siena Choir with Li-Hsin  
8:30 Amy, Li-Hsin, Bob, Russ, John  
11:00 Judy, Killian, Li-Hsin, Bob, Frank

The purpose of the annual March for Life in Washington DC is to end the evil of murdering babies in the womb and finally overturn the horrific decision in “Roe vs. Wade” of 1973. Our parish vocation committee members are so active and praying together and encouraging people to support and love pro life organizations. If you have questions to ask or love to contribute for the cause please contact Bob Baldwin or Vocation committee members. Thank you for your support. Jesus loves you all.



## Please Hold in your prayers

Frank and Bea Woods, Mike Largo, Coleene Espinosa, Mike Gnefkow, Roberta Aguirre, Bob, Mary & Kathleen Baldwin, Jennifer Barchers, Paul Becker, Vicky Cordy Binder, Lucy Biondo, Merle Bockes, Courtney Boeding, Bernadine Bowers, Jim Brooks, Linda Butcher, Jane Butler, Marie Campbell, Mary Kay Carroll, Pat Carroll, Jim Connole, Shelley Cunningham, Clements Denning, Mary Dowd, Myrtle Eisele, Nora Ferguson, Ray & Val Ficken, Margie Flores, Joe Fusco, Carmen Garcia, Maggie Glynn, Barbara Golubski, Cookie Gregg, Joe, Harris, Rita Hutman, Gary Ising, Caleb Johnson, Julie Johnson, Richard Kirchner, Frances Lanigan, Mike Largo, Ken Latimer, Judy Leeds, John Malena, Mike Meckes, Jerry Miller, Linda Moore, John O'Connor, Pauline Paschke, Donna Rodrigues, Rachelle Gardner-Roe, Bill & Karen Schelper, Judy Schute, Heather Anderson-Smith, Bonnie Smith, Lori Sutton, Joni Swaney, Paula Sweeny, Leann Thompson, Ernie Wine, Mike & Janelle Yonke. and all the elderly, infirmed, homebound and their caretakers

### Our Family and Friends Who Need Prayers:

David Chael (brother of Rick Chael); Brian Effertz (Son of Mick and Donna Effertz); Anthony Hicks (Son in Law of Mick and Donna Effertz); Mark Ewigman (brother of John Ewigman); Betty Matthews (mother of Shelia Owens); Tom Muller; Richard Owensby (son-in-law of Pauline Paschke); Yoko Rowland; Tina Santee-Johnson (daughter of Sam Santee, Sr.); Michael and Theresa Valentine (friends of Francis Passer); Karen (Stone) Pendzinski; Pat Wombwell (previous parishioner and Catchiest with SPRED)

### Our Service Personnel:

**US Navy:** ENS Zachary Henry, SN Juliet Connole, Cpl. Laura Munsell

**Army:** Col. Andrews, Sgt. Eric Scott, Pvt. Quinton Smith, Cpt. Josiah Freemyer, MC. L. Michael Rodriguez, SN.

**Marines:** 2nd Lt. Anthony Kinnard

## Parish Income

First Weekend of January 2018

Offertory Envelope	\$ 7011.00
Plate Cash & Checks	\$ 302.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7313.00</b>

HVAC	\$ 460.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 6204.00

**Total Collections**            **\$ 13,977.00**

## Mass Intentions

Week of January 15th

**Monday, January 15**

**Tuesday, January 16**

8:15 am Communion service

**Wednesday, January 17**

8:15 am Gene Rockers

**Thursday, January 18**

8:15 am Herman Bensing

**Friday, January 19**

8:15 am Chuck Naudet HSC

**Saturday, January 20**

4:00pm All Parishoners

**Sunday, January 21**

8:30am Herman Bensing

11:00am Ed Sutherlin

## Lector and Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend of January 27 th and 28 th

### Saturday 4pm Mass

Lector: Imogene Goss

EM Head: Linus Goth

EM: Peggy Goth

EM: Jean Thurston

### Sunday 8:30am

Lector: Van Tillmon

EM Head: Mary Roach

EM: Laura Tillmon

EM: Andrea Cummings

### Sunday 11am

Lector: Donna Johnson

EM Head: Jim Lee

EM: Jim Owens

EM: Sheila Owens

## Parish Calendar

### January 15Th-21 St

Monday, January 15th

7 PM Scouts

Tuesday, January 16th

7 PM Birchwood Ass. Meeting

2PM Vocation Committee

6 PM Yoga

6:30 PM SPRED-PP

Wednesday, January 17th

7PM RCIA

Thursday, January 18h

6pm Cub Scouts

7-8.30 Adult choir rehearsal

Friday, January 19th

5-8 PM Scouts Pinewood

Saturday, January 20th

10am Quilting

3:15 Confession

4pm Mass Rev. Timothy

Sunday, January 21 st

8:30am Mass Rev. Timothy

11:00am Mass Rev. Timothy

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)