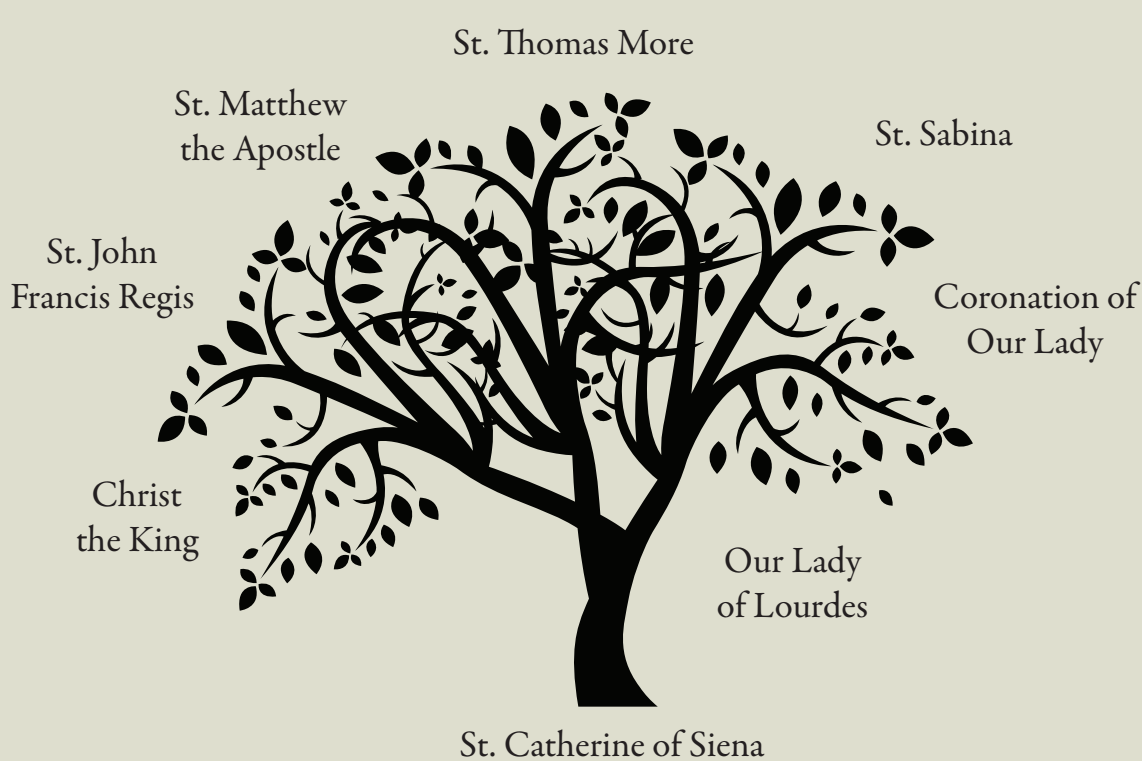


# Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

*a Legacy of Faith in  
Kansas City, Missouri  
1925-2023*

## Mother Church

CHURCHES FORMED FROM THE ORIGINAL PARISH BOUNDARIES



## A story only God can fully tell

A congenial spirit and a shared commitment to faith has been on display throughout the entire rich history of St. Catherine of Siena church. Thousands of people lent their hands and hearts over the last 98 years to create a vibrant, welcoming community.

1920

Rev. Thomas Kane  
1926-1931

1925 The first Mass is offered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Walsh on November 22, the Feast of St. Cecilia

1926 The first permanent church and rectory are built and the first Mass is offered on Christmas day



1930

Fr. Michael Ahern  
1932-33

1931 Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary are invited to teach catechism on Sundays

Rev. James P. Nichol  
1934-40



1942 St. Catherine's school begins with 42 pupils

1940

Rev. Bernard Hale  
1941-49

1948 A new school building is built to accommodate continued growth

1950

Msgr. Joseph Ruysser  
1950-78

1954 With increased growth, a new addition to the school is built.  
1956 A new church is built with a seating capacity of 600 and the first Mass is offered on Christmas day

1960



1962 The Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary move into their new convent.

1965 Peak attendance is achieved with 1480 church families and 1,255 elementary students

1965 Bishop Helmsing established three new parishes within St. Catherine's territorial limits: St. John Francis Regis, St. Matthew the Apostle and St. Thomas More



1970

Msgr. Emmett Summers 1978-79

1974 In what was becoming a tradition, the first Mass is offered in our current church on Christmas day, increasing the seating capacity to 850

1974 The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, because of declining numbers, are forced to withdraw as teachers at St. Catherine's school

1980

Fr. Thomas Ward  
1979-88

1981 A plan to consolidate schools from surrounding parishes is formed, incorporating Coronation of Our Lady and St. Matthew the Apostle, and later, St. Sabina, into the newly named Our Lady of Peace school

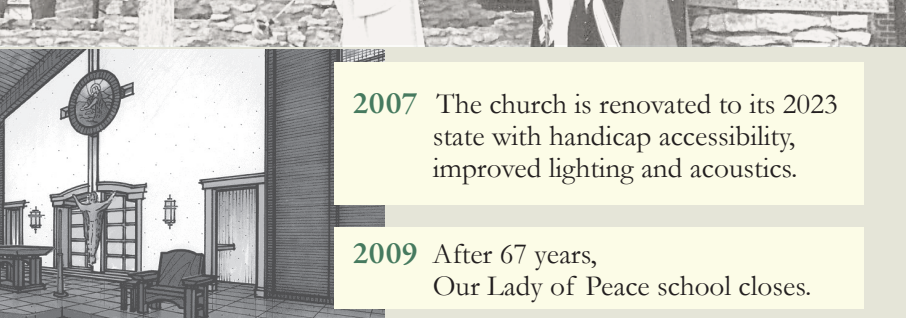


1990

Fr. John R. Tulipana 1988-92

Fr. John C. Schule  
1992-98

1991 On the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, the beautiful Shrine of the Holy Family prayer garden was dedicated.



2000

Fr. Bob Stone  
1998-2009

2007 The church is renovated to its 2023 state with handicap accessibility, improved lighting and acoustics.

2009 After 67 years, Our Lady of Peace school closes.

2010

Fr. Bob Kerr  
2009-16

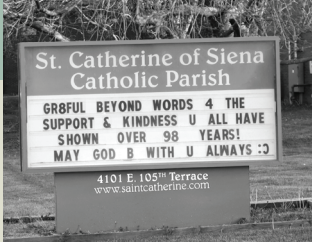
Fr. Sunoj Thomas  
2016-22

2020 Deanery V Blue Ridge Corridor plan released

2023 Parish closing announced. Final Mass Saturday, April 29

2020

Fr. Justin Hoye  
2022-23



### SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE PRIESTS

who have shepherded God's faithful at St. Catherine of Siena throughout its history.

Pastors listed above. Associates and in-residence:

William O'Brien (1948)  
Bishop Michael Francis McAuliffe (1948)  
Gottlieb Steinwachs (1954)  
Michael Lynch (1955-57)  
John Leitner (1955-60)  
Robert Cameron (1960-62),  
Francis McGlynn (1961-64)  
Raymond Jackson (1963-64)

John Frame (1965-67),  
Walter Zientarski (1968-69)  
Bruce Heining (1968)  
Donald Paa (1969-73)  
Francis Shimono (1971-72, 1976-78)  
Robert Hager (1973)  
Msgr. Joseph Killgallon (1977-79)  
Francis Daly (1978-79)

Lloyd Opoka (1979-81)  
Thomas Ward (1979-88)  
Marcellus Jankowski (1981-82)  
David Holloway (1982-86),  
Robert Murphy (1982-85)  
Thomas Borkowski (1986-88)  
Paul Evers (1991-92)  
John P. Coleman (1988-2003)