



# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH



“ I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will remain. “ JN 15:16

# 27th Sunday

in Ordinary Time | October 8, 2017



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**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am and 11:15 am

**DAILY MASSES**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:15 pm

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM

Dear Friends,

Your generosity to our neighbors, who have suffered untold damage from infamous Hurricane Harvey, is truly outstanding. To date, we have 40 volunteers whose services range from professional free legal and tax services, to yard cleaning, hauling, and hands-on packing. Financial donations keep coming in. Last weekend, \$2000 was spent on gift cards for the most basic of needs; from tools, to food, to cleaning supplies. There is a list of cards on the other page across from my letter in the bulletin, that list where services and goods are still needed if you would like to help.

A name sake parish, St. Catherine of Siena in Wichita, Kansas, along with their CCE teachers and students, have donated very generously to our outreach ministry. So have many of your neighbors and relatives from all parts of the country. Some of our CCE students spent last Sunday's class creating, composing, and illustrating, their own thank-you cards for their new-found friends in Wichita, Kansas. Some of these cards deserve an award for imagination and outright originality! I may publish some of them in one of our upcoming bulletin to put a smile on our faces and cheer us up in these trying times.

Please remember there are no CCE classes Oct. 8th, in order to celebrate the Columbus Day holiday, and for the few Canadians among us Happy Thanksgiving!

We are truly thankful and appreciative of all your small and large acts of loving kindness. A special thanks goes to Betty Vitek, who has abandoned her retirement plans for the moment, to coordinate all this labor of love for the parish. If you have any needs as a result of this terrible storm, or have some good information to pass on to us for those in need, please let us know.

God Bless,

*Fr. Niall*



# OCTOBER 8, 2017 • TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT & FISH FRY

### 3rd Annual TRUNK-OR-TREAT & CAJUN FISH FRY BENEFIT DINNER Saturday, October 28th 6-8pm

**What do skeletons say before they begin dining?  
Bone appetit !**

A RAVEN good time! Volunteer, host a decorated trunk, or just come to support our parishioners, the Huber family, and Jordan's Guardian Angels, which raises funds in support of research for potential in correcting the rare gene mutation called PPP2R5D. ALL proceeds from the event will be donated.

Learn more and sign up at the display in the narthex, the church Facebook page, or email [scsmomsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:scsmomsgroup@gmail.com)

## CLUB 55+

### OCTOBER MEETING

The next Club 55+ Meeting and Luncheon will be on Sunday, October 8. Our Guest Speaker will be Mark Ciesielski from the Diocesan Office of The Aging. Plan to come out and join us for food, socializing, and good information from 12:30 - 2 PM.

### OCTOBER LUNCHEON

The October Luncheon will be on Monday, October 16 at 1:15 PM. The location will be Rudi Lechners on Gessner. Plan to come out and celebrate Oktoberfest with us.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

**Please join us on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00**, in the parish center for a evening of fun and fellowship. We will be playing a very simple and fast moving game while enjoying snacks. Participation in the game is optional but please bring \$6 should you want to play. The proceeds will be donated to a family who was flooded during Harvey. If you have any questions, please contact Joi Kingsley 832-607-8752. Hope to see you there.

## HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

### Practical Ways to Help - Retail gift cards

Help displaced families recover household goods, clothing, and items for daily living. Gift cards from these retailers are particularly useful:

- Lowe's and Home Depot
- Target and Walmart
- Kroger and HEB
- Macy's, Kohl's, or other clothing retailers
- Best Buy or other electronics retailers
- Sears, Conns or other appliance retailers
- Restaurant gift cards (fast food or dine-in)
- Generic VISA gift cards

All are grateful for your generosity. Contact Fr. Niall if you have questions or email Betty Vittek if you can help with these needs, [betty.vitek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:betty.vitek@sbcglobal.net)

## PARISH CALENDAR

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Mission of Yahweh Food Collection*

SAT	10/7	<b>5 PM Mass</b> †Gene Evan
SUN	10/8	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> No CCE (Columbus Day Holiday) <b>11:15 AM Mass</b> 12:30 - 2PM Club 55+ Luncheon and Meeting
TUE	10/10	<b>12:15 PM Weekday Mass</b> St Angie Evan 10 AM - 12 noon St. Catherine Crafter's
WED	10/11	<b>12:15 PM Weekday Mass</b> 7 - 8:30 PM Bible Study 7 - 8:30 PM Women's Group
THU	10/12	<b>12:15 PM Weekday Mass</b> St Billy & Dorothy Buchala 54th Wedding Anniv. 10:30 - 12 noon Bible Study
FRI	10/13	<b>12:15 PM Weekday Mass</b>

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT	10/14	<b>5 PM Mass</b> †Ray Alsmeyer
SUN	10/15	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> CCE (Columbus Day Holiday) <b>11:15 AM Mass</b>

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - OPEN HOUSE



**Open House!** Sunday November 5, 2017 from 1pm-3pm

Please plan to attend and see why it's a great day to become a Lion!

You will have the opportunity to learn more about our college preparatory curriculum, tour the campus, meet faculty & administration as well as current students & parents.

For more information: visit [www.sj23lions.org](http://www.sj23lions.org), call the Main Office at 281.693.1000, or email [admissions@sj23lions.org](mailto:admissions@sj23lions.org).

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**ST. AGNES ACADEMY** invites all interested prospective students and their families to attend the annual **Open House on Wednesday, October 18th at 7 PM**. St. Agnes Academy is an all-girls Catholic college preparatory high school located at 9000 Bellaire Blvd. in southwest Houston. **For more information, visit [st-agnes.org](http://st-agnes.org)**