

St. Catherine ENCOUNTER

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COMMUNITY

WELCOME TO ENCOUNTER NEWS

Thank you for registering your child to have an encounter with us this year! We are so excited to launch a new Religious Education program that moves away from classroom instruction to more experiential and peer learning model. We are also excited to offer our youth 20 encounters with Jesus through the course of this year.

Each week, we will provide you an update with the fun encounters our youth had and ways that you can continue the encounter at home as a family. Encounter News is your way to get engaged your child's faith life and bring the parish home with you.

ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

We encounter Jesus in community because He established the Church to be His Body on earth. When we gather together as Christians, Jesus comes into our midst as he promises, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

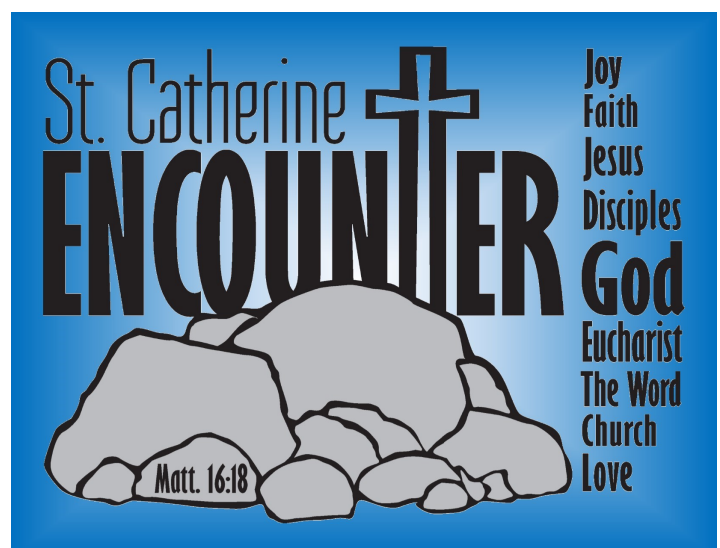
The early Church understood gathering in community as one of the four pillars of the Christian way of life (see Acts 2:42). Being a Christian is difficult. We need the help of others to encourage us in carrying out works of love and being faithful to Jesus' teachings.

To learn more about the importance of Christian community, a good article to read can be found at: biblestudyforcatholics.com/importance-christian-community.

HOW WE ENCOUNTERED COMMUNITY

Today's session provided us an opportunity to get to know one another in our community through icebreakers, games, and mountain building. From this coming Sunday's Gospel (Mark 10:2-16), we discovered that we can experience Jesus' presence in one another when we gather together as children of God to form a community of believers.

We learned that Jesus built his community, the Church, upon St. Peter, whose name means "rock" and was the first pope. Jesus builds our faith upon rock as well. We attempted to build mountains from dirt, sand, and wood, but they fell apart when faced with challenges. Only rocks form a strong foundation. We need to make our faith "rock solid" by participating in the Christian community established by Jesus.



HELP OUR ST. CATHERINE BAZAAR

Each year, our Encounter families help make baskets for the Silent Auction at the Parish Bazaar, which is one of the biggest events in our community. Different grades have different themes that form one basket. The themes are as follows:

1st Grade and RCIA: Art Basket

Content Ideas—crayons, paints, construction paper, play dough, colored pencils, sidewalk chalk, paint brushes, finger paints, finger paint paper, glitter, markers, scissors, stickers.

2nd Grade: Baking Basket

Content Ideas-- different chips/morsels, vanilla, sprinkles, frostings, baking powder, baking soda, cookie cutters, measuring cups, spoons, oven mitt, flour, sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, oil, baking pans, apron.

3rd and 4th Grades: Pet Lovers Basket

Content Ideas-- Gift card to a pet store, dog (or cat) toys, dog (or cat) food bowls, pet jersey or sweater, shampoo and other grooming supplies, a leash.

5th and 6th Grades: Baby Boy Basket

Content Ideas— Diapers, diaper bag, onesies, burp cloths, infant toys, board books, teething rings, baby socks, bibs.

7th and 8th Grades: Outdoor Adventures Basket

Content Ideas— Sleeping bag, fishing pole, mini lanterns, playing cards, fixings for s'mores (graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate), head lamps, bug spray, citronella candles, gift cards to outdoor stores.

Confirmation Students: Baby Girl Basket

Content Ideas—Diapers, diaper bag, onesies, burp cloths, infant toys, board books, teething rings, baby socks, bibs.

**Youth should bring in items no later than:
October 16th for Tuesday sessions and
October 17th for Wednesday sessions.**

Thank you so much for your help.

PRACTICE COMMUNITY AT HOME

- ◆ Today, your child learned that the Church gathers as a community at Mass each Sunday. Make a commitment this year to attend Mass as a family each Sunday to become involved in our parish community.
- ◆ Did you know St. Catherine families meet in their neighborhoods each month? Find out which Parish Neighborhood Community you live in by seeing the map at www.stcatherineop.com/communities and attend their next meeting.
- ◆ Volunteer for the St. Catherine Bazaar to get to know more people in our parish community. Sign up at <http://bazaar5.wixsite.com/stcatsfallbazaar>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come-N-Play – Saturday, October 6 at 9:00am

Fun family play for children ages 5 and younger.
This month's theme: Firefighters!

**Time Travelers (Children's Liturgy of the Word) -
Sunday, October 7 at 9:50am**

Reconciliation Meeting – October 14 at 1:30pm

Confirmation Meeting - October 14 at 3:00pm

St. Catherine Bazaar – October 19, 20, 21

Encounter Questions?

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Next Week's Theme:

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