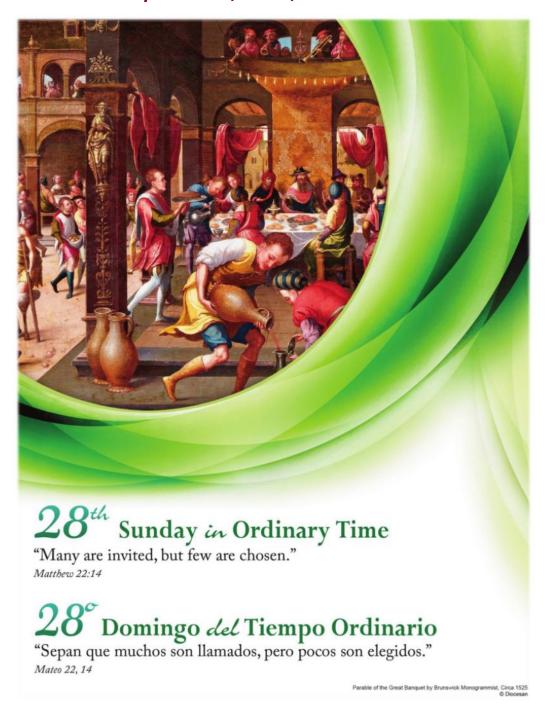
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October 11, 2020 The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

Some of you are probably wondering why we are still celebrating First Communions and Confirmations at the weekend Masses after all these weeks. I am thankful.

as a pastor, that we have so many youth who want to receive the Sacraments! However, the scheduling is a remnant of being shut down and the fact that the capacities haven't changed. But, week after week, if you have been attending the Saturday or Sunday Masses, perhaps you are reminded of the time when you received your sacraments and the joy that filled your heart. These young people are experiencing that same joy. Next week will be the final weekend for "makeup" Confirmations and we have a couple more weeks of First Communions. Thank you for your prayers and patience during all of this while we continue to catch up!

Have you considered a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal? We still need your help to have a successful campaign this year. Once we reach 50% of our target goal, anything over and above this will greatly help our parish in this most unusual time. Father Jeff recently created a video on his experience as a BAA supported seminarian (before becoming a priest) and how he ministers today in many of the BAA supported ministries. To view this video, go to our website at: http://bitly.com/FrJeffBAA2020.

If you are able, please prayerfully consider a pledge to help continue the work of the Church, not only at the Diocesan level, but at the parish level as well! A special thank you to everyone who has pledged and contributed to this year's campaign.

Thanks for reading! Fr. Mark

Schedule

Mass

Monday - Friday: 9:15 am (now in Marian Hall)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm (new time)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

9:00 am (Stanley Centre)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We are offering "drive-in" confessions in our main parking lot on Saturdays from 11:00 am -12:00 pm. Please remain in your car during your reconciliation.

Parish Office Hours

Open by appointment only. Please email

FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org Monday—Friday for assistance. We are checking our email and phone messages regularly during the business week.

Phone: (269) 327-5165 Fax: (269) 327-7266 Email: frontdesk@stcatherinesiena.org

Visit Our Website: www.stcatherinesiena.org
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View Mass on YouTube: bit.ly/stcatherinesienaYouTube

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call (269) 978-2344 or email prayers@stcatherinesiena.org.

All schedules are subject to change. Check our website for the most up to date information.

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Call our Front Office to leave a non-urgent message for a Priest or Deacon (269) 327-5165



(Left to Right)

Fr. Ben Huynh, Fr. Bill Jacobs, Fr. Mark Vyverman, Fr. Jeff Hanley

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October 1, 2020 Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Letting Faith Form our Conscience

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As Catholic Christians, and as Americans we are members of two "realities"— the City of God and the City of Humanity (to borrow an image used by St. Augus- tine, our diocesan Patron). As faithful citizens of both realities, we are called by our Baptism to help build up the City of God by the ways we faithfully live in the City of Humanity, allowing the actions of our lives to be guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are invited, and challenged, to be "in the world but not of it" (John 17:13–16) and, therefore, to be responsible citizens, who work both to eradicate moral evils and social injustices wherever we find them, as well to ad-vance the values of Christ which are summed up in the Beatitudes and summa- rized in the Church's Catholic Social Teachings.

Over the course of the nearly seventy-five years that the Lord has allowed me to live in this world, and throughout the better part of the 50 years I have served as a priest, I have witnessed remarkable political changes and move- ments, including the tumultuous years of social unrest during the 1960's: some for the better, but not all. As a Shepherd of Souls, it is my responsibility to teach the Truth of God's Word, in season and out (Timothy 4:2). As we approach the time of the national election in November, and as we consider our solemn duty of voting to elect government leaders at all levels of our society, it is important for me as the Bishop of our Diocese to encourage everyone to prayerfully and seriously consider this responsibility from a faith perspective. The purpose of this Letter is not to endorse any individual running for office, or any particular political party; that is to be determined by each citizen according to the guid- ance of one's well-formed conscience. My primary responsibilities as a Bishop are to teach, lead and sanctify; it is also incumbent on me to provide guidance in the formation of one's good conscience, so that we are prepared to vote with a clear understanding of Catholic Teaching on the moral and social issues facing us.

Before anything else, however, we need to remember who we are as *citizens of the City of God* in the most important of all our relationships, namely, the re- lationship with Jesus. We need to remember that we are one with Him through Baptism, and united with all the members of the Body of Christ, the Church. This is our identity which has eternal dimensions, and not one that is confined to the winds of time and the whims of politics. We believe in Jesus as He revealed Himself to us: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6); and we also take comfort in the fact that He is "the same, yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). We are vibrant members of the Church which Jesus founded, wherein we find the fullness of His unchanging teaching in faith and morals. Through our Catholic Faith, we have come to know that Jesus has conquered sin and death, and we have come to experience the love that God has for every human person—every immortal soul—made in His image and likeness, with the promise of Eternal Life with Him for those who open themselves to this prom- ise. For this reason, we steadfastly affirm that belief in, and personal relation- ship with, Jesus is the best foundation possible for every human person. There- fore, we must constantly allow ourselves to be conformed to Him, if we are to be truly and fully human; similarly, we are called to help transform the world according to the ways Jesus teaches us to live through the Church He founded. Whatever our political affiliations or leanings are in the *City of Humanity*, they remain subject to the communion we share in the *City of God*, the Church, which always reminds us that our true and lasting Home is in Heaven.

With that as a starting point and context, it is possible for us to know with certainty what is truly right and morally good, and, by the grace of God, to choose what is right and good so that all may live in proper relationship with Him. When we examine the current political scene in our country, we must not be misled by those who would consider all moral values as equal. The same ap- plies to what are evils, not all of which are of the same degree. Our country's founding document, the revered Declaration of Independence, for good reason guarantees us the unalienable rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"—and in that order—because "the pursuit of happiness" depends on the "liberty" to pursue it, and even more basically, it depends on having a "life" to live.

With this in mind, we must do all we can to protect human life, from the moment of conception until natural death, not for the sake of a political plat- form, ideology, or end, but because this truth comes from Jesus. Abortion is in- trinsically evil and can

never be a good, since the taking of human life strikes at the very heart of our relationship with God and our shared human existence. The exercise of our vote must reflect the love and truth of Christ in every way, and be pleasing to Him. We should never consider casting a vote with the <u>specific intention</u> of supporting or advancing abortion, or any other intrinsically evil issue.* Quite simply, the protection and defense of human life is the most basic of all issues, and flows directly from Jesus' teaching on the sanctity of human life as a Gift from God. We must decide whether we stand with Jesus for life, or with evil for death. As we, the Bishops of the United States, have written, "a Catholic, who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act, may decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting in this way would be permitted only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences, or to ignore a fundamental moral evil." ("Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship", #34,35).

In addition, there are other very important issues that deal with *liberty* and the *pursuit of happiness*, but in their proper order and place. These can only be accurately assessed by understanding the profound dignity of each person. It is this understanding that helps to form our consciences, and gives us the vision to see the life and image of Christ in every man, woman and child, and the courage to act consonantly. Being formed by Christ's teaching, we can then clearly see the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, and the beauty of family life; we see the importance of preserving religious liberty for all; we see the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant, and those vulnerable and forgotten, all as members of our human family deserving of our love and concern; we see rac- ism as an evil in regard to human dignity, to be abhorred and rooted out of our attitudes and social structures. We need to see the environment of our beauti- ful world as a gift from our heavenly Father which He intends for us to cherish and protect. Nevertheless, we must never forget that all along the hierarchy of importance, if the greatest "good"—human life—is not protected and valued, the lesser "goods" are in jeopardy.

As we approach our civic responsibility of voting, one vitally important step that we all need to take, as we try to have both an "informed and faith-formed conscience", is to read carefully the platforms for each of the political parties and candidates. Many times, significant policy proposals are detailed in writing, but do not get communicated in political ads or used as sound-bytes. If we want to know what a particular candidate or party stands for, we should take the time to "read the fine print" and do our homework. We should also realize that there is no candidate or political party which fully or completely represents the heart of Jesus or the teaching of the Church.

With this in mind, I would like to offer some pastoral principles which will help our Catholic Faith to form our conscience. As we prepare to vote, please keep these principles in mind:

- 1. Issues of Life: any issue that is an intrinsic evil (abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, racism, abuses against human dignity, and other such evils) is clearly counter to God's Plan.
- 2. Issues of Liberty: protecting the liberties given to us by God: to have the right to worship; to practice our religion and be able to adhere to our religious convictions not just at church but in the marketplace; and the right to live in peace.
- 3. Issues of Pursuit of Happiness: the right to have the freedom to make a living; to raise our families; to educate our children; and for the protection of the poor, the vulnerable and those with special needs.

In these challenging times, let us pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance, both for our nation, and for each of us, as we fulfill our very important civic responsibility of voting for those who will lead us in this, our beloved country, the City of Hu- manity. As we do so, we also need to keep clearly in mind that as Catholics, we ultimately are citizens of the City of God. Let us turn to Mary, Mother of the Church and Patroness of the United States of America, the only person to have totally conformed her Immaculate Heart to that of her Son. Through her inter- cession may we keep making the effort to do the same, and may she assist us in being good and faithful citizens of both Cities in which we live, in imitation of her Son Jesus, Who is "the same yesterday, today and forever".

Assuring you of my prayers for you in these challenging times, and asking for your prayers for me as well, so that we all may do our best to be faithful citizens and at the same time remain faith-filled followers of Jesus, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Paul q. Brokley

Bishop Paul J. Bradley

*see diocesan supplement and visit www.diokzoo.org/faithfulcitizenship



Children's Faith Formation

Karen Galloway, Director kgalloway@stcatherinesiena.org (269) 370-9013

Cans for Moms of Preschoolers (MOPS)

Tired of looking at those cans piling up in your garage? Moms of Preschoolers (MOPS) is collecting cans for their group! If you would like to donate cans to their Ministry, please contact



Debra Dozeman at **ddozeman@stcatherinesiena.org** to schedule a drop off time. If you're interested in joining MOPS, or learning more about their Ministry, please visit their page on our website at **https://stcatherinesiena.org/mops**.



MagnifiKids are Coming Back!

We're excited to announce our MagnifiKids spiritual guide for kids. These are used during or after Mass each week and were a generous gift from our St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus. They will be delivered and available for Mass in November. We have missed having this resource for our children!

First Communions through November

We continue to have First Communions on Saturdays at 4:00 pm for the class from 2019-2020. **Up to six children per Mass have their First Communion.** For third graders who need to sign up for their First Communion, they should be using the Sign Up Genius link sent out by Karen Galloway. Please continue to pray for these children as they accept their first Holy Communion.





First Communion Guidelines

For parents who would like guidance on what their children should do and wear for First Communion, we have put **Karen's guidelines for First Communion** online for your future reference. Please go to our website at http://bit.ly/1stCommunionProtocol2020 for a copy of the guidelines. If you have any questions about First Communion or these guidelines, please contact **Karen Galloway**.

Children's Faith Formation Registration Complete

Children's Faith Formation (CFF) registration is complete and over 100 kids have enrolled in our online classes! Our classes will begin this week, Sunday, October 11, and continue through May 2021. For 2020-2021, our Children's Faith Formation classes will take a hybrid approach with online instruction (offered through the Diocese of Kalamazoo) and in-person fellowships as they are scheduled. If you have questions about our CFF program or requirements, please contact **Karen Galloway**.





Reminder: First Communion Sacramental Preparation is Two Years

As a reminder, parents of first and second graders must enroll their child(ren) in Children's Faith Formation classes this year if they want their child(ren) to make their First Communion the spring of the child's second grade year. Sacramental preparation in our Diocese is a two-year program. If you have questions about this requirement, please contact Karen Galloway.

Third Graders First Penance

This year's third-graders are encouraged to use Saturday morning "drive-in" confessions (every Saturday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the main parking lot) for their **First Penance**. If this is inconvenient for your family, you can make an individual appointment with either **Father Mark** at **fathermark@stcatherinesiena.org** or **Father Ben** at **fatherben@stcatherinesiena.org**. If you choose to make an individual appointment, please contact **Karen Galloway** once the sacrament has taken place so that she can clear your family to sign up for First Communion.





Youth Faith Formation

Phil Dezern, Director pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org (616) 633-0994

Youth Confirmed September Through October

We are happy to announce **Confirmations will begin at the end of September**. Bishop Bradley has made a one-time exception to allow individual parishes to do Confirmation with their pastor during the Pandemic.

All Confirmations that were delayed earlier this year will now take place at the 5:00 pm Sunday Masses with Fr. Mark starting

September 20 and will continue through October 18. Due to Social Distancing rules, we will have to limit the number of Youth

Confirmed each Sunday. Youth are asked to only bring their sponsor and no more than five other guests due to church capacity. Please pray for our Youth as they are Confirmed this fall!

Youth Faith Formation Confirmation Preparation Plan for Grades 6 -12



We will be offering two program options. On-Line and In-Person

6th graders can only do the online option for now.

7th graders can do online with some possible limited in-person.

8th-12th graders can do both programs, at the same time.

Online Diocesan Program: http://www.diokzoo.org/theway

- Go to the website above, find the grade that is appropriate.
- Do this program at your own pace.
- \Rightarrow 9th-12th grade Confirmation Candidates use the 8th grade module.
- ⇒ 7th-12th graders doing this program for Confirmation Credit must do the following:
 - At the end of each session are questions. Write an answer to 4 of the questions listed.
 - Turn those into Philip Dezern and you will get 1 hour of credit towards Confirmation, per session of questions you complete. You can email or mail these to Philip Dezern.
 - You can turn these in after each session, monthly, or after all sessions are completed. Please put your name top of the sheet and the grade you are in, as well as session topic.

Limited In-Person Program: Check the bulletin for dates

- We are not guaranteeing we will be offering in-person activities every month.
- You will register with Philip Dezern by email or phone call per session.
- Registration is cut off Saturday at noon or when activity is full. We cannot take walk-ins.
- Each session will count 1.5 hours towards Confirmation.
- 8th-12th Graders can sign-up as soon as the date gets announced.
- 7th graders can sign-up the Thursday before an in-person Sunday activity, if there is space.
- Masks are required for all in-person activities.
- Please bring your own water bottles as the drinking fountains will be non-functional.

Upcoming Dates for in-person activity:

- Remember you must register for each date you plan on attending.
- We are limited in the number we can take due to social distancing guidelines and leaders.
- Each date has two session times:

2:30 - 3:45 pm; 6:15-7:30 pm

 Grade 8-12 can register now/Grade 7 can register on date listed in ()

October 11 (October 8)
October 18 (October 15)

Confirmation Reminders

You must complete 60 hours of youth ministry activities (starting in 7th grade). This can be done over a two to four year span. The **Confirmation Record Keeping Form** needs to be turned in the year you wish to be confirmed. You need to do service hours (the number of hours is up to you and your parents). The year you get confirmed, you need to write a letter to the Bishop, a paper on your

service work, and a paper on a saint. Candidates chose a sponsor (not the parents) who is at least 16 and a practicing Catholic. Remember, being a sponsor is hard work and not an honorary title.





RCIA Classes In Session

Are you interested in learning more about joining the Catholic

Church? Do you have questions

about the Catholic Faith? Now is a great time to join the RCIA class that just started this month. Contact Father Mark at fathermark@stcatherinesiena.org for more information on this class.

Father Mark, Pastor fathermark@stcatherinesiena.org (269) 327-5165





New Members

We welcome the following Parishioners into our Parish Family for the month of September:

Chris Bale
Rosemary Hayden
Jonathan Mancini
Maria Eduarda Meirelles
& Sylas Mulder

Robert & Karen Steeves
Todd & Ashley Super
Megan Vernino

John & Janice Urban



Baptisms

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our Parish family to the following September Baptisms:



Marie Theresa Copeland

Daughter of Tyan & Alexandra





Michael Bandos Son of Steve & Katie

Clara LipowskiDaughter of David & Hollv



Remembrance

We remember our loved ones who have gone to join our Heavenly Father in the month of September:

Imelda Hofbauer

Zita (Walker) England

Other News

Calling All Snowbirds—Please Check in!

Are you heading south for the winter? Please let the office know at FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org or 327-5165! We would appreciate as much notification as possible in order to have your envelopes held or forwarded as needed. Thank you in advance and enjoy your time in the south.





Governor's Executive Order & St. Catherine's Policy on Events

We've received several inquires since Governor Whitmer issued Executive Orders 2020-183 and 2020-184 permitting certain indoor sport venues and entertainment facilities to open with limitations. This order includes allowing increased limits on social gatherings and Bingo. Unfortunately, even with the Executive Order in place, the decree from our Bishop is still in place and enforced. **Our primary focus for our Parish at this time is Mass and the Sacraments (First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, etc.). Social gatherings and events are not permitted at this time.** We hope to do so again in the future, but at this time, we are not renting out the church, rooms or the gym for any social occasions. Thank you for your understanding.

October is Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month in the U.S. Catholic Church and kicks off a year-long observance to help Catholics understand, value and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. This year's theme is "Live the Gospel of Life" in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's powerful encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*. Learn more about upholding the sanctity of every human life at http://respectlife.org/respect-life-month.





Stewardship

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For those who can, we ask that you please consider continuing your support, either via mail or by eGiving through Vanco at https://stcatherinesiena.org/give. When making a donation to El Sitio, Debt Reduction, Mass Intentions, Diocesan Second Collections, etc., please do not combine with your Sunday offertory envelope. Also, it would help us in coding the donation if you put your envelope number

Collections September 28—October 4: \$22,402

Collections September 28—October 4: \$34,422



2020 Year to Date Actuals: \$330,646

2019 Year to Date Actuals: \$398,230

on the memo line of any donation check. If you are interested in starting an automatic deposit of offerings, we also have an **Automated Clearing House (ACH)** option you can utilize. Please see more information about this program on our website at **https://stcatherinesiena.org/ach-form**.

Please Support the Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our previously-postponed 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) Campaign is underway. Please be aware of some important changes to the BAA which could substantially benefit our parish's financial situation. If we reach our 2020 BAA goal, 50% of those funds come directly back to our parish for our own operating expenses and programs. We hope you will consider supporting our parish by contributing to the 2020 BAA Campaign! Thank you all for your support and your prayers during this time and always.

BAA Goal: \$283,014

Total Pledged: \$122,072.85

Total Paid: \$92,555.69

Number of Pledges: 252

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Offer Bishop Bradley a Spiritual Bouquet

Please join us in gifting **Bishop Bradley** with many prayers and devotional acts for his birthday. (It's a surprise so mum's the word). On October 18 Bishop Bradley will celebrate his 75th birthday and it is our hope to gather the prayers of his flock into a spiritual bouquet as a way to express our love and gratitude

Around the Diocese

for his ministry as shepherd of our diocese. Please submit your prayers and acts of devotion by Wednesday, October 14 at http://diokzoo.org/spiritualbouquet.



50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Cancelled

The Annual Diocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration has been cancelled; however, couples celebrating their golden anniversary are still encouraged to submit the form found at http://diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary by October 15 to receive a congratulatory certificate signed by Bishop Bradley.

St. Augustine School's Blue Moon Sale

Have you recently been spending more time at home? Have you been cleaning out closets? Do you have items to donate? **St. Augustine Cathedral School** is collecting donations for the **2021 Once In a Blue Moon Garage Sale**. Please bring items to St. Augustine Cathedral School, 600 West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo 49007 on the following dates:



2020 Donation Drop-off Schedule

Wednesday, October 21st Wednesday, November 11th Wednesday, November 18th Wednesday, December 2nd Wednesday, December 16th

All donations can be dropped off behind the Crowley Center from **1:00-2:30pm and 3:30-5:30pm**. St. Augustine does not accept exercise equipment, mattresses or personal pillows.



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishops' website at

http://usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/domestic-violence. If you have a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY), www.thehotline.org. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Trauma Recovery Associates on WWMT News

Trauma Recovery Associates (TRA) was happy to be featured on WWMT on Saturday, September 26 on the 11:00 pm news. The news segment discussed the TRA program RENEW/RENOVARSE which helps individuals deal with the stress and anxiety brought on by the pandemic. You can view the news story on the WWMT news website at http://bit.ly/TRAWWMT2020. If you are interested in learning more about RENEW/RENOVARSE, visit the TRA website at https://www.traumarecoveryassociates.com.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: October 10 Vigil of The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm †Evelyn Schmidt

SUNDAY: October 11 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 25:6-10a/Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20/Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am People of the Parish 11:00 am People of the Parish 5:00 pm †Michael O'Neill

MONDAY: October 12 Weekday

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Luke 11:29-32

9:15 am Father John Young **TUESDAY: October 13 Weekday** Galatians 5:1-6/Luke 11:37-41

9:15 am Thomasma Family Intentions

WEDNESDAY: October 14 Weekday; Saint Callistus I,

Pope and Martyr

Galatians 5:18-25/Luke 11:42-46 9:15 am †Elaine Stewart

THURSDAY: October 15 Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Ephesians 1:1-10/Luke 11:47-54

9:15 am Bruno & Mary Bragagnini

FRIDAY: October 16 Weekday; Saint Hedwig, Religious;

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Ephesians 1:11-14/Luke 12:1-7 9:15 am †Evelyn Schmidt

SATURDAY: October 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch,

Bishop and Martyr

Ephesians 1:15-23/Luke 12:8-12 9:15 am End Abortion

SATURDAY: October 17 Vigil of The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm †Dr. Walter Morozowich on 2nd Anniversary of Death

SUNDAY: October 18 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6/1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b/Matthew 22:15-21

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am †Kimberly Zeug
11:00 am People of the Parish
5:00 pm †Dr. Walter Morozowich

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: (844)324-3374.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

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