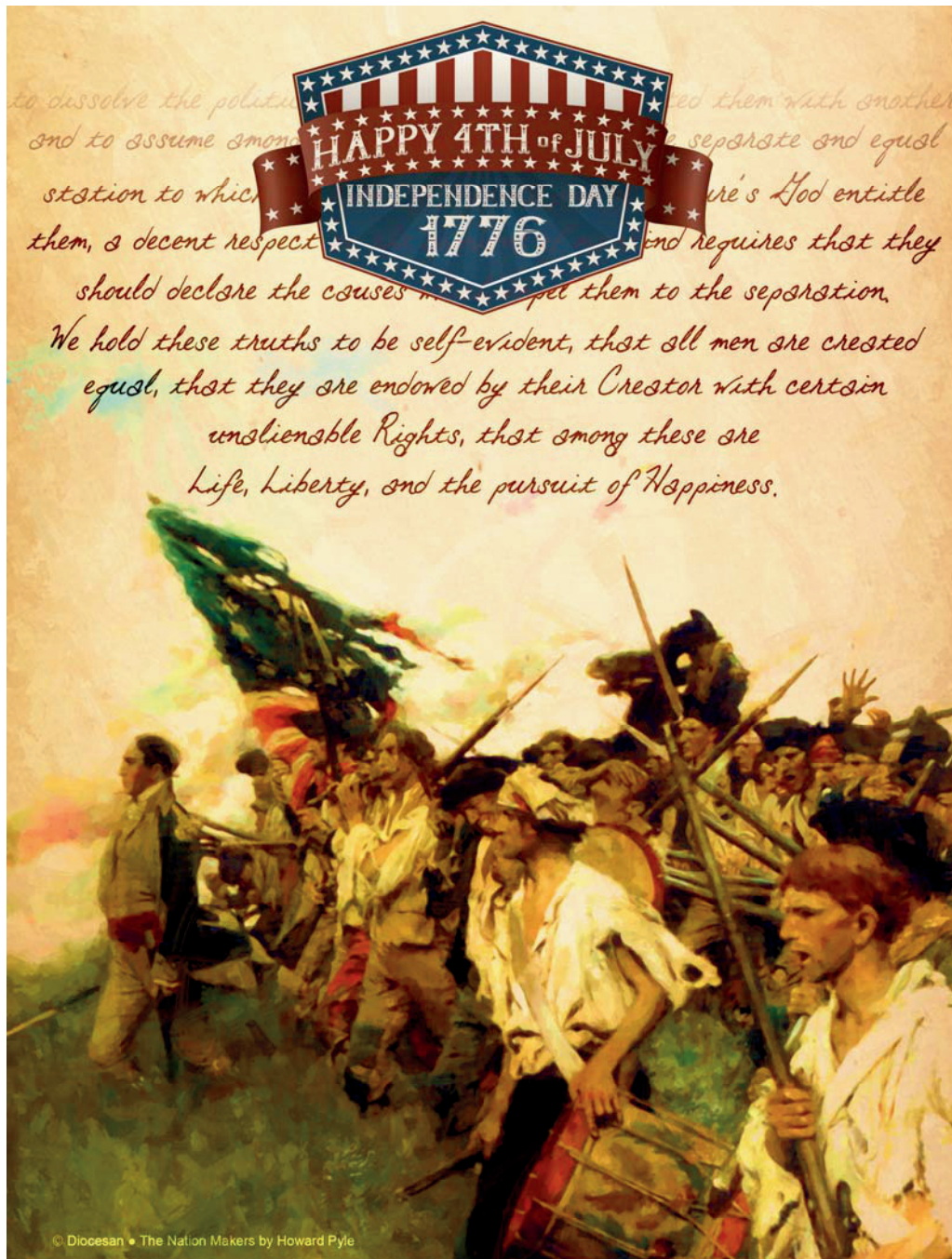


# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

*We are called to honor the Lord by serving others in hope.*



**July 4, 2021**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

Where were you in 1971? Fifty years ago, our diocese was created and formed from parts of the Diocese of Lansing and Grand Rapids. In July of that year, several other dioceses were created in Michigan (Gaylord and Saginaw). All of us will be celebrating our

50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries later this month.

As the diocese rolls out the plans for this anniversary celebration, we can thank God for the many blessings that the Lord has shown to the faithful of Southwestern Michigan. When our diocese was created, these were the early days after the Council of Vatican II. We were all just learning what it was like to celebrate Mass in English versus Latin. Of course, as part of these 50 years of faith, no one anticipated a shut down due to a pandemic. We see how each one of these 50 years has brought challenges and blessings. As we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, our Independence Day, this is also the final weekend that Fr. Jeff will be on staff at St. Catherine. He will be moving to live at the Cathedral rectory and has already started his work as the Diocesan Director of Worship (the anniversary Mass will be one of his first large diocesan liturgies that he will help plan). Our prayers and thoughts are with you Fr. Jeff as you begin your new ministry. Due to the fact that there are no new priests or missionaries for the Bishop to send us at this time, no additional priests will be assigned to St. Catherine's at this time.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Fr. Mark

## Stewardship

**Collections June 14-20, 2021: \$24,664**

Collections June 15-20, 2020: \$22,807

**2020-2021 Year to Date Actuals: \$1,396,471**

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals: \$1,478,076

### Giving Through eGiving & ACH

Thank you for your continued support of our church. We ask those who can to continue giving, either via mail or **eGiving through Vanco** at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/give>. If you are interested in starting an automatic deposit of offerings, we 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>.

### Donations for Other Groups

When making a donation to El Sitio, Debt Reduction, Mass Intentions, Diocesan Second Collections, etc., please do not combine with your Sunday offertory envelope.

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Call our Front Office to leave a non-urgent message for a Priest or Deacon  
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## Schedule

### Mass

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am (Trinity Chapel)

Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

**All schedules are subject to change.**

**Check our website for the most up to date information.**

## 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

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(Left to Right)

**Fr. Ben Huynh, Fr. Bill Jacobs,  
Fr. Mark Vyverman**

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a community empowered by God, striving to make Jesus known, experienced, loved and imitated.

June 22, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

With the changing protocols and guidelines, please note the following:

- 1) At the Bishop's request, and for those who still want to social distance, we will still maintain 3 sections of the main church for social distancing. These sections will be at either end of the main body of the Church.
- 2) For those who want to wear masks, they will be welcome to do so. Our priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers will continue to wear masks when they distribute Communion.
- 3) We will continue to use the drop collection boxes (located at the entrances) for the near future. You are also welcome to mail in your contribution to the office or donate online.
- 4) The "Pandemic" Holy Water dispenser is available at the main entrance of the church for those who want to bless themselves when they enter the Church.
- 5) We will continue to have 3 Communion lines/stations until further notice. Communion will continue to be offered only as the Body of Christ (no Precious Blood or wine for the near future).

I will continue to inform you as changes are made in these practices.

Sincerely,

Rev. Mark J. Vyverman  
Pastor



# Sunday Connection

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 2:2-5*

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 123:1-2,3-4*

A prayer to God for mercy

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 6:1-6*

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.



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Resource:

[loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/14th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/](https://loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/14th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/)

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

**LOYOLAPRESS.**



## Spotlight on

**Bernard & Brenda Panone** joined our parish family in February 2003. Since that time, Bernard joined our Knights of Columbus and regularly has fellowship with the members of the group that serve our parish in so many ways. Brenda has more open time and puts that to good use.

She has been involved in numerous ministries at the church and in our surrounding community. Brenda helps with refugee families and is actively involved in our St. Vincent de Paul Society. She is also a member of our Women of the Word group. With things turning back to normal, Brenda looks forward to being active again with our Hospitality Ministry, bible studies and (in the distant future) funeral lunches. At one time, Brenda was involved in Cursillo, Recipes for Change, and Martha's Table when they were active groups in our parish. To fill up her free time during the pandemic, Brenda assisted the homeless in numerous ways by providing meals, clothing and warm apparel during the cold months. She has been active in many other roles we don't have enough space to mention them all in this article! When you see Brenda in the church give her a smile or offer up a prayer for her.

May God continue to bless Brenda and Bernard's time and talent.



## Faith Formation

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### Family-Fun Festival Celebrates Diocese's Anniversary

The Diocese of Kalamazoo is hosting an evening for youth and families to begin the celebratory weekend in which together we will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Diocese. We will have activities and games for the kids, music for the entire family, Fr. Jose Haro will present on holiness and living that holiness, and we'll end the evening with a Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Bradley, praying for the Holy Spirit to come upon our Diocese. Taking place **Friday, July 23 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Augustine Cathedral** (542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007). We'll be outside on the soccer field, just behind the school; the address will get you to the parking lot. Please join us for this free evening in which we celebrate 50 years as a Diocese!



### Youth Faith Formation

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### Yes, Youth Ministry Still Meets in the Summer!

School is out, but that doesn't mean you can't still see your friends! We are still offering onsite activities for Youth Ministry for grades 6-12 (on a limited scale). Registration is REQUIRED until further notice. If you wish to receive an email about an upcoming activity, please email **Phil** at [pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org). Phil will put you on the email list that receives upcoming Youth Faith Formation meeting dates and events. Remember, masks are required for all Youth Ministry in-person events. Each session will count 1.5 hours towards Confirmation.



# News Around St. Catherine's

## Front Office Closed on July 5

In observance of the July 4th holiday, our **Front Office is closed on Monday, July 5**. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, July 6. Daily Mass will still be offered on Monday, July 5 as usual.



## Daily Mass Moving to Trinity Hall—Saturday Masses Return



Starting Monday, July 5, our Daily Masses are moving from Marian Hall back to Trinity Chapel. Daily Masses will remain at 9:15 am. Private Prayer will be moved to after Daily Mass from 10:00 am—12:00 pm daily, Monday—Friday. Our Saturday Mass will also return at 9:15 am starting July 10. Mass Intentions for Saturday mornings are open on our Mass Intention calendar online at <https://www.stcatherinesiena.org/massintentions>. Call our Front Office at 327-5165 or email [FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org) with any questions or concerns.

## CORRECTION: Primetimers Meeting July 5

To celebrate our COVID Independence, Primetimers is meeting at **Main Street Pub**, 7509 S Westnedge Ave, Portage 49002 at **11:15 am on Monday, July 5**. This is the “holiday” celebration of July 4th this year. Main St. Pub is not yet taking reservations but will seat you on a first come first served basis. They do have outdoor seating with tables that have an umbrella or you may sit indoors. If you are willing and available, we will see you there! Bring a sun hat and wear your sunscreen if you plan to sit outdoors. Primetimers are people 55 years and older, and their friends. All are welcome on the 1st Monday of the month for lunch at one of the area restaurants, usually at 11:30 am. Each person picks up their own bill. Questions? Please contact **Paula White** at **330-3762** or [pwhitenc@mac.com](mailto:pwhitenc@mac.com).



Before the Second Vatican Council, there was only one reading at Sunday Mass known as the epistle (from one of the Apostles' letters in the New Testament). Vatican II promoted liturgical renewal and aimed to immerse the faithful more fully in the Scriptures. This resulted in Sunday Masses and holy days having a First Reading (from the Old Testament) and a Second Reading (from the New Testament). At this time, the Church also started a three-year cycle for Sunday Mass readings to ensure that a faithful Catholic will go through the whole history of salvation every three years.

# Did You Know: What is a Sacristan?

*Did you know that a **Sacristan** is an important office that has existed for most of the history of the Church? At cathedrals and collegiate churches (no association with educational institutions!), a sacristan must be part of the clergy, and normally a Sacristan is desired to be clergy by the Church. Since the number of clergy is limited at many parishes, most Sacristans are laypersons.*

A Sacristan's duty is preparation for the liturgy, which includes tasks such as: laying out vestments, lighting candles, setting out liturgical vessels, arranging books needed for the celebration and marking pages, and even maintaining a sacred silence in the sacristy prior to Mass. A good Sacristan is well versed in liturgical norms, books and the liturgical calendar to ensure great attention is given to preparation for the liturgy. A Sacristan fulfills an important role in the liturgy, and according to the Ceremonial of Bishops (No.38), this individual should “make the church a visible sign of love and reverence toward God.”

As we continue to welcome everyone back to in-person Masses, we need more Sacristans to help us with all Masses. We are so appreciative of all of the Sacristans who have continued to serve the parish week after week during these challenging times! We literally couldn't do it without you! If you are able to help on a weekend or two a month, please contact our **Front Office** at [FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org) or call **327-5165**. Thank you for considering helping us!





# News Around the Diocese

## Class of 1971 50th Reunion

The Hackett-O'Brien Class of 1971 will be hosting their 50th Reunion on July 17 at 3:00 pm at Milham Park in Kalamazoo. For questions, please contact Michael Sparks at sparksfamily12003@yahoo.com or visit: <http://www.hackett-obrien.com>.



## Religious Freedom Week 2021



During Religious Freedom Week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom. The *Pray-Reflect-Act* series, found at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>, highlights a different religious liberty topic each day. The Church's promotion of religious freedom expresses Her solidarity with all people who seek the good and who hope for fulfillment in the truth, which the Church teaches is ultimately found in Jesus Christ. Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all.

## Young Adult Group Returns to St. Tom's

The St. Tom's Young Adult Group is back in session! Join them on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm as they journey through a study on the Psalms. The group is open to all young adults (young professionals, single, married, parents, and anything in between!) in the Kalamazoo area who seek to grow in faith through prayer, study, service, fellowship, and community. For more information email [sttomsyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:sttomsyoungadults@gmail.com) or visit their website at <https://sttomskazoo.org>.



## Visit Aquinas College This Summer

Aquinas College welcomes high school students to their campus this summer to experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Volunteers of St. Catherine's receive a discount if they attend Aquinas College. Visit opportunities include Personal Visits, Information Sessions and Twilight Tours. Come discover why small is mighty! Details and registration can be found at their website at <http://aquinas.edu/visit>.

## Alternatives Seeking Clinic Coordinator

Alternatives is looking for an energetic, creative person who enjoy a positive, fun, Christian work environment to fill the position of Clinic Coordinator for our Kalamazoo location. You'll have the opportunity to work where your passion and education mingle and be able to use your abilities and knowledge to have life-changing, eternal impact. For more information, visit their website at: <https://www.alternativescc.org/careers.html>.



## Caring Network is Here for Pregnant & Parenting Women

Caring Network provides life changing services and support to pregnant and parenting women. Being a mother is not easy and we are here to help with a personalized care plan for you. Caring Network provides case management, on-site or virtual counseling, childbirth and parenting classes, baby clothing, diapers and many other items for moms and babies. We are here for you. Please call 381-1234 today for more information on our services. Moms give so much to others, let us take care of you and your baby.



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**JULY 18  
2021**

You're invited to the rectory's picturesque backyard to join us to get to know your priests, have ice cream, play games, and win great prizes! More information to come on July 11 when we officially launch Flocknote at St. Catherine's.



FRIENDLY REMINDER



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meeting you next week!

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(Flocknote Initiative  
Advisory Team )



**Tuesday  
July**

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**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a  
healthy meal and  
drink plenty of water  
before donating.**

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This summer will be a vital time for our local patients in need. Our blood supply continues to be impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever our community is in need of blood donations.

Everyone who attempts to donate will receive a Versiti Beach Towel!

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED**

<https://bit.ly/SCSBloodDriveJuly2021>

We need all blood types!

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A LIFESAVER!**



# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY: July 3, Vigil of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Bob Wiegand †

**SUNDAY: July 4, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

7:30 am Debra Pedrolini †

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am For those weighed down by various needs

5:00 pm For the life and salvation of the world

**MONDAY: July 5, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;**

**Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**

Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

9:15 am 25<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary of Mark and Kim Bradford  
on July 6<sup>th</sup>

**TUESDAY: July 6, Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

9:15 am 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Anelize and Carlos Wink

**WEDNESDAY: July 7**

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

9:15 am Thomas J. Sullivan†

**THURSDAY: July 8**

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

9:15 am Michael Patrick O'Donnell†

**FRIDAY: July 9, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

9:15 am Betty O'Connor†

**SATURDAY: July 10**

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

9:15 am The Beauty of Marriage

**SATURDAY: July 10, Vigil of The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Milagrin D'Souza†

**SUNDAY: July 11, The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

7:30 am Christine Knight†

9:00 am Kathleen McNally-Calvey†

11:00 am People of the Parish

5:00 pm Deacon Ed Feltes†

He loves, He hopes, He waits.  
Our Lord prefers to wait  
Himself for the sinner for  
years rather than keep us  
waiting an instant.

— Saint Maria Goretti



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