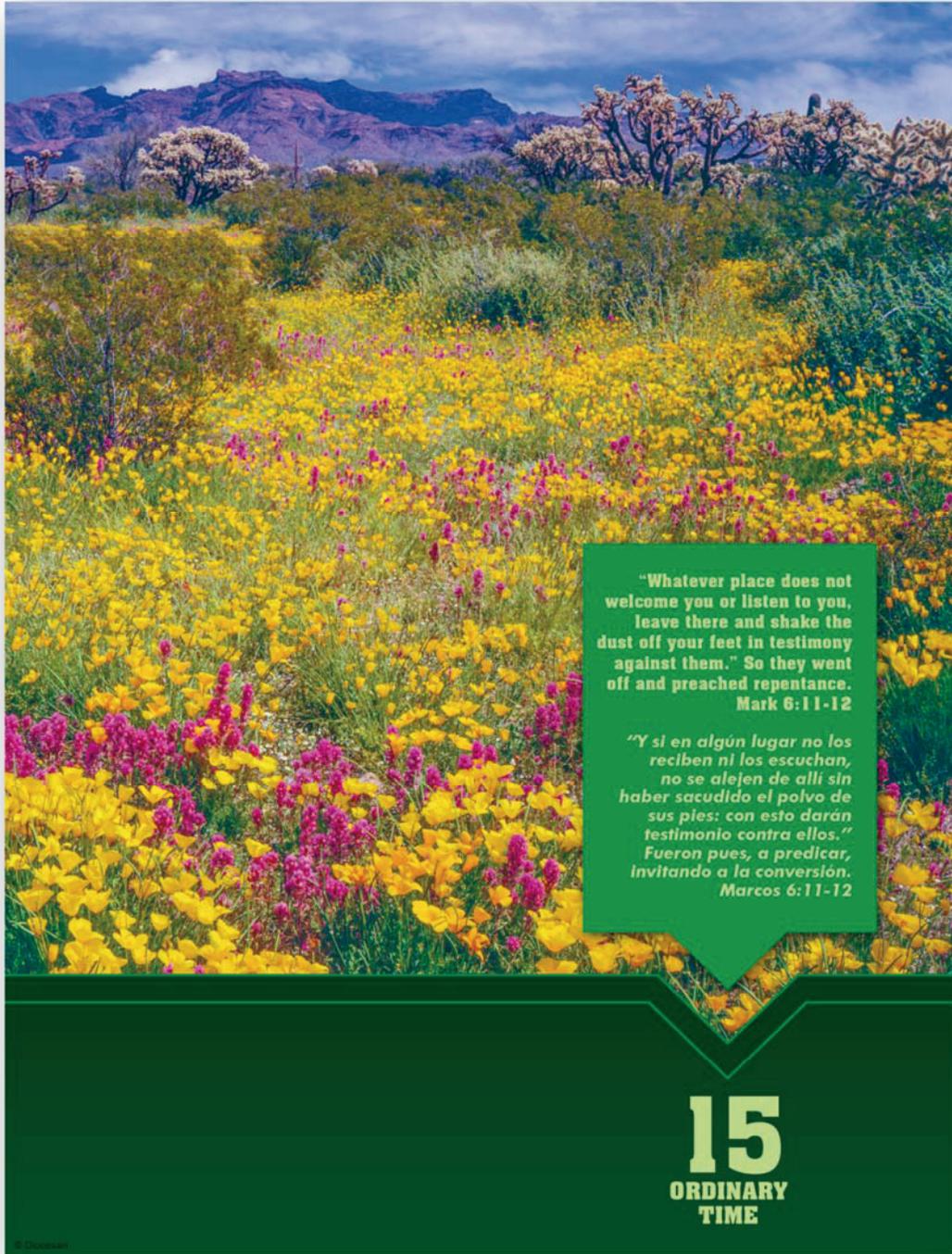


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News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, I would like to offer a few updates on things that are returning to our schedule. Since we re-opened for in-person Mass last year, we moved Daily Mass into Marian Hall so that everyone could safely distance from one

another and accommodate more people for weekend Masses. Even though it is our social hall, it has served us well as a temporary chapel during this time. As things continue to re-open, and if you are planning to attend Daily Mass, we are once again back in Trinity Chapel.

So what about Marian Hall? Is it time for donuts? (a frequent question around St. Catherine's). It now appears we are much closer to starting the renovation/construction project on the kitchen. Everything takes a lot longer these days and we were definitely off to a slow start. Delays seem to be a part of the construction process, no matter when you started. By the time you are reading this, I hope work has begun. With work going on in this portion of the building, we will not be using Marian Hall for a period of time until the work is complete.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark

Stewardship

Collections June 21-27, 2021: \$24,983

Collections June 22-28, 2020: \$27,243

2020-2021 Year to Date Actuals: \$1,421,454

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals: \$1,505,319

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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 Fr. Bill Jacobs fatherbill@stcatherinesiena.org
 Fr. Ben Huynh fatherben@stcatherinesiena.org
 Deacon Brian deaconbrian@stcatherinesiena.org

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

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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Our Priests



(Left to Right)

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

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Twenty nine young men and women of our parish were confirmed in the faith and became fully initiated members of the Catholic Church at St. Augustine's Cathedral on Saturday, June 26. Bishop Bradley celebrated Mass in order to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please congratulate our newly confirmed!

Evan Berger
Andrew Blomeke
Macy Brinker
Nate Brinker
Adrienne Carpenter
Clara Centofanti
Margaret Clark
Howard Deneau
Noah Emmer
Audrey Ford
Josh Franz
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Ella Hanley
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Allyson Lothschutz
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Andrew Ogrin
Chris Ogrin
Solinna Onwochei
Sienna Postula
Mitchel Pridgeon
Elijah Rolfsen
Katie Schell
Spencer Stiles
Joelle Wheeler



**CONGRATS
2021
CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES!**

Sunday Connection

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-10,11-12,13-14

A prayer for the Lord's salvation

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 (shorter form Ephesians 1:3-10)

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.



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Resource:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/15th-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.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

LOYOLAPRESS.

Respect Life Ministry: Car Wash Success!

On Father's Day weekend, our **Respect Life Ministry** team and a group of volunteers all dedicated their Sunday morning to help raise money for the mobile ultrasound unit in Three Rivers. The volunteers worked hard and raised \$452 with donations from St. Catherine's parishioners! Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause. May God Bless You!

Pictured back left to right:

Monty McCollum, Eric Root, Natalia Saba, Margaret Meersma, Talia McCollum, Katie McCollum, Bill Redmond, Frank Unger, John Meersma, Owen Meersma, Ray O'Donnell, Joe Magalski, Larry Cook, Joon Park, Kathy Redmond, Aidan McCollum, Eli Roelant, Gwen Roelant, Alyssa Park, Emma Saba, Alyssa Cook, Ali Cook, Daniel Saba



Faith Formation

Youth Ministry Back in Full Swing!

Our Youth Ministry is finally able to meet again on a regular basis! Anyone who will be in grades 6-12 this coming school year is welcome to come. **If you have been confirmed, WE WANT YOU TO COME!** Youth Ministry helps prepare for Confirmation, but is not just a Confirmation prep program. Remember, your faith journey and education do not end with the receiving of the sacrament. Upcoming dates and times are below. A few notes about the sessions:

- We are still asking you to register with Philip by email, text, or a phone call for each session you plan to attend. This is to help with supplies and leadership needed. Philip's number is **(616) 633-0994**.
- Friends who are not Catholic are welcome to come. This is youth ministry: **all are welcome**.
- We are still asking youth to wear masks until we receive further clarification from the Diocese.
- All activities are in the Stanley Centre.
- In the schedule below, the parenthesis () are the number of hours provided for Confirmation Preparation.

Remember the following guidelines as it comes to Confirmation Preparation. You must complete 60 hours of St. Catherine youth ministry activities (starting the summer before your 7th grade year). This can be done over a two-to-five-year span. The **Confirmation Record Keeping Form** must 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 the sponsor (not the parents) who is at least 16 and a practicing Catholic. Remember, being a sponsor is hard work not an honorary title.

Upcoming Activities

July 18	6:15—7:30 pm	(1.5)	August 7	12:30—4:45 pm	(5)
				(Movie Retreat)	
July 25	3:30—4:45 pm	(1.5)	August 8	3:30—4:45 pm	(1.5)
	6:15—7:30 pm	(1.5)		6:15—7:30 pm	(1.5)
			August 29	3:30—4:45 pm	(1.5)
				6:15—7:30 pm	(1.5)

Youth Faith Formation
 Phil Dezern, Director
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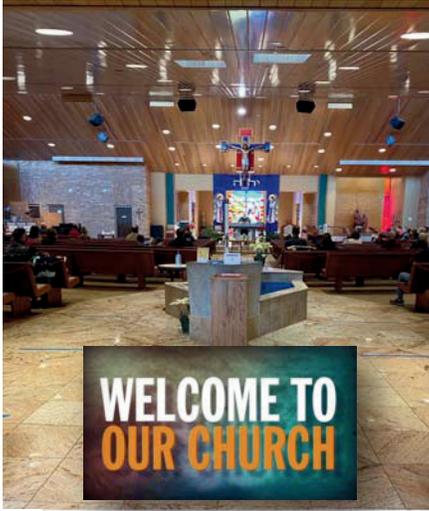
News Around St. Catherine's



Daily Mass Moving to Trinity Hall—Saturday Masses Return

As of July 5, our Daily Masses have moved from Marian Hall back to Trinity Chapel. Daily Masses are still at 9:15 am. Private Prayer is now after Daily Mass from 10:00 am—12:00 pm daily, Monday—Friday. Our Saturday Mass has also returned as of July 10 at 9:15 am. 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 with any questions or concerns.

New Members



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

Ronald & Cecilia Brown
Peggy Davidson
Frank & Sandy Jones

Baptisms

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our Parish family to the following June Baptism:

Lucy Ann Montgomery
daughter of David & Katherine Montgomery



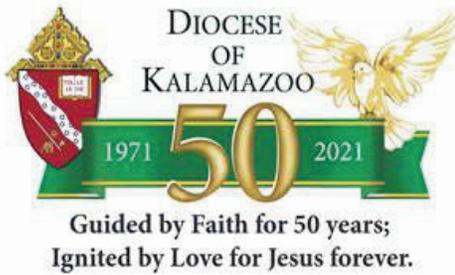
Remembrance



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

Elizabeth Agnone
Dorothy Cavanaugh

News Around the Diocese



Diocese of Kalamazoo 50th Anniversary Celebration

All are invited to join Bishop Paul J. Bradley to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the Jubilee 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Kalamazoo's founding on **Wednesday, July 21, at 2:00 pm** at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. A reception will follow. All are welcome; RSVP is required by July 14, 2021 at <http://diokzoo.org/reservation>. For more information, contact officeofcommunication@diokzoo.org.

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>.



Young Adult Group Returns to St. Tom's

The St. Tom's Young Adult Group is back in session on **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm**. Join them 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 or visit the St. Tom's website at <https://sttomskazoo.org>.

Visit Aquinas College This Summer

Aquinas College welcomes high school students to the campus this summer to experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Volunteers of St. Catherine's receive a discount for attending. 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>.



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A Message From the Diocese

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 <http://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.

It's Flocknote Launch Weekend!

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You're invited to the rectory's picturesque backyard 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.

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OR

Connect with us online at:
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Have Questions? No problem! Our **FIAT** (Flocknote Initiative Advisory Team) is here to help. Email or call us at joon@park-one.io or (269) 599-9268.

We look forward to meeting you next week!

- **FIAT**

(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.

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APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

<https://bit.ly/SCSBloodDriveJuly2021>

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Mass Intentions

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†

MONDAY: July 12

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1

9:15 am Robert Putnam†

TUESDAY: July 13, Saint Henry

Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

9:15 am Father George Ross †

WEDNESDAY: July 14, Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

9:15 am Aurelio Pangilinan†

THURSDAY: July 15, Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

9:15 am Edwin Antonio Diaz Rivera† and Family

FRIDAY: July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37

9:15 am Father Joseph W. Weller †

SATURDAY: July 17

Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

9:15 am In Memory of Parents

SATURDAY: July 17, Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Rick Pitera†

SUNDAY: July 18, The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

7:30 am Theresa Hartley†

9:00 am Tony Roemert†

11:00 am Rick Pitera†

5:00 pm People of the Parish

Who will teach me what
is most pleasing to God,
that I may do it?

– Saint Kateri Tekakwitha



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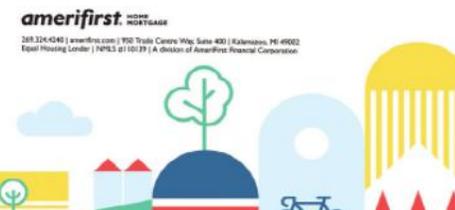
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