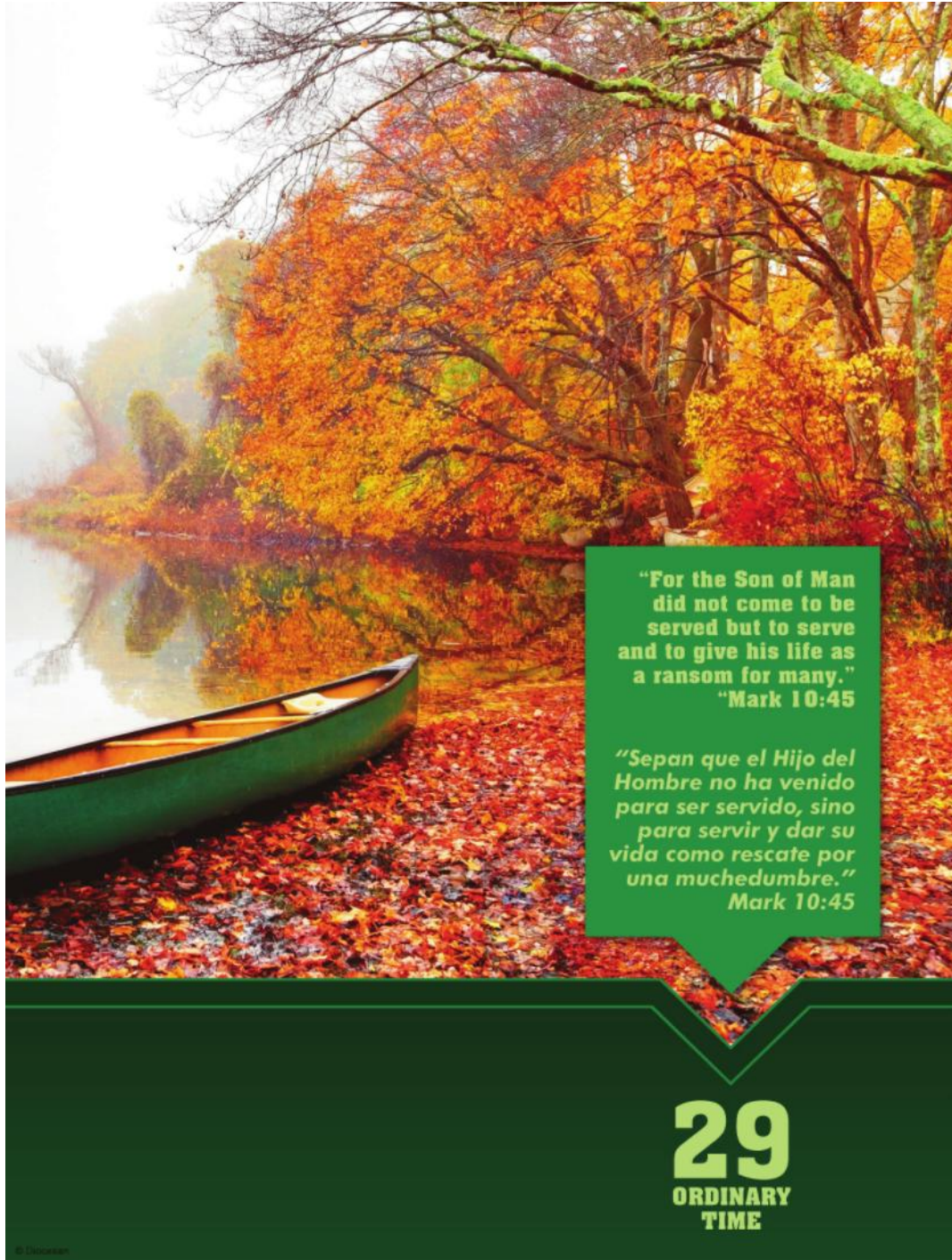


St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

We are called to honor the Lord by serving each other in hope.



**October 17, 2021
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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News from Fr. Mark

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, the Holy Father opened a special time in the Church, a Synod on Synodality. This will run from October 2021 until April 2022 throughout the Universal Church as well as in our local Church in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. This weekend, all Bishops throughout the world, in every diocese, will have an opening Mass to begin this time. Bishop Bradley is celebrating this Mass on Sunday morning (October 17) at the 11:30 am Mass at the Cathedral. All of our parishes have been asked to send representatives to this Mass. As we find ourselves in this Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit in our own diocese, this theme coincides with what the Holy Father is asking us to do: To pray to the Holy Spirit to help guide our Church and our parishes and communities. Of course, you can use the special prayer to the Holy Spirit that we have been praying at all weekend Mass since the end of August to continue your prayers for the Universal Church and for our own parish of St. Catherine's.

This is now the second weekend that we are using our new missalettes/hymnals at our weekend Masses. There was a great deal of time and expense preparing (and then re-cycling in our Papergator) the song sheets that we used at Mass each weekend prior to Covid times. We are now saving money and time by using these missalettes. However, the current books we have are ahead of the liturgical calendar. The issue date for these missalettes corresponds to the start of the new liturgical year (which is the first Sunday of Advent—November 28). If you are looking for the readings to match what is in the missalette, you will need to wait a couple of weeks for this to happen. For now, use the missalettes as a hymnal. You will find a copy of the Prayer to the Holy Spirit on the side cover, which we pray after Communion at the Sunday Masses.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark



Heavenly Father, you have given your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, reign over your Kingdom. Through his intercession you have sent forth your Spirit through Mary and the Apostles to begin the work of your Church and to renew the face of the earth. Through that same Spirit, we ask you to renew the Church throughout the world, but especially in our own diocese of Kalamazoo. In this month, we are especially call to mind and ask you to bear and increase within us the fruit of peace and activate within us the gift of understanding that we may more deeply understand the mysteries of your Kingdom, and your will for our lives that we more effectively and fruitfully bring the Good News of your love, mercy, and forgiveness to all whom we meet. We ask this through the same Christ, Our Lord, Amen.



<https://www.diokzoo.org/holy-spirit>

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

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Schedule

Mass

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am (Trinity Chapel)
 Saturday: 4:00 pm; Vigil Mass
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 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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If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call **(269) 978-2344**, email prayers@stcatherinesiena.org or visit our website at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/prayerrequest>.

Stewardship

Collections September 6-12, 2021: \$25,209

Collections September 7-13, 2020: \$24,723

2021-2022 Year to Date Actuals: \$344,202

2020-2021 Year to Date Actuals: \$318,766

Parish Families as of October 2021 1,533

Parish Families as of October 2020 1,471

If you are interested in membership or volunteering, please contact our Front Office today!
FrontDesk@stcatherinesiena.org or 327-5165.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 16, 2021

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM SVDP Interviews
(Stanley Center Office)
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Catholic Men's Fellowship (Rm 5/7)
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass (Church)

Sunday, October 17, 2021

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Mass (Church)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Children's Faith Formation
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass (Church)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Children's Faith Formation
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass (Church)
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mass (Church)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Women of the Word (Room 2/4)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM MOPS (Stanley Centre)

Monday, October 18, 2021

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass -- Trinity Chapel
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Children's Faith Formation

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM RCIA (SCR)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Light of Hope (Stanley Centre)

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Children's Faith Formation
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Scripture Study (GLP)

Thursday, October 21, 2021

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Women of the Word
(Stanley Centre)

Friday, October 22, 2021

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)



JOHN EMILIO

John Emilio was our parish Finance and Human Resource Manager for almost seven years before "retiring" in the spring of 2020 to the Worst Retirement Ever. He has spent the last year masked up. When the mask comes off, he is at home remodeling and visiting with his family. Thankfully, we still see John often here at the church either worshipping the Creator of the Universe or volunteering in some capacity. In the near future, we hope to see John regularly in our Front Office on Sundays where he will be volunteering at the Front Desk for anyone who needs assistance before or after Mass. If we have enough traffic to justify keeping someone in the office, we will hopefully be able to do this permanently! If you see John around the church, thank him for his dedication to our parish!

"THERE IS NO SAINT WITHOUT A PAST,
NO SINNER WITHOUT A FUTURE."
- ST. AUGUSTINE,

QUOTE FREQUENTLY USED BY JOHN EMILIO

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Sunday Connection

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/29th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

Our missalette will not begin until 1st Sunday of Advent. Use them as Hymns for the following song numbers:

Open My Eyes—Pg. 404
Christ, Be Our Light— Pg. 598
Bread of Life—Pg. 362

First Reading *Isaiah 53:10-11* Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22*
A prayer of praise for God's mercy

Second Reading *Hebrews 4:14-16* Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

Gospel Reading *Mark 10:35-45 (shorter form Mark 10:42-45)* Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

Our Reflection on the Readings

LOYOLAPRESS.

Today's Gospel reading from Mark immediately follows the third and final declaration by Jesus that he must suffer, die and rise. Having just heard these words, the apostles, James and John, ask Jesus for the top places of honor in the Kingdom of God. We can almost hear the sighs of Jesus as He tells them they are not understanding the kingdom that He was proclaiming. The spiritual kingdom was not one of power, prestige and possessions. Jesus then refers to the cup of pain that He will have to endure as the way to the kingdom of the Father. He is trying once again to get them to understand that He must become the suffering servant. If James and John want to share in the glory they must also share in the suffering of Jesus and endure inevitable trials and tribulations for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus continues to explain that the only path to God's kingdom lies in self-surrender, not personal wealth or position. True disciples of Jesus are counted as great to the extent that they imitate Him by becoming a servant to all. Let us reflect on this message and be inspired to go and offer our own talents for the service of those in need.

Reflection by St. Catherine's parishioner Dale Gerber

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Children's Faith Formation

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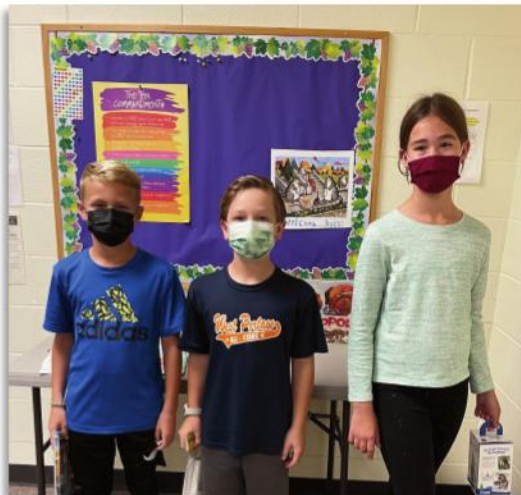
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Doors Locked for CFF Classes on Monday/Wednesday

For the health and safety of our children on Monday and Wednesday nights, the main doors leading into the church will be locked 15 minutes after the start of classes. If you arrive late, please ring the doorbell in the vestibule and a staff member will come open the door for you. Thank you for your understanding and please continue to pray for the health and safety of all our children, parents and staff members this year!

Register Today Before It's Too Late! Trunk or Treat Competitor Spots Still Available

Do you have a knack for decorating? Or maybe you just love Halloween? Sign up today for our annual **Trunk or Treat** event on **Saturday, October 23** for a chance to win one of three cash prizes (\$25 for top three trunks)! Not only do you have a chance to win money, you'll also bring huge smiles to our Children's Faith Formation students as you hand out candy. No experience necessary. Just have fun with decorating, or come to help with the candy! Please register your car and theme to **Karen Galloway** today at cff@stcatherinesiena.org, call **327-0861**, or sign up at <https://stcatherinesiena.flocknote.com/signup/69859>.



Fourth Grade Prayer Space Winners!

Congratulations to **Freddie Grunert, Callan McCarty, Penelope Strachota, Brady Pollasek and Kelton Homan** who won the **Fourth Grade Prayer Space** contest. Prayer Spaces are used as a reminder for everyone in the household that prayer is an important part of our everyday lives. When children create a prayer space, they are reminded of God's presence and can make a connection between church and home. Children can make a prayer space using anything they want, just as long as it's a special place in the home just for prayer! Pictured left to right is Freddie Grunert, Callan McCarthy and Penelope Strachota. Not pictured: Brady Pollasek and Kelton Homan.

First Grade Learns About Parable of the Lost Sheep

Our First Grade classes learned about the **Parable of the Lost Sheep** recently. They learned that the Lost Sheep Parable shows us God's love and compassion and that the Kingdom of God is accessible to all, even those who were sinners or strayed from God's path! When the Shepherd lost one sheep, he left the 99 to seek out the lost sheep. This parable shows that God will seek out the sinner and rejoice when he/she is found! Please continue to pray for all our students as they grow in their faith this year and in years to come!





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In-Person and Online Youth Faith Formation Available!

Anyone who will be in grades 6-12 this coming school year are 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. **On-Line and In-Person:** You can do both the online and the in-person at the same time. Both programs will provide individuals hours for Confirmation.

Online Diocesan Program: (<http://www.diokzoo.org/theway>) Do this program at your own pace.

Go to the website above. Click the lesson you want to do. Watch the videos. Find the grade that is appropriate. 9th-12th grade Candidates use the 8th grade module. 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 one 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 on top of the sheet, the grade you are in, and the session topic.

In-Person Program: Check the bulletin for dates for activities. We are not guaranteeing we will be offering in-person activities every month. You will register with Philip Dezern by email, phone call, or text per session.

Masks are required for all in-person activities.

Looking for Youth Leader Volunteers

We are looking for volunteer young adults or adults to join our Youth Leadership Team. We encourage anyone who wants to grow in their faith and help others to grow in their faith in a relaxed and fun environment to join our team. We want individuals who are willing to talk with youth about faith and accept them as they are. If you're interested, please contact **Phil Dezern**.



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**RSVP TO PHIL BEFORE YOU ATTEND EVENTS,
PLEASE AND THANK YOU! =)**

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*** Service Hours Opportunity! ***

Attention youth! Our Children's Faith Formation (CFF) ministry needs you to help them with **their Trunk or Treat** event on **Saturday, October 23**. We need youth to help decorate trunks, hand out candy or help Karen Galloway, the CFF Director, with anything that needs done during the event. If you're interested, please reach out to **Karen** at cff@stcatherinesiena.org today.

News Around St. Catherine's



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Calling All Snowbirds

If you are planning on being away from home over the winter for a period of time, please let us know. For us to stop or forward Sunday collection envelopes or church correspondence we need to update our software and notify our envelope provider well in advance. Please notify our front office of dates. And enjoy your time in the south!

El Sitio Fundraising for El Salvador Trip

Our **El Sitio Ministry** is working on its final plans for their upcoming trip to visit our sister parish in El Salvador. They are very grateful for the funds received earlier this year, but they are still a little short on what they need to pay the bare minimum of students' schooling and teachers' salaries. They will be here this weekend, in the narthex, for a final fundraising effort. Please consider donating to this worthy cause! You may also donate online at <http://stcatherinesiena.org/give>. Make sure you designate the funds to go to El Sitio. If you have any questions, contact **Al DeMars** at ademars@stcatherinesiena.org or 978-2338.

Remembrance Service November 2

Family and friends of parishioners who have passed away in the past year are invited to attend our annual **Evening Prayer of Remembrance** service, **Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm** in the Church. If you are related to or friends of a parishioner who passed away from November 2020 – October 2021, we invite you to attend this service. If you are unable to attend this service in person, it will also be live-streamed on our website (<https://www.stcatherinesiena.org/mass>).

Save the Date! Blood Drive Monday, November 8

Versiti is coming **on Monday, November 8** from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Stanley Centre for a Blood Drive. Please help us give the gift of life! Sign up sheet will be available online soon. If you have any questions, please contact **Deb Dozeman** at 327-3441 or ddozeman@stcatherinesiena.org.

Meals on Wheels Thank You

We recently made a call out for volunteers for Meals on Wheels. We are happy to announce we've had many step forward to help out. However, we can always use more! If you are interested in helping with the Meals on Wheels program, once every six weeks for two to three hours each time is all that is required. We need both drivers and "hoppers" who physically take the meals to the recipient's door. If you feel you might be able to help with this ministry or have questions, please contact **Neil Klein** at 352-8436 or **Maribeth Stanley** at 375-4972.



Congratulations to the Men's Golf League Winners!

On Wednesday, September 9, the St. Catherine's Men's Golf League held their annual banquet/steak fry. Awards for the 2021 golf year were given out and the champions, **Al Acker and Stephen Schultz** took home the trophy as the top team for the year. It was a wonderful season of golf and fellowship! If anyone is interested in playing in 2022, please contact **Paul Tuleja** at 269-929-5789 or patuleja53@gmail.com. To see these photos in a larger size, please visit our website at: <https://stcatherinesiena.org/golf>.



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



ANointing OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick is for those who are sick or facing life-threatening situations (major surgery/serious medical emergency), as well as those who may be facing imminent death.

While many fear calling a priest for this sacrament may mean giving up on a dying loved one, waiting too long may risk leaving a dying person without the important graces of this sacrament.

If you are interested in an Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact our Front Office at (269) 327-5165 or FrontDesk@stcatherinersiena.org.

Remember: With COVID restrictions, every hospital may have different rules for visitors. Please check with the hospital before calling the priest and/or let them know a priest will be coming to visit.

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News Around the Diocese

Bishop's Pastoral Letter for the Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit

Bishop Bradley has posted a video and written a pastoral letter outlining the purpose and goals of this Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit. Please read and reflect regularly on the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. Please also pray daily the Prayer to the Holy Spirit and read and reflect upon it regularly. They can be found on the diocesan website at <http://diokzoo.org/holy-spirit>.

New Evangelization Convocation November 6

We are pleased to offer a **New Evangelization Convocation** led by the **Franciscan Institute** from Franciscan University. This institute also powers the free online catechetical content offered through the diocesan Institute of Missionary Discipleship (IMD) which trains and evangelizes parish staffs and key volunteers. This daylong event features keynotes and breakout sessions geared to lay leaders, parish staff and clergy. One of the featured speakers scheduled is Chris McKenna from Protect Young Eyes joining us on this day to share the Protect APP, designed for parents and youth to keep them safe from online predators. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.imdisciple.com>.

St. Monica School Eighth Grade Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner at Bucky's Café

(8675 Portage, Portage, MI)

Thu, Nov 11, 4-7:30pm

\$6 per serving

(includes Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic toast & drink.)

To buy your tickets look for your friendly 8th grader (or call Diane Matyas at the School @345-2444). Special thanks to Bucky's for donating everything!



Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*.

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. For resources and ideas to help build a culture of life this October and throughout the year go to <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>.

THANKS GIVING BASKETS

St. Vincent de Paul will be putting
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: October 16 Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Jack Andrew Holysz and all babies who first opened their eyes in Heaven †

SUNDAY: October 17 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Robert Ostrowski †

11:00 am Irene Strom †

5:00 pm Xada Swayze †

MONDAY: October 18, Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

9:15 am Hannah Holmes †

TUESDAY: October 19, Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

9:15 am Kathy Phillips Grusecki †

WEDNESDAY: October 20, Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

9:15 am Ronnie Jacobs †

THURSDAY: October 21

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

9:15 am Joseph Peter † & Hilda D'Cruz †

FRIDAY: October 22, Saint John Paul II, Pope

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

9:15 am Grace Bonhomme †

SATURDAY: October 23, Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

9:15 am Thomas J. Sullivan †

SATURDAY: October 23, Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Richard LeBlanc †

SUNDAY: October 24, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

7:30 am Judy Radick †

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Sebastian Chittappanattu †

5:00 pm Becky Dehn

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>. 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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