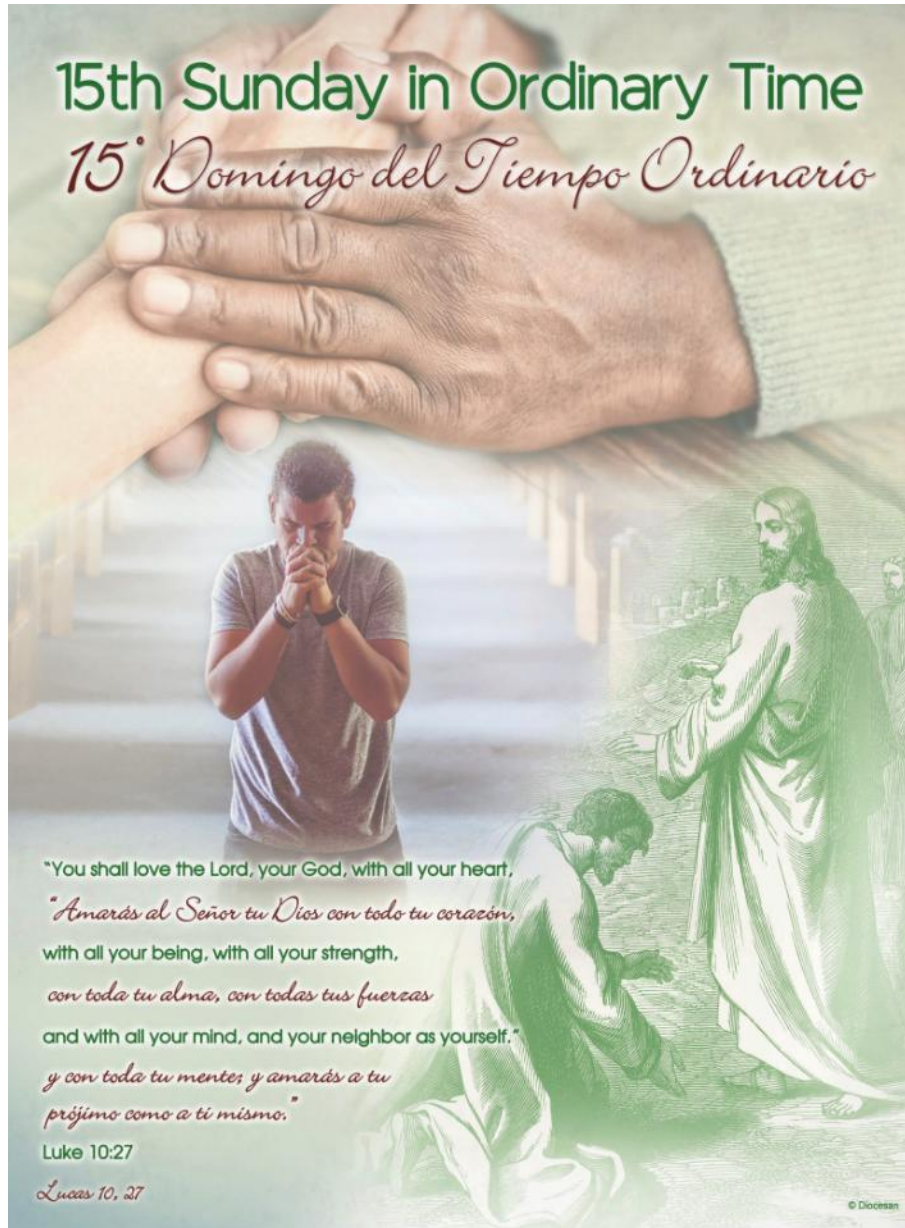


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**July 10, 2022**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Dear Parishioners,

Volunteers are great! So many volunteers have been working on preparing for our Vacation Bible School next week. It's nice to see that things are coming together, and we will be able to host VBS for the first time in two years. When I arrived at St. Catherine three years ago this month, VBS was the very next week after my arrival. My brother priests and I are looking forward to spending this time with our youth.

It's hard to believe that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was already a week ago. I reminded a few people that we always used to say that summer was half over when we got to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It seems like that statement is coming true as we are preparing to open registration for our Faith Formation classes next week during Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars to start early registration and we will have additional information next week.

This past week was also the first week that George Dragan officially joined our staff. With his arrival, we are planning to organize our Faith Formation department in a different way. George will be the overall Director of Children's Faith Formation, Confirmation Preparation, Youth Group and Adult Faith Formation. We are working on putting the final staff and volunteers in place to assist him. We will have additional information about this very soon. If you haven't had a chance to introduce yourself to him, George will be at VBS next week.

Thanks for reading!  
Fr. Mark



## 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 confessions in Trinity Chapel on  
**Saturdays from 11:00 am -12:00 pm.**

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am—12:00 pm  
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June 20 - 26, 2022	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$12,341
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		\$22,878
June 21 - 27, 2021	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$12,079
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		\$25,028
2022 Year to Date		\$1,469,030
2021 Year to Date		\$1,421,479

***Thank you all for your continued generosity!***

### 2022 Bishop Annual Appeal Updates

Goal	\$260,643
Total Pledged:	\$237,070.92 (90%)
Families Pledged	557/1596 (35%)

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# Calendar of Events

**Calendar events subject to change!**

## Saturday, July 9, 2022

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Catholic Men's Fellowship (Room 9/11)  
 8:30 AM SVDP Interviews (Stanley Centre)  
 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Confessions (Trinity Chapel/GLP)  
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Wedding (Church)  
 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM Siena's Rehearsal (Church/Choir)  
 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Rosary for Life (Church)  
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass (Church)

## Sunday, July 10, 2022

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Mass (Church)  
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass (Church)  
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Benedictine Oblates (GLP)  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass (Church)  
 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Baptism (Church)  
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mass (Church)

## Monday, July 11, 2022

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Visitation, Funeral & Funeral Luncheon (Narthex/Church/Marian)  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship (Stanley Centre Office)

## Tuesday, July 12, 2022

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)  
 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group (GLP)  
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Blood Drive (Stanley Centre)  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM SVDP Business Meeting (Fellowship)

## Wednesday, July 13, 2022

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

## Thursday, July 14, 2022

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (Trinity Chapel)  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Respect Life Meeting (Fellowship)

## Friday, July 15, 2022

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Daily Mass (Trinity Chapel)  
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal (Church)  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM P3 - Prayer/Penance/Pub (Cancelled)

# Reflection on the Readings

Today's Gospel parable is one we've heard many times before, the story of the Good Samaritan. In the story, both a Jewish priest and a Levite (another Jewish religious official) pass the injured man by on the opposite side of the road, whereas the Samaritan helps him and sees to his needs. From a cultural standpoint, both the priest and the Levite perhaps had good reasons in their own minds for what they did...perhaps, for example, they needed to remain ritually pure. The Samaritan also would have had good reason to ignore the injured man, since Jews and Samaritans didn't exactly get along well. The Samaritan was just passing through, yet he not only stopped to help the injured man, but he went into an inn (where he no doubt was not welcome) and arranged for the man's continued care. Jesus makes it clear to the scholar in the story, and to us today, who truly loved his neighbor.

Moses told the Israelites that following the Lord and doing right isn't "rocket science." "No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." But the priest and the Levite didn't; they were too wrapped up in their own issues to see the needs of another. How often do we do the same?

Our world is a big place; our neighbor is no longer the person who lives next door or down the street. We can't solve all the world's problems. However, that doesn't mean we're allowed to throw up our hands in defeat. We can all do something; at the very least, Jesus calls us to be compassionate to the plight of our neighbors, even those who don't look like us or believe like us...even those who want to harm us.

*Reflection by parishioner, John Ceglarek*



# News Around St. Catherine's

## P3 & Prayer & Pizza Postponed

Due to lower numbers in the past few months, we've decided to postpone P3—Prayer/Penance/Pub and our Young Adult program, Pizza and Prayer, until September. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall!

## Versiti Blood Drive July 12

Our signups for this month's Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 12, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan in the Stanley Centre Gym have been very low! Please help us give the gift of life. Signup online today at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/blooddrive> or show up on Tuesday if you're available. Thank you!

Need a beach "audiobook" this summer? If you've struggled to read the Bible, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, may be for you! Although many start on January 1, there's no reason you can't start any day. Each 20-25 minute episode includes two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word. Listen for free today at <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes>.



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# Respect Life Corner

Please contact the Respect Life Ministry if you or someone you know needs help finding the resources they need. [stcatherinerespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherinerespectlife@gmail.com)

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We are collecting for our annual Back-to-School Giving Tree project which supports various local organizations. SignUp Genius lists are available on our website at: <https://stcatherinesiena.org/givingtrees> or access the lists with the QR codes below. Drop off donations in the designated boxes in the vestibule until Sunday, July 31. *Please label the bag or item with the organization it is designated to go to.*  
Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



### The ARK - Catholic Charities

The Ark provides a variety of services to runaway and homeless youth in crisis as well as their families



### Family and Children Services

Programs include foster care and adoption, counseling, crisis intervention, and family preservation



### Generous Hands

Generous Hands, Inc., is a small, non-profit organization, based in Vicksburg, Michigan, committed to helping families in time of need by providing backpacks of food to those at risk to go hungry on the weekends.



### Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries

While still a resource for housing, Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries is now also a combined effort with the Kalamazoo Deacons Conference. Both groups utilize donations for needy families on the Northside of Kalamazoo and operate Rescued Treasures thrift store (located at 524 N. Burdick Street in Kalamazoo.



### Peace House

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2022-2023

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY: July 9, Vigil of The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Gary Shoemaker †

## SUNDAY: July 10, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Deacon Ed Feltes †

11:00 am Joseph Peter † & Hilda D'Cruz †

5:00 pm Andrew Jamoua

## MONDAY: July 11, Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

9:15 am Kathleen McNally-Calvey †

## TUESDAY: July 12, Weekday

Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

9:15 am Imelda Hofbauer †

## WEDNESDAY: July 13, Weekday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

9:15 am Deceased Members of the Roy & Genevieve  
Hiler Family †

## THURSDAY: July 14, Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

9:15 am Jun Pangilinan †

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

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

9:15 am Linda Reaume's Birthday

## SATURDAY: July 16, Weekday

Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

9:15 am Special Intentions of Carlos Wink

## SATURDAY: July 16, Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Milagrin D'Souza †

## SUNDAY: July 17, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

7:30 am Rick Pitera †

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Nick Cekola †

5:00 pm Christen Jarbou

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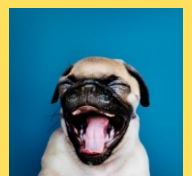
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