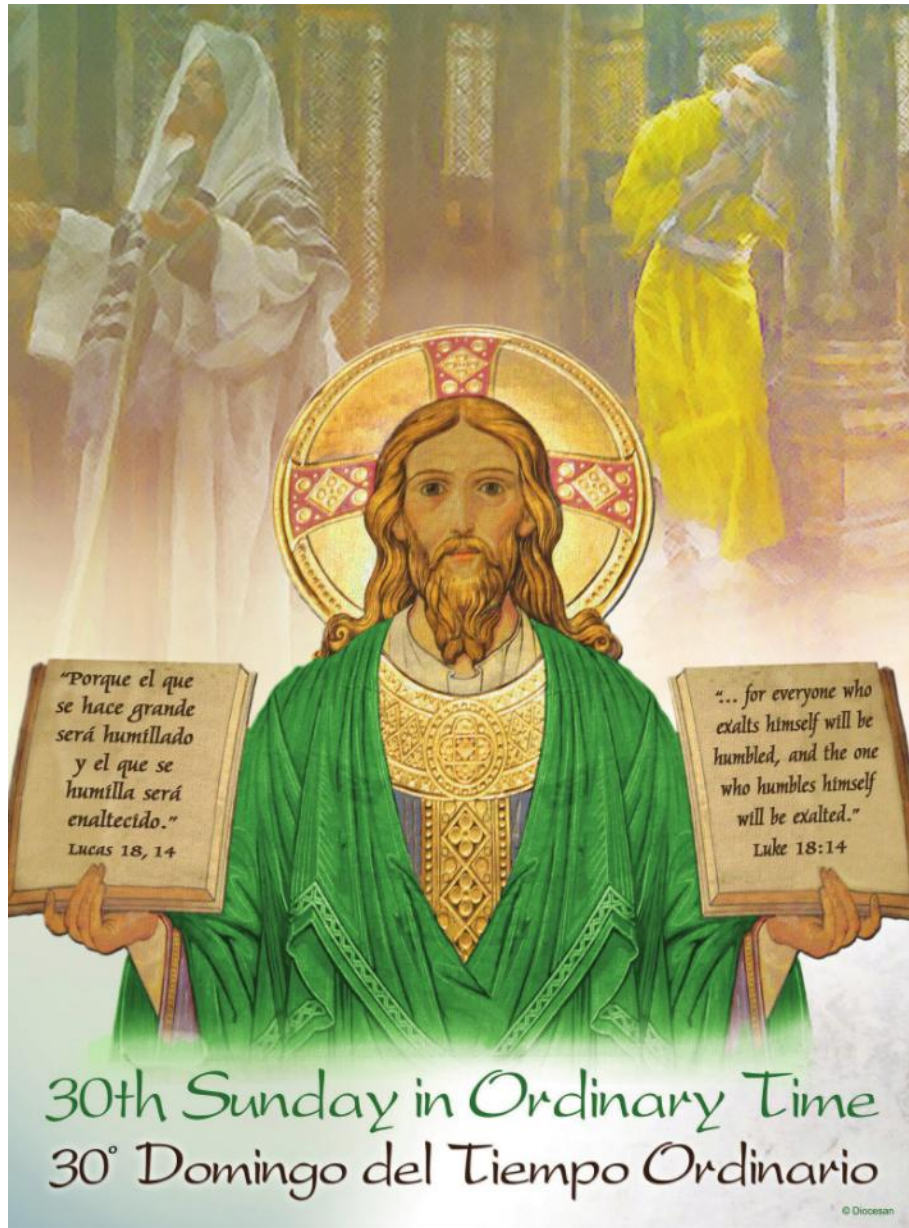


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**October 23, 2022**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Dear Parishioners,

When I was a young boy, going to Mass with my parents at St. Mary's, I always found the missionary priests who would come to speak to us very interesting. They would preach at Mass and then come over to the school to talk to each class about the missions.

My parents would contribute to the collections for the missionaries and of course, we got on their magazine list. These magazines would catch my interest each time they arrived as they featured a different missionary priest, brother, sister or lay missionaries and the different countries and cultures they lived and worked in. As you can guess, I never made it out of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Yet, I still feel that connection to missionaries who work around the world, spreading the message of the Gospel.

Today, we have an opportunity to support missionaries on World Mission Sunday. We are reminded how the Church is missionary in its nature. We need to support these missionary efforts to continue to follow the words of Christ to teach all the nations the Good News.

I was a little surprised a few weeks ago when the Bishop asked me to head up the mission office in the Diocese, the Propagation of the Faith. Fr. Farrell held this office for a number of years and now I follow in his footsteps. As the new director of this office, I ask your support in prayers and through your generosity to support the missions through the envelope in your packets or online giving. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark



## 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.**

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Saturdays from 11:00 am -12:00 pm,  
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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.

# Calendar of Events

**Calendar events subject to change!**

## Sunday, October 23, 2022

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	Siena's Rehearsal, Church/Choir Room
10:00 am	CFF, Classrooms, Stanley Center
11:00 am	Mass, Church
11:00 am	Pre-K/Kindergarten Faith Formation, Classrooms
12:00 pm	Baptism, Church
4:00 pm	RCIC, SCR
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
6:00 pm	Women of the Word, Room 2/4
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group, Stanley Center
6:30 pm	Mothers of Preschoolers, Fellowship Room

## Monday, October 24, 2022

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	CFF, Classrooms, Stanley Center
7:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, GLP

## Tuesday, October 25, 2022

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry, GLP
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting, Fellowship
7:00 pm	RCIA, SCR

## Wednesday, October 26, 2022

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	Scripture Study, Fellowship

## Thursday, October 27, 2022

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	Adoration, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	Women of the Word, Marian Hall/Classrooms
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## Friday, October 28, 2022

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
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## Saturday, October 29, 2022

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 9-11
8:30 am	SVPD Interviews, Stanley Centre Office
9:00 am	Catechist Training, Marian Hall
9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
11:00 am	Reconciliation, GLP & Trinity Chapel
3:30 pm	Rosary for Life, Church
4:00 pm	Mass, Church

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## Reflection on the Readings

The Pharisee in today's gospel parable seems glaringly self-centered and pretentious in giving thanks to God that he is not like other sinners: greedy, dishonest or adulterous. He feels especially superior to the tax collector despised by the Jewish community for collaborating with the Romans. In sharp contrast we find this tax collector standing off at a distance from the temple. He knows he is a sinner, confesses this to God and asks for His mercy. Jesus tells his disciples the tax collector went home justified (transformed by God's love and forgiveness) while the Pharisee did not. Before we judge the Pharisee too harshly, however, keep in mind he has lived faithful to God's commandments as he understood them per the cultural norms and religious practices at that time. What Jesus is trying to get His disciples (and us) to understand is that the Pharisee was missing a critical point in his prayer. By focusing on his own righteous acts, he was not making himself present to God. He wasn't inviting God to be present to him either. He was missing the opportunity to encounter God in a relationship and receive his mercy and grace. The Pharisee left the Temple basically the same way he had entered, focused on himself instead of God. The tax collector, on the other hand, approached God with humility and honesty longing to draw closer to God despite his unworthiness. Jesus ends the parable by summarizing the essential difference between the two men, "for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Do we truly open our hearts to God and ask Him to come in when we pray? Or do we "go through the motions" of prayer, concerned only with our own "wants," and miss the opportunity to grow in our relationship with God?

*Reflection by parishioner, Dale Gerber*



# News Around St. Catherine

## Calling all Snowbirds!

If you are planning on being away from home over the winter for a period of time, please let us know at 327-5165 or [office@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:office@stcatherinesiena.org). We will stop or forward Sunday collection envelopes and/or church correspondence while you're gone. Enjoy your time in the south!

## 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 6:30 pm in the Church. If you are unable to attend this service in person, it will also be live-streamed on our website at <https://www.stcatherinesiena.org/mass>.

Just a brief note of "thanks" to all who have remembered me during my Surgery last week and my recovery in the days since. It was a difficult time, but the many Prayer Offerings, Votive Candles, Get Well Cards, and other kind deeds have certainly given me a lift. With the Surgeon's permission, I hope to be back in Service in the not-too-distant future. Until then, may God Bless & reward your goodness. In Christ's Never-ending Love and Tender Mercy,  
Father Bill.

## Thanks From Father Bill!



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## Opposing Proposal 3

### WEEK 5

We've used the last month to shine a spotlight on the extraordinarily broad language used in Proposal 3 (the "Reproductive Freedom for All" proposal) that will appear on the ballot this November. The proposal does far more than simply codify *Roe v. Wade* in our State Constitution. As we've discussed, Proposal 3 invalidates more than two dozen Michigan pro-life laws, authorizes minors to obtain abortion and sterilization without parental consent or even notice, effectively allows abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy, and prohibits the State from enacting laws that would protect an unborn baby's life or even to stop abortions based on sex, race, or disability.

At least women would be protected from unsafe abortion practices, right? Not at all. Proposal 3 authorizes the State to pass limited laws protecting the health of the mother, but only "consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice and evidence-based medicine." Who establishes "accepted clinical standards of practice" for abortions? Abortionists! Unlike any other area of medical practice, where doctors

and nurses are subjected to all manner of laws to ensure patient safety, abortionists alone would get to decide whether they want to follow a Michigan health and safety law. If abortionists disagree that hospital admitting privileges are important, they can decline to follow a law that requires them. If abortionists think that laws regulating the safety standards for surgical centers are unnecessary for abortion clinics, they can ignore them with impunity.

No matter how a voter feels about abortion, Michigan's Constitution should *not* be amended to give abortionists complete control over deciding what Michigan health and safety laws they must follow. Please tell everyone you know: vote **"NO"** on Proposal 3 on November 8th.

**John Bursch is a constitutional lawyer and former Michigan Solicitor General.** Through Alliance Defending Freedom, he represents the Michigan Catholic Conference and Right to Life of Michigan in court to uphold Michigan's pro-life laws.



Joan and Dale Gerber are relatively new to our parish, but have already made a tremendous positive impact! The Gerbers moved to Portage two years ago from Middletown, Ohio. They had lived there for 50 years, but relocated to help their son-in-law with their three grandchildren following the death of their daughter. They were very involved in their previous parish, so upon relocating, they desired to continue volunteering. Dale had completed the Lay Pastoral Ministry degree (which is the first two years of formation requirement for the Diaconate at St. Mary's seminary) before moving to Michigan. Dale is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at Mass and writes reflections for the bulletin. He also co-facilitated a study group on the Nicene Creed based on Bishop Robert Baron's video series. Joan is a Eucharistic Minister and helps facilitate the parish grief share program and provides food for the funeral luncheon ministry. They enjoy hiking and social activities within their condo association and the parish prime-timers lunch group. They love spending time with their children and nine grandchildren, allowing them to visit Montana, New York and St. Louis. Dale and Joan look forward to making new friends through being active within the parish. If you have yet to meet the Gerbers, please make an effort to say hello and thank them for all they do! The Lord had a purpose when bringing them to Portage, and while the reason for their move was heartbreaking, we are very thankful that the Lord blessed our parish family with Joan and Dale.



**Parishioner Spotlight:**  
**Joan and Dale Gerber**

## News Around the Diocese

### Proposal 3 Discussion and Details October 25

St. Joseph Parish in Battle Creek, is hosting an evening with Bishop Bradley and John Bursch to discuss details and ramifications of Proposal 3. RSVP to Cathy Hirzel, (269) 968-4639 or [chirzel@aol.com](mailto:chirzel@aol.com).

### "Matter of Life" Movie October 26

St. Ann's Parish in Augusta, will be offering the box office movie "Matter of Life" on October 26, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Please consider attending to help further your understanding of the Pro Life movement before election day. If interested in carpooling, please contact Margaret Meersma via text/call (616) 888-5008 or email [margaretmeersma@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmeersma@gmail.com).

### St. Mary Autumn Gala October 29

Join us for the St. Mary Autumn Gala on Saturday, October 29 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. There will be a three course dinner, drinks, and a live auction for \$50 per person. More details can be found on St. Mary's website at <http://stmarykazoo.org/fall-gala>.

### St. Monica Spaghetti Dinner

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students of St. Monica will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 9. The dinner will be held at Wyman's Cafe (formerly Bucky's Cafe) on Portage Rd., from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 per ticket. All proceeds go towards paying for their end-of-year retreat at Sherman Lake.

### Vote No on Proposal 3

The Catholic bishops in Michigan are calling on all Catholics to vote no on Proposal 3 on the November election ballot. The proposal would create a constitutional amendment to allow for unlimited, unregulated abortion throughout all of pregnancy. For more information about the proposal, go to

<https://supportmiwomenandchildren.org>.

# Altar Server Training

Date: Sunday, October 30th, 2022

Time: Noon

Where: St. Catherine of Siena Church

Please email Alana at  
[amurray@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:amurray@stcatherinesiena.org)

If you plan to attend.

Thank You!

*\*This training date is for servers that could not attend the previous session that was held on October 2nd. The training that will be covered on 10/30 will be the same instructions that were covered on 10/2.*



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Austin Curtis, Heather Fields, Brad Russell



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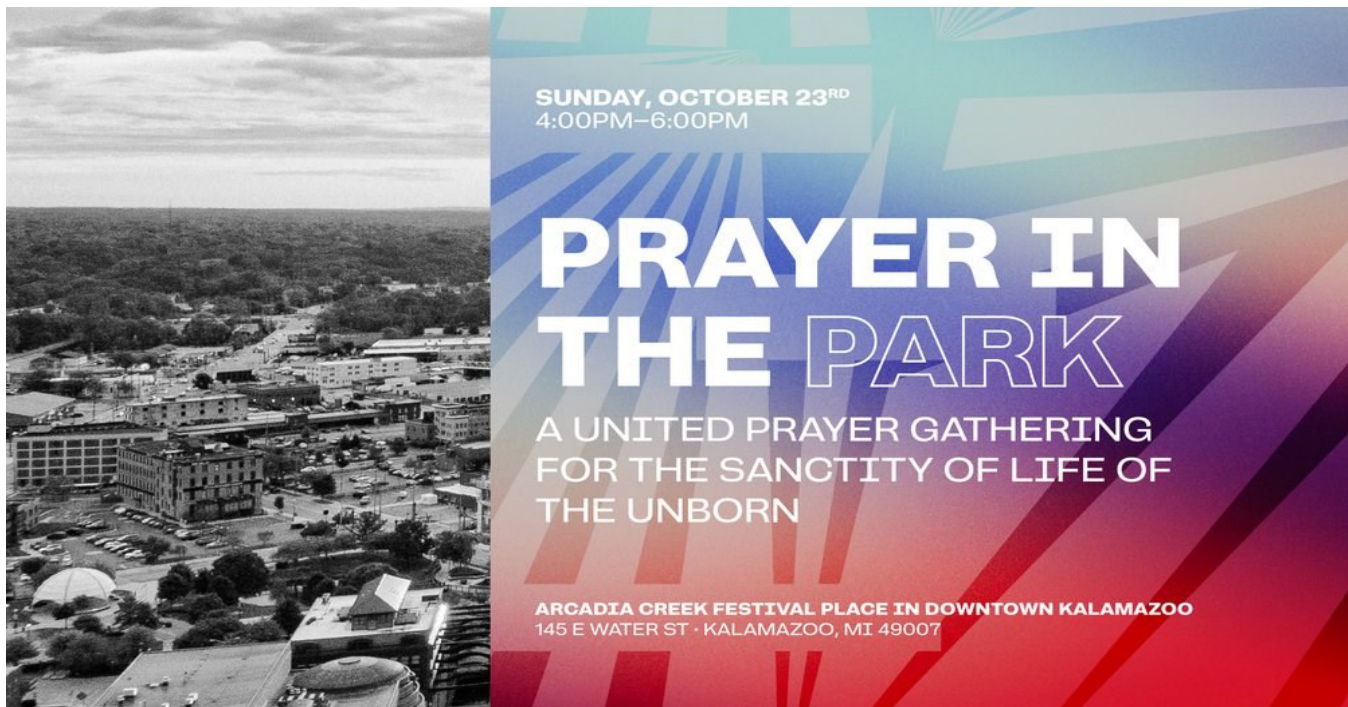
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**Bishop Bradley invites all Kalamazoo area Catholic Parishes to join him at**



**Prayer in the Park  
Sunday, October 23  
4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Arcadia Creek Festival Place  
145 E Water Street  
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On Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 pm, churches from across Kalamazoo are gathering together at Arcadia Creek Festival Place for **Prayer in the Park**.

We will be praying, worshipping, and interceding for the sanctity of life of the unborn. As followers of Christ, we have a responsibility to protect those who don't have a voice. This event is focused on praying for the unborn. This is not a political event, protest, or candidate endorsement. We ask that you leave any signs or distractions at home. No matter what church you attend, denomination you are part of, or background you're coming from, we're calling on all followers of Christ to unite together around this focus and pray for revival to come from the heart of our city. Bring your soul. Bring your voice. Bring your prayers. Help us spread the word by sharing this with as many people as you can.

# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY: October 22, Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Joseph and Anna Jankura †

**SUNDAY: October 23, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

7:30 am Burtice Margaret Hamilton Longton †

9:00 am Dennis Konkel †

11:00 am People of the Parish

5:00 pm Erik Munson †

**MONDAY: October 24, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

Eph 4:32---5:8; Lk 13:10-17

9:15 am Bruce Nkunda †

**TUESDAY: October 25**

Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

9:15 am Frank Erich †

**WEDNESDAY: October 26**

Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

9:15 am John and Pat Curry †

**THURSDAY: October 27**

Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

9:15 am Fred and Rita Bisaro †

**FRIDAY: October 28, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

9:15 am Leo Kominek †

**SATURDAY: October 29**

Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

9:15 am Susan Seitz

**SATURDAY: October 29, Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Robert Leroy Cook †

**SUNDAY: October 30, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 11:22---12:2; 2Thes 1:11---2:2; Lk 19:1-10

7:30 am Parish Volunteers

9:00 am Tucker Parnell Smith †

11:00 am Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus  
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5:00 pm People of the Parish



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