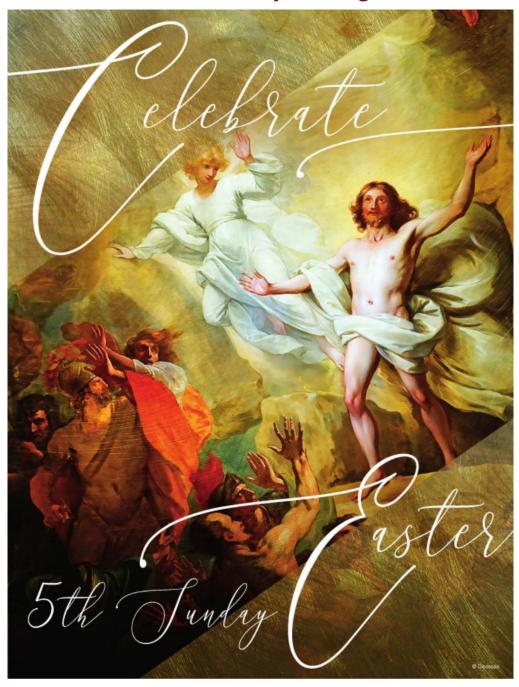
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We are called to honor the Lord by serving each other in hope.



May 7, 2023 5th Sunday of Easter Dear Parishioners,
On this 5th
Sunday of Easter,
we will celebrate
the first of two
groups of our
students receiving
their First Holy
Communion.
A second group



will be receiving this sacrament next weekend. Congratulations to all our students and thank you to our catechists and parents who instructed them so that they would be ready to receive the gift of the Eucharist!

I promised that I would tell you a little bit more about the upcoming retreat for our active priests in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Normally, we would have our annual retreat in Lent. However, this year, the Bishop asked that all our priests join him in a special retreat that will begin on Monday, May 15, and last until Friday, May 19. We will be at a retreat house in the Detroit area and will not be available for Masses or funerals during this time. When we come back from retreat, we will have the first of two ordinations taking place in May. The first ordination will be on May 20, and this is the ordination of our seminarian Andrew Schmidt as a transitional deacon. This will be his final step before priesthood next year. Please keep him in your prayers as well as all of our priests as they prepare for their retreat during this Synod year.

Hopefully, by this time, you have received your personal pledge cards for BAA in the mail from the Diocese. If you haven't done so already, please prayerfully consider a pledge to support our seminarians, permanent deacon candidates, and many other ministries of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Our goal this year is \$269,893 (or rounded up=\$270,000). Please drop your completed pledge card in the mail, bring it back to Church to put it in the collection, or you may also give an online donation or pledge at the website for the Diocese. Thank you for considering a pledge to support the work of the Church.

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.

# **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays from 11:00 am—12:00 pm, Trinity Chapel/GLP

If this time does not work for you, call our Front Office to schedule an appointment with a priest.

# **Front Office Hours**

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		\$50,661
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	Electronic Giving	<u>\$9,839</u>
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2023 Year to Date	\$1,280,674	
2022 Year to Date	\$1,198,010	

Thank you all for your continued generosity!

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# **Calendar of Events**

## Sunday, May 7, 2023

7:30 am	Mass, Church
8:30 am	Coffee and Donuts, Marian Hall
0.00 am	Mass Church

9:00 am Mass, Church 11:00 am Mass, Church

2:00 pm First Communion Mass, Church

5:00 pm Mass, Church

6:00 pm Youth Group, Game Room

## Monday, May 8, 2023

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

# **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Knitters Group, GLF
9:45 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	SVDP, Business Meeting
6:30 pm	GriefShare Meeting, GWR

# Wednesday, May 10, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
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7:00 pm Light of Hope, Stanley Centre Office

7:00 pm Scripture Study, Zoom

# Calendar events subject to change!

## **Thursday, May 11, 2023**

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	Adoration, Trinity Chapel
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Respect Life, Fellowship

## Friday, May 12, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass

# **Saturday, May 13, 2023**

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 9/11
8:30 am	SVDP Interviews, Stanley Centre Office
9:00 am	First Communion Practice, Church
9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
11:00 am	Reconciliation, GLP & Trinity Chapel
2:45 pm	Siena's Rehearsal, Church/ Choir Room
3:30 pm	Rosary for Life, Church
4:00 pm	Mass, Church

Did you know that we have a small library on the

lower level of our church?
If you are looking for spiritual reading, please stop by the office and we will direct you to the area to select your book(s)!

# Reflection on the Readings

Today's Gospel takes place at the last supper, immediately after Jesus tells Peter that he will deny him three times by morning on Good Friday. Jesus is trying to reassure his Disciples that everything will be well in the end, so there is no reason to worry. He says that He's going to prepare a place for them, and that He will return to take them there. Then Jesus says that they know the way, but the Disciples still don't understand even after three years with Him. Thomas questions Jesus, who responds by saying He is the way, the truth, and the life...no one comes to the Father except through Him...knowing Jesus is knowing the Father.

Still, they don't understand. Philip says to Jesus, "show us the Father and we'll be satisfied." You can sense Jesus' frustration in His answer, and can imagine Him thinking "how many times do I need to explain this...will they ever get it?" Jesus explains it again, and then tells them that if they don't believe His words then they should at least believe His works...and he predicts that they (and others) will do even greater works. And, despite the Disciples' apparent inability to grasp things even at this late hour, eventually they DO get it, as we've been reading in Acts.

We have an advantage that the Disciples didn't have at the last supper; we have the empty tomb, the words of the angels to the women on Easter morning, and the words of Jesus Himself after the resurrection. Yet, how often do we still not "get it"? Easter is not over; may we all take the time to celebrate and grasp as best we can the wonderful mystery that God has given us...may we come a step or two closer to really "getting it."

Reflection by parishioner, John Ceglarek

# **News Around St. Catherine**

## **West Drive Update**

Construction continues! Our excavation contractors have the drive and lot open, however, the drive is not paved yet and will be muddy. When the weather warms up, they will return to put down asphalt. We'll continue to keep you updated as we know more. Please beware when using this drive that your car will get dirty!

# **Coffee and Donuts Ministry**

Have you enjoyed donuts from Coffee & Donuts this year? Our last donut Sunday is May 21, but join us this fall to keep the ministry going! We need VOLUNTEERS to make this happen. We have four Donut Teams, each team consisting of a Donut Maker and two shifts of volunteers. First shift has a few volunteers (adults or teenagers only), time slot of approximately 7:00-10:00 am, and they frost the donuts, set up the coffee and lemonade, and refill donut trays as needed. Second shift will have four-five volunteers (can be any age), time slot of approximately 10:00 am-1:00 pm, and they refill donut trays and coffee/lemonade as needed, and clean up Marian Hall. Essentially, if you're on a Donut Team, you'll volunteer for a few hours once every two months. It's a great way to meet new people and serve your parish community, so please consider this fulfilling ministry. Please contact Deb Dozeman or Karen Vellom at Donuts@stcatherinesiena.org or (269) 327-3441. Thank you!

# 2023 Bishops Annual Appeal (BAA) & Special Pledge from Our Knights of Columbus

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made a pledge or contribution! If you have not yet contributed, we encourage you to make a commitment decision this week. Your gift, together with those of others across our diocese, will support essential ministries and programs of our Church. Our parish goal is to raise \$270,000, and with your support and donations we can do it! Please remember, no gift is too large or too small. Our Knights of Columbus have generously pledged to donate \$1.00 for every parishioner or family who donates to the BAA, by June 1. All money raised will support the community where Fr. Ben is going for his Sabbatical. Please donate today. Thank you!



# Save the Date: Respect Life Ministry Car Wash June 3

Our Respect Life Ministry inviters you to TREAT YOUR FATHER to an early Father's Day gift with a car wash on Saturday, June 3, in the Stanley Centre parking lot during the 4:00 pm Mass. Cars will be washed by Respect Life Ministry members and friends. More details coming soon.

# Save the Date: KOC Golf Outing August 26

Mark your calendars now! Join the Knights of Columbus for their Annual St. Catherine's Parish Golf Outing on Saturday, August 26, at Pineview Golf Course. Signup information and details coming soon.

# **Giving With 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.

# **FIRST COMMUNION 2023**

Congratulations to the children who will receive their First Holy Communion on May 7 and 14. We pray that the peace coming from our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you now and forever.

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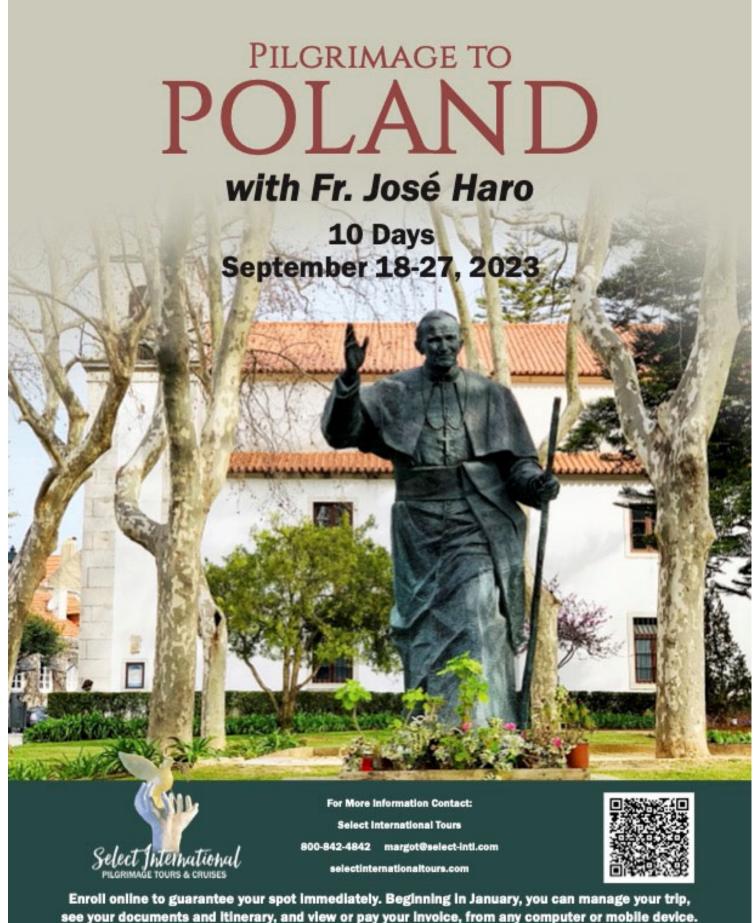
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We want to thank all our catechists, volunteers, and parents for their time and dedication to improving the faith of our parish children and youth.

We appreciate your faith in us and our programs. Please don't be a stranger at Mass on the weekends, and we hope to see all of you at VBS (either in the program or as a volunteer). Registration for fall will begin on May 21.

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# **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY: May 6 Vigil of The Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Deceased Members of the Cipkus & Dubray

Family †

**SUNDAY: May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter** 

Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

7:30 am Patrick Jamoua

9:00 am Matt † & Ann † Stempihar

11:00 am People of the Parish

5:00 pm Richard Schell †

MONDAY: May 8, Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

9:15 am Jim † Keats† Hofbauer

TUESDAY: May 9, Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a 9:15 am Rosemary Bastos †

WEDNESDAY: May 10, Easter Weekday; Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damiem de Veuster,

**Priest** 

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 9:15 am Kay Sweeney †

THURSDAY: May 11, Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 9:15 am John Meister †

FRIDAY: May 12, Easter Weekday; Saints Nereus and

Achilleus.

Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 9:15 am Frank Erich †

SATURDAY: May 13, Easter Weekday; Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 9:15 am Dolores Bedell †

SATURDAY: May 13, Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Fr. Jim O'Leary †

**SUNDAY: May 14, The Sixth Sunday of Easter** 

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

7:30 am Jamie Lopez †

9:00 am Aurelio Pangilinan, Jr. † 11:00 am Anthony Wojtowicz † 5:00 pm People of the Parish

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A group of guys I know took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel, and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter. After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and asked the father to stand up.



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