St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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



May 14, 2023 Mother's Day

1150 West Centre Ave. • Portage, MI • www.stcatherinesiena.org • (269) 327-5165 In case of after-hours emergency, death, or danger of death, please call: (269) 598-0357 Dear Parishioners,

In this month, we honor the Blessed Mother. This Sunday is also a day where we remember and honor our own mothers. We thank our moms and keep them in our hearts and prayers. May the Lord continue to bless



all these moms who take care of us each day!

As we reach Mother's Day weekend, we also reach our second Sunday of our parish's celebration of First Communion. The Easter Season truly reminds us of the gifts that the Sacraments bring to us and how they draw us closer to the Lord and help us enter into the Easter mystery. Thank you Lord, for giving us your precious Body and Blood!

A special thanks to all our volunteers who have made our programs and activities such a success this past year (Faith Formation, donut crews, volunteers for the weekend Masses, choir members and cantors, Bible Study leaders, office volunteers, and many others). Our numbers and attendance at these events and programs have slowly come back after COVID times and continue to do so. Our Mass attendance is also increasing. Your help truly makes our parish a special place to be! As we wind down these programs for the school year, we look forward to a great summertime and especially our upcoming Vacation Bible School.

The weather during the past few weeks hasn't cooperated much to get our driveway paved after the drain pipes were replaced on the West side of Marian Hall. Maybe by the time this goes to print, there will be fresh asphalt and all the dirt will be gone!

Just a reminder to pray for all the priests in the Diocese this coming week as we go on a special retreat for this year of Prayer and Renewal for our Priests. Also, keep our two seminarians in prayer for the next two weekends as one will be ordained as a transitional deacon next Saturday and on Memorial Day weekend, another as a priest for our Diocese.

I appreciate all your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't made your pledge yet to support the work and ministry of the Church throughout the Diocese of Kalamazoo, please prayerfully consider a pledge.

Thanks for reading! Fr. Mark

Mass

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Monday - Saturday:9:15 am (Trinity Chapel)Saturday:4:00 pm, Vigil MassSunday: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

 Monday - Friday:
 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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Stewardship

Apr. 24-30, 2023	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$16,253
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$8,853</u>
		\$25,106
Apr. 25-May 1, 2022	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$18,841
	Electronic Giving	<u>43,505</u>
		\$62,346
2023 Year to Date	\$1,305,780	
2022 Year to Date	\$1,260,346	

Thank you all for your continued generosity!

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

Calendar of Events

Priest's on Retreat May 15-19

Sunday, May 14, 2023

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	Mass, Church
11:00 am	Mass, Church
12:00 pm	Baptism, Church
2:00 pm	First Communion Mass, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church

Monday, May 15, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Church
7:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Off Grounds

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Church
9:45 am	Rosary, Church
6:30 pm	GriefShare Meeting, GWR

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Church
7:00 pm	Catechism in a Year Study Group, Fellowship
7:00 pm	Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, May 18, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Church
9:30 am	MOPs, Rooms 1/3, Nursery
10:00 am	Adoration, Trinity Chapel
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel

Reflection on the Readings

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Calendar events subject to change!

Friday, May 19, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Church
7:00 pm	P3, GLP, Trinity Chape

Saturday, May 20, 2023

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 9/11
8:30 am	SVDP Interviews, Stanley Centre Office
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

On behalf of our clergy and staff...

HAPPY

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."" (Proverbs 31:28–29)

Today's Gospel reading is a continuation of the Gospel from last week. Remember that Jesus was trying to prepare His disciples for what was to come, telling them not to worry because all would be well in the end. He knew the trials that lay ahead for them, and He knew how much they would miss Him, and He's trying to be comforting. Today we hear Him promising to send another "Advocate" (in Jesus' time, an advocate's role was to both defend and provide instruction). He also tells them that He will not leave them orphaned, but rather that He will return; yet he makes it clear that things won't be as they had been because "in a little while the world will not longer see me." The implication is clear; the promised Advocate will be Jesus' spirit. He said, "On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." Imagine the disciples trying to make sense of all this!

Sometimes I don't think it's any easier for us. The Holy Trinity is a mystery that we can never understand fully in this life. Yet, this Gospel reading begins with Jesus telling the disciples that "if you love me you will keep my commandments"... and it is the "Advocate," the Holy Spirit, that helps us to do that. In other words, Jesus gave us the Spirit in order to help us love Him and follow Him. How cool is it that God has given us everything we need to know Him and love Him? Are we willing to take the time and make the effort to allow the Spirit to work in, and through, us?

Reflection by parishioner, John Ceglarek

News Around St. Catherine

Daily Masses in Main Church This Week

Update from last week: Fr. Benedict WILL be celebrating all the daily Masses this week. He is the only priest not attending the retreat in Detroit this week. Also, our parish is the only church in the county with daily Mass this week. Therefore, all daily Masses, except for Saturday, will be held in the main church in anticipation of increased attendance. Additionally, Fr. Benedict will be available for any emergency anointings.

Best Wishes Alana!



Please join us in wishing Alana Murray and her family best wishes with their new endeavors in Grand Rapids! She and her family will be relocating in June for a new job opportunity. Alana has served our parish as an Administrative Assistant for the past five and a half years. Her last day with the front office will be May 18. We will greatly miss Alana who has served the parish with professionalism and positivity. Her young family has been very active at our parish and we are sad to see them go. On behalf of the staff and clergy at St. Catherine, we wish Alana and her family nothing but the best.

Thank You Alana!

2023 Report #1

Total Pledged:\$78,469# of Pledges:133

Please keep in mind 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!

Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024

Mark your calendars! Registration for fall Faith Formation classes begins May 20. Registration forms will be available on our website at https://stcatherinesiena.org. Please reach out to George or Casey with any questions by emailing faith@stcatherinesiena.org. We are always looking for volunteers to help make faith formation possible! Let us know if you are willing and able to make this next year a success as either a full time catechist or can help occasionally as a sub. Thank you!

Respect Life's: Spiritual Adoption Series -Month 6

Hi! It's me again! Last month mommy found out that I am a boy! I am roughly two pounds in weight, 12 inches long, and I'm still growing. My fingerprints are well developed now, and I can respond to outside noises with movement. The features on my face are starting to take shape, and I can now open and close my eyes. Additionally, my inner ear that controls balance has formed, so now I can tell if I am upside down or right side up! My grasp is strong enough now and I can touch my ears and the umbilical cord. My lungs are fully developed but still need time to strengthen. If I was born right now, I would have a very good chance of surviving. This is great news! Pray for mommy and me. We still need lots of prayers!

"The values of Christianity are unalterably opposed to the modern secular culture of choice." Pope John Paul II



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VBS is a children's day camp that allows kids to take part in bible-learning experiences through songs, games, activities and lessons. Join us for an out-of-thisworld adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Launch kids on a cosmic quest, shining Jesus' light on the world!

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Faith@stcatherinesiena.org https://stcatherinesiena.org/vbs 1150 West Centre Avenue, Portage 49024

Special Guest:

FATHER BEN HUYNH

Date: FRIDAY, MAY 19 7:00 - 8:00 PM

P R A Y E R P E N A N C E P U B



WHAT IS P3? It stands for Prayer - Penance and Pub (P3). On the third Friday of every month from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, for one hour, we invite you to spend time in prayer and reflection in adoration (newbies are always welcome!), with the opportunity to go to confession at the same time. Before the hour is up, we have a guest speaker give a short speech on a topic of their choice. Afterward, we invite anyone interested to meet up at a local pub for a buy-your-own drink and an opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend P3!

News Around the Diocese

See the Light Be the Light Talk: May 20

Dr. John R. Wood, will be giving a middle and high school student talk on Saturday, May 20 from 2:00-3:30 pm. This event will take place in Hackett Catholic Prep's auditorium and there is no admission cost. There will be an ice cream social following. Please join us for this amazing opportunity and visit https://www.extraordinarymission.com for more information. We hope to see you there!

Memorial Day at Mt. Olivet: May 29

Come join us on Monday, May 29 at 8:00 am (Latin Mass) or 10:00 am (Regular Mass) for Mass at the Mausoleum at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Kalamazoo, followed by a procession and military remembrance.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, there will be a diocese wide collection to help support Catholic Relief Services. Funds help six Catholic agencies that provide emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters, assist migrants and refugees who need housing, education and specialized immigration legal assistance, and support travelers and people whose livelihoods require special pastoral support and access to the sacraments. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-reliefservices-collection.



PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE CLEMENS AT MCLEMENS@STCATHERINESIENA.ORG TO SIGN UP

We only have 11 cantors covering all of the masses each weekend. We need more Mass cantors to help make it more manageable for everyone. Training is available! Anyone ages 14 and up is welcome to sign up!

Please return this flyer to the drop box or front office with your info if interested

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

It's not too late! You can still join us in reading Catechism of the Catholic Church together using Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcast, "The Catechism in a Year."

This podcast helps us understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our daily lives! Parishioners meet once a month to discuss the podcasts and ask any questions they have about the daily podcasts.

Contact Katie Fisher at <u>katiefisherot@hotmail.com</u> for more information.

You may also visit our website at https://stcatherinesiena.org/catechism-in-a-year to learn more about the podcast, and sign up to join our St. Catherine's Catechism in a Year Facebook group!

You do not need a Catechism in order to listen along. You can find the Catechism of the Catholic Church online at https://www.usccb.org or review other reading material on the CIY website at https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear.

Understand your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Join our Discussion Group! Wed. May 17 7 pm, Stanley Centre

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Mass Intentions

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 MONDAY: May 15, Easter Weekday; Saint Isidore Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a Mk 6:53-56 9:15 am Georgia Drury + **TUESDAY: May 16, Easter Weekday** Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 9:15 am People of the Parish WEDNESDAY: May 17, Easter Weekday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15 9:15 am Steve Vogler + THURSDAY: May 18, Easter Weekday; Saint John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 9:15 am People of the Parish FRIDAY: May 19, Easter Weekday Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 9:15 am People of the Parish SATURDAY: May 20, Easter Weekday; Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 9:15 am Michael Patrick O'Donnell +

SATURDAY: May 20, Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

4:00 pm People of the Parish
SUNDAY: May 21, The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
7:30 am Nada Jamoua
9:00 am Konstantins Sventeckis †
11:00 am George† & Margaret† Kraft
5:00 pm Maria Divine Mercy

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During a Sunday service, the pastor asked the congregation for their intentions. We heard the usual requests to pray for sick people and the acknowledgments for those who helped when a

parishioner died. The somber mood was broken when the last intention was heard. A woman stood up and said, "My granddaughter turned 16 this week and received her driver's license. Let us pray for us all."



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VIRTUS training is required of any adult who works with children at the church or within the Catholic Schools.

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