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June 4, 2023
The Most Holy Trinity

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Dear Parishioners,

On this weekend when we celebrate the most Holy Trinity, our students will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Sunday afternoon. Let us keep them in our prayers as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation. Congratulations on receiving this Sacrament!

It's almost summer and some of our area schools are already out for the summer months or many others will finish this coming week. For our staff and volunteers here at the parish, they have been working behind the scenes for several months on preparing for our Vacation Bible School. We are excited for this summer event at St. Catherine and for the many donations we have already received to help defray the cost of this activity. Please keep this in your prayers as we host VBS the week of July 17.

We appreciate the assistance that Fr. Benedict has been able to give our parish and the diocese during his brief stay here in Portage. From the start, we knew that he would only be here for a short time as he was in between assignments. He will soon be traveling to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Thank you Fr. Benedict for being so helpful, especially the week when all our diocesan priests were on retreat. Father's final day will be this coming Friday.

Next weekend, our St. Catherine priests will be celebrating our priesthood anniversaries. As you may have noticed, we are all 10 years apart in ordination. We will gather to celebrate as a group at the 11 am Mass on the upcoming feast of Corpus Christi, and then proceed to Marian Hall for a reception. All our welcome to attend the Mass and the reception. This will also be our chance to say farewell to Fr. Ben as he prepares to leave for sabbatical on June 22. His final weekend at the parish will be on June 18.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark



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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

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am—2:00 pm
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		\$23,836
2023 Year to Date	\$1,388,760	
2022 Year to Date	\$1,341,840	

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.

Thank you!

Thank you Fr. Benedict for all your help in this time of transition. We all wish you well in your next assignment!

Calendar of Events

Calendar events subject to change!

Sunday, June 4, 2023

7:30 am Mass, Church
 9:00 am Mass, Church
 11:00 am VBS Volunteers Meeting, Marian Hall
 11:00 am Mass, Church
 5:00 pm Mass, Church

Monday, June 5, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
 11:00 am Funeral Mass, Church
 11:30 am Primetimers, Fletchers Pub

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
 9:45 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
 6:30 pm KofC Rosary, Fellowship
 7:00 pm KofC Business Meeting, Fellowship

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
 7:00 pm Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, June 8, 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, June 9, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

Saturday, June 10, 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
 2:45 pm Siena's Rehearsal, Church/Choir Room
 3:30 pm Rosary for Life, Church
 4:00 pm Mass, Church
 5:00 pm Baptism, Church

Reflection on the Readings

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. It is a central belief of our faith but many of us find it difficult to understand. Yet all of today's readings emphasize one very understandable truth. God in the Holy Trinity is love! In the first reading from Exodus, God gives his chosen people a second chance after they violated the Ten Commandments by worshipping the golden calf. The Lord tells Moses that He is a "merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." God offers his forgiveness and love, even after the first covenant had been broken by the "stiff-necked" Israelites. In the second reading Saint Paul exhorts the Christians at Corinth that through living in peace and harmony the "God of love and peace will be with you." This is the same love that envelops and binds together the Holy Trinity. Then in John's Gospel, we hear the often-quoted passage, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John is imploring his audience to understand and believe that God's love is "so" great that he gave his Son to be crucified, saving us from our sins and thus opening our path to eternal life. But true love cannot be one way. God has shown his love for us. We must show our love for Him and not just with words. Do we willingly take up our crosses to build His Kingdom here on earth? Do we see God in even the most difficult to love? Are we servants to those in need who surround us? It is not an easy task in this busy and secular world. But it helps to always remember those words: "God so loved the world..."

Reflection by parishioner, Dale Gerber

News Around St. Catherine



Pope Francis Ordains New Bishop for the Diocese of Kalamazoo

In the event that you missed last week's announcement; Pope Francis has accepted Bishop Bradley's letter of resignation and appointed Msgr. Edward Lohse, as the new bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. He will be ordained Bishop at 2:00 pm on

July 25, 2023. This ordination will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School

Registration for VBS 2023 has ended, but we still need volunteers to make this year's VBS a huge success! If you're able to help with your time, talent, or financially, please contact us at faith@stcatherinesiena.org OR signup through our website to volunteer at:

<https://stcatherinesiena.org/vbs>. Thank you!

Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024

Registration for fall Faith Formation has begun! Registration forms are 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!

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Don't forget, you can recycle your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school papers, and hard and soft cover books by dropping them off in the GREEN PAPER GATOR bin in the west parking lot. Every time we fill the bins, PAPER GATOR pays the parish. This is such an easy way for you to recycle your papers, for the parish to earn money and for all of us to save the environment and reduce waste in landfills. *Please do not include plastic, metal, trash, glass, cardboard or paperboard (grocery items boxes).* Thank you!

Versiti Blood Drive July 11

We're hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 11, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan. Please help us give the gift of life! Signup online today at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/blooddrive>.



Total Pledged: \$196,179

of Pledges: 433

Respect Life: Spiritual Adoption Series, Month 7

Hi! It's me again! I only have more two months to go until I can meet my mommy and I am so excited! I weigh about three pounds and am about the size of an eggplant. I am doing more things with each passing month. This month I am able see, hear, taste, and touch. I have four of my five senses and I am able to interact more inside mommy's tummy. Just think of how much I will do when I come into the big world soon! My eyelids can now open and close and I can look around and respond to light. Did you know that I have a grip that is strong enough to support my body weight with one hand? Yep, I am strong. If I was born right now, I would have an *excellent* chance of surviving. Your prayers for me and mommy are really helping us. And this is the reason that I am growing strong and healthy - because of your love for me!



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

CONFIRMATION 2023

Congratulations to those being confirmed by Bishop Bradley this Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Augustine! We pray that the peace coming from the Holy Spirit be upon you now and forever.

Jacob Benes

Leah Berger

Camryn Betzler

Lily Brendlinger

Angela Carrillo Salas

Erica Centofanti

Monica Clayton

Luke Cosby

David Durant

Eliana Keller

Anna Kingston

Sophia Leach

Joey Lukowski

Cooper Martinson

Owen Meersma

Trevor Nagra

Luke Napolitan

Piper Scarlett

Ashley Smith

Anna Stamm

James Summers

Lucas Szczesny

Sebastian Walk

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: June 3, Vigil THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4:00 pm Ricci Stavenga †

SUNDAY: June 4, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

7:30 am Donald P. Stone †

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Edmund † & Dorothy † Talanda

5:00 pm Ellen Kramer

MONDAY: June 5 Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12

9:15 am Fr. Tuyen Tran Ordination Anniversary

TUESDAY: June 6 Weekday

Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17

9:15 am Kathy Borchert †

WEDNESDAY: June 7 Weekday

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27

9:15 am Millie McCarthy †

THURSDAY: June 8 Weekday

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34

9:15 am Deacon Ed Feltes †

FRIDAY: June 9 Weekday

Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37

9:15 am Nellie Stell †

SATURDAY: June 10 Weekday

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44

9:15 am Prudy Mills †

SATURDAY: June 10 Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4:00 pm Robert Andrus †

SUNDAY: June 11 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

7:30 am Sue Nevala †

9:00 am Carmelo † & Angelina † Tornatore

11:00 am People of the Parish

5:00 pm Agripino Redondo †

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At church recently, I stopped to study an announcement promoting the youth choir's sandwich sale. Being an English teacher, I couldn't resist the temptation to correct the last line, which read "Donations Excepted." I crossed out the misused word and penciled in "Donations Accepted." After the service, I glanced at the announcement again, this time noting yet another penciled-in correction. It now read "Donations Expected."



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