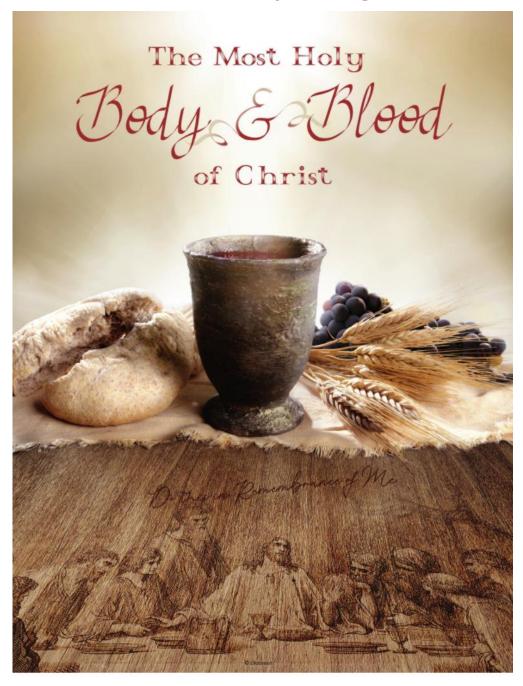
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June 11, 2023 Corpus Christi

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past few weeks, I have received a few questions about the transition that is taking place with the Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. This is something that doesn't happen too often in a diocese. As we prepare



to welcome Bishop Elect Lohse in July, he will be the fifth Bishop that I have served under as a priest (Bishop Donovan, our first bishop, ordained me). I would like to explain the process a bit.

The Holy Father selects and names a Bishop elect. Bishop Bradley's retirement is accepted and becomes official on the day of the public announcement. At that time, it is typical, but not always the case, that the outgoing bishop will be named the Apostolic Administrator. The administrator cares for the diocese until a new bishop is installed or ordained. During the time of the administrator, the work of the diocese is "maintained" and the status quo is kept. Any new initiatives are kept for the new bishop. There usually is a period of time until the new bishop arrives. During this time, plans are being made for the installation/ ordination and bishops from neighboring dioceses are invited to join this celebration. This will be held on Tuesday, July 25, just a little over two months since the announcement. A coat of arms, and a motto will be chosen for the new bishop.

The ceremonies and liturgies for a bishop are quite ornate and filled with many customs and traditions. All priests and deacons of the diocese and representatives of the people of the diocese are invited to participate as well as the Bishop's family and friends. It is already anticipated that there will not be enough room in the Cathedral for everyone who would like to attend. Therefore, this will be a ticketed event. However, the liturgy will be livestreamed on the Diocesan website. I could go on and on about this, but I only have so much space in my column!

As the Church celebrates Corpus Christi this weekend, the Body and Blood of Christ, our priests have chosen this day to celebrate our priesthood anniversaries. After the 11:00 am Mass, please come and join us in Marian Hall for this special celebration of our 30th, 20th, and 10th anniversaries.

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

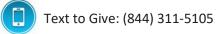
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### **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, June 11, 2023

7:30 am Mass, Church 9:00 am Mass, Church 11:00 am Mass, Church

12:00 pm Ordination Anniversary Party, Marian Hall

5:00 pm Mass, Church

#### Monday, June 12, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

#### **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel9:30 am Prayer Shawl Knitters Group, GLP

9:45 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel

6:00 pm SVDP Business Meeting, Fellowship

#### Wednesday, June 14, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

#### Calendar events subject to change!

#### Thursday, June 15, 2023

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

#### Friday, June 16, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel7:00 pm P3, Trinity Chapel, GLP

Mass, Church

#### Saturday, June 17, 2023

4:00 pm

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
12:15 pm Baptism, Church
3:30 pm Rosary for Life, Church

## Reflection on the Readings

Today is the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and all our readings relate to this most gracious gift Jesus gave us, the Holy Eucharist. Vatican II declared it to be the Source and Summit of our Christian faith. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites how God sustained them in the long journey through the desert, including sending manna raining down from heaven to satisfy their hunger. This manna was a prophetic sign of what was to come...a new Bread of Life, Jesus Christ. And in John's Gospel today, we hear the Bread of Life Discourse where Jesus explains that He is this new living bread having come down from heaven. The bread He will give is His "flesh for the life of the world." He goes on even more graphically to say, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." He does not waiver here despite the quarreling among the Jews who hear him, "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Then Jesus ends His message with words of hope: "Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." The gift that Jesus gives is Himself. It is not the manna to sustain our physical life but the bread of life for our spiritual sustenance and eternal life. It is the ultimate gift of Jesus lovingly giving Himself to each of us in the Eucharist. Many of the followers of Jesus left after hearing this. Even today, surveys show that many Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. But as Peter summed it up so clearly when Jesus asked His disciples if they too wanted to leave, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (Jn 6:68-69)

Do you believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist? Does your attendance and reverence at Mass reflect your belief? Do you live out your belief?

Reflection by parishioner, Dale Gerber

## **News Around St. Catherine**



#### Choir Singing on June 18 at 11:00 am

We are blessed to have a strong and beautiful musical presence in our worship. Our music is one of the reasons people love our parish. Come and enjoy our choirs' music on Father's Day, 11:00 am Mass on June 18. Thank you for your support of our music ministry; we hope to see you there!

#### Join the Vacation Bible School Wait List!

Did you miss your chance to register for this year's Vacation Bible School? You may still have a chance. We are now accepting registrations for our WAIT LIST for VBS. Register online through our website to at:

https://stcatherinesiena.org/vbs. We have over 200 kids registered now, but if we are able to get enough volunteer to kid ratios, we will accept more. Speaking of volunteers, if you are able to help with your time, talent, or financially, please contact us at faith@stcatherinesiena.org. Thank you!

#### **Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024**

Registration forms are now available on our website at https://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. Email faith@stcatherinesiena.org with any questions or to volunteer. Thank you!



**Total Pledged:** \$226,016 (83% to goal)

# of Pledges: 525

#### **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 will be available soon on our website at:

https://stcatherinesiena.org/blooddrive.

#### Save the Date: KOC Golf Outing August 27

Join the Knights of Columbus for their 12th Annual St. Catherine's Parish Golf Outing on Saturday, August 27, at Pineview Golf Course. Signup information and details coming soon. Contact Mark Castillo at 599-4560 with any questions.

#### **Update on the Kalamazoo Diocesan Synod**

As Pope Francis has named Msgr. Lohse as our Bishop Elect, the Diocesan Synod, which has been underway for many months, will be paused. According to Church custom and law, when there is a transition between Bishops, if a Synod is underway, the work of the Synod is paused and will resume at a later time. The new Bishop will reconvene the Synod at his discretion and finish the process.

#### Giving With eGiving & ACH

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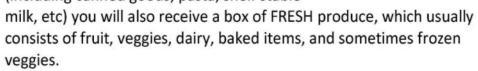
WHAT IS P3? It stands for Prayer, Penance, and Pub (P3). On the third Friday of every month from 7:00-8:00 pm, for one hour, we invite you to spend time in prayer and adoration (newbies are always welcome!). There is also the opportunity to go to confession at the same time. Before the hour is up, we 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!

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#### **Mass Intentions**

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 †

MONDAY: June 12 Weekday

2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12 9:15 am Cindy Eldred †

TUESDAY: June 13 Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doc-

tor of the Church

2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16 9:15 am Kevin Doherty † WEDNESDAY: June 14 Weekday

2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19 9:15 am Jun Pangilinan †

THURSDAY: June 15 Weekday 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26 9:15 am Jim † & Keats † Hofbauer

FRIDAY: June 16 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

9:15 am Joseph Forsyth

SATURDAY: June 17 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Cor 5:14-21/Lk 2:41-51 9:15 am Fayth Cerutti †

SATURDAY: June 17 Vigil of The Eleventh Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 

4:00 pm Isagani Redondo †

**SUNDAY: June 18 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

7:30 am Jamie Lopez †

9:00 am Kevin Shamehorn†

11:00 am James † & Keats † Hofbauer

5:00 pm People of the Parish

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Our pastor's homily was about how the institution of marriage is under assault in popular culture. He cited a reality Housewives show. "How many are going to watch the season finale

this week?" he challenged. When no

one raised a hand, he smiled. "Nobody's willing to admit to being a fan?" My mom whispered to me, "Actually, the finale was last week."



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