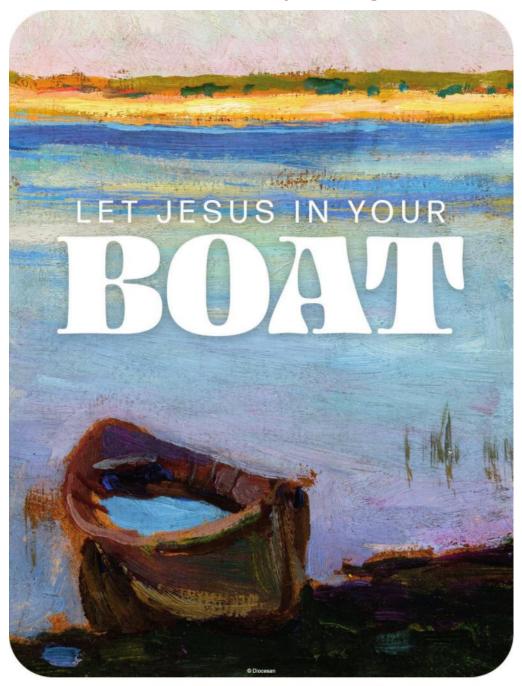
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Dear Parishioners,

It's Vacation Bible School Week! This will indeed be an exciting week for our parish and Catholic Community in the Kalamazoo and Portage areas. Every time I check with our staff, the



number of those participating continues to grow. Due to the large number of participants, most of our buildings and rooms will be occupied or set up for this purpose. A special thank you to our volunteers who have been working on VBS (some of whom have been planning this for the past year!). Let us hope and pray for good weather this week. If I think back a year, we had a really hot stretch of days. I hope it's a little cooler this year! Through the Word of God, may our youth grow in faith and love of our Lord!

Speaking of a new Bishop, we are just a week away from this great celebration for our Diocese as we welcome our Bishop elect Edward Lohse. The installation and ordination of a Bishop begins next week Monday, and his ordination will be on Tuesday. This will be the 5th Bishop that I have served under during my 30 years. The ordination on Tuesday will be a ticketed event due to the number of priests, visiting bishops, and family members for this Mass. However, this event will be livestreamed, and we invite you to watch with us in the church sanctuary on Tuesday. The Ordination Mass is on the 25 of July, starting at 2:00 pm. We should have enough space for everyone who wants to attend and watch it on our projection screens. Most importantly, as we begin this time of transition and welcome a new Bishop, please keep Msgr. Lohse in your prayers!

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

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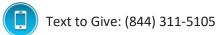
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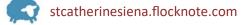
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Thank you all for your continued generosity!

* Note, our fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Our numbers this week reflect that change.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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

12:00 pm KofC Exemplification Ceremony, Trinity

Chapel

5:00 pm Mass, Church

Monday, July 17, 2023

9:00 am VBS, Classrooms/Stanley Centre9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Offsite

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

9:00 am VBS, Classrooms/Stanley Centre
9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:45 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

9:00 am9:15 amVBS, Classrooms/Stanley Centre9:15 amDaily Mass, Trinity Chapel

Calendar events subject to change!

Thursday, July 20, 2023

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9:15 am
10:00 am
12:50 pm
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Friday, July 21, 2023

9:00 am VBS, Classrooms/Stanley Centre
 9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
 7:00 pm P3, <u>Canceled</u>

Saturday, July 22, 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
1:00 pm Wedding, Church, Rooms 5,7, & 14
3:30 pm Rosary for Life, Church
4:00 pm Mass, Church

Reflection on the Readings

Today's Gospel reading is one that we've heard many times, the parable of the seed and the Sower. In this parable, Jesus describes the four places that the seed landed: the path, rocky ground, among thorns, and in fertile soil. He tells the people what happened to the seed in those various places, but he offered no explanation. Instead, He says "Whoever has ears ought to hear." When his disciples asked why He spoke to the people in parables, He told them it was because the people (as prophesized by Isaiah) were not really listening or seeing..." they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them." Only after saying this, does Jesus explain the parable to them, because the are His disciples and ARE listening.

There are two equally important things to note here. When we think about Jesus explanation of the parable, clearly we want to be the fertile soil...people that hear the Word and understand it. But how does that happen? The answer is by opening our ears, eyes, and heart...by listening to, seeing in action, and loving in our hearts the Word. That means spending time reading, praying with, and then practicing what we read and hear. The more we read and contemplate, the better we'll be able to both understand and practice what Jesus teaches us.

Reflection by parishioner, John Ceglarek

June Milestones



News Around St. Catherine

Donors Needed for Blood Drive July 26

We still have several spots available for our Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 26, from 11:30 am until 4:00 pm with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan., in the Stanley Centre. Appointments are <u>not</u> required, but are recommended. Please visit our website for a link to register: https://stcatherinesiena.org/blooddrive.



Back to School Giving Tree

The annual Back-to-School Giving Tree project, which supports various local organizations, is accepting donations through July 30. SignUp Genius lists are available on our website at

https://stcatherinesiena.org/giving-tree-2

or via the above QR code. Drop off donations (labeled with the name of the recipient organization) to the area under the designated board in the Narthex, except for gift cards, which should be delivered to the office or in the drop box outside the office. Contact Colette with any questions at gushursts@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Viewing Party for New Bishop Installation

Due to limited seating at the Cathedral, St. Catherine's will be hosting a viewing party for the new Bishop's installation. Msgr. Edward Lohse will be ordained bishop on July 25 at 2:00 pm. Mark your calendars to attend and stay tuned for more details to come in next week's bulletin.

Loss of a Spouse Program Aug. 10

Loss of a Spouse is a two-hour GriefShare program targeted to anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse. This program will be held on Thursday, August 10, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Catherine in classroom 9/11. Pre-registration is appreciated. To register please visit the GriefShare website at GriefShare.org, St Catherine's entries will come up if you enter the zip 49024, or contact Paula White pwhitentc@mac.com. The program costs \$10 which includes the workbook.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRAYER REQUESTS

Sunday: July 16

X

Dear God, help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS.

Tuesday: July 18

X

God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us.

Thursday: July 20

X

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hears. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.





Monday: July 17

X

Lord, be with our staff as they plan, prepare, and put on VBS this year. Allow opportunities for them to share the good news of who you are with kids. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace, and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete their work.

Wednesday: July 19

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Dear God, please fill our volunteers' hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon the kids. Give them strength, health, and an overwhelming joy to serve! We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they would grow closer to you!

Friday: July 21

X

Heavenly Father, let the changes in kid's hearts this week be an inspiration to their families. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Let family connections grow stronger, deeper, and focused on you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with you.

PRAY FOR US



Wednesday July

26

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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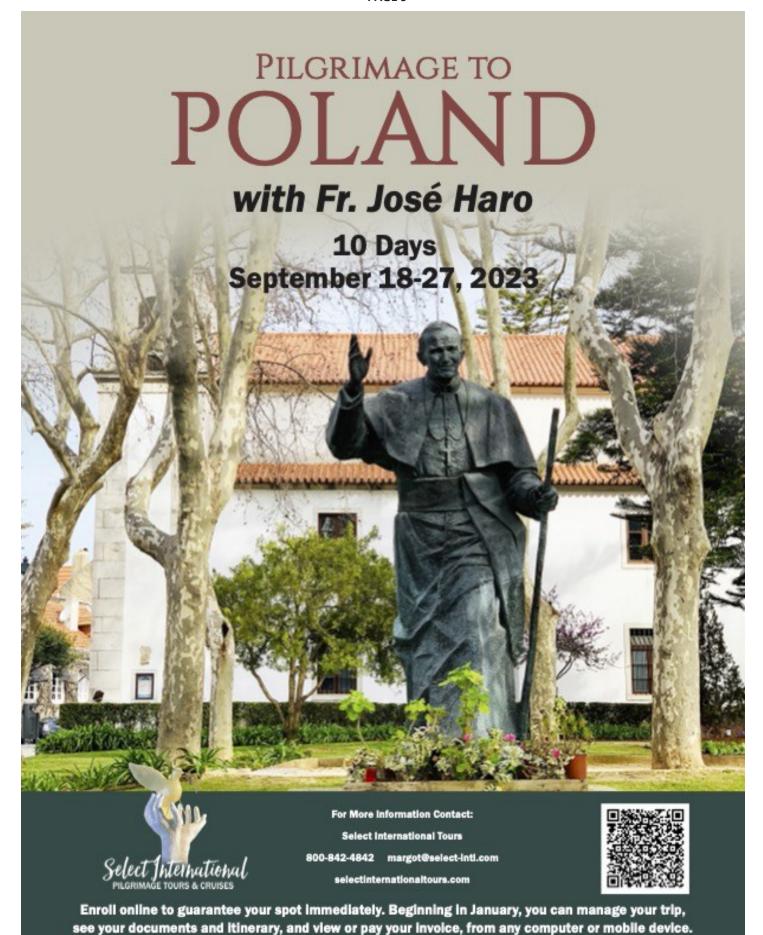
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: July 15, Vigil Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm James Dykema †

SUNDAY: July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

7:30 am Jamie Lopez †
9:00 am Irene Pajakowski †
11:00 am People of the Parish
5:00 pm Kenny Powell †

MONDAY: July 17 Weekday

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34-11:1

9:15 am Walker-Lamble-Dunayczan Families †

TUESDAY: July 18 Weekday Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

9:15 am Whitney Cunningham WEDNESDAY: July 19 Weekday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

9:15 am Agnes T. Werner † THURSDAY: July 20 Weekday Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

9:15 am Anto Gonzago †
FRIDAY: July 21 Weekday
Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8
9:15 am Eric Munson †

SATURDAY: July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

9:15 am Pomposa Astete †

SATURDAY: July 22 Vigil of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Al Ivens †

SUNDAY: July 23 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

7:30 am Fr. Larry Farrell †
9:00 am Adam Gabel †
11:00 am Gary Kordella †
5:00 pm People of the Parish

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