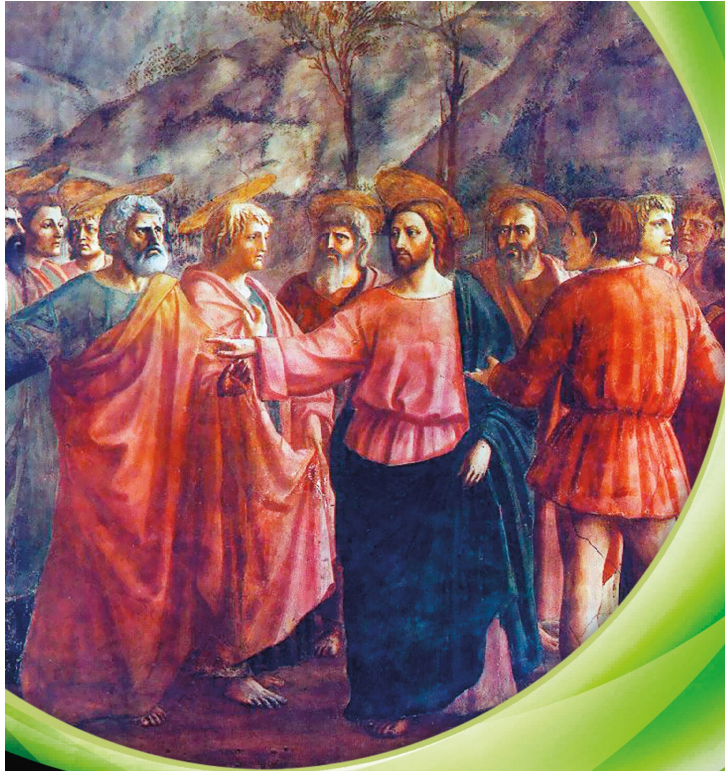


St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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



29th Sunday *in* Ordinary Time

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Matthew 22:21

29^o Domingo *del* Tiempo Ordinario

“Devuelvan, pues, al César las cosas del César, y a Dios lo que corresponde a Dios.”

Mateo 22, 21

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October 22, 2023
29th Day of Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners,

By the time you read this column, those who are homeowners will be looking at big piles of leaves that need to be raked or picked up. The beauty of the fall colors comes with a price: a leaf rake or a leaf blower. Yet, God does a wonderful job of painting with the colors that we enjoy each fall.

As we find ourselves in these last weeks of October, Halloween is also on everyone's mind (especially those who like candy and costumes). For the Church, this celebration of All Hallows' Eve means that we celebrate a Holy Day, the Solemnity of All Saints Day. Mark your calendars. The full schedule of Masses for the Vigil and the 1st of November will be in next week's bulletin.

The upcoming month of November also means we remember those who have gone before us: All Souls Day. This past month, I've been thinking a lot about my dad. As you might have heard me mention before, my parents married late in life, and I was their only child. The reason I have thought about my dad so much the past few weeks is that he would have celebrated his 100th birthday in October. He's just one of many I think about, and all of us, in the coming days, will remember and pray for those who are no longer with us. We will be having our annual parish Night of Remembrance on the evening of All Souls Day, November 2.

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.

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Stewardship

October 2 - 8, 2023	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$ 11,197
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$18,393</u>
		\$29,590
October 3 - 9, 2022	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$17,580
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$20,240</u>
		\$37,820
2023 Year to Date		\$406,258
2022 Year to Date		\$405,130

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.

SUCCESS!

The Knights of Columbus successfully raised \$3,700 from the Tootsie Roll Drive. All proceeds are donated to support Michigan Citizens with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities!

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Calendar of Events

Calendar events subject to change!

Sunday, October 22, 2023

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	Siena's Rehearsal, Choir Room/Church
10:00 am	CFF, Classrooms
10:00 am	YFF, GWR, Fellowship
11:00 am	Mass, Church
11:00 am	CFF, Classrooms
12:00 pm	Baptism, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
6:00 pm	WOW, Classroom 2/4
6:30 pm	MOPs, Fellowship

Monday, October 23, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, GLP
7:00 pm	CFF, Classrooms
7:00 pm	YFF, GWR, Fellowship, Stanley Centre Office

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Knitters Group, GLP
9:45 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
6:30 pm	RCIA, Classroom 5/7
6:30 pm	RCIC, Classroom 6/8
6:30 pm	Grief Share Program, Classroom 9/11

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	St. Catherine's Walking Club, Marian Hall
6:00 pm	Circle of Friends, Classroom 9/11
7:00 pm	Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, October 26, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	Adoration, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	WOW, Marian Hall, Classrooms: 5/7, 6/8, 9/11
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel
6:30 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room

Friday, October 27, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
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Saturday, October 28, 2023

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Classroom 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

Reflection on the Readings

Today's first reading from Isaiah is challenging. We hear of King Cyrus, a pagan king of Persia, who was chosen by the Lord to subdue nations for the sake of the Israelites. Why would God use a pagan ruler to accomplish his plans for Israel? King Cyrus later issued the edict that allowed the Judean exiles to return from Babylon captivity to Jerusalem. This brief reading should cause us to reflect on how mysterious and great are God's ways of working in our world! He often works through people in our lives we would never suspect. God's plan of salvation, which culminated in His sending of His only begotten Son as our savior, is a perfect example. Who could have ever guessed that God would send His son to come into the world as an infant born of a simple Jewish girl in a backward corner of the Roman empire? Yet, 2000 years later we too have roles to play in God's desire to spread the Gospel message and help build His kingdom on earth. Do we say "Yes" to the Lord just like Mary did? Today's Gospel reading is the first of three trap questions posed to Jesus: taxes for Caesar; the resurrection; and the greatest commandment. After heaping false praise on Jesus, the Pharisees try to place Him in an untenable position of choosing between lawful obedience to Caesar or siding with the common Jewish hatred of the Roman conquerors. But Jesus, knowing their intent, escapes with this answer, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matthew then tells us "When they heard this they were amazed, and leaving him they went away." (Mt 22: 22) Jesus was not addressing the political issue of separation between Church and State. Rather, He was asking each person to think in terms of justice: pay honor to both Caesar and to God for what they both provide. Caesar provided things such as roads and military security. But God provides so much more, including life itself. We are called to give God everything because He gives us everything. Perhaps the Pharisees, amazed at His answer, "went away" realizing just how far they fell short of honoring God. How much do we render of our lives to God? Do we insist on trying to understand God's unknowable ways before we relinquish control and just say "Yes, Lord!"?

Reflection by Parishioner Dale Gerber

News Around St. Catherine

Consecration to Mary Series: 33 Days to Morning Glory

Beginning Wednesday, **November 8, at 7:00 pm**, Adult Faith Formation will host a five-week series on Fr. Michael Gaitley's, MIC, *33 Days to Morning Glory*. This series will lead up to public consecration of Mary's Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation on December 8. Consecration to Mary is a life-changing event that makes us her children in a close and unique way in which she personally leads us ever closer to her son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. A sign-up table will be available after all the weekend Masses **on October 21-22**.

Grief Share Surviving the Holidays

Are you grieving a loss or know someone who is? The holiday season can be an especially painful time. St. Catherine's will be hosting a Surviving the Holidays workshop on **Thursday, November 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm** in Rm. 9-11 led by Paula White, Parish RN. Please contact pwhitenc@mac.com or 269-330-3762 for more information or to register.

Save the Date! Parish Advent Retreat

St. Catherine of Siena will be hosting a one-day Advent retreat on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**. This retreat will be led by Deacons Brian Kaluzny and Ron Brown from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm with the regular evening Mass at 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please contact George Dragan at gdragan@stcatherinesiena.org with any questions. All are encouraged to attend!

St Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Project

This year some families in our area won't have enough money for a special Thanksgiving meal. St Catherine's St. Vincent de Paul Society is working with agencies in Portage and South County to provide over 100 families with food bags containing turkeys and other food. You can help by taking a tag or envelope from the Cornucopia in the Narthex. Purchase the items on the tag or return the envelope with your donation **on or before November 12th**. If you take an envelope, place your donation, made payable to St Vincent de Paul, inside and put it in the lock box under the icons of St. Vincent de Paul near the main entrance. **Sign up by November 1st** to deliver baskets on Saturday morning, November 18 at 8:30 am. This is fun for the entire family!

News Around the Diocese



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Bishop Lohse will celebrate the Annual Diocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples on **November 19th at St. Augustine Cathedral at 2 PM**. If you or someone you know is celebrating 50 years of marriage anytime in 2023, we invite you to let your parish know, complete our online form, or mail us your information to receive a personal congratulatory certificate signed by Bishop Lohse. Questions? Please email Socorro Truchan at struchan@diokzoo.org or call 269-349-8714 Ext. 1112

St. Catherine Siena Presents

FALL FEST

Cider, Donuts, Fellowship, and Fun

Starts at 12	Located at: St. Catherine Siena Stanley Centre Gym	12 November
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OCTOBER 2023



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The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
Blessed Are You Among Women and Blessed is the Fruit of thy Womb.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: October 21, Vigil of The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Geraldine Oslar †

SUNDAY: October 22, The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

7:30 am Joan & Vince Dion †

9:00 am Kim Liebendorfer †

11:00 am Marvin Kreis †

5:00 pm People of the Parish †

MONDAY: October 23, Weekday; Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

9:15 am Thomas J. Sullivan †

TUESDAY: October 24, Weekday; Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 5:12,15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

9:15 am Lawrence Provancher †

WEDNESDAY: October 25, Weekday

Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

9:15 am Szumylo Family †

THURSDAY: October 26, Weekday

Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

9:15 am Mary Wroblewski †

FRIDAY: October 27, Weekday

Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

9:15 am Anthony Kovach (Tony) †

SATURDAY: October 28, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

9:15 am Sandy Whitehead

SATURDAY: October 28 Vigil of The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Fr. Tom McNally

SUNDAY: October 29, The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

7:30 am Sarah Kraft

9:00 am Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 6980 †

11:00 am Catherine Krick †

5:00 pm People of the Parish

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Adam to Eve: "Please quit
putting my shirt in the salad!"

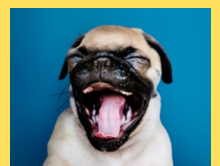


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