

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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

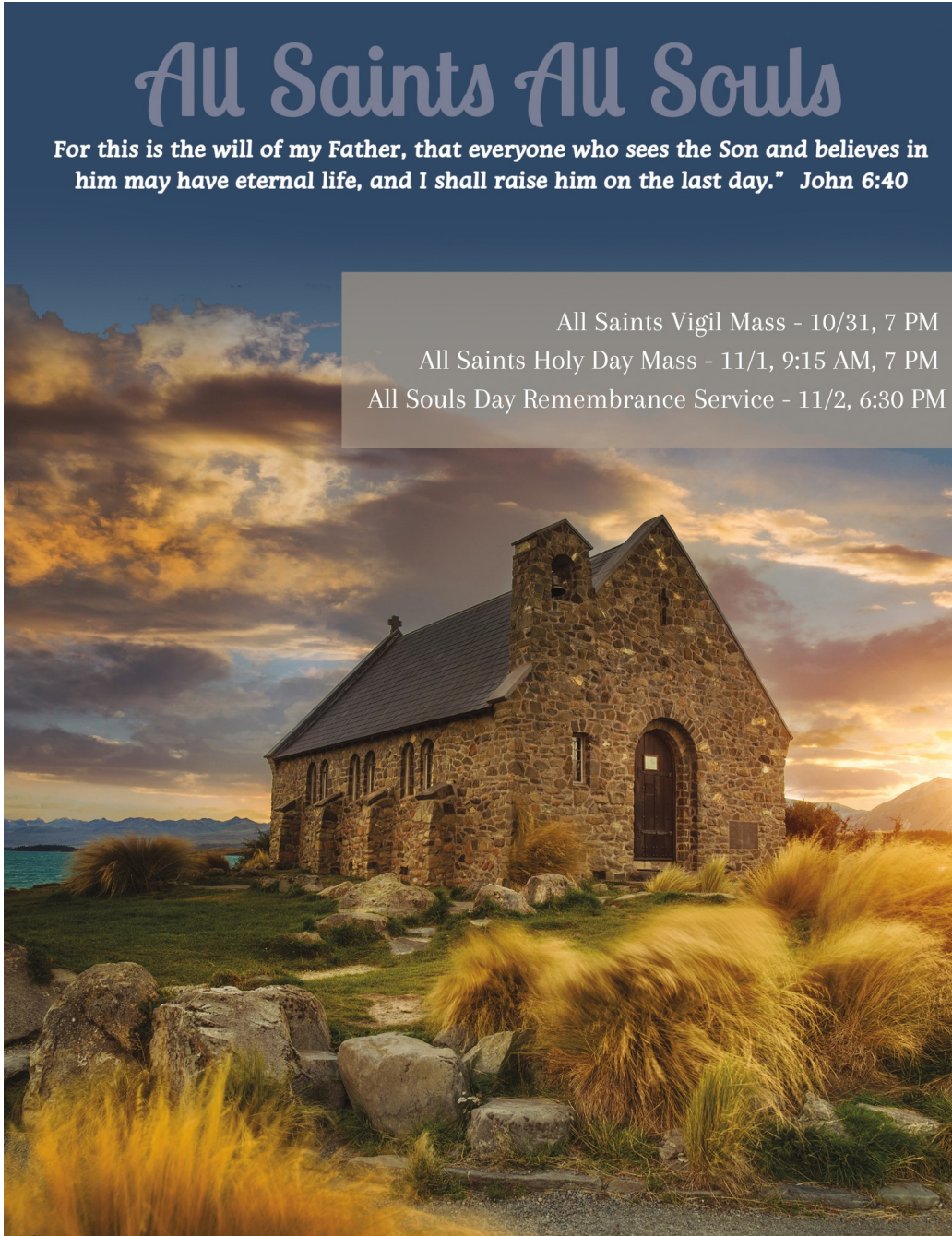
All Saints All Souls

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." John 6:40

All Saints Vigil Mass - 10/31, 7 PM

All Saints Holy Day Mass - 11/1, 9:15 AM, 7 PM

All Souls Day Remembrance Service - 11/2, 6:30 PM



October 29, 2023
30th Day of Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners,

This coming week, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us for a Vigil Mass at 7 p.m. on Tuesday night, October 31st, or at 9:15 a.m. or 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st. As we celebrate the faith of all who have gone before us, we are reminded how we, too, are working to become saints! It's not easy to live the life of a saint, the life of someone who follows Christ. Yet, it is something that all of us are called to aspire to.

On Thursday, November 2nd, All Souls Day, we remember all family members and friends who are no longer with us. The loss may have been very recent, or it could have been many years ago. On the evening of the 2nd, we will have our annual Remembrance Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us for this time of prayer, especially parish families who lost someone in the past year. May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

If you haven't done so already, mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Fall Festival. This will be in 2 weeks, following the 11 a.m. Mass, on Sunday, November 12th. Please consult the bulletin today for additional details.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark



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Mass

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am (Trinity Chapel)
Tuesday: **All Saints Vigil**, 7:00 pm (Church)
Wednesday: **All Saints Day**, 9:15 am, 7:00 pm (Church)
Thursday: **All Souls Day**, 6:30 PM
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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Stewardship

October 9 - 15, 2023	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$ 10,868
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$8,179</u>
		\$19,047
October 10 - 16, 2022	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$13,873
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$7,422</u>
		\$21,295
2023 Year to Date	\$425,305	
2022 Year to Date	\$426,425	

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

Calendar events subject to change!

Sunday, October 29, 2023

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	CFF, Classrooms
10:00 am	YFF, GWR, Fellowship
11:00 am	Mass, Church
11:00 am	CFF, Classrooms
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
6:00 pm	WOW, Classroom 2/4

Monday, October 30, 2023

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

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:45 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
6:30 pm	Grief Share Program, Classroom 9/11
7:00 pm	All Saints Vigil Mass, Church

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

9:15 am	All Saints Holy Day Mass, Church
10:00 am	St. Catherine's Walking Club, Stanley Centre Gym
7:00 pm	All Saints Mass, Church
7:00 pm	Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, November 2, 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
5:45 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room
6:30 pm	Remembrance Service (All Souls), Church

Friday, November 3, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
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Saturday, November 4, 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 Gospel from Matthew is the third "trick" question from the Pharisees. Remember that in last week's Gospel, Jesus bested his questioners with His response to the question about paying taxes to Caesar. The second "trap" question was by the Sadducees about the existence of resurrection (which they did not believe in). Jesus reminded his audience of how God had said He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is not the God of the dead but of the living. In today's reading, Jesus faces the third attempt to trap Him when a Pharisee scholar asks Him to name The Greatest Commandment. Jesus replies to love God "with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind"; and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus then concludes, "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Pharisees are testing Jesus on what He thinks makes Jewish law meaningful and relevant. Remember there were more than 600 laws, so this was a question fraught with landmines. But Jesus avoids the quagmire by reaching directly back to a scripture passage any Jewish scholar would be familiar with: "Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5) "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your countrymen. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord," (Lv 19: 18). Jesus summarizes all the 600 laws with this "Law of Love." But what is this type of love? Early Christians used the Greek term agape to describe it as a selfless love of God for man and man for God. Agape always seeks the well-being of the other. It is a description of the Kingdom of God in its fullness, filled with intimate love, trust, and peace. But trying to live this "simple" "Law of Love" in our own daily lives is no simple matter. It is not easy to treat others with dignity and respect, especially when they don't do the same. The same goes for forgiving others who have wronged us and refuse to even admit it. Here's where the simple law gets difficult: there are no exceptions and no limits! Everyone is our neighbor, and we are always called to help. We are never done acting with love. As disciples we are challenged daily to follow His "Greatest Commandment."

Reflection by Parishioner Dale Gerber

News Around St. Catherine

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.

Crucial Conversations

Do you have questions about end-of-life care and Catholic funeral planning? Please join us for Crucial Conversations, a discussion of advance directives, living wills, and Catholic funeral planning being held on Sunday, November 19 at 12:25 in classroom 1/3. For any questions, contact Paula White at 269-330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com



St. Catherine of Siena invites you to...

An Evening of Remembrance

Thursday, November 2 (All Souls Day)

6:30 PM, Main Church

On the evening of the 2nd, we will have our annual Remembrance Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all to join us in prayer for the dearly departed. We especially honor those from our parish who have died since November of last year. Please join us for this special event.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

News Around the Diocese

Visiting A Cemetery Plenary Indulgence

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed each day **from November 1st-8th**. A Catholic must also fulfill the ordinary conditions of an indulgence, which are sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharist, prayer for the pope's intentions (Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary and a Glory Be), and a detachment from all sins.

Cemetery Lesson and Update Meeting

We invite Kalamazoo area parishioners to join together on **Saturday, November 4th** from 10:00 am to 11:30 am for a catechism lesson about praying for the dead and an overview of cemetery updates. Weather dependent. Gather at the Mausoleum at Mt. Olivet Cemetery (2003 Mt. Olivet Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49004). For more information, contact Ellen Nightingale at ellen.night@gmail.com

Clean Up At Catholic Riverside And Mt. Olivet

The fall volunteer clean up will be held **Saturday, November 18th** from 8:00 am to noon. Meet at either Catholic Riverside or Mt. Olivet with rakes, tarps, and other tools needed to clear leaves and some minor trimming. Rain date: December 2nd. For Riverside location, contact Dan Barrett at dbarrett@behnkeinc.com and for Mt. Olivet, contact Ellen Nightingale at ellen.night@gmail.com



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OCTOBER 2023




Help save lives in KALAMAZOO!
Learn more ... get involved and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at:
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

If you or someone you know needs help finding local pregnancy resources, scan the QR code or email stcatherinerespectlife@gmail.com

Click below for abortion pill resources




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

radical solidarity

to be courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies, and supports women and their children





St. Vincent de Paul **THANKSGIVING PROJECT**

Thank you to those of you who have already made donations to St. Catherine's St. Vincent de Paul Society's thanksgiving project! We are 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 15th**. 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.

Thank you to the Middle School Youth Group for taking on the task of packing the food bags on Friday, November 17th!

Sign up at the easel in the Narthex by November 1st to deliver baskets on Saturday morning, November 18 at 8:30 am. We need 50 drivers! This is fun for the entire family!

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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Questions? Contact Frontdesk@stcatherinesiena.org

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY: October 30, Weekday

Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

9:15 am Floyd and Delores Bedell †

TUESDAY: October 31, Weekday

Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

9:15 am Gary Kaylor †

Vigil of All Saints Day

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

7:00 pm The People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY: November 1, All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

9:15 am Anthony Kovach †

7:00 pm Anne Elizabeth Sheridan †

THURSDAY: November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead

9:15 am Martha McNally †

FRIDAY: November 3, Weekday; Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

9:15 am Cramer Family

SATURDAY: November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

9:15 am Clara Pangilinan †

SATURDAY: November 4, Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Deacon Ed Feltes †

SUNDAY: November 5, The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

7:30 am Rebecca Kraft †

9:00 am Mary Catherine Tucker †

11:00 am Tony Roemer †

5:00 pm People of the Parish

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Q: What did Noah feed the
500-pound gorilla?

A: Anything it wanted.

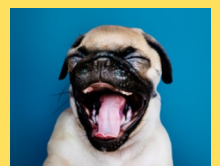


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