

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Matthew 25:13

32^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Estén despiertos, porque no saben el día ni la hora.”

Mateo 25, 13

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins by William John Wainwright, 1899
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November 12, 2023 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners,

During these days of November, the Church encourages us to pray for our dearly departed loved ones and friends. It could be as simple as remembering them in our prayers, or visiting the cemetery and their grave. This ancient Church tradition reminds us of our central belief and hope in the Resurrection and what set apart the early Christians from those around them. Let us remember our dearly departed with this simple prayer: May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

As we find ourselves nearing the mid-point of November, unfortunately, it is time to talk about snow again! I like watching the forecasts for the winter months, looking at the Farmer's Almanac, the NOAA forecast, and other local forecasts. Having done this for quite a few years, it's amazing to see the differences between the forecasts. In other words, we still don't know for sure what the weather will be like this winter. Now it's time for my yearly reminder about weather cancellations. Remember that the parish changed and updated what had been done in previous years. St. Catherine's will always be open for Mass, both daily and Sunday. One needs to use their best judgment about their safety in traveling here to go to Mass. Luckily, Fr. Jacob and I only need to make it across the parking lot for Mass and we will celebrate Masses regardless of the weather. However, this will be the first time Fr. Jacob will be seeing a Michigan winter. Hopefully, there will be no more ice storms! For group activities, group leaders will need to contact you to let you know that meetings or classes are cancelled. Please use your best judgment when traveling during these upcoming winter months.

Everyone is invited to join us for our St. Catherine Fall Festival today, Sunday, November 12th, after the 11:00 am Mass in the Stanley Centre. Food, fellowship, and games will be part of our time together. Hope to see you there!

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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or <https://stcatherinesiena.org/prayerrequest>

Stewardship

October 23 - 29, 2023	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$16,642
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$9,163</u>
		\$25,805
October 24 - 30, 2022	Envelopes & Loose Donations	\$12,063
	Electronic Giving	<u>\$7,312</u>
		\$19,375
2023 Year to Date		\$473,814
2022 Year to Date		\$467,345

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.

BAA Payment Reminder

To ensure that your Bishop Annual Appeal payments get credited to your account in a timely and accurate manner, send ALL payments directly to the Diocese of Kalamazoo at 215 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Checks should be payable to the Diocese of Kalamazoo with St. Catherine of Siena - Bishop's Appeal in the memo. Online payments may also be made on the Diocese's website at <https://diokzoo.org/give>. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Calendar events subject to change!

Sunday, November 12, 2023

7:30 am	Mass, Church
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	Benedictine Oblates, GLP
10:00 am	YFF, GWR, Fellowship
10:00 am	CFF, Classrooms
11:00 am	Mass, Church
11:00 am	CFF, Classrooms
12:00 pm	Fall Fest, Stanley Centre Gym & GWR
12:00 pm	Baptism, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
6:00 pm	WOW, Classroom 2/4
6:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group, SC Game Room
6:30 pm	MOPS Meeting, Stanley Centre Fellowship
7:30 pm	Youth Ministry M.S. Leader's Meeting, SC Game Room

Monday, November 13, 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, November 14, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Knitters Group, GLP
9:45 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	SVDP Business Meeting, Fellowship
6:30 pm	RCIA Room 5/7
6:30 pm	RCIC Room 6/8
6:30 pm	Grief Share Program, Classroom 9/11

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

9:15 am	Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	St. Catherine's Buddy Up Walkers, Stanley Centre Gym
6:00 pm	Circle of Friends, Fellowship
7:00 pm	33 Days to Morning Glory, GWR
7:00 pm	Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, November 16, 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
12:15 pm	Art & Environment Meeting
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	Deacon Baptism Prep Class, GLP
6:30 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room

Friday, November 17, 2023

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group Lock-In, Stanley Centre
6:00 pm	SVDP Thanksgiving Basket Packing, Marian Hall
7:00 pm	Monthly Adoration and Confession, Trinity Chapel, GLP

Saturday, November 18, 2023

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Classroom 9/11
8:30 am	SVDP Thanksgiving Deliveries, Marian Hall
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 readings talk about being prepared to meet Jesus. The Gospel story tells us about ten virgins who were sent out to await the bridegroom; five were "wise" and took extra oil for their lamps, and five were "foolish" and didn't. When the bridegroom arrived later than expected, the five "foolish" virgins were not prepared. None of us know when we will meet Jesus. Even St. Paul, in his early teachings, expected Jesus to return before any of His followers died. He eventually had to adjust his thinking, as we hear him telling the people of Thessalonica in today's second reading. In this context, it's tempting to think about these two readings referring to Jesus' second coming. However, there is another way to interpret them considering the first reading. In the reading from the Book of Wisdom, wisdom is equated to a beautiful woman who is not only highly desirable, but who has gifts that she longs to share with those who pursue her. Early Christians interpreted this as a parallel to their relationship with God, constantly seeking Him and constantly receiving the wonderful gifts He shares. In this light, the Gospel story can be related to our daily lives, not just to Jesus' return. God desires to share His gifts with us daily, but we must be "prepared" to receive them. How much time do we spend daily focusing on God and allowing Him to speak to us? We're all busy, but making time for God to share with us is the most important thing we can do. There are many ways to pray, but we need to make time each day to allow God to speak to us. Nothing is more important!

Reflection by Parishioner John Ceglarek

News Around St. Catherine

St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Project! We appreciate the Middle School Youth Group for packing up the items. A special thank you to all of the drivers who signed up to deliver **on November 18th at 8:30 am**. The donation deadline is **November 15th**. **NOTE:** make your check out to St. Vincent de Paul NOT St. Catherine of Siena.

Join St. Catherine's Buddy Up Walkers!

It can be hard to get moving and stay consistent in your health journey when the cold weather hits! We've got you covered! Our health ministry has launched a new walking group to help you do just that. 'Buddy Up' with us **every Wednesday at 10:00 am** in the Stanley Centre Gym. If you have any questions, please contact Paula White at pwhitenc@mac.com or 269-330-3762.



**FALL
FEST**

You're invited! Join us this **Sunday, November 12th** at the Stanley Centre Gym after the 11 AM mass. There will be fall treats, fellowship, and fun at the St. Catherine of Siena Fall Fest! Bring your children for a fun time for the whole family. We look forward to seeing you there!



CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

What is a living will?
What are the requirements for a Catholic funeral and burial?

What is an advance directive?
Who will make medical decisions for me when I am unable?

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 12:15 pm** in Classroom 1/3.

Questions: Paula White at (269-330-3762) or pwhitenc@mac.com

We remembered the following loved ones
from St. Catherine's at our Remembrance
Service on November 2, 2023

Louise Schiavone
Stella Niedzielski
Richard Bush, Sr.
Kevin Schamehorn
Dan Kitchen
Frank Murphy
Laura Zingg
Jose Tolentino
Michael Locke
Donald Flatt
Leontyne "Tina" Dasch
Joseph Reish
Richard Schell
Richard Walker
Faythe Cerutti
Barbara Burdiak

Gloria Fuhrman
Darlene Dowd
Marvin Kreis
Steve Whitehead
Cole Lewis
Lawrence Dowd
Pauline Bogus
David Milko
Tony Kovach
Jerome Klingele
Lydia Nowak
Margaret Hudson
William Redmond
Mary Wroblewski
Maggie Cantu

New Members

Natalie & Kendall Paluch
 Shelley & Trischa Carr
 Garrett & Kasey Lampman
 Sandra Rossette
 Conner & Melissa Childers
 James & Jean Hammond
 William & Susan Post
 Connor & Rachel Sampson
 Anthony & Kaitlyn Kopp
 Catherine Magill

Baptisms

Florence Vandenbroeck
 Daughter of Bradley & Rebecca

Charles Garver
 Son of Jonathan & Andrea

Eloise Lampman
 Daughter of Garrett & Kasey

Eleanor Rountree
 Daughter of Justin & Elise

Bennett Soper
 Son of Robert & Danielle

Gabriel Stamm
 Son of Justin & Jeannette

Remembrance

Long-Term Care / Homebound Ministry

Father Jacob, as well as our deacons and lay ministers, visit Long-Term Care facilities in our area (nursing homes and assisted living facilities) and homebound parishioners to distribute the Eucharist. If you know someone who would like a spiritual care visit, please call the front office at (269)-327-5165 to arrange a visit.

News Around the Diocese

Clean Up At Catholic Riverside And Mt. Olivet

Consider helping tidy up Catholic Riverside and Mt. Olivet before winter hits! The fall volunteer clean up will be held **Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm**. Meet at either Catholic Riverside or Mt. Olivet with rakes, tarps, and other tools needed to clear leaves and do some minor trimming. Please contact Dan Barrett at dbarrett@behnkeinc.com or Ellen Nightingale at ellen.night@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!

Persons with Disabilities and their families
 are invited to an

Advent Family Gathering

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

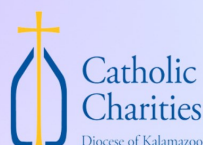
St. John Bosco Parish Hall
 23830 Front Avenue
 Mattawan, MI 49071

*Enjoy friendship, music, Advent
 activities and a simple lunch*



*Bishop Lohse will be joining us
 from 10-11am - Special focus this
 year will be on St. Joseph.*

There is no cost for this event.



RSVP to Lisa Irwin by
November 17
 269-381-9800, ext 227 or
lisairwin@ccdok.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN PARTY

COME HANG WITH US FOR SOME PIZZA,
GAMES, A MOVIE, AND A CHANCE TO HELP
SERVE AT THE THANKSGIVING BASKET
PACKING EVENT!

STANLEY CENTRE

NOVEMBER 17, 5:00 PM-11:00 PM

RSVP TO CASEY (CBILODEAU@STCATHERINESIENA.ORG)
BEFORE 11/15/2023

Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas Giving Tree donations have begun! You can bless someone this Christmas by visiting our Parish website or scanning the QR Code below.

Another option is you can place a donation in an envelope labeled 'For Giving Tree' and turn it into the church office. Please drop off items on the table in the Narthex and label the bag or item with the organization to which it is intended.

If you are interested in assisting with the sorting or delivery of these items or need help with finding an item, please contact Colette (gushursts@yahoo.com). We request that items be returned to the Narthex by the **first weekend in December**.

Parish website: <https://stcatherinesiena.org/givingtrees>



SAINT
CATHERINE
of **SIENA**

**MONTHLY FRIDAY NIGHT
ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

This month's host: Fr. Tom McNally

Jesus is inviting YOU to spend some time with him **on Friday, Nov 17, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Come cleanse your soul in reconciliation and spend some time with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Fr. Tom McNally will close the evening with a reflection on Mary as the model of aligning our will to God's.



Friday, November 17th, at 7 PM

St. Catherine Siena, Trinity Chapel

Contact: George Dragan at
gdragan@stcatherinesiena.org

“In Honor Of” and “In Memory Of” Poinsettia Donations

You can donate funds to offset the cost of decorating the church with poinsettias for Christmas. With your contribution, you can choose “In Honor Of,” for a living person or “In Memory Of,” which is for someone who has passed.

You can make your donation through the envelopes that you received in the mail, visit the office, or call the church at (269-327-5165). We will be accepting donations until December 10th in order for it to be listed in the bulletin.



CAMPUS VISIT DAY AT HACKETT

10:30-2:00 PM

Thursday, November 16th

sign up here!



Experience what it is like to be a student here at HCP by attending part of a school day!

What you'll see:

- Our family oriented community
- Attend a class
- Get to know our students and teachers
- Attend lunch
- Learn about the endless list of extracurricular activities and opportunities we have to offer



GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

St. Catherine of Siena Blood Drive!

LOCATION: STANLEY CENTRE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
10:00 AM-4:00 PM

EAT A HEALTHY MEAL AND
BE HYDRATED BEFORE!

SIGN UP AT THE QR CODE
BELOW!



PARENT OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US AT HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

6-7:00 PM PARENT PANEL

7-7:30 PM SCHOOL TOURS

Click here
to sign up!



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: November 11, Vigil of Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY: November 12, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/1Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

7:30 am Maggie Cantu †

9:00 am Tom & Marlene Zeug 66th Wedding Anniversary

11:00 am Steven Whitehead †

5:00 pm Maggie Cantu †

MONDAY: November 13, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

9:15 am Rita Syrek †

TUESDAY: November 14

Wis 2:23---3:9/Lk 17:7-10

9:15 am Jun Pangilinan †

WEDNESDAY: November 15, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

9:15 am Dunphey Family †

THURSDAY: November 16, Saint Margaret of Scotland: Saint Gertrude, Virgin

Wis 7:22b---8:1/Lk 17:20-25

9:15 am Phillip E. Williams †

Friday, November 17, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

9:15 am Beatrice Borchert †

SATURDAY: November 18, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

9:15 am John Howard †

SATURDAY: November 18, Vigil of Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Fr. Bill Jacobs

SUNDAY: November 19, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Anthony (Tony) Kovach †

11:00 am Dick and Marilyn Vykdyal †

5:00 pm Jim Ridders †

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Q: What did Noah call the gorilla's wife?

A: His prime-mate.



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