St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 22, 2025 Corpus Christi

1150 West Centre Ave. • Portage, MI • www.stcatherinesiena.org • (269) 327-5165 In case of after-hours emergency, death, or danger of death, please call: (269) 598-0357 Dear Parishioners,

In these Sundays following the Solemnity of Pentecost, we find several special celebrations of the Liturgical Year. It may be Ordinary time, but these special celebrations remind us of what we believe.



Last week we celebrated the Holy Trinity, a great mystery of our faith. Each aspect of the Trinity helps us understand a little bit more about God. Yet we can spend the rest of our life trying to understand each person in the Trinity, but we will never be able to fully understand or comprehend how the Trinity works.

This week we celebrate another of those special Sundays: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. During Holy Week and throughout the Easter Season, we had many readings and Gospels to try to help us understand that we can always find the Lord in the Eucharist. After the Resurrection, we can see how the Apostles always knew right away that it was the Lord when He broke the bread and shared it with them. Any doubts they had immediately went away.

As we gather as a Church community each weekend (and also daily) for the celebration of the Eucharist, we are reminded on this Sunday to not let this be something that becomes too ordinary. But we find that the Eucharist is something that is very far from the ordinary. Although Jesus used very common elements of bread and wine to remind us, we always need to remember what it becomes: His Body and His Blood. There's nothing that is ordinary about that at all.

Yes, the Church celebrates today the food for the journey. As we have been reminded many times during this Jubilee Year 2025, we are Pilgrims of Hope. Our journey of faith continues! The Eucharist helps us to focus on the destination: The Promise of Heaven! There's nothing ordinary about that at all.

Let us see this day and always how the Eucharist helps us to continue to grow in our faith. For each time we receive it, we encounter Christ!

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Mark

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Mass

Monday - Saturday:9:15 am (Trinity Chapel)Saturday:4:00 pm, Vigil MassSunday: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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		Electronic Giving	<u>\$29,496</u>
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			\$34,267
20	24 - 2025 Year to Date	\$1,528,512	
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If you are interested in membership or volunteering, please contact our Front Office today! Office@stcatherinesiena.org or 327-5165.

Calendar of Events Sun

nday, June 22,	2025
7:30 am	Mass, Church
8:30 am	Knights of Columbus Rosary, Trinity Chapel
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	Siena's Rehearsal, Church, Choir Room
11:00 am	Mass, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
5:00 pm	MomCo, Fellowship
6:00 pm	Young Adults Dinner, Ziki Japanese (Centre Ave)

Monday, June 23, 2025

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Fellowship

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry, GLP
9:45 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
7:00 pm	KofC Officers Meeting, Fellowship

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Calendar events subject to change!

Wednesday, Ju	ne 25, 2025	
9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel	
10:00 am	St. C Walkers, Stanley Centre Gym	
6:00 pm	Circle of Friends, Fellowship	
6:00 pm	VBS Training, Marian Hall	
7:00 pm	Scripture Study, Zoom	
Thursday, June 26, 2025		
9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel	

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10:00 am	Adoration, Trinity Chapel
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel

Friday, June 27, 2025

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

Saturday, June 28, 2025

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 9/11
8:30 am	SVdP Interviews, Stanley Centre
9:15 am	Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
11:00 am	Reconciliation, GLP, Trinity Chapel
3:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church
4:00 pm	Mass, Church

Reflection on the Readings

In today's Gospel, Jesus performs a great miracle: from only five loaves and two fish, over 5000 people are fed! This miracle has significant consequences beyond the immediate satisfaction of hunger—later in the same chapter, Jesus will ask his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" and Peter will respond: "The Christ of God." Like the disciples at Emmaus, whose "eyes were opened" when Jesus broke bread before them, so this miracle, a prefiguration of the Eucharist, brings revelation of Jesus' true identity (Gadenz 177).

What can we see at the breaking of the bread? Today's readings reveal two truths: 1. Jesus is a priest forever, not according to the Mosaic law, which required constant atonement and sacrifice, but in the line of Melchizedek—a mysterious figure who "brought out bread and wine" before Abram. Like Melchizedek, "without father or mother or genealogy...neither beginning of days nor end of life" (Heb. 7:3), Jesus stands as a permanent high priest, a Son "who has been made perfect forever" (Heb. 7:28) and who will never die. 2. As often as we "eat this bread and drink the cup," we "proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes" (1 Cor. 26). Every time we witness the sacrifice of the Mass, every time we receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus, we are joined to the great sacrifice offered once and for all time--"a single offering [that] has perfected for all time those who are sanctified" (Heb. 10:14).

Yet these truths, revealed in the breaking of the bread, can only be seen by those with eyes of faith. Many of the 5000 did not recognize Jesus as anything more than a prophet or miracle-worker. They pursued him only to be fed again. "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life," Jesus warned them—and us (Jn. 6:27). What do we see in the breaking of the bread? Do we recognize Jesus, the great high priest? Or we do crave only what is perishable and earthly?

Reflection by Parishioner Kathryn Wilmotte

News Around St. Catherine and the Diocese

Join us in fellowship and growing in our faith.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to the Bishop's Annual Appeal! As of **June 12th**, we are 79% of the way to our goal. Your generosity will make a huge impact funding programs such as: Seminary Education, Catholic Education Development, Catholic Charities, and Parish Life Ministries.

Please prayerfully consider pledging to give toward our goal of \$289,211. To give, please pick up an envelope or give online at <u>diokzoo.org</u>!

Circle of Friends Gathering

Join us on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:00 PM -

7:30 PM for Circle of Friends! This gathering for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities is a time of fellowship, activities, and reflections on the Sunday readings and a simple dinner. We will gather in the Fellowship Room in the Stanley Centre at St. Catherine of Siena (1130 W. Centre Street, Portage, MI 49024). Contact Veronica Rodriguez at (269) 349-8714, EXT. 1240 or email at vrodriguez@diokzoo.org

Caregiver Connections (



Caregiver Connection is a monthly Zoom gathering for those caring for a loved one with a disability. Experience community, support, and faith sharing by joining us on **Sunday**, **July 6th**, **2025 at 1:00** - **2:00 PM**. To register, go to

diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities or contact Veronica Rodriguez at (269) 349-8714 Ext. 1240 and email her at vrodriguez@diokzoo.org.

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Migrant Ministry Collections

Migrant Ministry is collecting items for the farm workers living at the migrant camps in our area this summer. The collection will last until the end of June. Donations can be left on the Migrant Ministry table in the Narthex (lobby), where the following list will also be posted.

- Male Long sleeve shirts sized: Medium and Large, (Small is okay too)
- Male Blue jeans sized: 30x30, 32x30 (more of this size), 32x32, 34x32
- Personal hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, lip balm, body wash or bar of soap
- Food: rice, pinto beans, cooking oil, salt, sugar, oatmeal, cookies, corn and flower tortillas, hot sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise
- Cleaning products: dish soap, sponges, Clorox, laundry soap
- Toilet paper, paper towels

St. Catherine parishioners who wish to visit a migrant camp are invited to team up with St. Tom's team on **Wednesday nights** from July 16th through August 13th. Meet at St. Tom's at 6:30 PM. Youth Service hours can be earned. If you're interested in visiting a migrant camp, please contact Ree Millard with questions at (269) 720-0510.

13-Week Griefshare Program



The 13-week GriefShare program begins **Tuesday, August 5th, 2025**, and meets weekly from **6:30 to 8:30 PM**. This Christcentered support group offers a sacred space to process grief while exploring 13 key topics on the journey toward healing. The \$25 fee includes a guidebook and is payable at the first session. Register online at <u>www.griefshare.org</u>. Questions? Contact Paula White at 269-330-3762 or pwhitentc@mac.com.

Loss of a Spouse

We invite you to join us for a one-time, 2-hour program designed for those grieving the loss of a spouse. It will be held at St. Catherine on **Sunday, July 20th, 2025**, from **12:30 to 2:30 PM**. A \$10 fee covers the program booklet and is payable at the door. Register online at <u>www.griefshare.org</u>. Questions? Contact Paula White at (269) 330-3762 or pwhitentc@mac.com.

Young Adults Dinner & Discussion

We invite all young adults (ages 18-35) to join us for dinner and discussion on **Sunday, June 22nd at 6:00 PM**. We will be fellowshipping while enjoying delicious food at Ziki Japanese Restaurant (279 W Centre Ave, Portage, MI 49002). Everyone covers their own bill. Contact: Michelle Zawadzki at mzawadzki@stcatherinesiena.org.

For in order that man may do well, whether in the works of the active life, or in those of the contemplative life, he needs the fellowship of friends. - Thomas Aquinas

Creative Connections



The next Creative Connections virtual gathering for persons with disabilities will be on **Sunday, June 22nd from 1:00 PM -2:00 PM**. We will catch up with each other, have a brief reflection on the Sunday's scripture passage, and end with prayer. Join us for fellowship. A Zoom link will be sent to you prior to meeting. Contact: Veronica Rodriguez at (269) 349-8714 x1240 and vrodriguez@diokzoo.org. To register, you can visit: <u>diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities</u>

Message from the Diocese

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: (844) 324-3374. The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for Investigation. To make a report, phone (800) 276-1562 or visit <u>http://ReportBishopAbuse.org</u> When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Our Vacation Bible School is need of prayer warriors!

VBS is seeking people who are willing to pray before Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration in support all those participating, volunteering, and directing our VBS.

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We are seeking to have adorers sign up to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament between the hours of **10 AM and 12 PM on Monday through Friday of VBS week (July 14-18)**. Please contact the office or George Dragan at <u>gdragan@stcatherinesiena.org</u> or you may sign up outside Trinity Chapel.

Rosary in the Mary Garden



Respect Life Ministry has once again planted beautiful seasonal flowers in the Mary Garden (located on the west side of the church by the handicap entrance). We invite you to enjoy this peaceful space for prayer throughout the week. You can bring your rosary or pick one up in the Narthex (by the Trinity Chapel). Special thanks to our Master Gardener; Kathy Redmond!



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Father Mark's 32nd Ordination Anniversary

Wish Father Mark a Happy 32nd Ordination Anniversary on Thursday, June 26th!

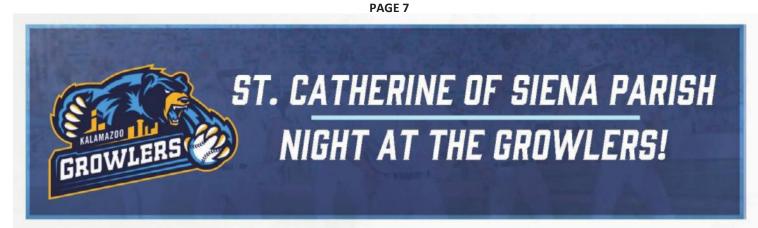
Since his ordination, Father Mark has faithfully served as a pastor or administer at 12 different parishes in the diocese. Over half of his priesthood service has been in Kalamazoo County. He has also served parishes in Barry, Branch, Calhoun, and St. Joseph Counties. We are blessed to have had him at St. Catherine of Siena for the past 6 years. Thank you for answering the call to serve as Pastor, Father Mark!



"The Trinity is an important part of my life as a priest. I need to rely on the Trinity to help me be a good priest, especially in difficult times."

"I like serving at St. Catherine Parish as it feels like home, especially since I grew up in Kalamazoo." - Father Mark





JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK!

MONDAY, JUNE 23 GROWLERS VS. ROYAL OAK LEPRECHAUNS FIRST PITCH 6:35 PM GATES OPEN: 5:35 PM

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



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REGISTRATION: 8 AM SHOTGUN START: 9 AM

- Four Person Scramble
- Men's, Women's, or Mixed Teams
- \$90 per person, includes golf, cart, coffee/donuts, dinner, and beverages.
- Hole sponsorship available for \$75
- Team prize, hole in one contest, 50/50 raffle

PLAYER 1:	PHONE #
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PLAYER 3:	PHONE #
PLAYER 4:	PHONE #

TEAM CONTACT: (NAME, EMAIL AND NUMBER):

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For eligibility questions please call 866-642-5663

St. Catherines of Siena Community Blood Drive

LOCATION: St. Catherines of Siena - Stanley Centre 1150 W Centre Ave. Portage, MI 49024

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED: Please scan the QR code to sign-up today!

*Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!

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Blood Center of Michigan

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: June 21, Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

4:00 pm Harvey Lefevre ⁺ SUNDAY: June 22, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17 7:30 am Carol Vaseleski † 9:00 am David Milko † 11:00 am People of the Parish 5:00 pm Eric Munson †

MONDAY: June 23, Weekday

Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5 9:15 am Jane Smith †

TUESDAY: June 24, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 9:15 am Connie Unger †

WEDNESDAY: June 25, Weekday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

9:15 am Soul of Teresa Tran +

THURSDAY: June 26, Weekday

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29 9:15 am Fr. Mark Vyverman's Ordination Anniversary FRIDAY: June 27, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ex 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

9:15 am Catherine Leblong +

SATURDAY: June 28, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, and Doctor of the Church

Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17 9:15 am Giavonni Pedrolini

SATURDAY: June 28, Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 4:00 pm Charles † and Mary † Kovach SUNDAY: June 29, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Council #6980 † 11:00 am Anthony † and Josephine † Tubiola

5:00 pm Fr. Ben's Ordination Anniversary

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