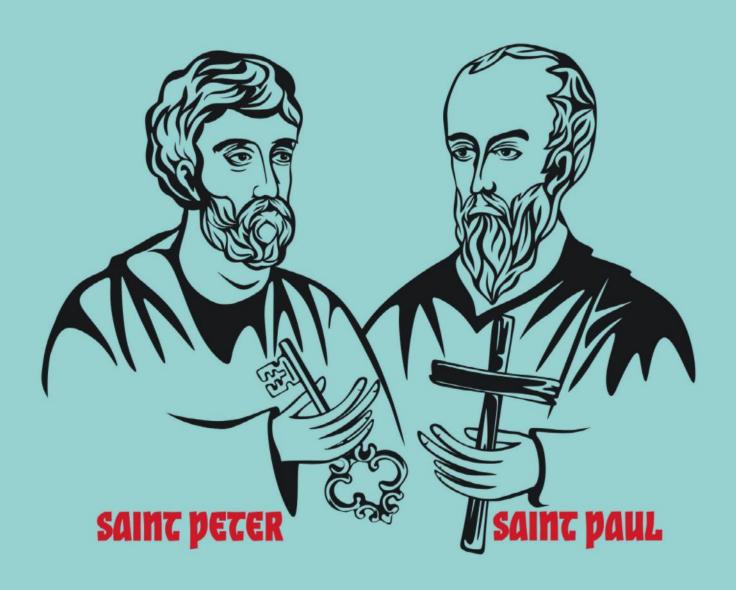
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We are called to honor the Lord by serving each other in hope.



June 29, 2025 Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles Dear Parishioners.

This weekend the Church celebrates the special Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. These two apostles of the Church have had a special place in the Church liturgical calendar for centuries. This solemnity,



celebrated on the 29th of June, doesn't always fall on a Sunday every year, but every few years.

When one visits and makes a pilgrimage to the City of Rome, you can easily see how these two saints have shaped the life of the Church. Of course, everyone is familiar with St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Not only is this a place of pilgrimage (because the bones of St. Peter lie directly below the main altar), but this is the place that the world is most familiar with as this is where the Pope resides and has all the major liturgies for the Church. This church was built near (or over) the place where Peter would have been martyred.

Then there is also a basilica dedicated to St. Paul: St. Paul outside the walls. It bears this name because it is believed that St. Paul was martyred outside the city walls of Rome. If you remember the readings that we heard in the Acts of the Apostles, the Lord tells Paul that his final journey will be to see Caesar. Paul knew that he would probably meet this fate. From the dates we have, St. Peter and Paul were martyred about three years apart in the 60's (yes, this is the actual 60's, not the 1960's!). St. Peter was martyred in 64 and St. Paul was martyred in 67. In just about 40 years, we will reach 2,000 years since they were martyred.

As we see the influence that St. Peter and Paul have had on the Church over the centuries, may their example of faith and discipleship also inspire us as they have done for countless generations. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!

You may have also noticed that we have been working hard on trying to get the church grounds back into shape. It certainly looks a lot better than it did a year ago (after all the damage from the tornado). A special thank you to all our volunteers, especially our Knights and others who have helped our staff make this possible.

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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	Electronic Giving	<u>\$6,786</u>
		\$20,641
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	Electronic Giving	\$8,394
		\$44,348

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 29, 2025

7:30 am Mass, Church

8:30 am Knights of Columbus Rosary, Trinity Chapel

9:00 am Mass, Church 11:00 am Mass, Church 5:00 pm Mass, Church

Monday, June 30, 2025

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
 9:45 am Respect Life Rosary, Mary Garden
 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Fellowship

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel9:45 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel

6:00 pm KofC Business Meeting, Fellowship6:40 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary, Fellowship

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel 10:00 am St. C Walkers, Stanley Centre Gym

7:00 pm Scripture Study, Zoom

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Calendar events subject to change!

Thursday, July 3, 2025

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel 10:00 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel 12:50 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel

Friday, July 4, 2025

OFFICES CLOSED

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

3:00 pm FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, CANCELLED

Saturday, July 5, 2025

5:15 pm

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

Syro Malabar, Trinity Chapel, Marian Hall

Reflection on the Readings

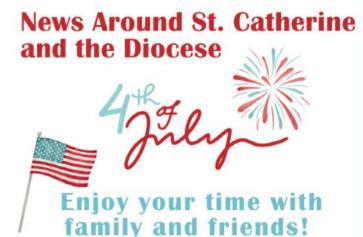
Today's solemnity commemorates Saints Peter and Paul, the two great apostles who together helped lay the foundations of the early church.

Our first reading finds Peter in prison, separated from the other apostles and the Christian community in Jerusalem. Previously, Jesus had told Peter: "when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (Jn. 21:18). Bound in double chains and pinned between two soldiers, perhaps Peter thought that this prophecy of his death would soon be fulfilled. Instead, an angel appeared and led him to freedom—through divine intervention, Peter was able to continue his ministry as the first leader of the newly founded church.

Our second reading also comes from a prison—Paul, under arrest and knowing that his death is near, writes a final letter to his beloved disciple Timothy. "The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat," he declares, "and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom." Shortly after, Paul was martyred in Rome. This time, the victory lay not in Paul's deliverance from earthly imprisonment but from his having "competed well," having "finished the race," and having "kept the faith" to the very end.

This idea of victory in death and triumph in loss cut sharply against contemporary Roman ideals of glory and honor (Kurz 107). Two great apostles of the church, both eventually executed like common criminals—how could anything good come from such an ignominious ending? But God uses the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. Those who entrust their lives solely to the Lord, as Peter and Paul did, find that help is always near: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them" (Ps. 34:7). Sometimes this deliverance comes at once, as for Peter. At other times, our very lives are asked of us, like Paul. Regardless, in every circumstance, we cling, as these saints did, to the hope of the heavenly kingdom and eternal life with Jesus. Sts. Peter and Paul, pray for us!

Reflection by Parishioner Kathryn Wilmotte



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to the Bishop's Annual Appeal! As of June 19th, we are 88% of the way to our goal at \$254,616.84. 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>

Blood Drive - July

Join us at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church for a Blood Drive on **Tuesday**, **July 22**nd, **from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM!** Your donation can save lives, and we need YOU to help make a difference! Appointments are preferred, so sign up today. The Blood Drive will be in the Stanley Centre Gym. Be sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water to feel your best! Visit donateblood.versiti.org, select "Donate Now," enter zipcode 49024 and select St. Catherine of Siena to choose your appointment time.

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

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

Migrant Ministry Collections

LAST CALL! This is the final weekend for Migrant Ministry collections. Migrant Ministry is collecting items for the farm workers living at the migrant camps in our area this summer. 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

PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT CHANGE BELOW!

St. Catherine parishioners who wish to visit a migrant camp are invited to team up with St. Tom's team on **Tuesday nights from July 15th through August 12th**. Meet at St. Tom's at **6:00 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 Christ-centered 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 www.griefshare.org. 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 www.griefshare.org. Questions? Contact
Paula White at (269) 330-3762 or pwhitentc@mac.com.

Primetimers

Calling All Primetimers (age 50+) to join us for lunch on **Monday, July 7th, 2025, at 11:30 AM** at Mark's Diner located at 677 Romence Road, Portage, MI 49024. Come and enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal. We also invite Primetimer caregivers. family, and friends. No reservation needed, just show up and ask for the Primetimers. Everyone picks up their own bill. See you there!

Back To School Giving

PLEASE DON'T DONATE BEFORE JULY 19TH

The annual Back to School Giving Tree project will begin **on July 19th**. We plan to collect items for various local organizations that support underprivileged children and teens as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Keep an eye out in the bulletin for how to support this important collection.

You will also be able to access the link to the wish lists of various organizations through our parish website at stcatherinesiena.org/giving-tree-2.

Questions? Contact Colette Gushurst at gushursts@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

Join us on **Saturday, August 23rd**, for the 16th Annual St. Catherine of Siena Golf Outing, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Registration starts at **8:00 AM**, with a shotgun start at **9:00 AM** at Pine View Golf Course (52065 Pulver RD, Three Rivers, MI 49093). This is a Four-Person Scramble, with men's, women's or mixed teams. The cost of \$90 per person includes golf, cart, coffee/donuts, dinner, and beverages! There is a hole sponsorship available for \$75. There will be a team prize, hole in one contest, and a 50/50 raffle. For those who just want to join for dinner, the cost is \$30. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus. Register by **August 18th!** To participate, please visit: <u>stcatherinesiena.org/kofc6980</u> and print off the Knights of Columbus Golf Outing form, fill it out and mail the entry to the provided address. For more info, contact Tom Collins at (269) 501-2303.

VBS Needs Prayer Warriors!

We invite you to join us in praying before our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration in support of all those participating, volunteering, and directing our VBS.

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 gdragan@stcatherinesiena.org or you may sign up outside Trinity Chapel.

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!



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY: June 30, Weekday (Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time)

Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22

9:15 am Barry Laguire †

TUESDAY: July 1, Weekday

Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

9:15 am William Norris †

WEDNESDAY: July 2, Weekday

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34

9:15 am Ida Kozelink †

THURSDAY: July 3, Saint Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

9:15 am Terry Dorcy †

FRIDAY: July 4, Weekday

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13

9:15 am Robert Kraft

SATURDAY: July 5, Weekday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

9:15 am Bonnie Kovach †

SATURDAY: July 5, Vigil of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Milagrin D'Souza †

SUNDAY: July 6, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

7:30 am Mickey Kerwin

9:00 am Martha Brucker †

11:00 am Michael Patrick O'Donnell †

5:00 pm People of the Parish

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