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



You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

July 13, 2025 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

It's the middle of July and that means that it is time for us to have our Vacation Bible School. True North, our theme for this year's VBS, starts on Monday and will last until Friday the



18th. This summer event takes months of planning and preparation, with so much that goes into making it a success. As we get ready to do VBS once again, a special thank you to everyone who has supported us with donations and of course all of our many volunteers that make it possible for us to have VBS. I appreciate all these behind-thescenes efforts that get us ready and all those who are able to spend time with our youth throughout the coming week. Please keep our staff, volunteers and youth in your prayers in the coming week for a successful year!

Since last weekend was a holiday weekend, I didn't get a chance to thank everyone for their parish support throughout the past fiscal year. Our fiscal year goes from July 1st until June 30th of the following year. This past year of 2024-2025 was a "tornado recovery year." Due to all the damage, especially with things that were not covered by insurance, we had items that needed to be replaced or repaired. All this is captured in the past fiscal year as well as projects and repairs that we already had planned to do. We will have a final summary of this soon that will be published in a future edition of the bulletin.

In the weeks following the conclusion of VBS, we still have some projects that we were not able to get to last summer and now we finally will be able to start. As the schedule for work on these projects is confirmed, I will keep you informed. By the time fall rolls around, I hope we are finally caught up on all the things we planned to do last year!

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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Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 13, 2025

7:30 am Mass, Church
8:30 am Knights of Columbus Rosary, Trinity Chapel
9:00 am Mass, Church
10:00 am Benedictine Oblate, GLP
11:00 am Mass, Church
12:00 pm Baptism(s), Church
5:00 pm Mass, Church

Monday, July 14, 2025

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, Multiple Locations9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, Multiple Locations

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, Multiple Locations

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel7:00 pm Scripture Study, Zoom

Calendar events subject to change!

Thursday, July 17, 2025

9:00 am
 9:15 am
 10:00 am
 12:50 pm
 6:00 pm
 Vacation Bible School, Multiple Locations
 Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
 Chapel
 Benediction, Trinity Chapel
 Baptism Prep Class, GLP

Friday, July 18, 2025

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, Multiple Locations9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

Saturday, July 19, 2025

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, GLP
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 first reading, we hear Moses telling the people that there isn't anything mysterious about God's laws.

They weren't up in the sky or stored in a remote place where they were inaccessible. They were written down in the book of the law, and in the people's mouths and hearts. All they had to do was follow them.

We've heard about how lengthy the book of the law was by Jesus' time. There were many rules that the Jewish people were expected to follow. But they boiled down to two commandments, as the scholar of the law correctly answered Jesus in today's Gospel reading...love God with all your heart, mind, strength and being, and love you neighbor as yourself. But because he wanted to test Jesus, he pushed the issue by asking "who is my neighbor?" I can imagine Jesus, speaking to someone today, using a phrase like "it isn't rocket science, figure it out." However, Jesus, being very patient, gave the scholar the story of the good Samaritan. He then answered the scholar's question with one of His own...who was neighbor to the robber's victim?" When the scholar again answered correctly, Jesus told him to go and do likewise.

Jesus' message is the same for us today. His commandments are unchanged and are what we will be judged on when we stand before Him one day. Our families, our communities, indeed our entire world is full of people that need our attention, our prayers and our help. Ignoring them is not an option for a Christian. There are many ways we can reach out to people in need; simple acts of kindness are important, and we all have time, talent and treasure to share. We all can do more, and we must. That is the challenge for each of us...and it isn't rocket science.

Reflection by parishioner John Ceglarek

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Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal! We are incredibly close to reaching our goal—just steps away from the finish line. If you haven't yet had the chance to give, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every contribution makes a difference and brings us closer to our goal!

Back 2 School Giving Tree

Don't forget — the Giving Tree Back to School collection starts next week, **July 19th!** Please visit the QR code to sign up for items to donate or visit our website at stcatherinesiena.org/giving-tree-2 for the link. Please do not bring in donations before **July 19th!**





Young Adults Dinner & Discussion



We invite all young adults (ages 18-35) to join us for dinner and discussion on **Sunday, July 20th at 6:00 PM.** We will be fellowshipping while enjoying delicious food at Monelli's Italian Grill & Sports Bar (7141 S. Westnedge Ave). 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

Blood Drive - July

Join us at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church for a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 22nd, 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 zip code 49024 and select St. Catherine of Siena to choose your appointment time.

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 Siena in room 9/11 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.

"GriefShare helped me to know I am not alone."

Kathleen, GriefShare participant

Circle of Friends

Join us on Wednesday, July 23rd 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



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GriefShare 13-Week 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.

KofC Bread of Life Food Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items for the Bread of Life Food Program on the final day of Vacation Bible School, Friday, July 18th, during the picnic at 12:00 PM. They will also collect donations before and after all Masses the weekend of July 19th and 20th. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Please call (269) 254-7521

If you're interested in contributing to this special cause, please bring the following items:

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Cereal
Baking mixes
Cornbread mix

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: July 12, Vigil of the Fifteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Joseph † & Anna † Jankura

SUNDAY: July 13, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

7:30 am Helen Brocker †

9:00 am Deacon Jack Prendergast † 11:00 am Debbie & Tom † Inwood 5:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY: July 14, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1 9:15 am Pola Kaluzny †

TUESDAY: July 15, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

9:15 am Joan Kavanaugh's Birthday

WEDNESDAY: July 16, Weekday; Our Lady of Mount

Carmel

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27 9:15 am George Adams † THURSDAY: July 17, Weekday

Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

9:15 am Deceased Members of Roy and Genevieve

Hiler's Family †

FRIDAY: July 18, Weekday; Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8 9:15 am Mary Delehanty †

SATURDAY: July 19, Weekday; BVM

Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21 9:15 am Rose Maronto †

SATURDAY: July 19, Vigil of the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Charles† and Elizabeth† Kovacs

SUNDAY: July 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

7:30 am Carol Vaseleski †
9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Connie Shoemaker
5:00 pm Eric Munson †

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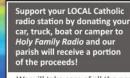
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