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October 12, 2025 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

After being away a few days this past week for our annual convocation of priests for the Diocese of Kalamazoo, it's time to get back to a normal schedule. Of course, arriving back



after all of these meetings and conferences, I come back to a nice Saturday evening of activities this weekend. The Knights of Columbus are having their Fall Tootsie Roll drive and after the Saturday night Mass, it's a Mac and Cheese event night in Marian Hall. Following this, there is a movie night over at Stanley Centre. It should be an enjoyable evening. Thank you, Knights, for putting on this parish dinner (and most everyone likes mac and cheese).

One of the priorities that I had this summer was to try to get the grounds back to "normal" after the tornado. This meant working on the parking lot, some replacement fencing, landscaping, and in particular, our Knights Council helped out with the landscaping by cleaning up around the grounds. The council also made a donation to help us re-landscape the islands. As we are now in the last weeks of the grass growing season, the lawns look really nice. Thank you Knights for your work and generosity to make these landscaping projects possible. It took a lot of hands and also the hard work of our staff to make this possible.

Another big project we have been working on during the spring, summer, and now early fall is the heating and cooling system in the main building. Our controls had literally gone bonkers and hopefully you have noticed that the temperature inside the building is a lot more comfortable. These systems only last so long and it was beyond time to get these things worked on and repairs made to some of the mechanical items.

A little rebate from Consumers Energy helps pay for the project as well! The work has finally wrapped up and just little adjustments here and there need to be made.

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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		\$24,218

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Thank you all for your continued generosity!

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 12, 2025

7:30 am	Mass, Church
8:30 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
9:00 am	Mass, Church
10:00 am	Benedictine Oblate, GLP
10:00 am	Faith Formation, Rooms 1-12, Stanley Centre
11:00 am	Mass, Church
11:00 am	Kindergarten, Room 1/3
11:00 am	Pre-K, Room 10/12
12:00 pm	Baptisms, Church
5:00 pm	Mass, Church
6:00 pm	WOW, Room 2/4

Monday, October 13, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

9:15 am	Mass, Trinity Chapel
9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry, GLP
9:45 am	Rosary, Trinity Chapel
6:00 pm	SVDP Business Meeting, Fellowship

6:30 pm OCIA, Room 5/7 6:30 pm GriefShare, Room 9/11

Calendar events subject to change!

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

9:15 am	Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	St. C Walkers, Stanley Centre Gym
6:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class, GLP
7:00 pm	Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, October 16, 2025

9:15 am	Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	Adoration, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am	WOW, Rooms 1/3, 5/7, 9/11, 6/8
12:50 pm	Benediction, Trinity Chapel
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
6:30 pm	Young Adult Faith & Fellowship, Youth Roon

Friday, October 17, 2025

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

Saturday, October 18, 2025

7:30 am	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 9/11
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 the ancient world, leprosy was a word to be feared. Under the Mosaic law, a leprous person was ritually unclean and cut off from the community. Even outside of Israel, leprosy brought shame and isolation, as in today's first reading where Naaman, commander of the Syrian army, has been brought low due to his condition. His only ray of hope is to seek the prophet Elisah, who commands Naaman via messenger to plunge seven times in the Jordan River, "and you shall be clean." Yet Naaman's initial response to this simple command is not obedience, but anger. "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me, and stand...and wave his hand over the place" (2 Kings 5:11). The mighty commander's pride is injured by the simplicity and humility of the request, and it is only with difficulty that he is convinced to dip seven times in the Jordan, at which point his skin becomes "again like the flesh of a little child."

In today's gospel Jesus takes "pity" on ten lepers whose lives have similarly been upended; he tells them to show themselves to the priest, as if they were already healed, and "as they were going they were cleansed." Like Naaman, these lepers are healed even as they demonstrate their faith in the healing. And yet despite all being cleansed, only one leper—a foreigner, like Naaman—seems to link his healing to Jesus' powerful word and returns to thank him.

In the Bible, leprosy also serves as a metaphor for the isolating nature of sin, which cuts us off from both God and our fellow man. Like Naaman and the ten lepers, we need healing. Yet often, we want healing on our own termseither as a grand show or a chance to prove ourselves with great deeds--when all that is truly required is simple faith and a childlike trust in the word of Jesus. Perhaps it is no coincidence that Naaman's flesh becomes childlike, for "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3).

Reflection by parishioner John Ceglarek

News Around St. Catherine and the Diocese



Join us in growing in faith and fellowship!

Young Adult Faith and Fellowship

All young adults are invited to join us for a Young Adult Faith and Fellowship night! On **Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 PM**, we will gather in the Stanley Centre Youth Room for fellowship. Expect to pray the rosary, have faith-filled discussion and play games! Bring a friend and let the fun begin.

Tootsie Roll Drive

October 11th & 12th



See a Knight after any Mass for the Tootsie Roll Drive. Proceeds support Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities. We appreciate your generosity!

Young Adult Dinner



We invite all young adults (ages 18-35) to join us for dinner and discussion on **Sunday, October 19th** at 6:00 PM. We will be fellowshipping while enjoying delicious food at Erbelli's Gourmet Pizzeria, Italian Bistro & Pub (8342 Portage Rd, 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 Aguinas

Project Rescue

Join us on Sundays (October 19th-November 16th) from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM for Project Rescue with Father John Riccardo. Visit the table after Mass on October 11th / 12th and October 18th / 19th or call Mike Kraft at (734) 355-6598.

Go to rescueproject.us for more information.

KofC Membership

Become a Knight today. Did you know that the international organization known as the Knights of Columbus is 143 years old? That we were founded by a parish priest, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney? That Pope St. John Paul II called the Knights the strong right arm of the church? Did you know that Knights change lives and save lives through our "Faith in Action Programs"?

Bishop Lohse recently published a letter that contained the following:

"As a member of the Knights of Columbus myself, I have witnessed tremendous work these men accomplish in our diocese. However, the work is never done and for the Knights to continue their good works of charity, the organization needs to grow. I encourage every man in the Kalamazoo Diocese who is a practicing Catholic and at least 18 years of age prayerfully to consider joining the ranks of this exemplary organization."

You can be part of changing lives and saving lives by joining us. Go to: <a href="https://bithub.com/bithub.co

Become a Knight today. Online membership is free if you use promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. After joining us online, our Council (St Catherine - 6980) will contact you so you can transfer into our Council.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Joe Magalski at (989) 992-6085 or jmagalski@gmail.com Joe Comiskey at (269) 532-6965 or ComiskeyJE@aol.com

Surviving the holidays

We invite you to join us for Surviving the Holidays on Sunday, October 26th at 12:30 - 2:30 PM. This is a one-time, 2-hour program addressing the issues that arise around the fall holiday celebrations for a grieving person and family. There is a \$10 fee which includes the program booklet, payable at the first session.

Registration is online at www.griefshare.org
Questions? Contact Paula White at (269) 330-3762 or pwhitentc@mac.com

Linen Guild

Looking for a low-stakes way to support the parish? Please prayerfully consider joining our Linen Guild! To make sure that we have clean, fresh altar linens and purificators for each and every Mass, we rely on our Linen Guild to care for the linens, purificators, and corporals used at Mass. This includes home laundering, bleaching (as needed), and ironing the linens, which members pick up and return to the church each week by the Thursday before weekend Masses. Your commitment is for a month-long period, and depending on the number of volunteers, you may only be responsible for one month per year. Can't commit to an entire month? Please consider being added to our substitute list. In the event that a regular volunteer isn't able to take care of the linens, we will reach out to our subs to fill in as needed. Thank you for any consideration! Call the office or stop in or email Erin at emorgan@stcatherinesiena.org

St. Mary Autumn Gala

Join us for a formal evening filled with cocktails, charcuterie, dinner, desserts, and dancing at Fr. Bart Hall! The night promises to be exciting and entertaining, featuring raffles and live auctions you won't want to miss. We also have a special comedy set planned, featuring Anne Fackler. All proceeds will support the needs of St. Mary Parish, so join us for this worthy cause! Reserve your seat(s) now and gather your friends for a table of 8! \$55 per person or \$400 for a table of 8.

Reserve a seat at www.stmarykazoo.org/gala or call (269) 342-0621.

Missing Jewelry Found

If you happened to lose a piece of jewelry after the **4:00 PM Mass on September 13th,** please see someone in the front office or give us a call.



St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Baskets



This year, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St.

Catherine will be delivering Thanksgiving "Baskets" to 100 families in our community facing food insecurity. These baskets contain everything needed for a complete Thanksgiving meal.

How You Can Help:

Food Collection: Begins October 18th and ends

November 16th. Pick up tags from the cornucopia in
the narthex, take as many as you wish, and bring the
purchased items to any Mass.

Cash Donations: We're collecting funds to purchase turkeys. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex.

Drivers Needed: Volunteers are needed to deliver the baskets on **Saturday, November 22nd**, the weekend before Thanksgiving. A sign-up sheet and instructions for drivers are available in the narthex.

Together, we can make this Thanksgiving special for families in need!

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: October 11, Vigil of the Twenty-eighth Sunday in

Ordinary Time 4:00 pm Betty Stora

SUNDAY: October 12, The Twenty-eighth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Joe Nespodzany † 11:00 am Jack Andrew Holysz † 5:00 pm George McMorrow †

MONDAY: October 13, Weekday

Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32 9:15 am Carol Vaseleski †

TUESDAY: October 14, Weekday; Saint Callistus I, Pope and

Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37

9:15 am James + & Elaine + Stewart

WEDNESDAY: October 15, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46 9:15 am Randy Kelly †

THURSDAY: October 16, Weekday; Saint Hedwig, Religious;

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

9:15 am Rosalie & Larry Bohn's 60th Anniversary

FRIDAY: October 17, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and

Martyr

Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

9:15 am Gracie Kavanaugh †

SATURDAY: October 18, Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

9:15 am Beth & Jim Teachout's Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY: October 18, Vigil of the Twenty-ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

4:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY: October 19, The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

7:30 am Cathy Seiser † 9:00 am People of the Parish 11:00 am John Moore †

5:00 pm Cathy Seiser †

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A: Because he was Adam-mint.



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