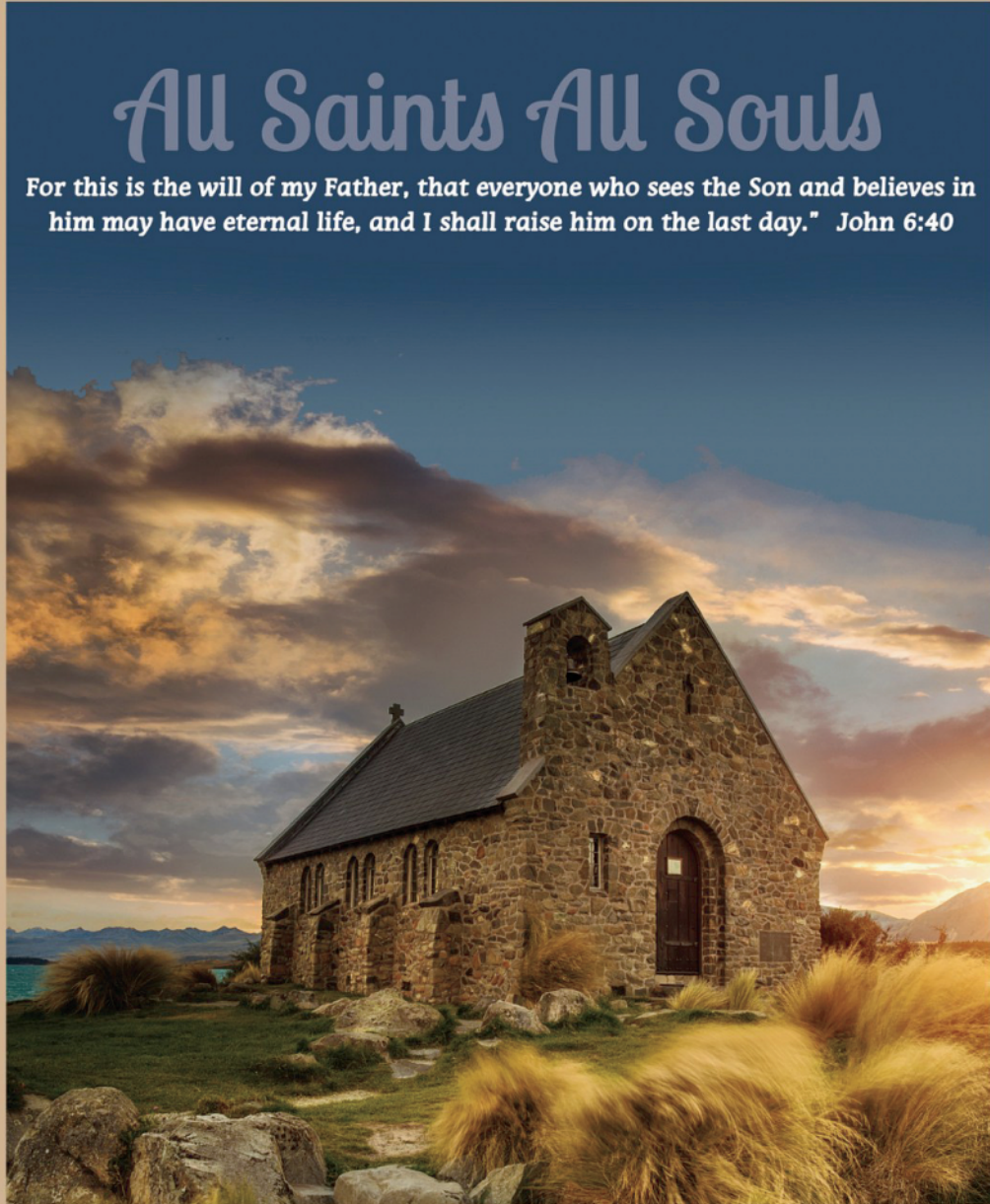

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We are called to honor the Lord by serving each other in hope.

All Saints All Souls

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." John 6:40



November 2, 2025
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Dear Parishioners,

We begin this month of November with two important celebrations in the liturgical and spiritual life of the Church: All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Even though they share some of the same elements, each one has a distinct character. All Saints Day (Saturday November 1st) gives us inspiration in our faith life. They can help us to learn how to live our faith more fully and how to give our heart more completely to the Lord. We celebrate the saints and look to their example because they have already successfully concluded their time with us. They remind us that no matter what happens in life, that we should never lose sight of Christ. Similar in many ways, All Soul's Day (**Sunday, November 2nd**) is a day of prayer and remembrance. In particular, we remember all those who have died in the past year. But it is also much more than that. We can remember all the family and friends that we have lost over the years. Almost from the very beginning of the Church, the Christian community would pray for the dead. For when we do so, we not only remember the life they lived, but we prayerfully entrust them into the hands of the Lord so that they will be with Him for all time. All Saints Day and All Souls Day are very important reminders to us how our goal is to reach and enter the gates of Heaven.

On Tuesday of this week, we will have our annual evening of Remembrance at St. Catherine. In a particular way, we gather to pray for those whom we have lost from our parish over the past year. For those who have attended this prayer service before, it is a very comforting way to remember and honor those who are dear to us. Please feel free to join us this **Tuesday at 6:30 PM.**

As we start this month of November, the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to gather food items for distribution to those in need the weekend before Thanksgiving. If you are able to help with this, please see the display and sign-up table for volunteers in the Narthex.

Next weekend, the Military Archdiocese of the United States will have a collection to support their work. This collection is taken up once every three years. For those who are not familiar with this, these are the priests who minister to our troops both here and around the world. Since the Military Archdiocese receives no support from the US Government for this ministry, this is just one of the sources that supports our military chaplains. Envelopes will be available to support this ministry.

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>\$11,096</u>
		\$25,232
2025 - 2026 Year to Date	\$438,817	
2024 - 2025 Year to Date	\$440,603	

Thank you all for your continued generosity!

If you are interested in membership or volunteering,
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frontdesk@stcatherinesiena.org or 327-5165.

Calendar of Events

Calendar events subject to change!

Sunday, November 2, 2025

- 7:30 am All Souls Day Mass, Church
- 8:30 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
- 8:30 am Coffee & Donuts, Marian Hall, Kitchen
- 9:00 am All Souls Day Mass, Church
- 10:00 am Faith Formation, Rooms 1-12, Stanley Centre
- 10:15 am Choir Warm Up, Choir Room
- 11:00 am All Souls Day Mass, Church
- 11:00 am Kindergarten, Room 1/3
- 11:00 am Pre-K, Room 10/12
- 3:00 pm Rescue Project, Stanley Centre Gym
- 5:00 pm All Souls Day Mass, Church
- 6:00 pm WOW, Rooms 1/3, 2/4
- 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room, Gym
- 6:30 pm MomCo, Fellowship Room

Monday, November 3, 2025

- 9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
- 11:30 am Primetimers, The Crew Restaurant (Portage RD)
- 7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Fellowship
- 7:00 pm Faith Formation, Classrooms

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

- 9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
- 9:45 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel
- 5:45 pm Choir Warm Up, Choir Room
- 6:30 pm OCIA, Room 5/7
- 6:30 pm Remembrance Service, Church
- 6:30 pm GriefShare (Makeup), Room 9/11
- 6:40 pm KofC Rosary, Fellowship
- 7:00 pm KofC Business Meeting, Fellowship

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

- 9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
- 10:00 am St. C Walkers, Stanley Centre Gym
- 7:00 pm Scripture Study, Zoom

Thursday, November 6, 2025

- 9:15 am Daily 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 and Fellowship, Youth Room

Friday, November 7, 2025

- 9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
- 3:00 pm First Friday Adoration, Trinity Chapel

Saturday, November 8, 2025

- 7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 9/11
- 9:15 am Mass, Church
- 11:00 am Reconciliation, GLP, Trinity Chapel
- 2:45 pm Siena's Rehearsal, Church, Choir Room
- 3:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church
- 4:00 pm Mass, Church

Reflection on the Readings

Yesterday was the celebration of All Saints, when we give praise and thanks to God for the lives of the Saints...all those who are in heaven with God (both the celebrated saints as well as those "everyday" saints) who have inspired us by their lives. Today is All Souls Day, a day of prayer for everyone who has died, especially those who are still on the way to heaven. The first reading, from Wisdom, tells us that "the souls of the just are in the hands of God", who we know is a loving God who wants the very best for us. Psalm 23 reiterates this message, assuring us that God will provide protection and comfort for His followers. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us of the great lengths God has gone to show His love for us, and Jesus tells us in the Gospel that those who follow Him will be raised on the last day to eternal life.

Thus, all the faithful who had died are promised eternal life in heaven. However, the Church teaches that for many of us there will be a transition period...purgatory. It is not a place of punishment, for all sins have already been forgiven. Rather, God so loves us and wants us to be with Him that He has provided a way for those to have died but are not yet perfected to be made so prior to entering heaven. All Souls Day, then, is a special day set aside for us to remember and pray for all those who have gone before us (something we should be doing every day); our prayers are heard by God and can help our loved ones in their time of purification. Let us both be thankful to God for providing all of us a means to be with Him in spite of our imperfections and pray with joyful hope for the rapid transition of all who have died.

Reflection by parishioner John Ceglarek

News Around St. Catherine and the Diocese

Join us in growing in faith and fellowship!



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, November 2nd, 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.

Primetimers

Calling All Primetimers (age 50+) to join us for lunch on **Monday, November 3rd, 2025, at 11:30 AM** at The Crew Restaurant located at 5200 Portage Road, Portage, MI 49002. 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!

MomCo

We invite all moms with children from birth to middle school who are looking for fellowship to join us **this Sunday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM!** We will gather in the Stanley Centre Fellowship Room for a time of fellowship, prayer and friendship.

First Friday Adoration



Join us on **Friday, November 7th at 3:00 PM** in the Trinity Chapel for First Friday Adoration. Take time to adore Jesus during this special late afternoon and early evening opportunity, as we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus on First Friday. All parishioners are invited to come and spend time in prayer and reflection on this important day of devotion.

For more information, contact Deacon Brian at deaconbrian@stcatherinesiena.org

Public Square Rosary

When people pray the rosary together, it is far more formidable than when one prays alone. On the **2nd Saturday of each month**, we pray the rosary outside of St. Augustine Cathedral starting at **9:30 AM**. Our next rosary will be **November 8th**.



Come and pray with us for the following intentions: Protection of our families, our schools and our church, the courage and strength to build a culture of life and to end abortion, to repulse the attacks and deceptions of the devil, and the conversion of souls, especially those in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. For more info, contact Joe Magalski at (989) 992-6085 or jmagalski@gmail.com

St. Nicholas Raffle Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Catholic Charities' 4th Annual St. Nicholas Raffle Fundraiser on **Saturday, December 6th!** Proceeds will benefit the thousands of clients served each year in our nine-county diocese. For just the raffle, tickets cost \$20.00 each for a chance to win \$5,000 in cash! You don't have to be present to win. Purchase your tickets today at www.ccdok.org/stnicholas

They will also be holding a live auction during the live event to bid on some fantastic items! Gather at the Kalamazoo Country Club on Saturday, December 6th from 6:00 PM—9:00 PM. Event tickets are \$100 per person and include: food, drinks, dessert, music, raffle ticket, and the live auction. Help Catholic Charities raise more funds for their services and show your support. Please visit: www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/ for more info, or contact them at info@ccdok.org or call (269)-381-9800.

St. C Walkers



Stay active and connect with others!

Join the St. C Walkers **every Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at St. Catherine of Siena's Stanley Centre Gym. Enjoy a dry, warm environment with a flat ground to get your steps in and share great fellowship. Don't forget to bring clean, dry shoes to change into once inside! We look forward to walking with you next Wednesday!

All Souls' Remembrance Service



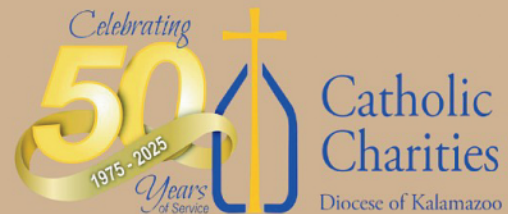
Our annual All Souls' Remembrance Service will be held on **Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 at 6:30 PM** in the main church. We welcome you to join us in prayer for our dearly departed. In a special way, we will honor those from our parish family who have died since November of last year. Please join us for this special event.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

Saturday Morning Catholic Men's Fellowship

The Saturday Morning Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF) Group meets in St. Catherine of Siena Room 9/11 from **7:30 AM to 9 AM every Saturday morning**. After opening the meeting with intercessory prayers, the CMF Group spends about 30 minutes discussing the upcoming Sunday readings. The last 30 minutes of the meeting is spent discussing the current book the group is using for discussion. We have just begun discussing the following book: Commentary on the Book of Isaiah – An In-Depth Look at the Gospel of the Old Testament Fr. Mitch Pacwa (2023). Any men that are interested in participating in the Saturday Morning CMF meeting are welcome to attend. A copy of the book will be provided free to any participant. In addition, if anyone has questions regarding the CMF Group, please contact Steve Borchert at (269) 249-6139.

Catholic Charities Seeking Board Member



Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo is seeking those who are called to join in the Mission of Catholic Charities as a board member by serving vulnerable people within our diocese.

CCDOK are seeking people who have expertise in any of these areas:

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Future infrastructure planning

Fundraising

Are members of an underrepresented minority

Live and serve in parts of the Diocese beyond Kalamazoo

Have been recipients of Catholic Charities services

If you have a heart for service and are attracted to the CCDOK mission and work, we invite you to consider joining us in Board service. For more information, visit their website at ccdok.org and/or contact Toni Newell, Executive Director, at (269) 381-9800, ext. 224, or toninewell@ccdok.org.

Advent Retreat

Save the date for our Parish Advent Retreat **on Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 AM**. Fr. Mike Reyes, OSB will be leading the retreat! We hope you'll make it, stay tuned for more details.

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 - Baby cribs
 - Carpet bundles
 - Filing cabinets
- Large exercise equipment
 - Tube TVs
 - Sleeper sofas
- Mattresses and personal pillows
- Hazardous materials (e.g., paint, cleaners)

Community drop-offs are welcome behind the Father Crowley gymnasium during the following:

- **Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 9 AM - 12 PM**
 - **Saturday, January 16, 2026, from 9 AM - 12 PM**
- Sale Information (One day only):**
- **Friday, February 27, 2026, from 1 PM - 8 PM**

Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries Collection



Please consider donating a **NEW** pair of **underwear** or **UNUSED travel-sized toiletry items**. All sizes of underwear are needed for men and women (small, medium, and large). **Travel-sized** toiletry items may include shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, or mouthwash. Donations can be placed on the table in the narthex **starting November 29th through December 15th**.

Thank you for making a difference for those in need!

Middle School Youth Group

Join us for fun, faith, and fellowship on **Sunday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM** at the Stanley Centre Youth Room (upstairs).

Snacks will be provided. Make sure to fill out the Youth Group Yearly Release Form at:

www.stcatherinesiena.org/youth-group-yearly-form or by scanning the QR code.

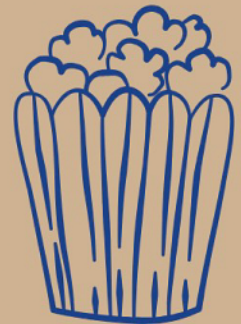
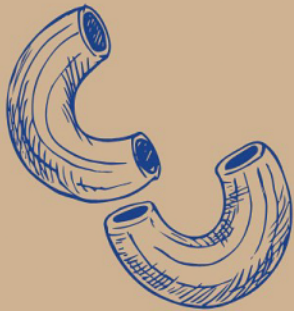


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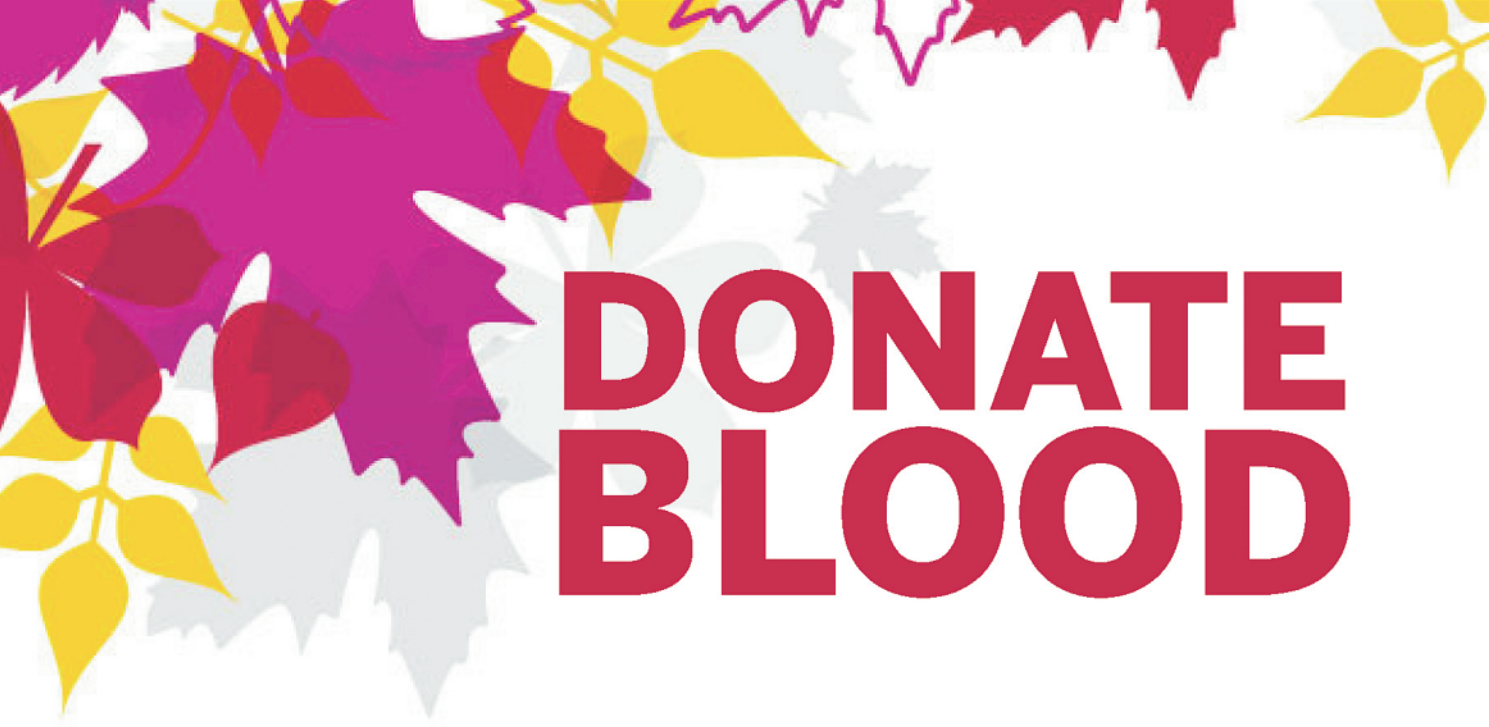
All young adults are invited to join us for a Young Adult Faith and Fellowship night! On **Thursday, November 6th at 6:30 PM**, we will gather in the Stanley Centre Youth Room for fellowship. Expect to pray the rosary, have faith-filled discussion and play games! Bring a friend and let the fun begin.

Young Adult Dinner

We invite all young adults (ages 18-35) to join us for dinner and discussion on **Sunday, November 16th at 6:00 PM**. We will be fellowshiping while enjoying delicious food at Texas Roadhouse (7039 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI 49002). Everyone covers their own bill. Contact: Michelle Zawadzki at mzawadzki@stcatherinesiena.org.



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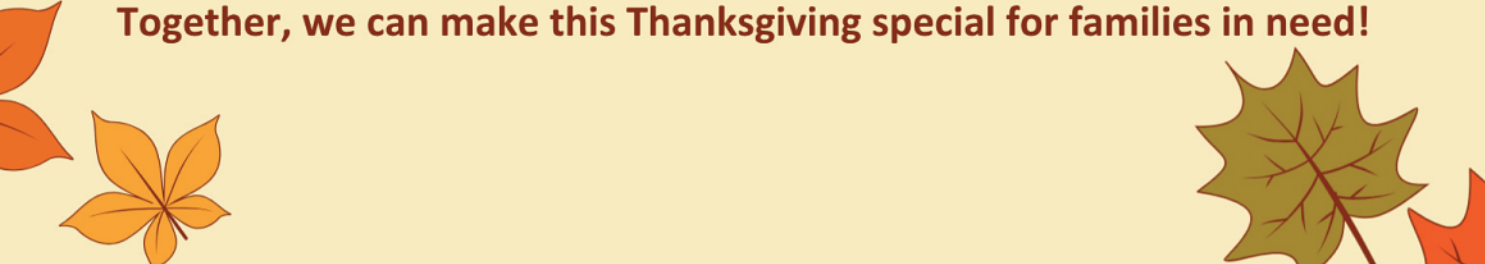
This year, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Catherine will be delivering Thanksgiving "Baskets" to 100 families in our community facing food insecurity. These baskets contain everything needed for a complete Thanksgiving meal.

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: November 1, All Saints Day

4:00 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY: November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

Wis 3:1-9/Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

7:30 am Carol Vaseleski †

9:00 am Lee † and Helena Morlock and Family

11:00 am Maribel Tabanguil May †

5:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY: November 3, Weekday

Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

9:15 am Michael Lee Aday †

TUESDAY: November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

9:15 am Marie Wilson †

WEDNESDAY: November 5, Weekday

Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

9:15 am Jason Mathein & Family

THURSDAY: November 6, Weekday

Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

9:15 am Dominique Lefaive Neidig †

FRIDAY: November 7, Weekday

Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

9:15 am Soul of Teresa Tran †

SATURDAY: November 8, Weekday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

9:15 am Eric Lum

SATURDAY: November 8, Vigil of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

4:00 pm Ralph † & Leone † Deboer

SUNDAY: November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

7:30 am Bill Robbins †

9:00 am Mary Wroblewski †

11:00 am Tony Roemer †

5:00 pm People of the Parish

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