

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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# Welcome to St. Catharine

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Parish Office: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm • Fri 8:30am-12pm



**We're so glad to see you!** God loves you, and He has a great plan for your life! If you are new to St. Catharine, we want to thank you for coming and we look forward to worshipping God in Word and in Sacrament together today. Please remember to mute your cell phones and to observe sacred silence in the Church. Restrooms are located in the Undercroft and the Parish Center. If you need any assistance or have any questions, just find someone with a green lanyard. We hope to see you again!

**TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN...** May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room and video-feed in the Parish Hall Gallery available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. But please do come back! Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH...** The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

## Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



**Sunday-Friday**  
6:00am-12:00am  
**Saturday**  
6:00am-4:00pm



**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
Fridays at 3:00pm

**Children's Holy Hour**  
Saturdays at 3:00pm

## Confession

Wednesday 6:30pm  
Saturday 9:00am

**By appointment**  
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## ADORE Night

✙ Every Wednesday at 6:30pm ✙

*A candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.*

# This Week

**Sunday, September 14th: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**8:30am** Holy Mass (Jean Ridenour)  
**9:30am** Family of Faith  
**11:00am** Holy Mass (James Iacoboni) 🕯️  
**12:00pm** Baptisms  
**5:00pm** Holy Mass (People of the Parish)  
**6:00pm** Lumen High School Youth Group

**Monday, September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows**

**8:00am** Holy Mass (Bill Diehl Jr. and Sr.)  
**6:30pm** Scouts  
**7:00pm** Choir Practice

**Tuesday, September 16th: Cornelius, Pope; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

**8:00am** Holy Mass (Dora Barra)  
**7:00pm** Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

**Wednesday, September 17th**

**12p-2p** Parish Offices Closed  
**6:00pm** Holy Mass (Jim Uhlenhake)  
**6:30pm** ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)

**Thursday, September 18th**

**7:30am** Men's Rosary  
**8:00am** Holy Mass (Bob Trapp)  
**6:00pm** Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist

**Friday, September 19th**

**8:00am** Holy Mass (Charles Goodwin)

**Saturday, September 20th: Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

**7:00am** That Man Is You!  
**8:30am** Holy Mass (Jean Ridenour)  
**9:00am** Confessions  
**2:00pm** Wedding: Ruth Heston + Austin Haines

**Sunday, September 21st: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30am** Holy Mass (Gennie Sauer)  
**9:30am** Coffee and Donuts  
**9:30am** St. Vincent de Paul  
**11:00am** Holy Mass (People of the Parish)  
**12:00pm** Coffee and Donuts  
**12:00pm** Baptisms  
**5:00pm** Holy Mass (Jean Ridenour) 🕯️

## Offering and Attendance

Thank you for your presence and your generosity!

### August 31st

Envelope	\$ 1,943.00
Loose	\$ 1,208.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,336.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Tax</b>	<b>\$ 1,433.60</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 12,902.40</b>

### September 7th Attendance

8:30am	350
11:00am	342
5:00pm	247
<b>Total</b>	<b>939</b>

SCAN TO GIVE



**Priests Convocation with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes**  
*Monday, Sept 22nd - Friday, Sept 26th*

It's once again time for the bi-annual Priest Convocation with Bishop Fernandes. We ask you to keep all of our priests in your prayers during this time of renewal and fraternity. Please note that there will be **no daily Mass or Confessions at St. Catharine** during these days.

*The Adoration Chapel will remain open its regular hours, and we invite everyone to our weekly ADORE Night at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 24th to pray a Rosary for our priests and to offer a Holy Hour for Vocations.*

*Our regular schedule will resume on Saturday, September 27th*



## Baptisms

*"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."*

**Friday, August 29th**

Robert Christopher Bowles

**Sunday, August 31st**

Adelaide Margaret Boyden

## May They Rest in Peace

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

James R. Wood  
Dennis J. Lyons  
George F. Rushman

Mary McGinty Bourke  
Oke Mora  
Patricia Strominger

Patricia J. Gibboney  
Paulette Ann Bennett  
Billy Greene

## Lord, Hear Our Prayer

*"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."*

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email [info@stcatharine.com](mailto:info@stcatharine.com) or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 4 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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## Message from Rachel Green

*Annunciation: A Place of Encounter and Hope*

The recent events at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis hit very close to home. That very church is where I first realized that Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist. It was in those pews that:



- the Good Shepherd would lead me almost every morning on my way to work
- I began my conversion to Catholicism over 10 years ago
- I stumbled upon my first Eucharistic adoration and knelt in humility & awe
- I learned about Marian consecration.

That school and community remind me so much of ours and it is what made me want to teach in a Catholic school. My mother's and teacher's heart hurts.

In an effort to process and heal, I looked back at my journal at the time and my first entry written in that church said, "I realized today that the only thing I need to fear is the Lord."

A year later I wrote, "Looking at the crucifix today, I know I can give all of my sufferings to the Lord on the cross."



I can truly say, Annunciation church was a pivotal place in my life where I met our Lord and our Lady. I found a little room there that felt like a treasure chest. Upon arrival, you'd find an armchair facing a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. I'll never forget that feeling when I turned on the lights, it was like Our Lady was shining into all of the dark areas of my life, inviting me to come sit and rest with her.

Today on the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, I can take comfort that although it may seem like the enemy won on Good Friday or even on that terrible day in Minneapolis, he didn't. What hope we have in Jesus!

A key phrase in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium that catechists proclaim every time we light a candle is, "Christ has died, Christ IS risen". We always proclaim His resurrection because while the cross may seem like the end of the story, it isn't. He was victorious over death! His light and love are stronger than the darkness.

The power of the cross is real and my journal entries display that "childlike" faith. It is the littlest ones who often understand that deep truth better than we do. You will almost always see during an atrium session a small child (often a boy) processing with our San Damiano crucifix. This gives me great hope when my mind wanders to the darkness of death. I can picture Our Lady weeping in the pews of Annunciation but I can also see the Good Shepherd slowly lifting up His little children and carrying them to safety. Let us rest in these words of the Gospel today:

"So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

**Rachel Green • Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator**

### September Food Pantry Need CANNED SOUP

Please leave donations at wooden boxes near Church entrances.





ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

# CHOIR KICK-OFF



**MIXED CHOIR BEGINS PRACTICE ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**

**Everyone is invited to join the St. Catharine Choir!**  
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Rehearsals are typically every Monday at 7:00pm

QUESTIONS?

MIKE HAMMOND • MIKEMUSICMAN\_26@YAHOO.COM



# *Society of Saint Clare*

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*Thursday, September 18th*

**6:00pm - 7:30**

**IN THE SOROHAN CENTER, ST. PETER ROOM**



This month's theme is the Heavenly Banquet! Play the cupcake game, enjoy a crazy skit about the Great Banquet, and meet our Holy Hero, St. Mother Teresa. Experience small groups, Adoration, and the joy of friendship with other girls who love Jesus.

**Questions? Toni Carmon • [tonicarmon@icloud.com](mailto:tonicarmon@icloud.com)**

# LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Ministry in the Liturgy is a sacred privilege in which we offer back to God what He has given us. Whether participation is through “behind the scenes” preparation and planning or through a public role of service within the Mass, parishioner contributions help our liturgies to be truly life-giving celebrations. **Please prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries:**

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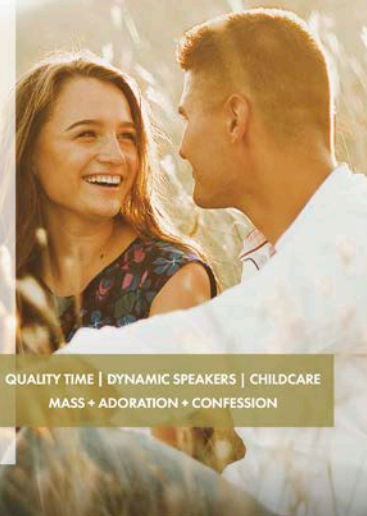
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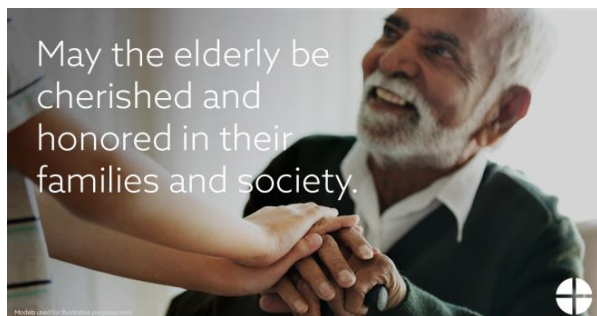


# RESPECT LIFE

## Prayer & Action

Prayer Guide | SEPTEMBER 2025

### INTERCEDE



### PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

### REFLECT

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In the U.S., we observe this celebration in September, joining the Church's efforts to highlight the value and importance of grandparents and the elderly in our families and in society.

While the elderly have traditionally held places of honor in various cultures, today, elderly members of our families and communities often live lives marked by isolation and loneliness. Rather than being a beloved and integral part of a family, they are too often forgotten or overlooked. In the most tragic circumstances, some even seek to end their own lives through assisted suicide so as not to be a burden to their loved ones. Pope Francis has described this shift as a "throwaway culture" in which the weakest are neglected or worse when they are no longer of interest or "use."

As persons made in the image and likeness of God, we possess an infinite dignity that can never be compromised by age or ability. This truth must guide each of us in our responsibility to lovingly accompany those who are in greater need of our time,

care, and attention as they face their later years. Such accompaniment is of particular importance as they near the end of their lives, often enduring great sufferings as they prepare for their entrance to eternal life.

May each of us hear and respond to the plea of the elderly entrusted to our care: "Do not cast me aside in my old age; as my strength fails, do not forsake me" (Psalm 71:9).

### ACT *(choose one)*

- Offer this Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: [bit.ly/prayer-for-grandparents](https://bit.ly/prayer-for-grandparents).
- Take time this week to call or visit an elderly grandparent, family member, neighbor, or friend.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

### ONE STEP FURTHER

Read Pope Francis' message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, inspired by Psalm 71:9: [bit.ly/do-not-cast-me-off](https://bit.ly/do-not-cast-me-off).

### DID YOU KNOW ?

The U.S. bishops approved the transfer of the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly from July to September, the first weekend after Labor Day, to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the United States as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time.

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Get monthly prayer guides at:  
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## Infant Baptism

St. Catharine offers a new family-centered Baptism prep program to deepen understanding and connection to Jesus. It includes two sessions held on the 1st Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass. **Expectant parents are encouraged to attend even before your little one is born!** Learn more or register at [www.stcatharine.com/baptism](http://www.stcatharine.com/baptism).

**Questions?** Fr. Brown • [frbrown@stcatharine.com](mailto:frbrown@stcatharine.com)



## Becoming Catholic and Adult Baptism

*Discover the salvation, beauty and spirituality of the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ more than 2,000 years ago.*

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**Questions?** Fr. Brown • [frbrown@stcatharine.com](mailto:frbrown@stcatharine.com)



## Holy Matrimony

*A wedding is just one day, but marriage is for a lifetime*

Congratulations on your engagement! We want to be of assistance to you to ensure that your wedding day will be a prayerful and joyful celebration. As soon as you have made the decision to marry, and at least six months or more prior to the anticipated wedding date, you should contact the Pastor in order to begin the various steps of the Marriage Preparation Program.

**Questions?** Fr. Bob • [frbob@stcatharine.com](mailto:frbob@stcatharine.com)



## St. Catharine Men



### Saturdays at 7:00am in the Parish Center

Beginning with Christ to the Apostles, to the Apostolic Fathers, to the men of our day, God hasn't stopped calling us! Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire. Join us for food, fellowship and faith. All men are welcome.

**Questions?** Paul Wills • [pkawills7@gmail.com](mailto:pkawills7@gmail.com)



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### 2nd Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

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**Questions?** Ed Stange • [Grandknight@koc11354.org](mailto:Grandknight@koc11354.org)



### Men's Rosary

Last Thursdays of the Month  
7:30am in the Church

## St. Catharine Women



### 1st Saturdays at 6:30am in the Parish Center

Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee, prayer, and small groups. Bring Jesus your heart and allow Jesus to fill you with His love.

**Questions?** Elyse Salisbury • [ehueckel@gmail.com](mailto:ehueckel@gmail.com)





September 14, 2025

# Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Num 21:4b-9 | Phil 2:6-11 | Jn 3:13-17

Written by  
THE  
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## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Although God had freed our ancestors in faith from their slavery in Egypt, today we find them grumbling against the Lord as they wander in the desert. Even after we've glimpsed so much of God's goodness, we, too, can begin to grumble in challenging moments of our lives. It's precisely then that we need to cling to faith. After serpents appeared and began to bite those who had grumbled against God, those who had been bitten only had to look at the serpent mounted on a pole and put their faith in God once again to be healed. Similarly, when we find ourselves in the trials of life, we need only look at the cross of Jesus with faith. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Amid the storms of our lives, we are called to put our trust in his cross, for through it we are saved and set free.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul tells us that God the Father "greatly exalted" Jesus for his humility in embracing the cross, and that ultimately, all creation will join the Father in glorifying Christ. We who know the gift of what Jesus did for us on the cross are called to praise him with our voices and our lives. We praise and glorify Christ first through our example. How might our day-to-day interactions give others a glimpse of the humble and self-emptying love of Jesus? Finally, think of the ways that knowing Christ's love has made a difference in your life. Has it made you more patient? Has it made you more hopeful? Think of ways that you could share this in conversation. Telling others about what God has done for you or the difference that he has made in your life is one way of exalting Christ.

## PRAISE

Today, spend some time thanking and praising God for the gift of the cross and our salvation in Christ. You might wish to use this traditional prayer frequently used during the stations of the cross in Lent: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

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If you call after hours, please use the same number and follow the prompts to reach a priest.

Liturgical Ministry	LC	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	MC	Altar Servers	Hospitality	
Sun, September 21st 8:30am	Yvonne Moyer	Laura Bowen (1) Tracey D'Alessandro (2)	Cheryl Rushman - North Jennifer Hadden - South Phil Petrosky - South <b>*1 Needed*</b>	Harry Hadden	Bruce Hadden Thomas Ryan Henry Williams	Rebecca Jackson - West Nathan Murphy - West Megan Walker - North Linda Wolfe - South Tina Allwein - NE Jim Wolfe - SE	<b>Group 1</b> <b>*1 Needed*</b>
Sun, September 21st 11:00am	Toni Carmon	Emily McFadden (1) Brandon Scherer (2)	David Isaacs, Jane Isaacs, Noah Laurent, Philip Rice  Grant Roberts, Jonathan McFadden, Laura Scherer, Beth Henney	Aidan Henney	Patrick Henney Paddy McFadden Louis Scherer	Family Brundage - North Milana Coleman - NE Giana Coleman - SE <b>*2 Needed*</b>	<b>Group 2</b> Katie Roll
Sun, September 21st 5:00pm	Rita Hoyt	Jeffrey Walker (1) Mark Fages (2)	Jenni Remeis - North Mark Savino - North Peggy Mackessy - South <b>*1 Needed*</b>	Jack Lawler	Kateri Fouts Andy Ramirez Miguel Zamaripa	Matt Plank - West Jenni Remeis - North Tyler VanLandingham - South Scott Remeis - NE Megan Frank - SE	<b>Bickford</b> Ed Stange

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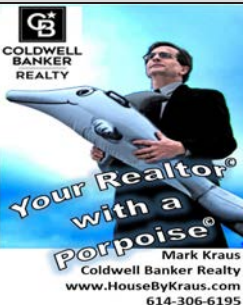
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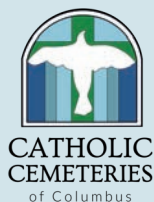
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