

St. Catherine of Siena Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Wednesdays: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held 7:00 PM on the third Thursday each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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735-2028

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Denise Botto
996-6760

Welcome
Carol Rocha
996-7612

Parish Picnic
Patti Longordo
735-6495

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST
8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM FAMILY MASS
11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
8:00 AM MASS
5:00 PM-6:00 PM 2ND GRADE SACRAMENTAL
PREP CLASS
6:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MTG.—
CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
6:30 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
8:00 AM MASS
3:00 PM—7:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
2ND GRADE ADORATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
4:30 PM MASS-BLESSING OF THROATS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
8:00 AM MASS-BLESSING OF THROATS
9:30 AM SCOUT SUNDAY MASS
BLESSING OF THROATS
11:00 AM MASS-BLESSING OF THROATS

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1
Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24
[25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-
18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4,
9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/
Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf.
3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Observances for the week of January 31, 2021

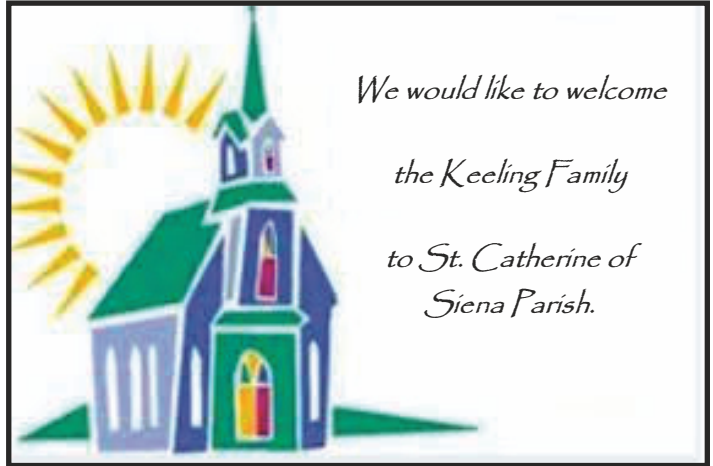
Sunday: Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day
for Consecrated Life
Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs ©LPi

Scout Sunday Mass Celebration



St. Catherine of Siena welcomes all Scouts (Boys, Girls, Cubs, and Brownies) to wear their uniforms at the 9:30AM Mass on February 7, 2021 to celebrate Scout Sunday.

Due to COVID please contact Jim Kieran videojim@hotmail.com to sign up for assignments. Please bring the kids 10-15 early to ensure space.



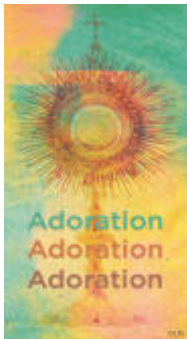
Feast of St. Blaise-Blessing of Throats



We will offer a Blessing of Throats following Mass the weekend of February 6th & 7th, in honor of St. Blaise, whose feast day was February 3rd.

According to the centuries-old tradition, two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said: "Oh God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr, Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat." Saint Blaise is the patron of physicians, sick cattle, wax-chandlers, wool combers, and of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies. He was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred during a Christian persecution in the fourth century.

First Friday Adoration On-line Sign-Up Available



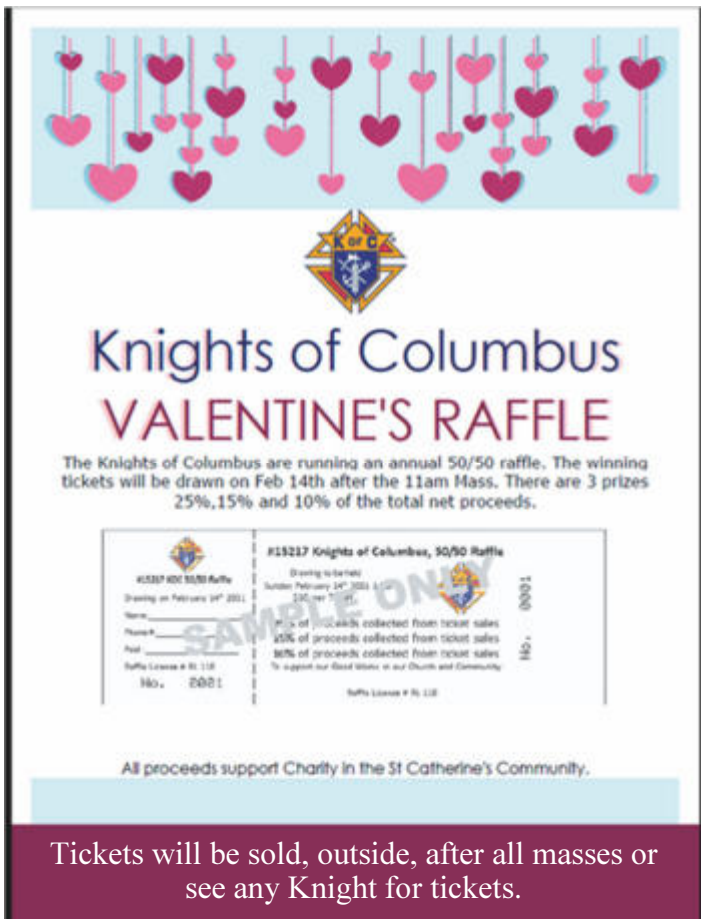
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the first Friday of each month beginning at 3pm and ending with Benediction at 7pm. **Our next Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, February 5th.**

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Here's how Catholic-Church.org describes it:

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us."

St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus coordinate a sign-up sheet to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended at any time during Adoration. All parishioners are invited to spend half an hour (or more) in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The online signup is now available at: www.scoschurch.org, click on the link on the right side for Monthly Adoration Sign-up.




The Knights of Columbus are running an annual 50/50 raffle. The winning tickets will be drawn on Feb 14th after the 11am Mass. There are 3 prizes 25%, 15% and 10% of the total net proceeds.

Knights of Columbus VALENTINE'S RAFFLE

155217 Knights of Columbus, 50/50 Raffle
Drawing to be held Sunday February 14th, 2021 at 11:00am
Prizes of \$100,000 collected from ticket sales
25% of proceeds collected from ticket sales
15% of proceeds collected from ticket sales
To support our local Mass in our Church and Community

All proceeds support Charity in the St Catherine's Community.

Tickets will be sold, outside, after all masses or see any Knight for tickets.



Online Giving Tax Statements

Donors can pull their own statements:

- 1 Log-in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on **"My Online Giving History"** (view a detailed history of your past Online Giving).
3. On the right side, click the **"Print"** button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020.
5. Change the report type to **"Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)."**
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click **Print**.
8. Your report will open in a new window.
9. You will need to export the report to a **PDF** to print the full report.

To Print:

Click on the **PDF** link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a **PDF** and will let you print the report.

****You will want to have your pop-up block disabled. This allows the PDF to pop open for you.****

World Marriage Day Celebration

"To Have, to Hold, to Honor"



In celebration of World Marriage Weekend, Saturday, February 13th and Sunday, February 14th, we will honor the lifelong commitment of husband and wife.

A renewal of vows will take place during all Masses

Loving one another as husband and wife is a daily decision, simple but challenging. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both spouses can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other.

To celebrate, raffle tickets will be distributed at the entrance of the church to all married couples prior to each Mass. All will have an opportunity to win a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of wine.

World Day for Consecrated Life February 2nd

God of all goodness,
you have called people to follow you faithfully.
Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives.
Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters.
Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: January 30, 2021

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

Sunday: January 31, 2021

8:00 AM Anthony & Leila Piotrowski
r/o The Piotrowski Family

9:30 AM Penny Ann Crevoiserat
r/o The Alberdi Family

11:00 AM John Opeikun
r/o The Tuozzolo Family

Monday: February 1, 2021

8:00 AM Clarice Mitariten
r/o The Mitariten Family

Tuesday: February 2, 2021

8:00 AM Randolph Brazdovic
r/o Dominic & Donna Mustillo

Wednesday: February 3, 2021

7:00 PM Albert Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Thursday: February 4, 2021

8:00 AM Josephine Romano
r/o Gary & Claire Forsyth

Friday: February 5, 2021

8:00 AM Maria Ramian
r/o Marta Parry

Saturday: February 6, 2021

4:30 PM Eleanor Bachenberg
r/o The Romano Family

Sunday: February 7, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St Catherine

9:30 AM All Boy & Girl Scouts

11:00 AM Patricia Bowers
r/o Hagerty Family

From the Pastor's Desk
The Presentation of the Lord-February 2nd
St. Blaise-February 3rd


This weekend we will say goodbye to the month of January and hello to February, the shortest month on the calendar. That's 1 winter month down, 2 to go! Though some will look for a forecast of the remainder of winter by observing a large burrowing rodent, for Catholic Christians February 2 marks something more important than "Groundhog Day." It is the Feast of the Lord's Presentation, commemorating the time when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph 40 days after His birth.

This feast is often referred to as "Candlemas Day," for part of its celebration includes the blessing of candles used in worship throughout the year. We remember the words of Simeon, who took the Holy Child in his arms and praised God for revealing in Him "a light to the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel." (Luke 2: 22-32). The use of candles in liturgy and other prayer forms reminds us that Jesus is the Light we are called to follow; Light that guides our living in this world and leads us to the next.

Some of those candles are used when we commemorate the martyrdom of St. Blaise with the traditional Blessing of Throats, which will take place at the end of all Masses next weekend. St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea, Armenia, the first nation to officially adopt Christianity, though some were slow to accept the king's decree. In the year 316 AD, Agricolaus, the non-believing governor of Sebastea, ordered Blaise arrested and executed for refusing to offer sacrifices to pagan gods. According to legend, as Blaise was being led to prison a mother ran up to him with her young son who had a fish bone caught in his throat. Blaise prayed over the boy, gave a command, and the boy was able to cough up the bone, which saved his life. While imprisoned, many of the faithful visited their bishop and asked him to bless their candles for use during prayer. His cult spread throughout Europe, and since the Middle Ages throats are blessed on his feast day. Through his prayers, we hope to be spared from diseases of the throat and other respiratory illness.


St. Blaise is just one more example of how God works through the followers of His Son; and that IS the point, isn't it? As followers of Jesus, we are called to be instruments through which Our Lord continues to reach out and minister to others. Through us, the Light of Christ must shine.

Fr. Chester



Stewardship

The collection for January 24th was \$4,960.00 (89 envelopes) for general collection.

 On-Line Giving for January 24th was \$3,171.00 (124 donors).

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