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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 Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 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 at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of 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.

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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

12:00 PM MIA LEONE BAPTISM

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH — GIVING TREE COMES DOWN

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM CHRISTMAS DAY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 PM — 7:45 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM 5TH & 6TH GRADE ADVENT RECONCILIATION **STUDENTS ONLY**

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

2:30 PM — 4:00 PM RCIA SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE & HEALING

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM CHRISTMAS DAY CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 PM — 7:00 PM PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP

7:00 PM — 7:45 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

Bishop Checchio is coming...

Please join us on Saturday, December 23rd as Bishop Checchio will be celebrating at the 4:30 PM Mass.

DECEMBER 10, 2023 — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. John the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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The "Oplatki"
or
"Christmas Wafer"
is available and located in the Narthex for
\$1.00 Donation

The 2023 Catholic Calendars are here!

Please take 1 or 2 for your family.
They will be available all month in the Narthex.

EMAIL SCAMS

Once again, we have been made aware that scammers are using Father Chester's name and fake email address asking our parishioners for money, Amazon cards, or gift cards.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY!

Father Chester would **NEVER** email you asking for money or gift cards. He would call you or speak to you directly.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...IT'S A SCAM



Rosary Society Giving Tree
November 21st—December 10th
Last weekend for the Giving Tree

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT! Gift cards should be placed in the basket under the tree.

Parish Advent Reconciliation and Adoration December 17th from 6:00 — 7:00 PM

Join us on Sunday, December 17th
from 6:00 — 7:00 PM for Reconciliation and
spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

Family Advent Wreath Lighting



Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up.

Lighting of the wreath takes place at the beginning of each weekend Mass. We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.

Ministry Information Weekend

"As Each One Has Received A Gift, Use it to Serve One Another as Good Stewards of God's Varied Grace."

Please consider joining a ministry to help add spiritual vitality to our faith community. Ministry leaders will be available to discuss opportunities to serve a Ministry following Mass the weekend of January 27th — 28th.

Stop by for a cup of coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall. Ministry sign-ups will be held following Mass the weekend of January 27th — 28th.

Not a Parishioner? Stop by the Weekend of January 27th — 28th and speak with one of our Welcome Committee Members.



We would like to welcome
The Walsh-Pena Family
The Halvorsen Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

Dec. 17th from 6 — 7:30 PM

Christmas Celebration-White Elephant \$15 budget/Bible Bingo/DJ Matt/Gingerbread Nativities & Houses.

Jan 7th from 6 — 7:30 PM

Speaker Wayne Isbitski

Topic: Discipleship. Discussion: Is Jesus relevant in today's world? Our online lives are a constant distraction; texting, email, TikTok, Facebook, and scores of websites demanding our attention. If Jesus was still here on Earth today would he be on social media?

Jan 21st from 6 — 7:30 PM

Weekly Youth Meeting Plan WWE Jesus vs Satan.

We are always happy to accept dinner donations for youth group meetings! (Pizza/Subs/Salads/Tacos)

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Campaign Report to Date
will be Updated and
Posted in the
December 17th
Bulletin.

Please contact Wayne Isbitski for
questions at wisbit@yahoo.com or
(908) 642-5031

Please send all donations to the
office or drop in collection basket.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th:

3:30 PM Children's Pageant
4:00 PM Children's Mass
6:00 PM Mass
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th:

8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass



*Beginning in January 2024,
St. Catherine's will be offering a special wedding
anniversary blessing to couples during our
monthly Marriage Celebration Mass held on
the 2nd Sunday of each month at the 11 am Mass.*

Married couples are invited to join us in this
celebration of their marriage vocation by sharing
your names and wedding date in our "Anniversary Book"
located in the Narthex of our Church.
Or, you may submit your information to the parish office.
Please note on the envelope "Anniversary Blessings."



New Bible Study at St. Catherine's

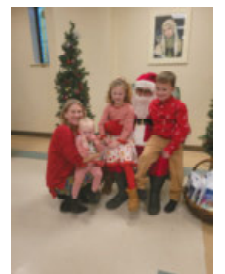
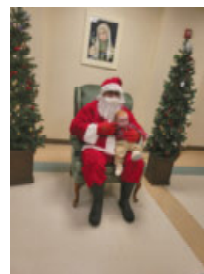
Are you looking to have a better understanding and
connection to the Sunday Mass Readings? If so, join us as
we gather to discuss and share these weekly passages.

Join us weekly on **Thursday at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in
Fellowship Hall.

For questions, please contact Teri Saccal at
tasaccal@outlook.com or Lucia Sciancalepore at
lucia.sciancalepore3@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the children and families who participated in the Annual St. Nicholas Celebration.

A special thank you to our Santa, Mike Romanek, the Youth Choir including Lisa Sforza and Nancy Coletti, Sandra Kopka
as the elf and for arranging Mass participation from the religious education students, Ken Mandoli, Fr. Jerome,
Deacon Dennis, Father Chester as St. Nicholas, and the Stewardship Committee.



Mass Intentions

Saturday: December 9, 2023

4:30 PM Mary Errico
r/o The Baker Family

Sunday: December 10, 2023

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM Jonathan Thomas Birthday Blessings
r/o The Thomas Family

Monday: December 11, 2023

8:00 AM Frances DiFazio
r/o The DiFazio Family

Tuesday: December 12, 2023

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joesph April

Wednesday: December 13, 2023

7:00 PM Jane Dorflinger
r/o Vincent De Nicolas

Thursday: December 14, 2023

8:00 AM Jim Kemper
r/o Sue Kemper

Friday: December 15, 2023

8:00 AM Donald DeMeio
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Saturday: December 16, 2023

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: December 17, 2023

8:00 AM Catherine & Jerry Santry
r/o Joan & Jim Flotteron

9:30 AM Romano Family
r/o Blaese Romano

11:00 AM John W. Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

From the Pastor's Desk Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Tuesday, December 12th, we will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is the patroness of the United States, Mexico, and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of the unborn. She is a religious as well as a cultural figure to the people of Mexico. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to a humble peasant farmer named Juan Diego near Mexico City. The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe helped generate the conversion of Mexico and Latin America to Catholicism. Her feast is celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm throughout the Americas.

Pope Francis reflected on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and stated, "Like Jesus, Mary is close to all her sons and daughters; as a concerned mother, she accompanies them on their way through life. She shares all the joys and hopes, the sorrows and troubles of God's People, which is made up of men and women of every race and nation. When the image of the Virgin appeared on the tilma of Juan Diego, it was the prophecy of embrace: Mary's embrace of all peoples... Mary's embrace showed what America -North and South - is called to be: a land where different peoples come together; a land prepared to accept human life at every stage, from the mother's womb to old age; a land which welcomes immigrants, and the poor and marginalized in every age. A land of generosity. That is the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and it is also my message, the message of the Church. I ask all the people of the Americas to open wide their arms, like the Virgin, with love and tenderness."

Fr. Chester



The collections for December 3rd will be posted in the December 10th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for December 3rd will be posted in the December 10th bulletin.

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