

St. Catherine of Alexandria

CATHOLIC CHURCH

8661 NORTH 76TH PLACE
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53223-2697

PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office.....414-365-2020
Parish Fax Number.....414-365-2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday8:30AM - 3:30PM

INTERNET ADDRESS

.....www.stcatherinemke.org

PARISH STAFF

Debra Hintz.....Parish Director
Fr. Richard Mirsberger Assisting Priest
Fr. Joseph Hornacek..... Assisting Priest
Andy Kukec.....Director of Liturgy and Outreach
Lorrie Maples..... Director of Christian Formation
Jon GabikDirector of Administrative Services
Teresa Gross..... Parish Administrative Assistant

PARISH OFFICERS

Pat Lehman, Trustee-Secretary Sue Niemi, Pastoral Council Chair
Rick Korpela, Trustee-Treasurer Sue Armacost, Council Vice Chair
Jeff Jaroczynski, Finance Council Chair Les Paulson, Council Secretary

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Michelle Paris Head of School
Connie PetersonSchool Leader
Phone: 414-352-NWCS (6927) Website: www.nwcschool.org

Grades K4-8
7140 N. 41st Street, Milwaukee, WI 53209

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM The preparation for baptism can begin before the baby is born. A preparation class and parish membership are required. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office to begin the preparation process at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Parish membership is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebrated at Sunday Masses a number of times throughout the year. Watch the bulletin for the schedule. Also by appointment.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Contact the Christian Formation Office for First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation or Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic faith (RCIA).

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made to bring Communion to you.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
- Lk 3:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM · Sunday: 9:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 8:00AM Mass
Thursday 8:00AM Mass
Friday 8:00AM Mass on First Friday

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & PRAYER

SUNDAY: December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 4:30PM **Mass** - †Wally Mutz
People of St. Catherine
9:30AM **Mass** - †Bob Seroogy
†Margaret McAndrews

MONDAY: December 10

TUESDAY: December 11 - St. Damasus I

- 8:00AM **Mass** - Doug DeLonay
10:30AM **Rosary & Communion Service**
- the Villa at Bradley Estates

WEDNESDAY: December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

THURSDAY: December 13 - St. Lucy

- 8:00AM **Mass** - Jessica Sullivan

FRIDAY: December 14 - St. John of the Cross

SATURDAY: December 15

- 11:00AM **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service**
- Our Lady of Good Hope
4:30PM **Mass** - †Elaine Hohner
People of St. Catherine

SUNDAY: December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:30AM **Mass** - †Skip & Doris Geiger
†John "Junior" Hacker

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY: December 9

- 9:00AM Guest House Lunch Bags - Granville Room
10:30AM Holy Name Society All Parish Christmas Breakfast
- Granville Room

MONDAY: December 10

TUESDAY: December 11

- Staff at off-site meeting 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1:00PM Senior Club - Granville Room
2:00PM Bible Basics - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY: December 12

- 6:00PM Grade School Christian Formation - School

THURSDAY: December 13

- 9:00AM Christmas cookie drop-off until 4 p.m. - Granville Room
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - Granville Room

FRIDAY: December 14

- 9:30AM St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - SVdP Office
10:00AM Overeaters Anonymous Meeting - Granville Room
11:00AM Christmas cookie drop-off until 1 p.m. - Granville Room
1:00PM Packaging of Christmas cookies - Granville Room

SATURDAY: December 15

- 5:30PM Christmas Cookie Sale - Granville Room

SUNDAY: December 16

- 10:30AM Christmas Cookie Sale - Granville Room

LITURGY NOTES



Second Sunday of Advent Be Still And Expectant

EXCHANGING DISTRESS FOR BEAUTY

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off your garments of sorrow and distress;
put on the beauty of God . . .
the integrity of God . . .
the glory of God . . . (*Baruch*)

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Discern what is of value to you . . . (*Paul*)

Luke 3:1-6

Emerge from your ruts . . . ;
get your heads out of the clouds . . . (*Luke*)

Empty me now

of gnawing dissatisfactions,
of anxious imaginings,
of fretful preoccupations,
of nagging prejudices,
of old scores to settle,
of arrogance.

Hollow out in me a space in which I will find myself,
find peace and a whole heart,
a forgiving spirit and holiness,
the springs of laughter,
and the will to reach boldly for abundant life
for myself and the whole human family.

Guerrillas of Grace by Ted Loder

Andy

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Mark and Christel (Garcia) Tud on their celebration of marriage on Saturday, December 1. May they continue to grow in faith and love.



ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Our Tri-Parish Advent Communal Reconciliation Service will be held next Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of Good Hope.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

ST. CATHERINE

Christmas Eve: 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Masses
Christmas Concert at 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9:30 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:
December 31, 2018: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
January 1, 2019: 9:30 a.m. Mass

ST. BERNADETTE

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. Mass
Christmas Carols at 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. Mass
Christmas Carols at 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:
January 1, 2019: 9:00 a.m. Mass

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. Mass
Christmas Concert/Caroling at 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m. Mass
Christmas Concert/Caroling at 8:30 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:
December 31, 2018: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass



**FROM THE DESK OF THE
PARISH DIRECTOR**

Advent is about patient waiting. Apparently so is the installation of signs. You may have noticed that the white arrowboard signs that say *St. Catherine Catholic Church* are now up on Brown Deer Rd. and 76th St. There are four of them and they were installed this past Tuesday. Similar signs were put in place in 2006 before I arrived at the parish. Over the years those had disappeared. Since our parish is tucked away, we thought it best to have new signs installed so that the community has a better sense of where we are and who we are. People know us as the church on the hill, but they don't always know that we're a Catholic church. I know our previous signs were a help to visitors, too, who weren't quite certain where to turn to reach us. By the way, we were able to pay for these signs with Faith in Our Future funds that were set aside for marketing.

This weekend is Andy's last weekend with us before he has knee replacement surgery this week Wednesday. He will be out until at least early January; subs are lined up to cover for him while he's gone. Once he's back, we'll have a keyboard on the main floor for him. He'll play from there until the doctor gives him the okay to manage the steps to the balcony. Please remember Andy in prayer this week and during his recuperation. We hope that he will have a speedy recovery and will be back with us soon.

A second mailing will go out this week to those who have not yet returned their financial pledge for 2019. Thank you so much to all those who have already done so. Our theme this year is *Embrace Joy, Live Stewardship*. While joy, like patience, is also associated with the Advent season, it probably isn't the first thing that comes to mind when you are considering your financial contribution to the parish or other charities. My hope is we may all recognize joy in our generosity and hope in the compassion we extend to others as we live the life Christ calls us to.

Speaking of giving, included in today's bulletin is a reprint of an article from Catholic Relief Services regarding IRAs and charitable contributions. (It's the same article we included in a July bulletin.) The information pertains to those who are 70½ and older. With the new tax laws and higher standard deductions, contributing to charities through an IRA may make a lot of sense for you. Of course, it is best to consult with a financial advisor.

Advent blessings,

Debbie

PARISH INCOME

AS OF DECEMBER 2, 2018 (WEEK 23)

LAST WEEK'S BUDGET		\$7,116
LAST WEEK'S ENVELOPES	\$9,079	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY	\$ 545	
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$ 125	
		<u>\$9,749</u>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$2,633
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET		\$163,654
YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL		<u>\$155,266</u>
YTD EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$ (8,388)

OFF-SITE STAFF MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

The staff will be at an off-site meeting on Tuesday, December 11, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The parish office will be staffed by a volunteer during that period.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

The parishioners of St. Catherine and Our Lady of Good Hope have joined together to produce an *Advent Reflection Booklet* based on the Advent daily readings. These free booklets are again available this weekend at both church entrances. Please take one to use during Advent and see what others are saying about Advent.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR DISTRICT 4 POLICE OFFICERS

Police District 4 FBO (Faith Based Organization), of which St. Catherine and other churches are members, is coordinating a Christmas card mailing to the police officers to show our appreciation of their service to our community. Individual name tags with the names of 27 out of 162 officers are posted on a board at the main entrance of church. (The names of the remaining officers are distributed among the other participating churches.) You are invited to take a name tag, purchase a Christmas card, write a greeting to the named officer and return it along with the name tag by Sunday, December 16. Thank you for your support of our District 4 Police Officers.

ST. CATHERINE CHRISTMAS COOKY SALE



Christmas cookies will once again be sold at St. Catherine! This year the yummy treats will be available after both Masses next weekend, December 15-16. (Yes, cookies will be held for Sunday purchase.) Small boxes will be \$6 and large ones will be \$12. The Human Concerns Committee appreciates your support in baking, packaging and/or purchasing cookies. The proceeds will be used to help cover our costs for the St. Vincent de Paul Northside Meal Program where our parish provides the meal and serves it the 4th Monday of every other month. For more information, please call Barbara Holt at 414-357-9462.

ADVENT GIVING: DONATIONS DUE BACK BY DECEMBER 16

If you would like to contribute to our Advent Giving, your donations should be brought to church by Sunday, December 16. You will find a contribution envelope in your regular packet of church envelopes. Additional envelopes can be found in the basket at the front of church and at the main entrance, along with extra flyers listing our Advent Giving recipients and items being requested. Thank you for your generosity during this Advent season.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We are in need of volunteers to help with decorating the church for Christmas. We will start immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on December 23. Hope you can make it - even if you can only stay for a short time! For more information please contact Judy Lacznik at 262-252-3081 or jlacznik@milwpc.com.



"AT HOME WITH THE WORD" BOOK STILL AVAILABLE

At the time of printing, we still had one copy of *At Home with the Word*® available for \$8. This guide provides the readings for each Sunday of the liturgical year, along with insights from scripture scholars and action steps. It also includes prayers, citations for weekday readings and other resources for scripture study. There are also a few booklets remaining that list all the 2019 daily readings for \$3 each. Both books are available for purchase in the parish office during regular business hours, or call Teresa at 414-365-2020 for more information.

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED

We are in need of a refrigerator in the school for occasional use by our parish groups for events such as First Friday Breakfast, chili dinner, parish picnic and our Mardi Gras casino night. If anyone has plans to replace their own refrigerator and is looking for a place to make a donation, we'd be happy to be the recipient. It needs to be in good working condition, of course. Call the parish office to reply.

SENIOR CLUB

The next meeting of the St. Catherine Senior Club is this Tuesday, December 11. They meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 - 3:30 p.m. in the Granville Room. All are welcome!

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE



Please notify Pat Lehman with any changes, conflicts, or special requests in your schedules for the months of January and February 2019 by December 15. Contact Pat at 414-354-7926 or at lehmanpat4@gmail.com or leave a message in her mailbox by the sacristy. Schedules will be available the weekend of December 22. For parishioners who may be considering participating in the ministry, please contact Pat for more information.

FILL THE BOWL PROJECT - PET FOOD COLLECTION

Through the *Fill the Bowl Project*, St. Catherine of Alexandria can help by collecting cans and bags of pet food. The Wisconsin Humane Society will pick up the food for use in their Pet Food Pantry. This collection will take place on the weekend of December 15-16. For further information please contact Teresa Gross, Parish Administrative Assistant at 414-365-2020, ext. 10 or email her at tgross@stcatherinemke.org.

2019 CALENDAR RAFFLE

Calendar raffle entry forms are still available in baskets at both entrances of church. All the information you need is included on the calendar. Return the entry form on the bottom of the calendar with \$25 for each entry in an envelope marked "Calendar Raffle". Entries can be dropped off at the parish office or placed it in the collection basket. You can help our parish realize over \$14,000 in profit by purchasing your calendars today. Additional calendars are available through the parish office, 8:30-3:30 Monday-Friday, or at Masses while supplies last. **Sale of calendars must end on December 31st.**



SAVE THE DATE! WINTER FARMERS' MARKET & BRUNCH RETURNS IN 2019

The Tri-Parish Human Concerns Committee is again hosting the *Winter Farmers' Market and Brunch* on January 20, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This time the Market will be held in the cafeteria at St. Bernadette Parish. The event is jointly sponsored by the *Food, Faith and Farming Network* and the *Harvest of Hope*, a Wisconsin Family Crisis Fund. More information will be forthcoming so please mark your calendar for this event.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/
Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12,
13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde,
19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/
Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

A second mailing will be sent out this week to all parish households that have not yet returned their 2019 pledge card. Thank you so much to all those who have already made their pledge. As of last weekend, 154 households have pledged \$228,600 for the coming year.



ADULT FORMATION

ANCIENT ADVENT PRAYER

December can be a very hectic time as we plan, shop, wrap, bake, and prepare for Christmas. If you would like to take some quiet time, come reflect on the ancient poetry, prayers and songs from the time of the early church. Join us for *Ancient Advent Prayer* on December 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Granville Room. Lorrie Maples will lead a prayerful presentation of some of the church's favorite Advent chants, such as *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, *Creator Alma Siderum*, *Rorate Caeli*, and more. The Latin texts and English translations will be provided. In addition to her Master of Divinity degree, Lorrie holds a Master of Arts in Music with a concentration in Music History and Literature. Please RSVP to Lorrie at 414-365-2020, ext. 14, or lmaples@stcatherinemke.org.

WELCOME

Welcome to our newest parishioner Carlene Hansen.

EARLIER BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming Christmas & New Year holiday, the deadline to submit bulletin announcements for the December 23rd bulletin is 12 noon on Wednesday, December 12. The deadline for the December 30th bulletin is 12 noon on Tuesday, December 18. The deadline for the January 6th bulletin is Wednesday, December 19.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

November 25	Peggy Uebelacker	Pineville, LA
November 26	Ron Madritsch	Glendale
November 27	Michael Hamilton	Milwaukee
November 28	Gladys Hintz	Franklin
November 29	Mary Verkuilen	Milwaukee
November 30	Jayla Oke	Brown Deer
December 1	Samantha Weber	Brown Deer

STAFF DIRECTORY


Parish Phone: (414) 365-2020

Teresa Gross	x10	tgross@stcatherinemke.org
Debra Hintz	x11	dhintz@stcatherinemke.org
Fr. Joe Hornacek		hornacekj@wi.rr.com
Andy Kukec	x15	akukec@stcatherinemke.org
Lorrie Maples	x14	lmaples@stcatherinemke.org
Fr. Dick Mirsberger		dmirs39@gmail.com
Jon Gabik	x12	jgabik@stcatherinemke.org



Krause™
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES

414-464-4640
www.krausefuneralhome.com



Live Healthier, Happier and Stay Socially Connected

Ascension Living

Alexian Village
9301 N. 76th St., Milwaukee, WI 53223
414.355.9300

SCHRAMKA
Funeral Homes

A Catholic Family Tradition

Since 1892

www.schramkafuneralhome.com

262-432-8100



TOM BUTLER
Sales & Service, Inc.

7636 N. Teutonia Ave.
Brown Deer, WI 53209
(414) 228-8470

Richard H. Bruss, C.P.A.
Accounting & Tax Services

4100 W. River Lane #100
Brown Deer, WI 53209-1207

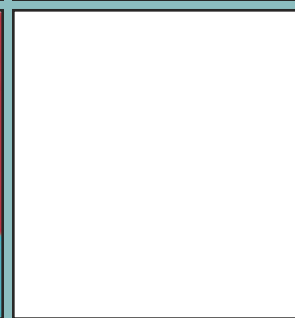
414-797-2533

See What's in Store!

JEWELRY • ROSARIES
BOOKS
AND MORE



www.parishstore.com



HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY & HOME

CALL NOW!
1-888-891-6806




HOME SECURITY TEAM

FREE
AD DESIGN
WITH PURCHASE
OF THIS SPACE.
- 800-950-9952 -

AVAILABLE
FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR
BUSINESS
HERE

Contact **Aly Wangerin** to place an ad today!
awangerin@4LPI.com or (800) 950-9952 x5808

Your Wise Choice

Shawn M. Govern
Attorney • Parish Supporter
Metro Milwaukee Office
13935 Bishop's Drive
Brookfield
www.dewittross.com
smg@dwittross.com
P: (262) 754-2876





BRIDGE
AUTOMOTIVE

EXPERT, AFFORDABLE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS
Where we treat you like family

414-355-3500

8045 N 76th Street & Bradley

Zwaska
Funeral Home
& Cremation Services

Family Owned & Operated for 5 Generations
Parish Member

4900 W. Bradley Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53223
www.zwaskafuneral.com
(414) 354-5330

4LPI

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES



- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPI.com
www.4LPI.com/careers

SPREAD THE WORD

A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO
BILLED QUARTERLY

PLUS SPECIAL OFFER

CALL NOW!
1.877.801.7772

WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



Think Young FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS!


JIM YOUNG
PARISH MEMBER
REALTOR®
BROKER MANAGER

414.640.7380
JIMYOUNG@SHOREWEST.COM





catholicmatch®
Wisconsin



CatholicMatch.com/WI