

# St. Catherine of Alexandria

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PHONE NUMBERS

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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## PARISH STAFF

Debra Hintz.....Parish Director  
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Fr. Joseph Hornacek.....Assisting Priest  
Andy Kukec.....Director of Liturgy and Outreach  
Lorrie Maples.....Director of Christian Formation  
Jon Gabik.....Director of Administrative Services  
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**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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

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

DECEMBER 16, 2018 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE & PRAYER

### SUNDAY: December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

4:30PM **Mass** - †Elaine Hohner  
People of St. Catherine  
9:30AM **Mass** - †Rosmarie Jaeggi  
†John "Junior" Hacker

### MONDAY: December 17

### TUESDAY: December 18

8:00AM **Mass** - †Frank McCarthy  
10:30AM **Rosary & Communion Service**  
- the Villa at Bradley Estates

### WEDNESDAY: December 19

### THURSDAY: December 20

8:00AM **Mass** - †Robert Lee Prausa

### FRIDAY: December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

### SATURDAY: December 22

3:30PM **Reconciliation**  
4:30PM **Mass** - Dorine DeLonay  
†Foster & Gladys Braby

### SUNDAY: December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30AM **Mass** - †Richard Goehre  
People of St. Catherine

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SUBSTITUTE MUSICIANS

We are grateful for our substitute organists/pianists who are with us while Andy Kucek is out on medical leave. Andy hopes to return soon after he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

We commend to God Ethel Huppertz whose funeral was celebrated here this past week. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember Ethel and her family in your prayers.

## 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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY: December 16

10:30AM Christmas Cookie Sale - Granville Room

### MONDAY: December 17

6:00PM Ancient Advent Prayer - Granville Room

### TUESDAY: December 18

6:00PM Scripture Study - Granville Room

### WEDNESDAY: December 19

6:00PM Grade School Christian Formation Christmas Program  
- Church

### THURSDAY: December 20

6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - Granville Room

### FRIDAY: December 21

10:00AM Overeaters Anonymous Meeting - Granville Room

### SATURDAY: December 22

### SUNDAY: December 23

10:30AM Set up Christmas environment - Church

## LITURGY NOTES

### Third Sunday of Advent

Be Still And Expectant



#### LET EVERYONE KNOW YOU AS A GENTLEPERSON

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The Lord your God is in your midst. . .(Zephaniah)

Philippians 4:4-7

Joy is nothing else than the awareness of our being fulfilled in our true being, our personal center. (paraphrase of Paul)

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist announces that the spiritual source of action – (the heart) shapes all our external actions. (Luke)

I am touched to the core  
with a presence I cannot explain.  
A loving plan enfolds me.  
Someone is always believing in me,  
calling me forth, calling me on. . .  
I am standing in grace  
filled with mystery,  
touched with the eternal.  
I cannot get away from goodness  
I think we name you, God

You surround me like a gentle breeze.  
My idols live on in my life.  
My inconsistent values stay.  
My immaturity walks beside me.  
My sin is ever before me.

Your love for me stays the same.  
I tremble in the face of such graciousness!  
Your reverence for me astounds me!  
You breathe out hope  
and I catch on. . . (Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB)

*Andy*



**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
PARISH DIRECTOR**

I was impressed by the young couple who was married here a few weeks ago. For one reason, they wanted an “unplugged” wedding. You might ask, as I did, what an “unplugged” wedding is. Before Mass began they had me announce that they wanted everyone to turn off their electronic devices – cell phones, cameras, and any other device the guests may have brought with them. The couple hoped that everyone could instead focus on the prayer. They didn’t need to be concerned about getting a great picture or posting anything on Facebook while the wedding was taking place. I thought it was so refreshing!

It made me wonder, too, what an “unplugged” Advent would be like. Is it even possible? I’m not talking about electronic devices here, but rather can we unplug ourselves from all the frenzy that takes place at this time of the year ... or even a little bit of all that whirls around us ... and spend some time in quiet anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world each day? Christmas is a little more than a week away, so the pace of our lives might speed up even more over these next days. What might you do to slow down and take a breath so that you can call to mind the ways Christ is present in your life right here and now?

I’d like to thank the Holy Name for the parish brunch they hosted last Sunday. I wasn’t able to be there as I joined about 15 of our parishioners for Mass at St. Michael. But, I know they always do such a wonderful job. Thanks, guys, for your invitation to all.

One of St. Michael’s choirs will be here at St. Catherine for our 4:30 Mass on February 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be joined by our choir that day. Mark your calendars now. We’ll also have a potluck dinner following that Mass with both parishes providing the meal.

Continued Advent blessings,

*Debbie*

**PARISH INCOME**

AS OF DECEMBER 9, 2018 (WEEK 24)

LAST WEEK’S BUDGET		\$7,115
LAST WEEK’S ENVELOPES	\$7,174	
LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY	\$ 312	
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$1,565	
		<u>\$9,051</u>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$1,936
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET		\$170,769
YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL		<u>\$164,318</u>
YTD EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$ (6,451)

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS**

IRS regulations declare that contributions are deductible in the year that they are made. Cash or check donations for 2018 will be credited to your year end statement as long as they are received in the parish office by December 31, 2018. If you mail your contribution to the parish, the postmark should be no later than December 31, 2018. Otherwise all contributions postmarked January 1, 2019 or later will be recorded as a 2019 contribution. Thank you for your continued support of St. Catherine of Alexandria! If you have any questions, please contact Jon Gabik at 414-365-2020, ext. 12, or [jgabik@stcatherinemke.org](mailto:jgabik@stcatherinemke.org).

**ST. CATHERINE CHRISTMAS COOKY SALE**

Home-baked Christmas cookies are being sold in the Granville Room after both Masses this weekend. (Yes, cookies will be held for Sunday purchase.) Small boxes are \$6 and large ones are \$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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every other month.



**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](mailto:jlacznik@milwpc.com).

**CHRISTMAS GREETERS**

We are looking for individuals and families who are willing to serve as greeters at our Christmas Masses. With the number of people who visit us on Christmas, our ushers could use some extra help. The job is a simple one. Greeters will welcome people as they come in to church, hand them an order of worship and then hand out bulletins at the end of Mass. Our regular ushers will take care of all other ushers duties such as taking the collection. Sign-up sheets are located at the main church entrance or you may contact Teresa in the parish office at 365-2020, ext. 10, or [tgross@stcatherinemke.org](mailto:tgross@stcatherinemke.org).



**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Our parish staff will not be in the office for regular hours over the holidays from December 23 through January 1, 2019. If you wish to stop by or wish to meet with a particular staff member, we recommend you call ahead. The parish office will be closed on Monday - Tuesday, December 24-25, and the following week, Monday - Tuesday, December 31-January 1. In case of an emergency, when calling the parish office, press 4 upon hearing the outgoing message, leave a message and Debbie Hintz will be paged and will return your call.

**2019 CALENDAR RAFFLE**



Need a last minute Christmas gift? Our 2019 Calendar Raffle may be exactly what you need. It could be the gift that keeps on giving. They’re \$25 and there are 358 chances to win ... \$25 every Monday - Saturday; \$50 on Sundays; \$100 on special occasions; and \$250 on Christmas 2019. (No prizes awarded during Holy Week.) Winners’ names are re-entered into the drawing, so an individual may win multiple prizes. Pick up extra copies after Mass today. Return the entry form on the bottom of the calendar with \$25 for each entry in an envelope marked “Calendar Raffle”. Payment can be returned to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket.

**2019 DAILY MASS READINGS REFERENCE GUIDES**

We still have a few booklets remaining that reference all the 2019 daily readings for \$3 each. They are available in the parish office during regular business hours, or call Teresa at 414-365-2020.

**SNOW CLOSINGS**

There will be no weekday morning Mass if Milwaukee or Brown Deer schools are closed because of inclement weather. We would like to insure the safety of all those who attend liturgy on weekdays.



# 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](mailto:lmaples@stcatherinemke.org).

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RETROUVILLE: THE FOUR STAGES OF MARRIAGE

The 4 Stages of Marriage are: 1. Romance, 2. Disillusionment, 3. Misery, 4. Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the fourth stage of awakening. *Don't give up without learning about the fourth stage!* If your marriage suffers from misery or disillusionment, please contact Retrouville. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend retreat February 15-17, 2019 at the Siena Center in Racine, please call 414-502-7685, send an email to [lakeshore@retrouville.org](mailto:lakeshore@retrouville.org) or visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/  
Lk 3:10-18  
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/  
Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/  
Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
[cf. 8]/ Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/  
Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/  
Lk 1:46-56  
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/  
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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### RAFFLE WINNERS

December 2	Dorothy Jaroczynski	Greenfield
December 3	Greg Weber	Brown Deer
December 4	James Francois	Cedarburg
December 5	Linda Kuhn	Brown Deer
December 6	Barbara Ceccato	Milwaukee
December 7	Robin Wallace	Burlington
December 8	Andrew LeMense	Brown Deer

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

A feature of the Stewardship Committee

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the same Lord. 1 Cor. 12:4*

Back from an 11-day bus trip this fall, Mary Kay Brzakala was ready to jump back into her volunteer activities with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mary Kay, a longtime parish member, started helping the Society by doing home visits with two other women.



The city is divided into areas that have local St. Vincent de Paul societies or conferences, Mary Kay said. The Society is a world-wide organization and there are conferences at 53 locations in Milwaukee County alone, mostly at parishes. When the City of Milwaukee places people in apartments in St. Catherine's area, it provides them with a list of organizations that can help them. People use the list to call the main office of the Milwaukee St. Vincent de Paul, which then contacts the appropriate parish St. Vincent's group.

Although Mary Kay no longer does home visits, those who do determine the needs and write vouchers that allow the apartment residents to shop at either of the St. Vincent de Paul stores.

Mary Kay, along with others, helps to keep the parish food pantry running. "We are blessed with donations from our parish and a few other congregations that also help us," she said. Parish donations include money, food and household items.

A group of men go to local stores to collect day old bread and bakery items that are held in four large freezers. Every other Wednesday, between the Friday food pantry opening, Mary Kay and others gather at church and then do grocery shopping. "We can fill two vans full of canned goods," she said.

They also bag 70 bags of food for the pantry. "We have been providing bags for 75 families but that has gone down to 60 to 65," she said. The pantry provides one bag of food with canned goods per family and one bag of bread and sweet rolls. "We give more if we have more to give," she said. The freezers and canned good supplies are pretty much emptied on Friday food pantry days.

"It is very worthwhile," she said of her work with the Society. "There are quite a lot of little jobs that make it all happen."

Mary Kay worked for many years at her brother's direct mail company, making her a valuable substitute receptionist in the parish office in addition to her work with St. Vincent de Paul. She also uses those skills in another capacity, taking care of the mailing for the St. Michael School alumni newsletter. Add to that, Mary Kay is also one of our bereavement ministers.

## BULLETIN EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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



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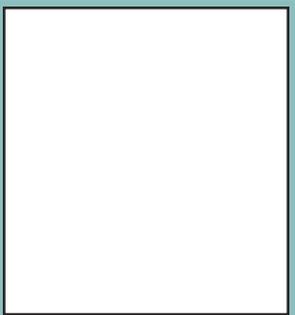
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