



# St. Catherine of Alexandria

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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.

#### 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: January 6 - The Epiphany Of The Lord

4:30PM **Mass** - †Joyce Schultz  
People of St. Catherine  
9:30AM **Mass** - †John "Junior" Hacker

### MONDAY: January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

### TUESDAY: January 8

8:00AM **Mass**  
10:30AM Rosary & Communion Service  
- Villa at Bradley Estates  
7:00PM Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
- Led by Knights of Columbus

### WEDNESDAY: January 9

### THURSDAY: January 10

8:00AM **Mass**

### FRIDAY: January 11

8:00AM **Mass**

### SATURDAY: January 12

3:30PM **Reconciliation**  
4:30PM **Mass** - †Richard Harper

### SUNDAY: January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord

9:30AM **Mass** - †Renard Neff  
People of St. Catherine  
**Baptism:** Spike Edwin Dall, Jr.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY: January 6

*First Weekend of the Month - St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection*  
10:30AM New Parishioner Registration - Granville Room  
10:30AM Sale of brunch tickets for the Winter Farmers' Market  
on Sunday, January 20 - Church Entrance  
10:45AM Epiphany Concert "Nativity" presented by the  
St. Catherine Choir - Church

### MONDAY: January 7

6:30PM Tri-Parish Human Concerns - St. Bernadette

### TUESDAY: January 8

9:30AM Bible Basics - Parish Office  
1:00PM Senior Club - Granville Room  
5:15PM NWCS Athletics - Gym

### WEDNESDAY: January 9

5:15PM NWCS Athletics - Gym  
6:00PM Grade School Christian Formation - School

### THURSDAY: January 10

5:30PM Womens Schola Rehearsal - Granville Room  
6:00PM Finance Council - Parish Office  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - Granville Room

### FRIDAY: January 11

9:30AM St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - SVdP Office  
10:00AM Overeaters Anonymous Meeting - Granville Room  
1:00PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Granville Room

### SATURDAY: January 12

5:30PM Sale of brunch tickets for the Winter Farmers' Market  
on Sunday, January 21 - Church Entrance

### SUNDAY: January 13

10:30AM Sale of brunch tickets for the Winter Farmers' Market  
on Sunday, January 20 - Church Entrance  
10:30AM Take down Christmas environment - Church  
6:00PM High School/Confirmation Christian Formation Class

## LITURGY NOTES

### Feast Of The Epiphany

*"Arise, shine! for your Light has come!  
And the glory of God has risen upon you.*

(Isaiah 60)



### EPIPHANY PRAYER

*God of Surprises,  
we thank you for revealing yourself  
to us in Jesus Christ.*

*May we continue to look for you  
as the Magi did so long ago,  
finding your loving presence  
in every person we meet.*

*Help us love those whom  
we find hard to love.*

*Help us to remove all barriers  
no matter what kind.*

*Fill us with your love  
made so real, so manifest  
through the remembrance  
of your Epiphany long ago.*

*Fill us with your love that there is no room  
in us for anything else.*

*Help us to find new ways  
of holding the Light of your love  
so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people.*

*May your continued presence be with us and in us.  
We ask all this in the name of Emmanuel (God-with-us),  
who has truly revealed your abiding love for us. Amen!*

*Andy*



## Epiphany Concert



Join us for the performance of "Nativity" presented by  
The St. Catherine Choir this Sunday, January 6, at 10:45 a.m.  
after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This concert was also presented as  
part of the choir's Community Outreach at Lasata Crossings  
in Cedarburg this past Thursday, January 3.

Come and enjoy these beautiful musical offerings,  
lovingly prepared by our music ministers **FOR YOU!!!**

### CHURCH DECORATION REMOVAL HELPERS NEEDED

Please help us take down the Christmas  
decorations. We will be removing them after  
the 9:30 Mass next Sunday, January 13, and  
we need your help. Please join us even if only  
for a short time. Thank you!



### MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2019

Weekday and weekend Masses are available for intentions  
throughout the year. If you would like to schedule Masses, please  
contact the parish office at 414-365-2020, ext. 10 or send a  
letter. Mass intentions may be reserved with a donation of \$10 for  
each Mass. Payment may be placed in the collection basket in a  
separate envelope marked "Attn: Teresa, Mass Intentions" or  
mailed to the parish office.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH DIRECTOR

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week this week of Epiphany, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2019, "Building Communities of Welcome" draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Thank you so much to all those who have returned their financial pledges for 2019. Out of 453 parish households, 205 have returned their cards. That's less than half the parish, but what is impressive is those households have pledged \$280,260 for 2019. Our budgeted amount for weekly giving is \$345,000 for this fiscal year. The fiscal year and the calendar year don't cover the same months, but those numbers are still a good gauge. If the remaining 248 families would contribute \$64,740 for the year, we will meet our budget. If you haven't yet returned your card, you are still welcomed to do so. All parishioners will be receiving a letter in July to let you know where you stand with your pledge at that halfway point.

The sale of niches in our new columbarium is going very well. Twenty-three (23) have already been sold and I know of a few other parishioners who also plan to purchase. We have a total of 72 niches in the three units that will be installed in late spring or early summer. Just a reminder that the pre-construction prices extend until June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information, go to our parish website, see the flyers in the main entrance of church or call Jon Gabik in our parish office.

Continued Christmas blessings,

*Debbie*

## PARISH INCOME

AS OF DECEMBER 23, 2018 (WEEK 26)

LAST WEEK'S BUDGET		\$7,115
LAST WEEK'S ENVELOPES	\$6,949	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY	\$ 859	
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$2,244	
		<u>\$10,052</u>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$2,937
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET		\$185,000
YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL		<u>\$184,513</u>
YTD EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$ (487)

## PARISH INCOME

AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2018 (WEEK 27)

Due to the Christmas and New Year holiday, income figures as of December 30 were not available at the time of printing.

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Anyone wishing to register as a new member of St. Catherine is invited to do so this weekend in the Granville Room after both Masses. In addition to completing a registration form, you will receive a packet of information that will familiarize you with the parish. Registration Sunday is held on the first weekend of every month. You are also welcome to stop at the parish office during regular business hours to register if that is more convenient for you.

## SENIOR CLUB

The next meeting of the St. Catherine Senior Club is this Tuesday, January 8. They meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 - 3:30 p.m. in the Granville Room. All are welcome.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry takes place this Friday, January 11, from 1-3 p.m. in the Granville Room. The love of knitting and crochet combine in a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort. Each shawl begins with a prayer and receives a final blessing on completion. To join, call Mary Milliner at 414-354-1846 or Barb Barron at 354-6636.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will not hold their monthly breakfast meeting in January. The Society will pray the rosary next Sunday, January 13, before Mass starting at 9:10. **All parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary with us.**

## YOU ARE INVITED! "EVICITION: A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOUSING AND POVERTY IN MILWAUKEE"

You are invited to the Human Concerns meeting on Monday, January 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Granville Room. We will be hearing speakers from *Legal Action of Wisconsin's Eviction Defense Project*, *the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council*, and *Wisconsin Community Services* who all minister directly to Milwaukee's impoverished. They will address poverty in Milwaukee, particularly as it affects homelessness. Please join us to learn more about the struggles of the poor in our community. For more information, please contact Clarice Geenen at 414-354-9770.

## 2019 WINTER FARMERS' MARKET & BRUNCH

The Farmers' Market & Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 20, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Bernadette, 8200 W. Denver Avenue, Milwaukee. Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes are partnering with the *Food, Faith & Farming Network* and the *Harvest of Hope Farm Crisis Fund* to host this event. There will be 13 farmer vendors and the brunch will use produce sourced from them (eggs, cheese, apples, oats). Brunch tickets will be on sale after both Masses this weekend in the main church entrance. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 5 and younger. Please note there is no cost to attend the Farmers' Market.



All profits from the breakfast will go to *Harvest of Hope Fund*. This is an ecumenical, faith-based organization that provides financial support to Wisconsin farm families for fuel, emergency medical/veterinary expenses, electric power cut-off, etc.

Please help us get the word out by inviting your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean up. For more information or help, please contact Judy Dollhausen at 414-357-6731.



### MARDI GRAS CASINO NIGHT

We're "letting the good times roll" before the start of Lent with our 8th Mardi Gras Casino Night on Saturday, March 2, in our school gym. The night will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and includes dinner, casino games, silent auction and raffles. You won't want to miss out on the fun! Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of February 2-3.



## TRI-PARISH CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

High School/Confirmation Christian Formation classes will resume on Sunday, January 13.

## ADULT FORMATION

### BIBLE BASICS

Bible Basics will meet on Tuesday, January 8, 9:30 a.m. in the parish office.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

Scripture Study will meet on Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 p.m. in the Granville Room.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. BERNADETTE FISH FRY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

St. Bernadette Parish, 8200 West Denver Avenue, invites you to enjoy their fabulous Fish Fry on Friday, January 18, from 4 - 7:30 p.m. Dinners include fish, coleslaw, fries, bread, and coffee. Potato pancakes, soda, beer, milk, and desserts are available for purchase. Children's dinners (fish or chicken strips) and carry-outs are available. Our facilities are handicap-accessible. For more information, call the St. Bernadette Parish Office at 414-358-4600 or go to [www.stbweb.com](http://www.stbweb.com).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/ Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b [cf. 4a]/ Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

December 23	Ellie Palzewicz	Mequon
December 24	Sarah Nelson	Lake Elmo, MN
December 25	Jim Kopydlowski	Pewaukee
December 26	Michael Korpela	Milwaukee
December 27	James Quesnell	Milwaukee
December 28	William & Helen Mente	Brown Deer
December 29	Patti & Joe Schirger	Grafton



# NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

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What is the difference between "migration" and "refugee immigration"? The difference is one is voluntary and one is forced. Today, many people have the ability to choose when to move and where to move. Those are the immigrants who have the financial means to move from one country to another or the skills and talents an employer may need and pay for.

In our world we have millions of people who have been forced to leave their country because of a manmade crisis--war, or a natural disaster such as famine, which some say might also be from manmade circumstances.

The Holy Family - Joseph, Mary, and the child Jesus - were also once refugees. During this time in our church year, Christmas and the New Year, let us try to see our refugee crisis as an opportunity to welcome "holy families" into our cities and hearts. It is, after all, what Christ asks us to do.

*Gracious God,  
we implore you this day  
to help us protect the most  
vulnerable among us--  
the families forced to leave  
their hearth and home for foreign lands.  
Make us worthy disciples of Christ  
and shed our fears of strange people with strange ways,  
and welcome them as Christ in our presence.*

*We ask this with open hearts  
in the name of Jesus, the child of the  
Holy Family.  
Amen.*

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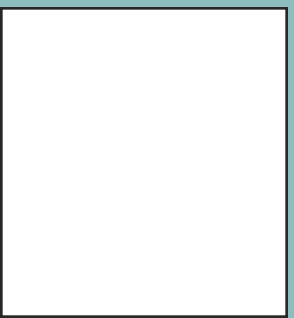
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