

St. Catherine of Alexandria

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM · Sunday: 9:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday & First Friday: 12:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday 9:00AM - Noon

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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 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 By appointment only, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Contact the Christian Formation Office for First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation or Adult Baptism.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND Anyone who cannot attend Mass because of illness or age, please contact the Parish Office so arrangements can be made to bring Communion to you.



The Holy Family

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Catherine of Alexandria, the church on the hill since 1855, joins together as a Catholic community to give praise and thanks to God by living and sharing our faith in Jesus Christ through our worship, formation and outreach. With our cluster parishes, we strive to make Christ visible to our wider community.

Bulletin Deadline

Noon on Monday prior to publication, but subject to change due to holiday printing schedules. Send articles to bulletin@stcatherinemke.org. Submission of an article does not guarantee it will appear in the bulletin.

DECEMBER 26, 2021 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & PRAYER CALENDAR**SUNDAY: December 26 - The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph**

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

3:30PM Reconciliation

4:30PM Mass - People of St. Catherine

9:30AM Mass - †Kurt Gross Sr. and †Foster & Gladys Braby

MONDAY: December 27 - St. John Apostle

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

TUESDAY: December 28 - The Holy Innocents

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

12:00PM Mass - †Robert & Ethel Huppertz

6:30PM Our Lady of Good Hope Confessions

WEDNESDAY: December 29 - St Thomas Becket

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

THURSDAY: December 30

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

12:00AM Mass - †Gary, Ron & Charlie Tyler

6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - Granville

FRIDAY: December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

4:30PM New Years Eve Mass - †Patrick Szopinski
Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY: January 1 - The Solemnity of Mary

Readings: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

3:30PM Reconciliation

4:30PM New Years Day Mass - People of St. Catherine

SUNDAY: January 2 – The Holy Family

Readings: 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

9:30AM Holy Day Mass - Ruth Ntaba - "Thank you God for Life's Great Miracles"



*Merry
Christmas*

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND**

Feel free to bring in non-perishable food items for our pantry any weekend in January. If you prefer to give a financial contribution, please make checks out to St. Vincent de Paul and place in a separate envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul". Thank you for your continued support of the pantry. Your generous donations make it possible to feed needy families in our neighborhood.

LITURGY NOTES

Christmas 2021



*In the beginning was the Word;
the Word was in God's presence,
and the Word was God...*

*Whatever came to be in him
found life, life to the light of all.*

*The light shines on in darkness,
a darkness that did not overcome it.
The real light which gives light
to everyone was coming
into the world.*

*And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.*

(John 1: 1+)

Here where our hatred comes to an end,
Here where the stranger is brother and friend,
No longer abandoned by nation or race,
Here in our midst we touch God's human face.
"A Christmas Carol" by Michael Joncas

As the Christmas season unfolds for you and your family, may you know the fullness of Christ, the one who comes as a light in darkness filling the world with protection, power and presence — the one who brings Christmas to our hearts and our homes.

Blessings of peace, beauty and light be yours now and in the New Year!

—Andy

In Loving Remembrance

On the one year anniversary of death we remember this week Tracy Severtson who passed away on December 30th, 2020. Please keep Tracy and her family in your prayers. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

Parish Suggestions

As a parishioner, you play a vital role in the life of the parish. If you would like to make a suggestions regarding an important aspect of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, please contact one of the parish trustees or Fr. Joe listed on the front of the bulletin. Thank you and may God bless you.

Become a Volunteer Minister of Hospitality

St. Catherine of Alexandria has several dedicated members of the parish who serve as volunteer Ministers of Hospitality or ushers on the weekends. If you would like to join our team, then please contact **Bill Bergeron at (414) 540-0222** or send an **email to wjbergeron63@gmail.com**. Duties include: welcoming parish members and guests before Mass; helping with collections and communion; and, passing out bulletins at the end of Mass. We hope you join us!



SOULFUL MUSE

There it goes again as it did last night and centuries ago. It's my bay kitchen window view, only this time it's at 4:30 pm. or 8:30 if it's July. It's a transition from the known (the passing today) to the unknown (tomorrow).

The descending brilliant orange colors along with orange's fading shades are slowly coupled with hints of gray and darker grays alerting me that once again a tomorrow will arrive.

Advent and Lent are both about transitions. Each starts and ends yielding themselves to a new season of life living.

If my tomorrow continues like my today then what's the point of those alerting seasons? Let's just skip to the good parts and forget about each season's anticipations and preparations. (Sounds very American to me, don't you think?)

Both seasons invite spiritual growth. Advent's new life and Lent's renewal of life. Yearly offered to us by the Church, not to tease us with Christmas or Easter but to search our souls to find the soul of Christ.

The sky now shows more gray but the orange's hint remains at 4:57 pm.

I learned from my pastoral care work that this time of day is the most unnerving for those with Alzheimer's disease. Their minds continue to make the transition only without the transition. "Agitation and aggression" is written in their medical records during this time. How sad. They are only experiencing what you and I do. I suggested reciting the rosary to them but I don't think it ever happened. The rosary for them would be calming, no matter their religion. The rosary or similar prayers for us is the movement from one haunting, troubling thought or condition to a new perspective.

5:03 pm. Only a slight light remains as the night begins and I love it. This view provides me with the second most powerful potion. The first is the Eucharist.

No matter our disposition whether it's a new diagnosis, confusion about faith, strengthening our faith, a lost spouse or friend, or just a wanting to give up on this whole faith thing, it's Advent. This year, it's Advent. Like any Advent, you will never, ever know again.

5:08 pm. Almost completely dark outside with a slight wind to remind me who's in charge. What will or what can I do to make this Christmas, at least a small piece of, what God created me to be?

—Fr. Joe, S.D.S.

Advent Giving 2021

It is not too late to give to *St. Catherine's Advent Giving for 2021*. We are raising monetary donations for three local organizations: the Franciscan Peacemakers, the Capuchin Community Services and the Women's Care Center. Envelopes for donations can be found in your regular packet of contribution envelopes and are available at the entrances of church. Place your sealed donation in the collection baskets or return it to the parish office or drop box throughout the Advent season. Your generous support of these organizations is greatly appreciated!

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Schedules for the months of January and February are available. For parishioners who may be considering joining in the ministry, please contact Pat for more information at 414.218.6150 or email her at lehmanpat4@gmail.com.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delicious Lasagna Dinner



St. Bernadette Parish, 8200 West Denver Avenue (about three blocks south of Good Hope) invites you to enjoy their delicious lasagna dinner on Saturday, January 8, from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Included with the lasagna (meat or vegetarian) are garlic bread and tossed salad with Italian dressing. The dessert, for \$1 each, is peanut butter chocolate cake. It is curbside pick-up only. We request that you **pre-order by Wednesday, January 5**. For more information or to place your order, please contact the St. Bernadette Parish office at 414-358-4600 or go to

Bereavement Support Group

St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Good Hope Parishes will be starting a "Grief to Healing" group in the new year. The meetings will be held at St. Bernadette (8200 West Denver Avenue) on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM beginning on January 4. Brother Joe Pense, an Alexian Brother, will facilitate this support group. Please contact Sr. Jane Mary at 414-352-1148 or jmlorbiecki@olghparish.org to register or to ask any questions. Our facility is handicapped accessible.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are interested in making your contributions to the parish through regular deductions from your bank account, please contact Jon Gabik, our Director of Operations & Administration, at 414-365-2020, ext. 12, or at jgabik@stcatherinemke.org.

PARISH INCOME	
AS OF DECEMBER 12, 2021 (WEEK 24)	
LAST WEEK'S BUDGET	\$7,115
LAST WEEK'S ENVELOPES	\$4,746
LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY	\$2,260
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$1,005
	<u>\$8,011</u>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)	\$ 896
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET	\$170,769
YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	<u>\$162,151</u>
YTD EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)	\$ (8,618)

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS
DECEMBER 19 - 26, 2021
 Due to this past week's early bulletin deadline, the past week's raffle winners were not available at the time of printing.



December 25, 2021



*Our wish for you this
Christmas and
throughout the new year ...*

*May the presence of Christ
be made known to you
in an extraordinary way.*

*May His Peace ease your worries.
May His love bring you renewal.
May His joy allow you to celebrate
the beauty and goodness of life.*

*A very blessed Christmas
from the parish staff -*

*Fr. Joe, Jon, Andy, Lorrie,
and Jeaninne*

Parish Membership

All interested Catholics are invited to register as active members in our parish. Registration usually occurs after Masses on the third weekend of the month, but do not hesitate to call the parish office to register by phone. Non-Catholics are invited to call for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Mass Intentions

There are weekday Masses available for Mass Intentions. If you would like to schedule Mass intentions, please contact the parish office at 414-365-2020, ext. 10. Please note, this means that only one intention will be available for weekend Masses since one of the weekend Mass intentions must be for the "People of St. Catherine" per archdiocesan guidelines.

Northside Meal Program

On the third Friday of the month, we need volunteers to help prepare food at the Peoples Church and then we will box up the food for individuals. St Vincent de Paul workers will then pass out the boxes we fill to those in need. We meet at the St. Catherine upper parking lot (handicapped) and carpool down at 4:15 pm to the site. We will be done by 7 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have more questions, please contact Debbie Wazniak for more information at 414-651-0216 or email@DWazniak@wi.rr.com.

Joy
Hope
In Jesus
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Hallelujah! Joy
Love & Glory to God
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Joy to the World
Jesus is Love
Peace & Joy
Rejoice
Hallelujah
Joy
SHARED MOMENTS OF **Joy**

SAVE THE DATE

Winter Farmers Market and Brunch

Date: Sunday, January 16, 2022
from 9am to noon

Where: St. Catherine of Alexandria School Gym



Our fourth annual event is quickly approaching. Tickets for the brunch will be on sale beginning on January 2 and January 8 & 9. Ticket prices are \$10- adult; \$5-child. There is no charge to attend the market. We source most of the food for the brunch from the farmer vendors participating at the market. All profits go to the *Food, Faith, and Farming* Network (our partner in this event) and the *Harvest of Hope Fund* (emergency grants to farmers in crisis).

Please join us on Jan. 16 - as this is truly a Tri-Parish collaboration and we look forward to seeing you there!

*Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes
Human Concerns Committee*

2022 Calendar Raffle

As you complete your Christmas shopping, remember our 2022 Calendar Raffle. 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 2022. (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 or stop at the parish office. 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 placed in the collection basket. **Sale of calendars must end on December 31.**





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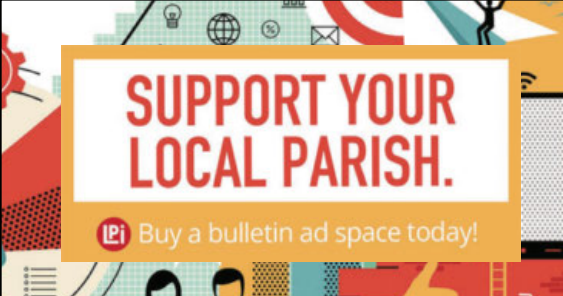
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