

# 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 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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#### 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](mailto:bulletin@stcatherinemke.org). Submission of an article does not guarantee it will appear in the bulletin.

JANUARY 16, 2022 - THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE & PRAYER CALENDAR****SUNDAY: January 16 – The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**3:30PM Reconciliation**

**4:30PM Mass** - People of St. Catherine

**9:30AM Mass** - †Lucy Stoehr

**MONDAY: January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot**

**Readings:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**TUESDAY: January 18**

**Readings:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**12:00AM Mass**

6:30PM Prayer & Worship - Zoom

**WEDNESDAY: January 19**

**Readings:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

6:00PM Christian Formation - School building

**THURSDAY: January 20 - St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr**

**Readings:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**12:00AM Mass**

**FRIDAY: January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

**Readings:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

9:30AM St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - SVdP Office

**SATURDAY: January 22 - Day of Prayer for Unborn Children**

**Readings:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**3:30PM Reconciliation**

**4:30PM Mass** - People of St. Catherine

**SUNDAY: January 23 – The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**9:30AM Mass** - †Janice & Joseph Muehlbach

**Parish Suggestions**

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

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

We commend to God Father Loren Nys, SDS, whose funeral was celebrated at St. Catherine, on Saturday, January 7, 2022. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember Father Loren and his family in your prayers.

**LITURGY NOTES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 15-16, 2022

**The Power of “Yet”**

After pondering on Fr. Joe Jagodensky's homily a few weeks back, I started adding “yet” to statements that I received from people:

- I can't sing that high...yet.
- I'm not comfortable reading in public...yet.
- I can't play a song in seven sharps...yet.
- I can't become a server...yet.

We spend a lot of time telling ourselves what we aren't capable of doing, don't we? The same thing happens when we're asked to join a ministry at church. We think that because we've never done something before or because we aren't already proficient at it, we can't do it:

- I don't know how to run the Camera & Sound equipment.
- I can't sing in the choir.
- I would not be a good lector.
- I have never served in my life.

This year, let's all resolve to try something new. Every ministry here at St. Catherine of Alexandria comes with people joyfully wanting to teach and guide and mentor you until you are comfortable. We need all of you to be the hands and feet of Christ, and sometimes that means venturing into unknown territory. So, here's the challenge. When your head says, “I don't know how to do that” or “I wouldn't be good at that”, add that magical 3-letter word and give it a try.

Remember the folks I mentioned at the beginning of this reflection? My greatest joys were—and still are—the times when they discovered something about themselves and turned their statements around to “Yes, I can \_\_\_\_\_!” Get involved in something new and keep working at it until you can fill in that blank for yourself. In the wise words of the wrapper of my Dove chocolate candy—“Don't stop until you're proud.” Let's be proud together.

—Andy

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

On the one year anniversary of death we remember this week Joan Doyle who passed away on January 20th, 2021. Please keep Joan and her family in your prayers. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

**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](mailto: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**

Like fingernails on a chalkboard, I hear five words way too much. It contains nothing but twelve meaningless letters. Twice last week which is a low for me. "It is what it is." It says zero to me but the speaker thinks it speaks volumes. Four repeated words with a "what" in the middle are supposed to summarize one's present predicament?

It is often said as a conclusion as though there is nothing more to say. I guess you could call it a spoken period. Where's theologian Reinhold Niebuhr when you need him? Are we that quick to sell out? It is not even resignation because that would imply a recognition that nothing more can be done about a particular situation. "I am resigned to this," is not the same as saying those twelve letters.

Twelve letters that represent nothing says something about our English education. Whatever the subject, that concluding statement leaves me baffled as I walk away. "Was he talking about sorrow or grief or talking about an unknown future?" I think to myself. "Please, try to think of a noun." It helps the listener (i.e. me) immensely. Where would the great protestors of our culture be if that phrase was thrown out at a civil rights rally or gay rally or Vietnam protest or women's rights or Black Lives Matter or how many others we can recall? The reason for those gatherings was that whatever the "it" was, it was the "it" that gathered the group to change the present "it" to a different or new "it." (Don't you sometimes hate pronouns?)

Niebuhr gives us three responses or approaches to life with a concluding prayer that gathers the three together. The two pronouns and two verbs with a "what" in the middle provide us with nothing except a "sell-out" speaker and a confused listener (i.e. me). If it's despair then use the word. I can work with resignation and despair.

I've learned to hear it as a "dead-end" which makes the chalkboard's sound all the more irritating. We are smart and educated here in the U.S. so how can we so glibly condense and nutshell our lives into two nameless pronouns and two verbs with no action with a "what" in the middle? Naming the "what" may very well lead us to a new direction or understanding in and of our lives. Heck, I may even learn what you're talking about!

"God, give me the grace to accept with serenity, the things that cannot be changed, Courage to change the things which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a time, Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, So that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."

—Fr. Joe, S.D.S.

**Help is Available for Seniors**

Eras Senior Network (formerly Interfaith) is a non-profit agency which provides various services for seniors. Through a team of volunteers, they provide rides to medical appointments, the pharmacy, or the grocery store. During COVID-19, they are making wellness calls to check on isolated clients. Eras – Engage, Relate, Advocate, Support, has provided supportive services at no charge for older adults 60+ since 1991 based on the Neighborhood Outreach Program (NOP) model. For more information about their services in Milwaukee County, please call 414-488-6500

**A United States Flag Pole Welcoming Parishioners**

St. Catherine's is placing a United States flagpole next to the lamp post leading to the Church's main entrance. We'd like it to be donor-driven. Please make your contributions to "St. Catherine" with "flag pole" in the memo line. We will let you know about our progress. A plaque will be placed at the flagpole base with the donor's names or "in memory of" someone. Envelopes are available in the church pews; please deposit them in the collection basket, drop box, or by visiting the parish office.

Thank you for your consideration, —Father Joe

**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](mailto:jgabik@stcatherinemke.org).

<b>PARISH INCOME</b>	
<b>AS OF JANUARY 9, 2022 (WEEK 28)</b>	
LAST WEEK'S BUDGET	\$7,115
LAST WEEK'S ENVELOPES	\$8,100
LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY	\$ 706
ELECTRONIC GIVING	<u>\$1,930</u>
	<u>\$10,736</u>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)	\$3,621
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET	\$199,231
YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	<u>\$193,727</u>
YTD EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)	\$ (5,504)

<b>CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS</b>		
Jan. 9	Laura Hoppa	West Chester, WI
Jan. 10	Andy F. Schmutzler	Milwaukee, WI
Jan. 11	Ellie Imig	Thiensville, WI
Jan. 12	Julie Weber	Panama City Beach, FL
Jan. 13	Anne Toth	Germantown, WI
Jan. 14	Judith S. Richson	Brown Deer, WI
Jan. 15	Lindsay Repins	Milwaukee, WI



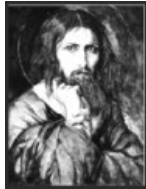
Psalm Post  
Psalm 96:1-3  
Sing! Sing! Sing!

*Sing to the Lord a new song;  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.*

Sing! Sing! Sing! All the earth is called to bless the Lord's name in song. Human beings are able to commit words to melodies that transmits meaning and feelings to others. Psalm 96 begins by calling people to sing to the Lord, to address God in song packed with meaning and feelings and to tell God what we think and how we feel. When the faithful gather for Mass, the people are called together by singing a gathering song. It is a song that gives meaning to who we are, the baptized people of God who come together to worship and praise God and it stirs feelings in each of us. The gathering song focuses our attention on who we are, what we are doing, and how we are feeling. Singing together unites our minds and our hearts, our thoughts and our feelings, and, at the beginning Mass, it unites us in our pray, praise and worship. God gave us song and we joyfully give it back! Sing! Sing! Sing!

*Keep singing,  
—Lorrie*

LOOKING FOR GOD?



GOD IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

*Join a small group this winter to meet  
God in Word and Prayer*

Sometimes we just need to be still long enough to let God catch up to us. While God is everywhere all the time, we are not always aware of the presence of God in our lives. Small groups allow us to be still with others through prayer and study. Look below to find a small group that best works for you and sign up! Contact: Lorrie Maples at 414.365.2020x14, [lmaples@stcatherinemke.org](mailto:lmaples@stcatherinemke.org)

**BOOK OF REVELATION**  
February 1 - April 5

**Choose a Group:**

- ◆ Tuesday Mornings,  
9:30-10:30 AM  
St. Catherine Parish
- ◆ Tuesday Evenings,  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
on Zoom

**LEARNING TO PRAY**  
February 3 - April 7

**Choose a Group:**

- ◆ Thursday Mornings,  
9:30-10:30 AM  
St. Catherine Parish
- ◆ Thursday Evenings,  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
on Zoom

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*The only thing that counts  
is faith expressing itself  
through love.*

Galations 5:6

### Winter Farmers Market and Brunch Has Been Canceled

Due to the steep rise in COVID-19 cases in Milwaukee, St. Catherine is unable to host the Winter Farmers' Market on Sunday, January 16. Please help the farmers of the *Food, Faith, and Farming Network* by giving generously to St. Catherine's January 2022 **5th Sunday Giving** collection. Pray for the farmers and for the hungry people they help to feed.



— Tri-Parish Human Concerns Committee

### 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.

### 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](mailto:email@DWazniak@wi.rr.com).

### 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.





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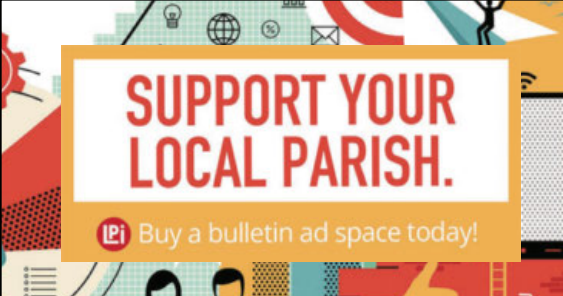
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