

# ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

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## Encounter Leads to Ministry

When we read the gospels, we hear the transformation that happened to all those who encountered Jesus. Jesus went out to meet people where they were. A good example is when Jesus called his first disciples. He met them at the Sea of Galilee where they were fishing. He met the Samaritan woman at the well, the good thief on the cross, and in today's gospel, Jesus leaves the synagogue and enters the house of Simon's mother-in-law where he encounters her. He heals her, and in return she ministers to him and his disciples. All those Jesus encountered were sent with a mission to serve others in different ways.

During a homily on the First Sunday of Advent in 2014, before he confirmed a group of parish children, Pope Francis said, "The most important thing that can happen to a person is to encounter Jesus who loves us, who has saved us, who gave his life for us." We may ask ourselves, where do we encounter Jesus in our daily lives? First, Jesus is alive in his Word, the inspired gospel stories and the living tradition of our church. Second, we meet Jesus in the sacraments, especially in regular participation in both the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation. And third, we meet Jesus in our loving service to those in need, those who live on the periphery of society.

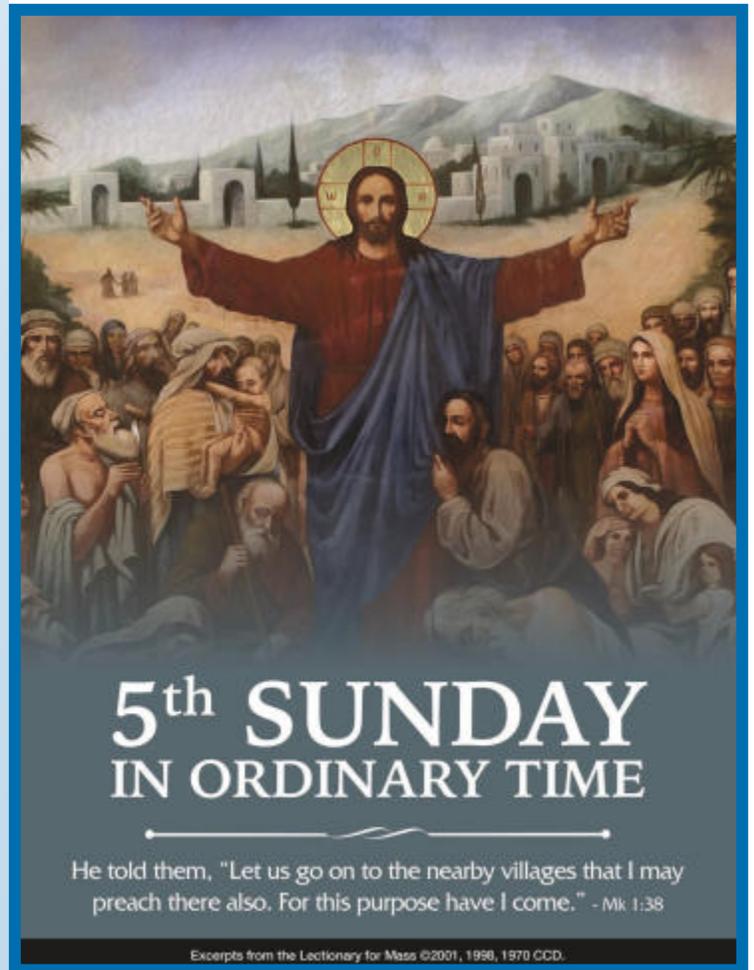
As Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law, he also desires to heal us and make us whole. But this does not come without a cost. He heals us and sets us free not so that we can simply live life our way, but so we build the kingdom of God by spreading the Christian message, the message of hope and love. As Christians, we are called to say with St. Paul, "Indeed, preaching the gospel is no reason for me to boast; it is an obligation that has been imposed upon me. And woe to me if I do not preach the gospel" (1 Cor 9:16).

All of us are given this mission; we simply need to discern every day what is our calling and what we were created for. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have access to the graces and gifts necessary to live out our call every day. At times, the way we are to live out our calling is simply to be a good mother, father, child, loving and devoted wife and husband, man and woman, faithful friend. In other words, as St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the gospel at all times; and if necessary, use words." Our deeds need to be a testimony that we are Jesus' disciples.

*Fr. Peter Patrick*

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**February 7, 2021**

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**Parish Staff**

Rev. Peter Patrick Kimani, *Pastor*  
 Ralph & Jane Kornburger, *Deacon Couple*  
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 Joe Sheehan, *Child Formation Minister*  
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 Carole Poth, *Director of Administration and Operations*  
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**Parish School** 445-2846 Fax 445-0448  
 Jade Cottrell, *Principal* Office Open 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Parish Trustees**

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**The Week Ahead**

Sunday, February 7	9:00 am	Mass (Church)
Monday, February 8	6:30 pm	HR-40 Presentation, Facing Racism Social Action (virtual)
	6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Quarterly Mtg. (virtual)
Tuesday, February 9	8:30 am	Mass (Church)
	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul (FKCC)
	1:00 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (virtual)
	4:00 pm	School Committee (Virtual)
	6:30 pm	Spiritual Life & Worship Committee (virtual)
Thursday, February 11	6:00 pm	Book Club (virtual)
Friday, February 12	8:30 am	Mass (Church)
Sunday, February 14	9:00 am	Mass (Church)

**We Are Grateful — and We Need Your Help**

Through this challenging time, you, our parishioners, have generously supported our parish, and we are grateful. Those who “count” your contributions ask for your help—please be sure to include the slip at the bottom of your monthly letter with your donation to facilitate recording your donation accurately.

<b>Fiscal Year to Date, Week 29 / 52</b>		\$ 99,583
Prior YTD Amount		<u>97,559</u>
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year		\$ 2,024
<b>Summarized Parish Activity</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Actual 12/31/2020</b>
Income from Envelopes	\$170,000	93,608
Other Income	38,400	50,187
Parish Expenses	(231,800)	(94,203)
Net Income/Loss (childcare)	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(23,302)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(13,400)	26,290

**Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, February 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Catherine  
 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6 /1 Cor 9:16-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday, February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita**

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian  
 Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10-12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 9**

8:30 am People Having Difficulty Supporting Their Family  
 Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 /Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 10 St. Scholastica**

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes**

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 /Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 12**

8:30 am Racial Equality  
 Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

**Sunday, February 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am † Bonnie Dougherty (Lieb Family)  
 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-5, 11/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday, February 7 - Fr. Larry**

Lector Kathy Hazen

**Sunday, February 14 - Fr. Peter Patrick**

Lector Harry Beal

**Reflections on this Sunday's Readings**

As I walked out of my house this morning, I was hit by a frigid 6-degree wind. As I drove my kids to school, I was extra aware to drive carefully because the streets were still a mess from the blizzard-like conditions a couple of days before. I continue to be weighed down by the emotional toll of living through a global pandemic. Life is hard right now. I am craving the warmth of summer, putting my snow shovel back in storage; I long for a time when I don't have to remember my mask before I leave the house! As I said... life is hard right now.

Echoing reality, our Sunday readings also describe people who are struggling. In fact, Job's first words in the second reading are "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" Thanks for easing into it, Job. Job goes on to say, "So I have been assigned months of misery..." As I stated at the beginning, I can relate to the feeling that we are in months of misery.

The good news is that we do not suffer alone. First, we have each other, and second, we have the love of Jesus Christ. Even in our darkest time, Christ does not abandon us. Our gospel today has Jesus caring for Simon's mother-in-law as she lay sick with a fever. Jesus goes to her house, helps her up, and her fever fades. She feels better. Jesus helped many people in this way. It reminds me that our suffering is temporary. In a few months our 6-degree weather will be 60 degrees (hopefully warmer), the snow will melt, and more and more people will be vaccinated. Just as the seasons always return, so does our hope. We just have to be a patient while we wait for it.

- Name something you are suffering through right now.
- What is one thing you can do to help cope while you wait for suffering to fade?

*Jon Metz*

## Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

## School News

Eighth graders Miracle Cater and Jysen Wiley were accepted to Messmer High School for next year's freshman class. We're pleased to welcome Ms. Geraldine Green, counselor, who will be working with the students a couple of times a week.

## Senior Ministry

"...how often have we caretakers said 'things will be better in the morning!' It's not necessarily that the night changes things, but the morning deals with a different person—not so exhausted, not so overstrained. Unfortunately, there is no magic pill that expels loneliness and gives inner strength. But I can assure you that by realizing you're not in this alone and taking steps to exercise, eat right and get enough sleep, you'll find greater resilience of body and mind... so easy to say, so difficult to do. But the payback is that by taking care of ourselves, we have the best chance of living our best life possible. Most importantly, our loved one also has the best chance of living their best life possible." *Marty Schreiber*

## Sustainability Tip

How is your New Years Resolution going? Setting specific goals for incremental and sustainable changes and making yourself accountable for your action/inaction by sharing where you are at with friends, family or a community group will help. Read [blogs.rochester.edu/thegreendandelion/2021/01/keep-up-with-your-eco-friendly-goals-in-2021/](http://blogs.rochester.edu/thegreendandelion/2021/01/keep-up-with-your-eco-friendly-goals-in-2021/) and [goloadup.com/eco-friendly-new-years-resolutions/](http://goloadup.com/eco-friendly-new-years-resolutions/)

## Facing Racism

"I believe race is too heavy a burden to carry into the 21st century. It's time to lay it down. We all came here in different ships, but now we're all in the same boat." *John Lewis*

## St. Sebastian's Virtual Auction February 14-20

Join us for a week of fun and festivities as we "Let the Good Times Roll. Online bidding is free - you only pay when you have the winning bid. Online registration begins February 7. There are a variety of silent auction items to bid on; voice action takes place on Feb. 20. Visit [bit.ly/SEBS21AUCTION](http://bit.ly/SEBS21AUCTION), or St. Seb's website; click on Community Life, Parish Auction.

## Book Club...

is reading "Oh My Stars" by Lorna Landvik and will meet virtually, Thursday, February 11, at 6 pm. All are welcome to join.

## Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am      AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Friday 6:30 pm



## St. Blaise Blessing of Throats Today

To commemorate the feast of St. Blaise, physician and patron of those who deal with throat problems, we will offer a blessing of throats during the final song.

## Join "The Search" Lenten Small Groups

As a follow up on reading your Christmas gift book and to join a small group discussion about the book. We are putting together in-person and virtual small groups for the Lenten season based on the book. We will offer an in-person, socially distant group here at St. Catherine's on Tuesdays, after 8:30 Mass. To register, please email Jon Metz at [jmetz@saintsebs.org](mailto:jmetz@saintsebs.org) and specify your preference for in-person or virtual and indicate what days and times you would prefer.

## Lenten Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross, or Stations, is a prayer form that invites the faithful to deeply reflect on the passion, crucifixion and death of Jesus. Many pilgrims have traveled to the Holy Land over the centuries, to "walk in the footsteps of Christ." Since the vast majority of the faithful could not make the Holy Land pilgrimage, the Way of the Cross became popular that invited *everyone* to make the "spiritual" pilgrimage where they were. This Lent, we invite you to join us, either in person or virtually, as we reflect on the Way of the Cross. Stations will be offered in person at both St. Catherine and St Sebastian every Friday morning of Lent in each church at 9:15am.

## Facing Racism Social Action Group Program

A virtual program on HR 40, a proposal to establish a national commission to study what form of reparations for slavery on The February 8 presentation will tie reparations to the sacrament of reconciliation. For a Zoom link and to receive materials, register at [jmetz@saintsebs.org](mailto:jmetz@saintsebs.org)

## The Centennial Celebration Committee...

has formed subcommittees and welcomes your ideas and participation. Please consider joining one of the subcommittees. Also, please submit any suggestions for the celebration to [secretary@saintcatherine.org](mailto:secretary@saintcatherine.org) with the subject: "Centennial."

## 65 or Over? Check Getting the COVID Vaccine

Be sure to protect yourself and others! Check [Milwaukee.gov/covidvax](http://Milwaukee.gov/covidvax) or call 286-6800. For Wauwatosa: [wauwatosa.net/vaccine](http://wauwatosa.net/vaccine) or call 479-8936. Or call your health provider to schedule getting your vaccine.

**Eucharistic Liturgies** are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

**Confessions/Reconciliation** -Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.



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