



# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Community

December 25/26, 2021 [www.stcatofsiena.org](http://www.stcatofsiena.org)

**PRAYER HOT LINE** - If you are in need of prayer or would like to pray for others, please call/email Laura Kasuboski 748-5913 [jlkasuboski@charter.net](mailto:jlkasuboski@charter.net), or Carol Kimball 748-3933 or the parish office.

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GLORY  
TO GOD  
IN THE  
HIGHEST  
AND ON  
EARTH  
PEACE TO  
THOSE  
ON WHOM  
HIS FAVOR  
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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## CHRISTMAS 2021

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Jerome E. Listecki*

**Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

**Christmas 2021**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. He was in the beginning with God. Lk 1:1-2.



St John the Evangelist draws a connection between the first verse of his Gospel (Jn 1:1) with the first verse of the Scripture (Genesis 1:1): “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” and places Jesus, Emmanuel, God among us, at the very beginning of creation. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and from the beginning God has been with us. The Word has been among us. John uses the phrase “the Word” to describe that which is and what has been from the beginning. At Christmas, we celebrate the Incarnation where “the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” God speaks the Word – Jesus Christ- into our lives.

The Word is spoken to us every day, through the experience of our lives. The Incarnation, the Word taking flesh, means that God sanctifies us everyday. God becomes human so that humans can become more Godly. Therefore, we must always be open to listen to his voice and recognize and accept him when He knocks at the door of our hearts. Let us not be like people who did not accept Him when He came. Jn 1:11.

St. John tells us that the Word who is and who was and will ever be brings forth life and light. “What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it”.

Thus, may we during this Christmas and everyday of our lives; listen to the voice of the Word dwelling in us through the events and experiences of our daily lives, very specially within our families, within the parish, within the community and within those who look up to us for light and support.

Let us fill our lives with Jesus’ life and light. Let the light of Christ shine in our lives and may it spread light in darkness.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU. MAY YOU ALL ENJOY A JOYOUS AND GRACEFILLED SEASON.**

**Fr. Davies Edassery SAC**

**Welcome!!!**

*If you are currently not a registered member of our parish and would like to join, complete this form and mail it to the office or drop it in the weekend collection.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We will follow this up with a phone call or email. This is a great way to stay connected, you will receive the parish emails of upcoming events and more!

Hope you decide to become a member of our parish! We welcome the chance to get to know you. If it is easier you can call the parish office at 748-2325 or email them at [office@stcatofsiena.org](mailto:office@stcatofsiena.org)

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 26

9 am + Fr. John Schmitz by Amanda Aspland

### Monday, December 27

No Mass

### Tuesday, December 28

4:30 pm + Harry Olm by Kay Olm

### Wednesday, December 29

8 am + Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Thursday, December 30

8 am + Jack Zentner by Family

### Friday, December 31

4 pm + Ralph Polasky by Family and Friends

### Saturday, January 1

9 am + Bunnie Endeward by Brenda and Dave Duzinski

### Sunday, January 2

9 am + Living and Deceased Parishioners

## Liturgical Ministries Weekend of January 1 & 2

### 4 PM Mass— New Year's Day (Saturday)

No Mass

### 9 am Mass(Sunday)

Organist: S Polcyn Cantor: volunteer

Lectors: S Packer, K Workowski

Servers: B Stroik, M Villa

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bread: K Stroik

Shut in Ministry:

D Miller: Maplecrest

K Mkwaya: Prairie Place

Ushers: L&J Kamphius, B Tessaro,

L Workowski, D Keenlance

Scrip: No Scrip Sales

**Counters December 28, Tuesday 8 am**

J Dudzinski, P Adamski, D Sina, C Haag

## Our Sympathy



To Barry and Gail Vande Brink and family on the death of his mother, Marion

To Jeremie and Jamie Vande Brink and family on the death of his Grandmother

*May she rest in peace.*

## Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

**Sunday:** 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 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Next 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



## Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

**Sunday:** The Holy Family

**Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

**Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

**Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

**Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

**Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

## Liturgical Dedications



### Bread and Wine

The Don Wargula Family  
by Family



### Sanctuary Candle

Gene Downs by Karen Downs

The Don Wargula Family by Family

Please contact the office to schedule your dedications of Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Candles. These dedications can be for a special occasion or in memory of someone.

*Cost: Bread & Wine \$20, Sanctuary Candle \$10*

## Reminder

St Catherine of Siena (us) are live streaming each weekend. The Mass can be found at [www.https://www.stcatofsiena.org/](https://www.stcatofsiena.org/) and click on the Facebook link at the top of the page.



**Parish Calendar**  
**January**

- 4 Human Concerns Mtg at Noon Classroom 8
- 5 Grades 1-5 3:30 pm-4:45 pm  
Grades 6-11 7 pm—8:30 pm
- 8 1st Reconciliation Meeting Student and parent  
9 am Classroom 8
- 9 Confirmation Sponsor Meeting  
following the 9 am Mass in Classroom 8.  
Confirmand and Sponsor (or Parent need to  
attend)
- 11 Prayer and Worship Committee @ 5:15
- 12 Grades 1-5 3:30 pm-4:45 pm  
Grades 6-11 7 pm—8:30 pm
- 13 Mass at Prairie Place at 2 pm
- 18 Finance council at 5:15
- 19 Grades 1-5 3:30 pm-4:45 pm  
Grades 6-11 7 pm—8:30 pm
- 20 Mass at Maplecrest at 2 pm

**2021 Contributions**

Contributions to the Parish need to be at the Parish Office by noon on December 30th to be posted to your financial report for 2021

**Christmas Planning**

The Mass schedule for the Holy Days of Christmas and Solemnity of Mary is a little unique this year due to how it falls in the week and the Liturgical Norms.

**Christmas Eve/Day**

December 24th 4 pm Mass  
December 25th 9 am Mass

**The Feast of the Holy Family**

Sunday December 26th  
Evening of December 25th  
NO 4 pm Mass or confessions  
December 26th Mass at 9 am

**Solemnity of Mary**

December 31st 4 pm  
January 1st 9 am

**The Epiphany**

January 2, 2022  
No 4 pm Mass or confessions  
Sunday, Mass at 9 am

**Advent Project 2021**  
***Let's Keep it Local***

**St. Vincent de Paul / St. Katherine Drexel Shelter**

**Community Services**

St Vincent de Paul offers understanding, hope, and immediate relief to those in need without regard to race, religion, or nationality. St. Vincent de Paul provides essential aid with: Housing, Employment, Energy Assistance, Abuse Services, counseling and parenting, Health resources, Transportation, Rent, Utilities, and food.

**St. Katherine Drexel Shelter**

They are currently building a 20,000 sq. ft. year-round shelter at 330 N Peters Avenue in Fond du Lac. This shelter will house families, children, and single adults with room for 15 families, 12 women, and 24 men in a warm, safe place. This is a growing need in Fond du Lac County. Our donations will help provide a safe living environment for families and singles experiencing homelessness in our community.

Monies received will be divided by the Human Concerns Committee. All money must be received by January 4th, 2022. Donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the office.

Donation envelopes can be found in the church entrance on the small table by the doors. All donations should be to the parish office by January 4, 2022 so we can forward the funds.

The Human Concerns Committee Thanks you for your generosity.

## SUNDAY READING MEDITATION

December 26, 2021 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 OR 1 SM 1: 20,22, 24-28; PS 128: 1-5 OR PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; COL 3:12-21 OR COL 3: 12-17; OR 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24; LK 2:41-52

Today's Gospel reading on this Feast of the Holy Family gives us a glimpse into the childhood of Jesus with his Mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. This is a family like no other — consisting of the very Son of God, Mary, Queen of all Saints, and St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church. Yet as we see in today's Scripture passage, they led a life typical of the families of their day. They experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience even today. And so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of Stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." In other words, this Family took seriously the Stewardship of their Time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

And when we are faced with the inevitable challenges that come with family life, we will be far better equipped to handle them, just as the Holy Family did. We read just a few verses later in our scripture passage, that Mary and Joseph faced every parent's worst nightmare — they can't find Jesus! What parent cannot relate to this awful moment or at least the fear of such a moment. Perhaps a little child wanders off in the store and is physically missing as young Jesus was. Or perhaps an older child, though physically present, is spiritually or emotionally "missing"

through addiction or loss of faith. In these times, too, we can look to the Holy Family for guidance. Mary's very human initial reaction upon finding Jesus — "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" — comforts us in our own suffering as we realize that our Blessed Mother has been through difficult times in family life, too. The Holy Couple didn't always understand their Divine Son. But they loved Him deeply and gave Him the best of themselves as parents. The Divine Son, though God, obeyed His parents, giving witness to the value of parents and family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars. Let's make 2022 a year in our parish like never before. Happy Feast Day, parish family!

*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

### CHRISTMAS



**Parish Christmas Party Thank You!**

Thank You to everyone who had a part in the Free Parish Christmas Party. Thank You to Lori, Cait and Al Ehster for coordinating the Bell Choir for our entertainment. It was nice to see some parents and adults participate in ringing the bells at the party. Thank You to Barb and Elmer Smith, Jim and Laura Kasuboski, Esther Royce, Lee Miller and Fred Kasuboski in the kitchen preparing the food. It was a fun and enjoyable evening giving everyone a little Christmas with our parish family.

**Christmas Masses/Weekend Masses**

You have seen the past few weeks the schedule and times for the Masses for Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, and the Epiphany, this year it is unique and so we will not be having a 4 pm in anticipation of the Sunday Masses. The complete schedule is on page 5 of the bulletin.

**Mass Book**

The Mass Book is open for 2022 to schedule Masses, Candles and Bread and Wine dedications.

**Christmas Bulletin**

Next weekend the bulletin will be handed out at the Christmas Masses with extra available at the weekend Masses. So if you go to the Christmas Masses you won't need to take a bulletin on Sunday.

**Christmas Gift**

At the Christmas Masses at the doors will be a book from Chris Stefanick "Living Joy". We have purchased these with the intentions that there should be one per family. So look for it at the Christmas Masses. Extras will be available until

gone at the church. The book is a gift from Father Davies and the Leadership of the parish,

**Parish Calendars**

The 2022 Parish Calendars are in the back of the church for you to take home.

**Advent Project**

If you missed the flyer additional copies are on the table in the back of church. This years advent project is for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul, both locally and the St Katherine Drexel Center in Fond du Lac.. Donations should be in the office by January 4, 2022

**Pastoral Care**

If you wish Fr. Davies to come and visit you to talk, bring communion or anoint you, please call him directly at **414-255-4060** or call me in the Parish Office at 920-748-2325 or my cell phone 920-896-1155, and we can arrange a safe visit.

**Texts/Emails from Fr. Davies**

Fr. Davies will never text/or email you asking for a favor. If you reply to either "he" will request you purchase some gift cards like \$500 worth for someone who is in need. This is not Fr. Davies. **DO NOT REPLY OR ENGAGE THESE PEOPLE. IT IS A SCAM**

***I would like to Thank everyone for their help and volunteering this past year for the many things we have asked for help for. Trying to get back to normal has been a challenge but it has been worth the extra work. Know that when you volunteer it helps me greatly!***

***Thanks again. Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Blessed New Year!***

Diane

**LOOKING FOR A TAX DEDUCTION?**

The tax laws have changed considerably over the past few years but there still might be a way to deduct a charitable contribution even if you don't itemize consult with your tax preparer.

You may also want to talk to your tax preparer/consultant, if you are required to take minimum distribution from investments etc. These can be set up so you can take a tax deduction or you don't have to pay income tax on them if they are distributed properly (like directly to the church a tax exempt organization). It might be something you should check out and think of St Catherine if you do.

Thank you for your consideration.  
St. Catherine of Siena Finance Council

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