



Saint Catherine of Siena Parish of Bay City

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish of Bay City is a welcoming and empowering community built on faith and centered around the celebration of the Eucharist, hearing and responding to the voices around us, providing for all spiritual and material needs as graciously as we can. We pray that our patron, Saint Catherine of Siena, will intercede for and assist us in fulfilling our mission.

WELCOME

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed for lunch from

12:00 - 1:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM | 11:00 AM

Tuesday

6:30 PM

Wednesday

12:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

4:15 PM and by appointment.

PARISH STAFF

Sister Christine A. Gretka

Director of Parish Life

Rev. James Wm. Bessert

Sacramental Minister

Kim Germain

Parish Secretary/Receptionist

Lori Marsh

Director of Faith Formation

James Rabideau

Music Minister

Debbie Knox

Parish Bookkeeper

Judy Kram

Faith Formation Secretary

Sue Grzegorzcyk

Coordinator of Faith

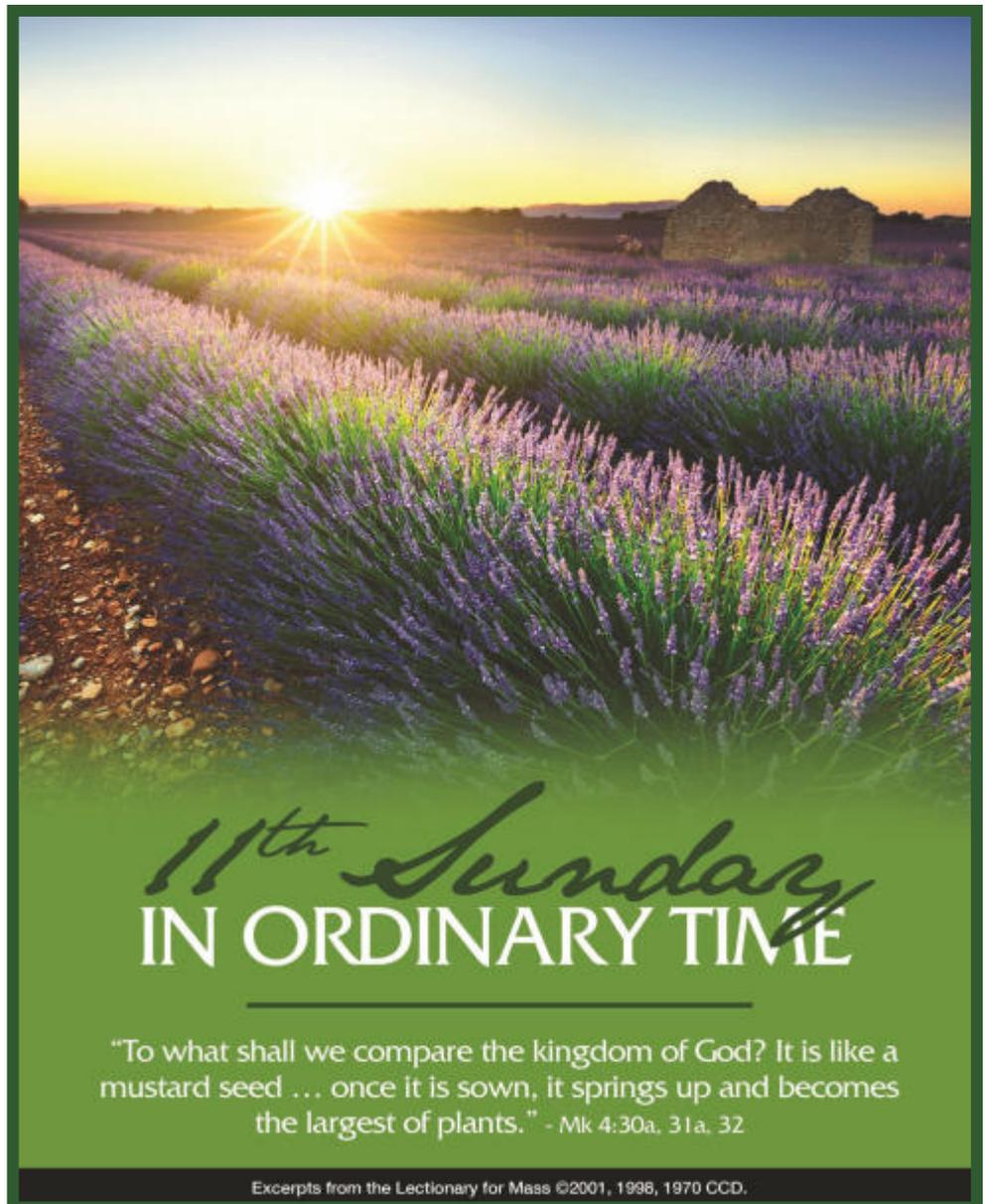
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Dan Velazquez

& Chance Stodolak

Maintenance

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 15—6:30 PM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector

J. Piggott

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16—12:00 PM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector

D. Velasquez

EM of Holy Communion

D. Knox

SATURDAY, JUNE 19—5:00 PM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector

T. Smith

EM of Holy Communion

M. & D. Knox

Ministers of Hospitality

D. Gerulski, P. Koczenacz, C. Peters

SUNDAY, JUNE 20—8:30 AM

Sacristan

D. Asch

Lector

J. Penkala

EM of Holy Communion

K. Asch, Y. Neil

Ministers of Hospitality

T. Buchalski, B. & D. Callaghan

SUNDAY, JUNE 20—11:00 AM

Sacristan

R. Wasmer

Lector

N. Rivet

EM of Holy Communion

Sr. C. Gretka, A. Herm

Ministers of Hospitality

D. & S. Hamel, J. Kwapiszewski

STEWARDSHIP

MAY 30, 2021

\$8,972.00

JUNE 6, 2021

\$13,224.67

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE

\$578,934.73

BUDGETED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$560,400.00

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WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE & SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

8:30 AM † Mass with Graduates-For the intention of our Parish Graduates

11:00 AM † Mass--For the intention of the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Family

MONDAY, JUNE 14

2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

7:00 PM Virtual Study for Women

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

6:30 PM † Mass-For the intention of Robert & Martha Courier, Patsy Courier and Lynn Pyke

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

12:00 PM † Mass

4:00 PM Mission Fund Commission Meeting

5:30 PM Worship Commission Meeting

Outdoor Movie Night

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

Parish Office Closed for Staff Enrichment Day

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

7:00—11:30 PM Christian Coffee House Summer Kick-off

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

5:00 PM † Mass-For the intention of Raymond & Joann Szafranski and Frank & Anna Szafranski

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

8:30 AM † Mass with Graduates-For the intention of the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Family

11:00 AM † Mass-For the intention of Sue Grzegorzczuk

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our homebound sick, including Larry Robert Duchane, Sally Duchane & Becky Kruzell.

Email: office@scsparish.com or call: 684-1203

Prayer Line: call or text Janet Dine 493-4546

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office if you would like to be strengthened by this sacrament.



God has made every grace abundant for you so you can glorify God through your generosity.

As of June 1st we have received 85% of our pledges for a total of \$80,740.00.
Thank you!

Please help us reach our goal of 94,798.00

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This weekend we celebrate the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel passage from Mark, Jesus tells two short parables about the kingdom of God. The first is likened to a man who scatters seed on the land, sleeps and awakens day after day, and after a time, witnesses the harvest it yields. The second parable is about the mustard seed, the tiniest seed, which becomes the largest of plants, the branches of which provide shade for the birds of the air who dwell in its shade. **As I read and reread this parable, the word that came to mind was potential.** At our Baptism, the seed of faith was planted within us. Over the years, that seed has blossomed into a life of faith, a faith that has led many of us to a commitment to the Church through our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. That dedication to living our faith led us to leading lives worthy of our call: the call to love as God loves us, and to continue to grow and mature as the Body of Christ. Our Church and our parishes reflect the fruit of the seeds sown within us. **Jesus established the Reign of God on the earth and the Holy Spirit continues to lead us and to bring the work God has begun to complete fruition in the Kingdom of heaven.** Reflecting upon the two parables in today's Gospel account is a good time to look at ourselves and how we have grown in our faith and in the practice of our faith. Having been a teacher, I have often seen potential in students that they may have been unaware of. I remember the times I thought: *"She certainly has the potential to be a great musician, he has the potential to become a great writer, they have the potential to be great actors and actresses, and he or she has the potential of being a great priest or religious."* **God sees great potential in each of us and has faith even in the smallest seeds he has planted within us.** Through God's grace, we are able to fully become all he has called us to be. At the conclusion of Mass, I really like when the Presider uses the third option of the Dismissal: *"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."* My response, *"Thanks be to God"* translates into: Yes, with God's grace, as a disciple of Christ, I will go and bear fruit."

As of June 2, pastors, directors of parish life, priests and deacons received a communication from Bishop Gruss regarding updated protocols for parishes and the celebration of liturgy and sacraments. If you were present at Mass last weekend, you experienced some of them. In implementing those guidelines and returning to some of the usual ways of celebrating Mass, we will continue to keep social distancing, sanitizing, and the option of not wearing a mask for those who are fully vaccinated. Please read page four in today's bulletin for further information on the protocols.

Congratulations on your Retirement, Ms. Sue!

Many of you who have children and grandchildren in the Elementary Faith Formation program of the parish or who have served as catechists or as a teacher's aide in the program know that "Ms. Sue" (Sue Grzegorzczuk), Coordinator of Faith Formation, is retiring this month. She calls it her "second retirement." Sue has served the Church for many years in the ministry of Catholic education, both as teacher and administrator. A short time after retiring from that ministry, she was called upon to serve the Church once again. **For the past five years, Sue has been a staff member at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish.** I have had the privilege of working with her these past two years since I was assigned to the parish July 1, 2019. I will miss her greatly as I am sure the staff, the children whose lives she touched, and their parents will as well. **Sue was very dedicated to her ministry.** She had a wonderful approach to working with the children, was very creative in her ministry (even in this time of pandemic), and made sure the children, as well as their parents, were well prepared for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist. She also made it a point to be in contact with parents regularly so they would be aware of what the children were learning and the activities that accompanied those learning experiences. **Words can hardly express the gratitude in my heart for her ministry; a simple thank-you seems to fall short of the breadth and depth of the gratefulness I feel for her presence and the gifts she shared with us these past five years.** In the name of the parish staff and parishioners, I wish her God's richest blessings as she continues "to live the dream" each day ahead. (Most days, when I asked Sue how she was, her response was "livin' the dream"). **Next Sunday, Sue will be present for the 11:00 Mass, which will be offered for her intentions.** Please join us if you are able. Following Mass, there will be an opportunity to wish her well on her "second retirement." If you would like to give Sue a "Happy Retirement" card, there will be a basket in which to place cards.



**Blessings on your week!
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ**

**Summary of Updated Protocols
Received from Bishop Gruss
June 2, 2021**

Those fully vaccinated – two weeks following the last vaccine – have the option of not wearing a face mask in church.

All who are not fully vaccinated are to wear face masks and continue to practice social distancing.

All priests, deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must continue to wear a face covering/mask during the distribution of Holy Communion (and use sanitizers at designated stations).

Hand sanitizers must remain at each church entrance and all places where parishioners gather (and in worship space at designated areas)

Ministers of Hospitality are to continue to open doors for people to reduce number of “touching points” by people.

Churches may increase capacity, still maintaining social distancing. There should be an area in which face masking and social distancing is consistently maintained for those who choose to continue wearing masks.

Liturgical Ministers who would normally assist at Mass may resume their ministries when they are properly instructed, and in the case of Minors, permission is given by a parent or guardian.

Processions/Recessional may resume to full complement of liturgical ministers. Book of the Gospel remains on the altar if no deacon is serving at Mass.

Presentation of the Gifts may resume with only members of the same family presenting them. Gifts are covered and those presenting gifts sanitize hands before handling the vessels.

Directives will be given at Mass regarding the Lord’s Prayer and Sign of Peace.

Holy Communion remains to be distributed only under one species – the Body of Christ.

Capacity for indoor social events is now 50% (with social distancing).

Any social celebrations or events involving food and/or beverages must follow any and all local health department guidance and guidelines.

Next week, a few other protocols will be addressed. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we implement these protocols.

PARISH & MINISTRY NOTES

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Richard and Jane Osentoski who recently joined the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Community. We are happy that you are here!

SUMMER MOVIEFEST

Join us at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish for an outdoor movie on Wednesday, June 16th at 9:15 p.m. “The Chosen”, Season One–Episode One is our featured film. Bring your own chair and drink and we will provide the popcorn. Movie nights will continue every Wednesday into July. In the event of rain, movie will be cancelled.

FOOD OF FAITH DINNERS-COOKS NEEDED

We have had a great response from people willing to help at the Food of Faith Dinners this fall. Thank you! One or two volunteers are still needed to plan and prepare the meals on September 9th and October 28th at Messiah Lutheran Church. If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Kim in the parish office.

TWO MILE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Construction work is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 21st along Two Mile Rd. between Midland Rd. and Wilder Rd. Construction will take approximately 1 1/2 weeks and delays are to be expected. Roadway traffic will be allowed through the work zone and flag persons will be onsite to direct traffic. Please note that our Two Mile Rd. parking lot driveways may be closed for short periods of time throughout construction.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

You are invited to join the Knights of Columbus Council 414 for a day of fun! Your participation helps their efforts to support the Vocations, Coats for Kids & Veterans, local Food Pantries and Special Olympics. Saturday, July 10th at the Bay County Golf Course in Essexville. Registration: 8:00 a.m., shotgun start: 9:00 a.m. \$120 per two person team. Call Rick Bukowski for more information: 414-9724



Christian Coffee House Summer Kick Off Event! Friday, June 18, 7:00-11:30 p.m. Incoming Freshmen—Seniors are welcome to attend. Bon-fire, smores, corn hole and more!

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

A preparation class for parents is required prior to Baptism. Please call Lori at the parish office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to wedding date to begin preparation.

TO BECOME CATHOLIC

To inquire into the Catholic faith, please contact Sister Chris Gretka in the parish office.

THE TABERNACLE

The tabernacle at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish has been in the sanctuary of the church for one full year now. It was relocated from the chapel to the main worship space once public Masses resumed (May 2020). A letter from Sister Chris, dated May 21, 2020, was sent to all parishioners regarding this change along with many protocols that were put into place so that those who were able could safely return to church for the celebration of Eucharist. There was also a notation in *Pastoral Ponderings* in the June 14 (2020) bulletin. As a way of a reminder of Church teaching, the following questions and answers may be helpful in understanding, the purpose of the tabernacle, why the tabernacle was moved, and the proper reverence due in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Why is the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle?

Catholic Church doctrine teaches that Christ is truly present in the Holy Eucharist (body, blood, soul, and divinity) under the appearance of bread and wine consecrated by the priest at Mass. This belief we profess sets us apart from other Christian denominations. Often, at the end of the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, there are extra hosts which are placed in the tabernacle primarily for Communion to the homebound, the hospitalized, the sick, and the dying. The Blessed Sacrament is also reserved in the tabernacle for adoration and private prayer.

Who decides where the tabernacle is to be located?

Various Church documents address the tabernacle: *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, *Built of Living Stones*, and *Redemptionis Sacramentum (Instruction on the Eucharist)* are three of them. It is *important* that all priests, liturgists, liturgy team members, and parish Worship Commissions are familiar with these documents. They include guidelines for the location of the tabernacle and the proper reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament. All the documents respect the fact that the Ordinary (the Bishop) as chief liturgist of the diocese has the juridical authority to determine the placement of the tabernacle in the churches and Catholic institutions of his diocese. This is the reason that over the years, various bishops in our diocese have offered a variety of options for the placement of the tabernacle. Our last three bishops (including Bishop Gruss) have stated that their preference and expectation is that the tabernacle be placed in the sanctuary of the church. Present diocesan guidelines reflect this. Saint Catherine of Siena Parish is following this guideline.

What is the proper reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament?

Upon entering and leaving church, the proper reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle is a **genuflection** (or bow, if unable to genuflect) and **silence**. **Once Mass begins, the altar, not the tabernacle, is the focal point. The altar is consecrated and is the symbol of Christ.** One bows when crossing in front of the altar during the celebration of Mass. **At Mass, when receiving Holy Communion, one bows along with responding: Amen. Our Amen is as important as the bow; the Amen is a statement of our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.**



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