



Saint Catherine of Siena Parish of Bay City

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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

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Sacramental Minister

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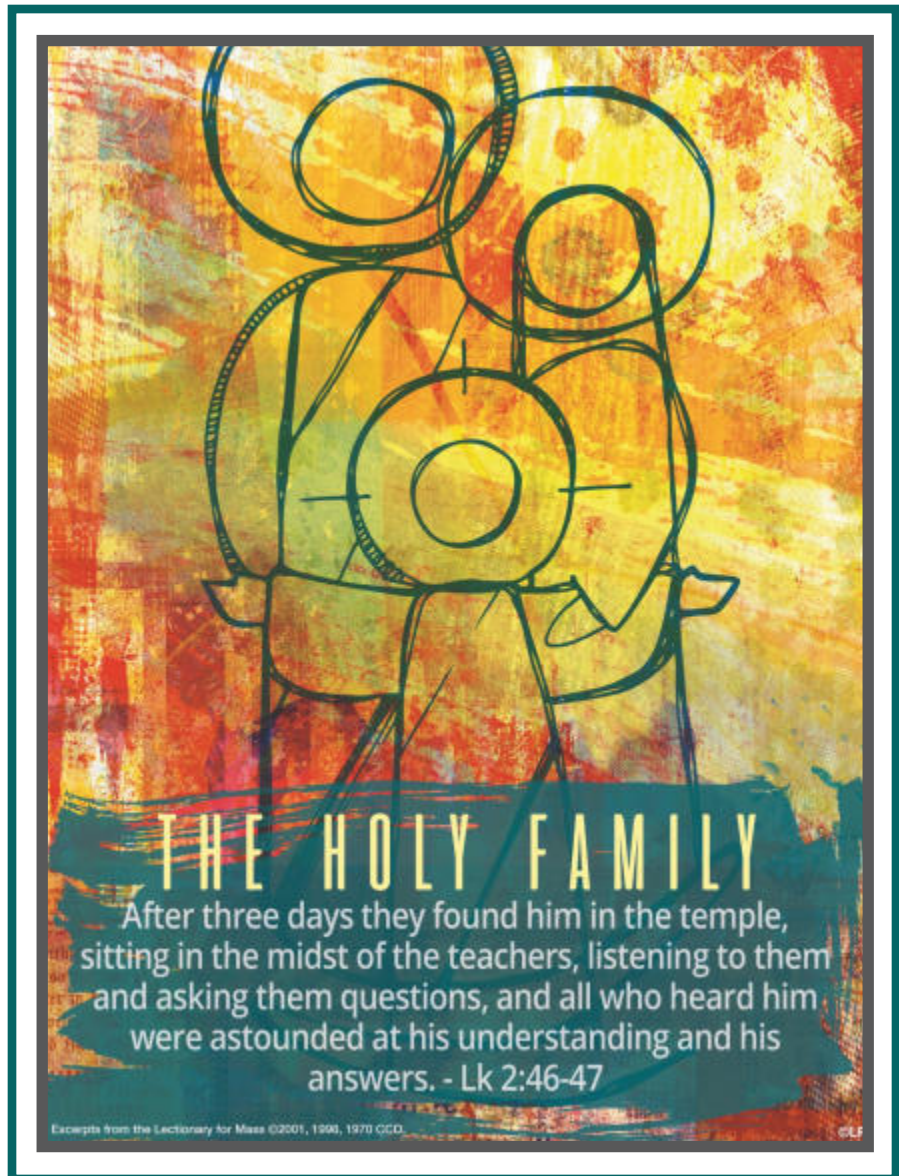
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

TUESDAY, DEC. 28—6:30 PM

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29—12:00 PM

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JAN. 1—5:00 PM

Sacristan

C. Peters

Lector 1 Lector 2

T. Smith M. Smekar

EM of Holy Communion

Sr. C. Gretka, M. Smekar

Ministers of Hospitality

J. Solinski, M. & B. Windy

Cross Bearer

J. Stanolis

Candle Bearers

A. & R. Gurnee

SUNDAY, JAN. 2—8:30 AM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector 1 Lector 2

K. Wahr R. Maier

EM of Holy Communion

S. Rajewski, R. Rivard

Ministers of Hospitality

R. Collier, M. LaFave, M. LeFevre

Cross Bearer

S. Collier

Candle Bearers

F. & S. Toevs

SUNDAY, JAN. 2—11:00 AM

Sacristan

M.A. Cole

Lector 1 Lector 2

R. Campbell T. Baker

EM of Holy Communion

Sr. C. Gretka, A. Herm

Ministers of Hospitality

D. Rivet, J. & L. Staudacher

Cross Bearer

R. Grzegorzcyk

Candle Bearers

D. & J. Grzegorzcyk



As of December 15th we have received 59% of our pledges for a total of \$57,320.80 Thank you!

Please help us reach our goal of \$97,421.00

thank you

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE & SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

8:30 AM †

Mass—For the intention of John Kram

11:00 AM †

Mass—For the intention of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

NO 6:30 PM MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

NO 12:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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

5:00 PM †

Vigil Mass—For the intention of the Vennix and Rezler Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

8:30 AM †

Mass—For the intention of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family

9:30 AM

CGS / Faith Formation

11:00 AM †

Mass

12:00 PM

Youth Ministry

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our homebound and sick, including Larry R. Duchane, Sally Duchane, Betty Gladden, Rita Korinek, Becky Kruzell, William Korinek, Helen Loughner, Charlene Miller, Robert Taylor, Terry Stevens and Laurie Watts.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 12, 2021

\$9,498.00

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE

\$267,683.10

BUDGETED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$266,520.00

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Due to an early printing of this bulletin the collection and budget information for December 19th will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This has been one full weekend of joyous celebrations! Friday, we celebrated the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord and the Mass of the Nativity of the Lord During the Night. Saturday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). And Sunday we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family. Those of us who have participated in liturgical ministries all three days are exhausted, yet, in some ways, are exhilarated at the same time. **Special thanks to Father Jim for making our celebrations so meaningful and spiritually enriching.** Thanks also for the hard work and dedication of the parish staff on all their preparations “behind the scenes” and “on the scene” leading up to and through Christmas!

The Gospel passage today is the story of the twelve-year-old Jesus going up to the Temple in Jerusalem with his parents for the feast of Passover. When the festival days are over, while journeying home, Mary and Joseph realize that Jesus is not among any of their relatives. They return to Jerusalem and three days later, find him in the temple among the teachers, listening and asking questions. His parents are astonished yet distressed that he has wandered off. **Jesus says something they do not understand at the time: “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”** The Gospel continues: *“He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them.”* Even as a young person, Jesus, the Son of God, was beginning to realize what his Father in heaven expected of him as well as what his family expected of him; he was obedient to both his heavenly Father and his earthly parents. As family members ourselves, we must be loving, kind, respectful, and forgiving as we care for one another. **Pope Francis writes in *Amoris Laetitia*: “The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures.”** This week, let us reflect upon the many ways in which we communicate love with family members. If unable to be present with family this weekend, we might consider reaching out to them in some small way via phone call, text, email or Facetime, as well as keeping them in our prayers.

Please note, that the parish office will be closed on Monday and Friday this coming week. A few staff members will be present Tuesday through Thursday to serve you as each of us takes an extra “down time” day. **There will be no weekday Masses this week, so if you wish to attend Mass, there is an 8:00 AM Mass at both the Cathedral and at Corpus Christi Parish each day.**

In case you are unaware of it, January 1st is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday. Therefore, there will be no morning Mass on January 1st.

Blessings on your Christmas Season!
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ



*May you and your families
have a Blessed, Peace-Filled,
and Joyous New Year!*
Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Staff

PARISH & MINISTRY NOTES

GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated items for this year’s Giving Tree! Your very generous donations help support the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and the Bay County Foster Closet. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The Liturgical Ministry schedule for January—February has been sent to all current Candle & Cross Bearers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Sacristans and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you have not received the schedule, please contact Kim in the parish office.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Lawrence and Beth Bauer, Shae Bublitz, Olivia Vermeesch and their daughter Athena, Brandon Knox, Chance Stodolak, and Harry Stumpos who have recently joined the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Community. We are happy that you are here!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When Delta College is closed due to inclement weather the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Office will be closed. Mass and all other events will also be cancelled. When the Bay City Schools and/or Bangor Schools are closed, please check TV5 and 25NBC for possible parish meeting cancellations.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

A preparation class for parents is required prior to Baptism. Please call Joe Stanolis or Sister Chris Gretka in 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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Help Us to Grow

Father,
through the holy family,
you have made all families holy.
You have given them as a model for us
as we walk through life together.
Help us to be ever more merciful.

Help us to forgive one another and
to do small things with great love.
Help us to grow together in holiness.
Give us the wisdom to imitate Mary,
holding all great mysteries in our hearts.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 26, 2021 All Families Are Made Holy



Today's readings: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14; Psalm 128: 1–2, 3, 4–5; Colossians 3:12–21 or 3:12–17; Luke 2:41–52 or 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28; Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; 1 John 3:1–2, 21–24; Luke 2:41–52. Little is known about the life Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in Nazareth. From the time they returned from Egypt until the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the only story that appears in Scripture about the family is the founding of Jesus in the temple. A close reading of this text shows that they were observant Jews and they went to Jerusalem each year for Passover. It also can be seen that they traveled with their extended family, so they had other significant relationships in their lives. They had regular family struggles. Mary asks, "Why have you done this to us?" She sounds like many mothers who are







raising adolescents. Their family life is a model for ours, but it must have been very ordinary indeed.

Imagine what that can mean for us.

Jesus knows our hearts and our struggles because he lived them too. God entered into a family and set the family apart as a place of sanctification. The holy family makes all families holy. The family is an ordinary place filled with ordinary love, peace, mercy, justice, and forgiveness. It is a place to grow in holiness. This week, as you go about your routine, imagine how you are connected to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, across time and space, to their home in Nazareth. If you are preparing a meal or folding the laundry, you are doing holy work, just as they did.

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January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>  5:00 pm Vigil Mass
2 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am CGS / FF 11:00 am Mass 12 noon YM	3 	4 10:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion at Carriage House & Colonnades 6:30 pm Mass	5 HAPPY★NEW★YEAR Office Closed at Noon 12 noon Mass Staff Luncheon	6 4:30 pm Faith Formation Commission	7 7:00 pm—11:30 pm Christian Coffee House	8 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am CGS / FF 11:00 am Mass 12 noon YM	10 	11 9:15 am SVDP Society Meeting 10:00 am ASAP Ministry 10:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion at Carriage House & Colonnades 6:30 pm Mass	12 12 noon Mass 1:45 pm Staff Mtg	13 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Finance council Meeting	14 7:00 pm—11:30 pm Christian Coffee House	15 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
16 <i>2nd Sunday in OT</i> 8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	17 Catechist's Evening of Reflection	18 10:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion at Carriage House & Colonnades 6:30 pm Mass 7:15 pm Pastoral Council Meeting	19 12 noon Mass 12 noon BAFF	20 3:00 pm DMI Planning Meeting 6:30 pm Choir	21 March for Life Jan 21—23 7:00 pm—11:30 pm Christian Coffee House	22 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
23 <i>3rd Sunday in OT</i> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am CGS / FF 11:00 am Mass 12 noon YM	24 6:30 pm Novena for Life	25 10:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion at Carriage House & Colonnades 6:30 pm Mass	26 12 noon Mass	27 10:30 am Holy Communion at Sheffield 6:30 pm Choir	28 7:00 pm—11:30 pm Christian Coffee House	29 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
30 <i>4th Sunday in OT</i> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am CGS / FF 11:00 am Mass 12 noon YM	31					



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