



Saint Catherine of Siena Parish of Bay City

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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

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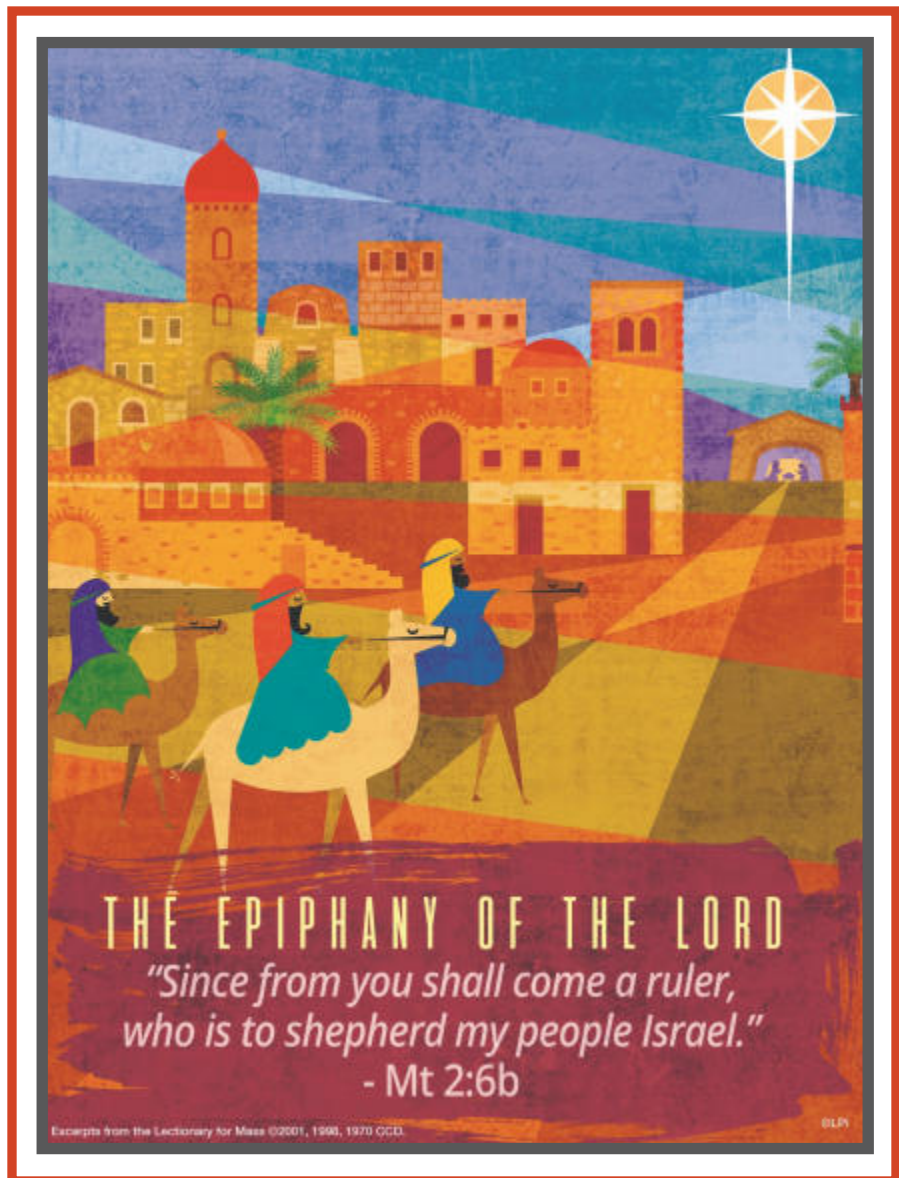
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Maintenance

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, JANUARY 2, 2022



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 4—6:30 PM

Sacristan

D. Asch

Lector

Sr. C. Gretka

Cross Bearer

C. Peters

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5—12:00 PM

Sacristan

K. Asch

Lector

S. LaBo

EM of Holy Communion

M.A. Cole

Cross Bearer

D. Knox

SATURDAY, JAN. 8—5:00 PM

Sacristan

J. Stanolis

Lector 1 Lector 2

D. Stanolis R. Sporman

EM of Holy Communion

J. Bailey, Sr. C. Gretka

Ministers of Hospitality

D. Gerulski, M. Knox, C. Peters

Cross Bearer

C. Peters

Candle Bearers

M. & D. Knox

SUNDAY, JAN. 9—8:30 AM

Sacristan

Y. Neil

Lector 1 Lector 2

B. Yahn D. Neil

EM of Holy Communion

Sr. C. Gretka, B. MacMillan

Ministers of Hospitality

R. Collier, M. LaFave, M. LeFevre

Cross Bearer

B. Collier

Candle Bearers

R. & S. Collier

SUNDAY, JAN. 9—11:00 AM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector 1 Lector 2

A. Herm R. Campbell

EM of Holy Communion

D. Maxson, G. McCann

Ministers of Hospitality

D. & S. Hamel, L. Mena

Cross Bearer

M. Cole

Candle Bearers

L. & E. Majdecki

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE & SCRIPTURE READINGS

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
CGS / Faith Formation
11:00 AM † Mass
12:00 PM Youth Ministry

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

6:30 PM † Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Parish Office Closed at Noon

12:00 PM † Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

4:30 PM Faith Formation Commission Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

7:00 PM—11:30 PM Christian Coffee House

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

5:00 PM † Vigil Mass—For the intention of the Saint Catherine Parish Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:30 AM † Mass
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

STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 19, 2021

\$19,039.80

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE

\$286,722.90

BUDGETED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$277,625.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

\$2,890.00

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Due to early printing of this bulletin the collection and budget information for Christmas and December 26th will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Even though, traditionally, in many parts of the world it is called “Little Christmas,” it is hardly a small event in our faith. Epiphany means *manifestation*. The solemnity we celebrate today is the apex (or high point) of the Christmas Season. **It is the day which commemorates the glorious manifestation of God to all peoples and all nations, represented by the magi in today’s Gospel story from Luke: the magi who traveled from the East, bearing precious gifts, following a star which led them to the King of Kings.** They embarked upon a long journey to encounter Christ. The magi are a sign to us of those who are attentive to the changes in the universe and the heavens while searching for truth in the wonders of creation. Because the magi searched with eyes of faith, they recognized the Gift of God (Emmanuel) when they found him. Their encounter with the Lord demonstrates that, in Christ, the light of God is given to all people of goodwill.

In our world, torn apart by divisions of all kinds, we Christians need to step back to reflect upon God’s presence which sometimes seems to be clouded by darkness. We know that we have received the light of Christ in baptism and that we are responsible for bringing the Light of Christ to our world. We are the Body of Christ, bearing Christ within us to whomever we encounter each day. No matter how unlike us another person may be in race, creed, culture, and expression, we need to know that Christ came for all of them so they might know God’s unconditional love. May we see them as Christ sees them, beyond any labels that have been placed upon them: foreigner, refugee, immigrant, migrant, non-believer, counter-cultural, enemy, warrior, peacemaker, tyrant, hero, traitor, saint, sinner, outlaw, in-law, etc. **What gift can we bring to them this Epiphany so that they indeed know that Christ has come for all people, continues to manifest God’s presence and love for all people (even through us), and gives hope to all world longing for it?**

Blessings on your Christmas Season!
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ



I would like to extend a special thank you to all who remembered me this Christmas Season with your prayers, cards, notes of affirmation and gratitude, goodies, and gifts. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated! It is a joy to serve as your Director of Parish Life!

Sister Chris



As of December 22nd we have received 64% of our pledges for a total of \$62,345.80
Thank you!

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

PARISH & MINISTRY NOTES

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

2021 contribution and CMA statements will be available mid January. Please call the parish office if you would like a copy of your statement.

2022 CALENDARS

Our parish calendars for 2022 have arrived and are located in the gathering space. Please be sure to take one home with you. We thank the Ramsay Group-Rivertown Funeral Chapel for sponsoring half of the calendar cost.

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.

SNOWBIRDS

If you are leaving for a warmer climate for the winter, please call the parish office to have your envelopes forwarded or placed on hold while you are away. Thank you!



We express heartfelt sympathy and offer prayers to the families of Donald Derocher and Elaine Hogan who have recently passed away. May Donald and Elaine now rest in the arms of our loving God and may God comfort their families and ease the loss they bear.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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



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