



# Saint Catherine of Siena Parish of Bay City

2956 EAST NORTH UNION ROAD | BAY CITY, MICHIGAN 48706

## 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

**Joseph Stanolis**

Coordinator of Pastoral and

Liturgical Ministries

**Debbie Knox**

Parish Bookkeeper

**Judy Kram**

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**Dan Velasquez**

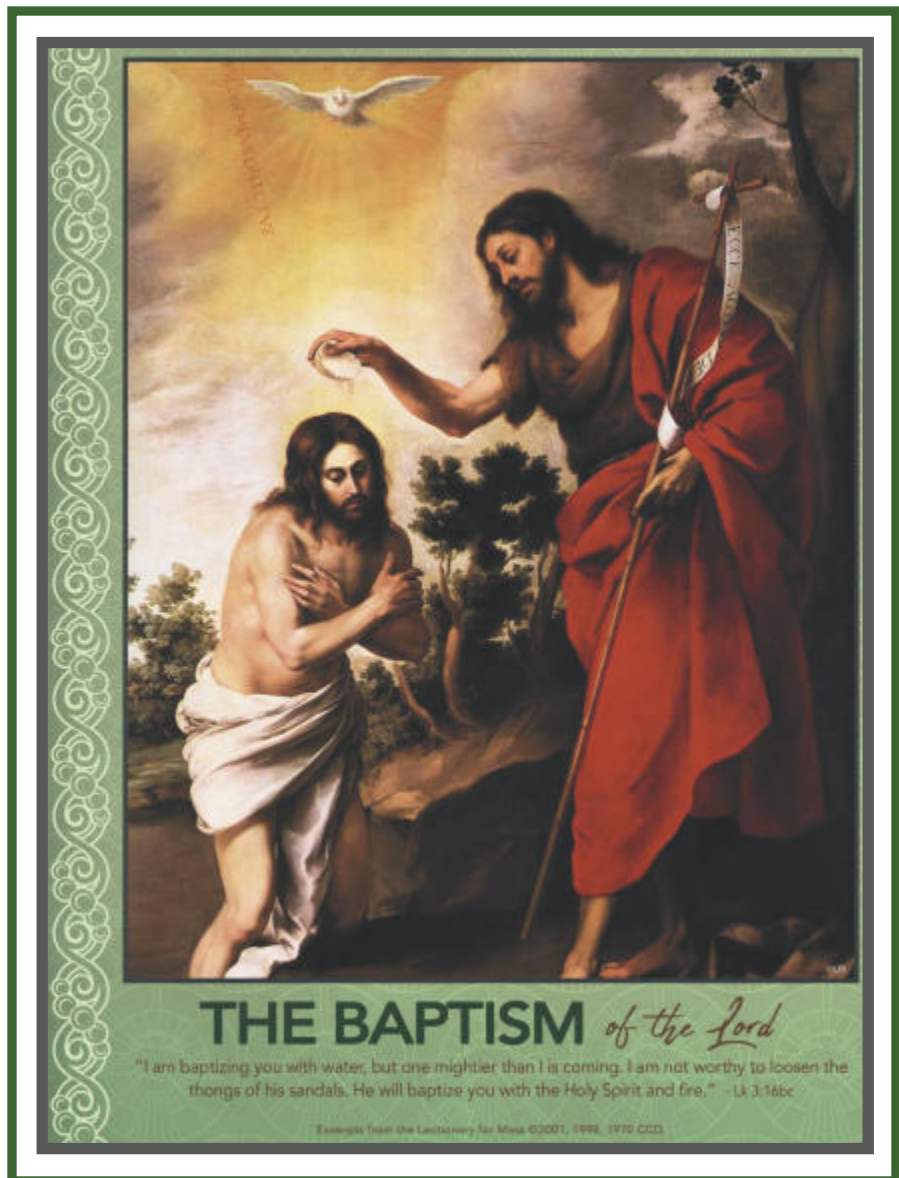
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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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, JANUARY 9, 2022



### THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." -Lk 3:16c

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**TUESDAY, JAN. 11—6:30 PM**

**Sacristan**

D. Asch

**Lector**

J. Buda

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12—12:00 PM**

**Sacristan**

K. Asch

**Lector**

R. Sporman

**EM of Holy Communion**

J. Stanolis

**Cross Bearer**

D. Velasquez

**SATURDAY, JAN. 15—5:00 PM**

**Sacristan**

Sr. C. Gretka

**Lector 1 Lector 2**

T. Sullivan B. Windy

**EM of Holy Communion**

J. & D. Stanolis

**Ministers of Hospitality**

D. Gerulski, M. Knox, C. Peters

**Cross Bearer**

M. Windy

**Candle Bearers**

A. & R. Gurnee

**SUNDAY, JAN. 16—8:30 AM**

**Sacristan**

Sr. C. Gretka

**Lector 1 Lector 2**

H. Gill R. Maier

**EM of Holy Communion**

E. & K. LaPlant

**Ministers of Hospitality**

M. & N. Suchy, B. Walters

**Cross Bearer**

R. Neil

**Candle Bearers**

Needed

**SUNDAY, JAN. 16—11:00 AM**

**Sacristan**

M.A. Cole

**Lector 1 Lector 2**

A. Miller C. Krawczyk-Miller

**EM of Holy Communion**

P. & N. Samolewski

**Ministers of Hospitality**

D. & S. Hamel, L. Mena

**Cross Bearer**

R. Grzegorzczak

**Candle Bearers**

C. & S. Wiegand

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Email: [office@scsparish.com](mailto:office@scsparish.com) or call: 684-1203

Prayer Line: call or text Janet Dine 493-4546

## WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE & SCRIPTURE READINGS

**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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10**

*1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11**

*1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28*

9:15 AM SVDP Society Meeting  
10:00 AM ASAP Knitting Ministry  
6:30 PM † Mass

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

*1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39*

12:00 PM † Mass  
1:45 PM Staff Meeting

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

*1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45*

6:30 PM Choir  
6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**

*1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12*

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

*1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17*

5:00 PM † Vigil Mass-For the intention of James Holka

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11*

8:30 AM † Mass-For the intention of Fred Retlewski  
11:00 AM † Mass-For the intention of the Saint Catherine Parish Family

## STEWARDSHIP

**CHRISTMAS AND  
DECEMBER 26, 2021**

\$19,011.04

**FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE**

\$305,733.94

**BUDGETED YEAR-TO-DATE**

\$288,730.00

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS**

\$4,537.00

**JANUARY 2, 2022**

\$29,566.50

**FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE**

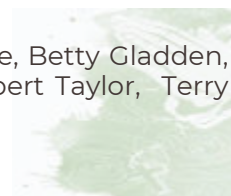
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**BUDGETED YEAR-TO-DATE**

\$299,835.00

**TORNADO RELIEF**

\$6,187.05



## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

**This Sunday, as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas Season officially ends.** On Monday, we return to the first week in Ordinary Time. The manifestations of Christ that we have celebrated during the Christmas Season (to the shepherds, to the magi, to his parents when they found him in the temple among the teachers, and to the whole world represented by the magi who traveled a great distance from the East) culminate in the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. **In today's Gospel account, Jesus is baptized, and as the Holy Spirit descends upon him, the Father reveals to us the identity of Jesus as he says, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** From his baptism, Jesus launches into his public ministry. From the age of twelve until his baptism, Scripture tells us nothing about his life other than that "*Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.*" Today's feast challenges us to open ourselves to Christ so that he may be manifested in our lives. **Remember what Father Jim told us in his homilies on Christmas, quoting Mother Teresa (Saint Teresa of Calcutta): "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."** She goes on to say: "*...it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.*" That refers to the whole human family. We were baptized in Christ through water and the Holy Spirit, and the Father found favor in each one of us. **As members of the Body of Christ, we have the potential to present Christ to whomever we encounter each day as well as to encounter Christ in another each day.** Sometimes, we cover up the face of Christ by our words and actions which prevent us from bearing Christ to others. Christ's basic message is that love is what matters: God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son so that all believe in him might have eternal life. **We are vessels of God's love, and we are capable of evangelizing through our words and actions.** Let us reflect upon ways in which, this New Year, we can make a difference as Catholic Christians in our world through small, everyday acts of kindness and love. As we renew our Baptismal Promises this weekend, let us resolve to consciously choose to follow Christ more closely and to take seriously our baptismal call to live as true and authentic disciples.

**Blessings!**  
**Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ**



As of December 29th we have received 65% of our pledges for a total of \$62,920.80 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.

*We express heartfelt sympathy and offer prayers to the families of Florence Lawrence, Amanda Peglow, Marge Arbour, Wayne Eyre, Brian Gillis and Juergen Kleinau who have recently passed away. May Florence, Amanda, Marge, Wayne, Brian and Juergen 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.

## AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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