



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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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

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& Chance Stodolak

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 23, 2022
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY
OF THE WORD OF GOD



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Colossians 3:16



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 25—6:30 PM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector

P. Lucke

Cross Bearer

C. Peters

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26—12:00 PM

Sacristan

J. Stanolis

Lector

Sr. C. Gretka

EM of Holy Communion

S. LaBo

Cross Bearer

D. Velasquez

SATURDAY, JAN. 29—5:00 PM

Sacristan

J. Stanolis

Lector 1

T. Smith

Lector 2

M. Smekar

EM of Holy Communion

M. Smekar, T. Sullivan

Ministers of Hospitality

J. Solinski, M. & B. Windy

Cross Bearer

C. Peters

Candle Bearers

A. & R. Gurnee

SUNDAY, JAN. 30—8:30 AM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector 1

K. Wahr

Lector 2

B. Yahn

EM of Holy Communion

H. Gill, Y. Neil

Ministers of Hospitality

T. Buchalski, M. & N. Suchy

Cross Bearer

R. Neil

Candle Bearers

F. & S. Toevs

SUNDAY, JAN. 30—11:00 AM

Sacristan

M.A. Cole

Lector 1

N. Rivet

Lector 2

P. Lucke

EM of Holy Communion

M. Fox, Sr. C. Gretka

Ministers of Hospitality

J. & P. Kwapiszewski, C. Peters

Cross Bearer

J. Grzegorzczak

Candle Bearers

D. & Z. Grzegorzczak

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE & SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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-For the intention of our Parish Homebound
12:00 PM		Youth Ministry

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 PM Novena for Life and Evening Prayer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

6:30 PM † Mass-For the intention of Jude Dennis Fournier

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

12:00 PM † Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

6:30 PM Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

5:00 PM † Vigil Mass-For the intention of Ken Moore

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

4th Sunday in Ordinary time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

8:30 AM	†	Mass-For the intentions of Wayne Eyre and Catherine V. Stajkowski
9:30 AM		CGS / Faith Formation
11:00 AM	†	Mass-For the intention of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family
12:00 PM		Youth Ministry

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 or call: (989)684-1203

Prayer Line: call or text Janet Dine (989)493-4546

As of January 17th we have received 69% of our pledges for a total of \$67,045.80. Thank you!

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



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\$333,150.00

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This weekend we celebrate “Sunday of the Word of God.” On September 30, 2019, on the memorial of Saint Jerome, in a *motu proprio*, entitled *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be designated *Sunday of the Word of God*. At the conclusion of the year of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (2015-2016) he proposed setting aside “*a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.*” **Pope Francis believes that devoting a specific Sunday to the Word of God will “enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.”** This weekend, the gathering space and worship space are enhanced to emphasize the significance of the Word of God, and the prayers and the music highlight the importance of the Word of God in our liturgy and in our lives. This year, there will be a blessing of lectors, those who serve in the special ministry of proclaiming the Word of God at Mass and other liturgies. We recognize the responsibility that both they and all of us have in meditating often on the Scriptures and proclaiming them daily by the way in which we live our lives. **The Gospel passage this Sunday is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Luke.** Jesus goes to the synagogue on the sabbath, stands to read, and is handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He finds the passage which begins: “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*” After he finishes the passage, he rolls up the scroll, and as the eyes of all are looking intently upon him, he says: “*Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*” When reading or listening to the Gospel account, note that Jesus is attending the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. **Standing among those who know him well (family, friends, and neighbors), he proclaims that what they have heard is being fulfilled here and now.** Luke does not tell us about their reaction, whether it is astonishment, hope, belief, or confusion. We do know that Luke believes what has been handed down to him from eyewitnesses. He shares it with us that we, too, might believe that Jesus, the Word of God is the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, which we profess each week in the Creed. As followers of Jesus, taking the Scriptures to heart, we are called to imitate him by using our own gifts to bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, restore sight to the blind, and set prisoners free, thus making each year one *acceptable to the Lord*, one in which the words of the prophet, Isaiah, are being fulfilled in our midst.

Blessings on your week!
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

To the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish family, we are honored that you have blessed us with your generosity. Your donations make a big difference in the work our food pantry does feeding our neighbors in need. Because of you, the SVDP Food Pantry was able to give out 53 Christmas Food Baskets, serving a total of 170 people. Thank you for your helping make this a success!

THANK YOU TO A STITCH AND A PRAYER

Thank you to members of our parish knitting ministry, A Stitch and A Prayer, who spent many hours making hats, mittens blankets and dish cloths that were placed in the Christmas Baskets. Your time and talents are appreciated by many!

GIVING TREE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our parish Giving Tree during Advent. A total of \$930 was collected and split between The Foster closet of Bay County and Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. They were very happy to receive this kind gift of money as well as all of the pajamas, socks and underwear that were given. Thank you!

PARISH MINISTRY NOTES

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved or discontinued your land line? If so, please call the parish office to update your contact information. Thank you.

We express heartfelt sympathy and offer prayers to the family of Mark Denay who recently passed away. May Mark now rest in the arms of our loving God and may God comfort his family 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.



**Prayer for the Synod:
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong
path nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

**DIOCESAN NEWS
NOVENA FOR LIFE**

From January 21st to 29th, the Diocese of Saginaw will celebrate “9 Days for Life.” Faithful will gather at eight designated parishes across the Diocese to pray for and raise awareness of respect for all human life. The 9 Days for Life will open with the Knights of Columbus Novena for Life on January 21st at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw and then continue at seven additional designated parishes each day until the final day on January 29th at the Cathedral. **On January 24th the Novena for Life will be held at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish at 6:30 PM followed by Evening Prayer.** Please visit the diocesan website: www.saginaw.org for complete information.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH BISHOP GRUSS

First Fridays Masses and meatless luncheons have resumed with the next gathering to be held on Friday, February 4th at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw. The cost for lunch is \$7. Registration is required only if you will attend the lunch and/or the informal presentation due to limited seating capacity. Registration information can be found on the diocesan website: www.saginaw.org.

**AREA PARISHES AND
COMMUNITY EVENTS
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Offered by Trahan Funeral Chapel and facilitated by a professional counselor with McLaren Hospice, the group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 3:30 PM at Trahan Funeral Chapel. There is no cost to attend, no registration is required and the you may come anytime (no start or end dates). Please call 989-893-6583 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the **Saginaw Catholic Men’s Conference** to be held on March 5, 2022 from 8:00 AM—3:00 PM at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Bay City. Register online at www.eventbrite.com. Online cost \$25 until February 22nd and \$30 at the door.

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February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 10:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion at Carriage House & Colonnades 6:30 pm Mass	<i>2</i> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> 12 noon Mass 3:00 pm Art & Environment Mtg	<i>3</i> 6:30 pm Choir	<i>4</i> 7:00 pm—11:30 pm Christian Coffee House	<i>5</i> 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
<i>6</i> <i>5th Sunday in OT</i> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am CGS / FF 11:00 am Mass 12 noon YM	<i>8</i> 9:15 am SVPD Society Meeting 10:00 am ASAP Ministry 10:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion at Carriage House & Colonnades 6:30 pm Mass	<i>9</i> 12 noon Mass 6:30 pm Christian Service Meeting	<i>10</i> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Choir	<i>11</i> 7:00 pm—11:30 pm Christian Coffee House	<i>12</i> 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  Sr. Chris's Birthday	
<i>13</i> <i>6th Sunday in OT</i> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am CGS / FF 11:00 am Mass 12 noon YM	<i>15</i> 10:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion at Carriage House & Colonnades 6:30 pm Mass 	<i>16</i> 12 noon Mass 12 noon BAFF 1:30 pm Altar Society Meeting 3:30 pm Worship Commission Meeting	<i>17</i> 6:30 pm Choir	<i>18</i> 7:00 pm—11:30 pm Christian Coffee House	<i>19</i> 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	
<i>20</i> <i>7th Sunday in OT</i> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am CGS / FF 11:00 am Mass 12 noon YM	<i>22</i> <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i> 10:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion at Carriage House & Colonnades 6:30 pm Mass 4:30 pm Faith Formation Commission Mtg 	<i>23</i> 12 noon Mass  Fr. Jim's Birthday	<i>24</i> 10:30 am Holy Communion at Sheffield 6:30 pm Choir	<i>25</i> 7:00 pm—11:30 pm Christian Coffee House	<i>26</i> 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	
<i>27</i> <i>8th Sunday in OT</i> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am CGS / FF 11:00 am Mass 12 noon YM						



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