



# 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**

Faith Formation Secretary

**Dan Velasquez**

**& 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, FEBRUARY 6, 2022



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**TUESDAY, FEB. 8—6:30 PM**

**Sacristan**

Sr. C. Gretka

**Lector**

H. Gill

**Cross Bearer**

C. Peters

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9—12:00 PM**

**Sacristan**

M.A. Cole

**Lector**

R. Sporman

**EM of Holy Communion**

Sr. C. Gretka

**Cross Bearer**

J. Stanolis

**SATURDAY, FEB. 12—5:00 PM**

**Sacristan**

J. Stanolis

**Lector 1 Lector 2**

B. Windy D. Stanolis

**EM of Holy Communion**

M. & D. Knox

**Ministers of Hospitality**

D. Gerulski, M. Knox, C. Peters

**Cross Bearer**

M. Windy

**Candle Bearers**

Needed

**SUNDAY, FEB. 13—8:30 AM**

**Sacristan**

Sr. C. Gretka

**Lector 1 Lector 2**

D. Neil J. Piggott

**EM of Holy Communion**

B. MacMillan, Y. Neil

**Ministers of Hospitality**

R. Collier, M. LaFave, M. LeFevre

**Cross Bearer**

R. Neil

**Candle Bearers**

Needed

**SUNDAY, FEB. 13—11:00 AM**

**Sacristan**

M.A. Cole

**Lector 1 Lector 2**

A. Miller C. Krawczyk-Miller

**EM of Holy Communion**

Sr. C. Gretka, C. Irving

**Ministers of Hospitality**

D. Rivet, J. & L. Staudacher

**Cross Bearer**

J. Vozniak

**Candle Bearers**

C. & S. Wiegand



## WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE &

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5th Sunday in Ordinary time

*Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/  
Lk 5:1-11*

8:30 AM	†	Mass-For the intentions of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family
9:30 AM		CGS / Faith Formation
11:00 AM	†	Mass-For the intention of Don Derocher
12:00 PM		Youth Ministry

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

*1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56*

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

*1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13*

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

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

*1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23*

12:00 PM	†	Mass
6:30 PM		Christian Service Meeting

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

*1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30*

10:00 AM		Staff Meeting
6:30 PM		Choir

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

*1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37*

7:00 PM—11:30 PM		Christian Coffee House
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#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

*1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10*

5:00 PM	†	Vigil Mass-For the intention of Sharon Smillie-Callahan
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#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6th Sunday in Ordinary time

*Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26*

8:30 AM	†	Mass-For the intentions of 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, Debra Lijewski, Rita Korinek, William Korinek, Helen Loughner, Terry Stevens and Laurie Watts.

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



As of January 24th  
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Please help us reach our goal of  
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### STEWARDSHIP JANUARY 30, 2022

\$9,267.75

### FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

\$373,159.44

### BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE

\$355,360.00

Our parish is grateful for your continued support.

Thank you for your generosity!

## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

**This weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Today's Gospel account is taken from the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke. Jesus is standing by the Lake of Gennesaret with a crowd pressing around him to hear the word of God. While there, he notices two boats alongside the lake; the fishermen have disembarked and are cleaning their nets. Jesus gets into one of the boats belonging to Simon and asks him to put out a short distance from the shore. **While sitting in the boat, Jesus teaches the crowds.** When finished, he tells Peter: *"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."* Simon, the fisherman, being a bit skeptical, replies: *"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."* **Once the nets are lowered, they catch a great number of fish, and the nets begin to tear.** Signaling for help, they fill both boats with fish. All gathered are astonished. Jesus tells Simon, James, and John not to be afraid: *"from now on you will be catching men."* When they bring their boats to shore, they leave everything and follow him. **As I was reflecting upon today's Gospel account, I remembered three weeks ago that Father Jim talked about the empty jugs, after being filled with water, that Jesus changed into wine.** He referred to them as empty vessels being filled by Jesus and asked the following questions: 1) **Where has the wine "run out" in our world, our community, our church, our schools, our parish, our own hearts?** 2) **How can we fill-up our own vessels?** In today's Gospel passage, Jesus takes empty nets, and using them as "vessels," fills them with a great number of fish, and demonstrates an *abundance* to show visually that many are called, and by answering the call, many will be saved through him. The fish that were scattered in the sea while the "future disciples" were fishing, with no success of a catch, are immediately drawn and lured to the nets when Jesus invites the fishermen to trust in him and his words and lower their nets a second time. Then, a transformation takes place as they follow Jesus: he transforms the fishermen into **nets**, that is **vessels**, in which they will be "catching men" – sharing in the mission of Jesus, drawing others to him. How are we like nets, drawing others to Jesus, in our daily lives through our words and actions? How does Jesus use our gifts and natural abilities to draw others to him and become his followers?

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

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### BREAKING OPEN THE SYNOD PRAYER



**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.**

The second stanza might be the hardest one to digest. We don't typically like to call attention to our deficits and sin. But it's true that we are weak and we are sinful. We're acknowledging that we have biases and agendas. We're asking the Holy Spirit to help form our hearts, our minds, and our actions. We're asking the Spirit to help us recognize our biases and agendas and, as we participate in the Synodal Process, to be able to discern between what we want and what the Spirit wants. The original Latin says, "do not let us disturb the order of justice." We must remain focused on what is right and just, and not stand in the way of the Holy Spirit.

## PARISH MINISTRY NOTES

### ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS & NOTES



Due to the marked increase in Bay County of COVID-19 and influenza cases the **Altar Society Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, is cancelled.** The next meeting will be Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. This will be a Cream Tea with speaker. If you wish to help with this meeting please call Ilene Dowling at 989-684-7863. At the December meeting, due to the generosity of the members, over 60 personal care items were collected and delivered to the Women's Shelter for those that seek safety from abuse. The delivery was deeply appreciated.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4012 BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the K of C Hall, 360 S. River Rd., Bay City, from 8AM- 1PM. Adults \$8.00 children under 12 \$4.00. Proceeds to "Council Charities".

## 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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