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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

James Rabideau

Music Minister

Joseph Stanolis

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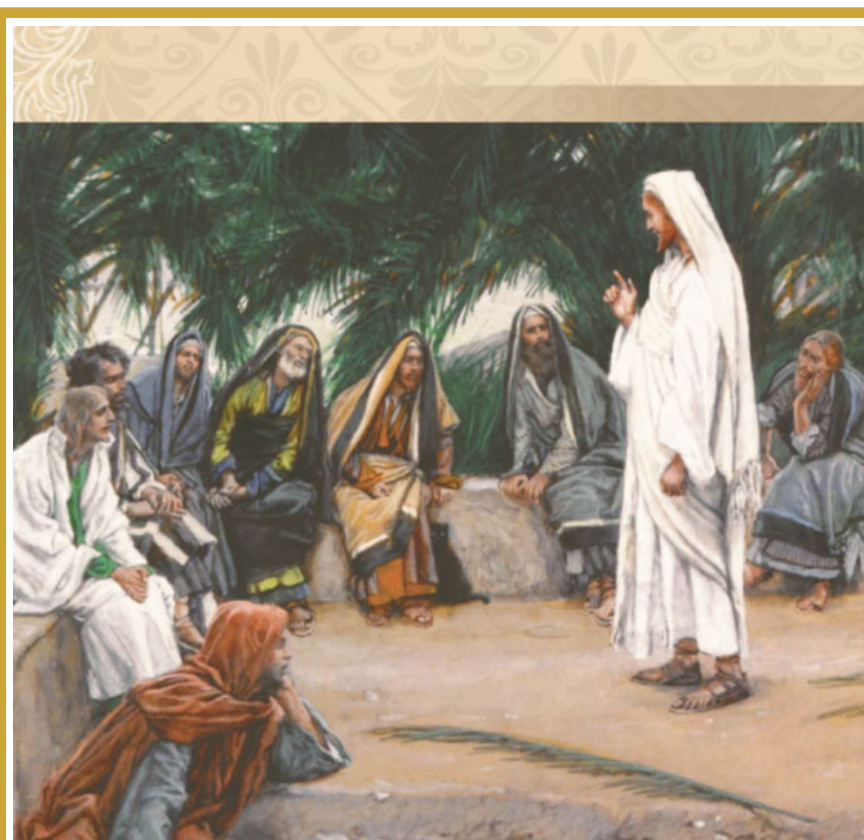
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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, FEBRUARY 13, 2022



6th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS
TUESDAY, FEB. 15—6:30 PM**

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector

J. Piggott

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16—12:00 PM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector

D. Velasquez

EM of Holy Communion

M.A. Cole

Cross Bearer

D. Knox

SATURDAY, FEB. 19—5:00 PM

Sacristan

C. Peters

Lector 1

S. LaBo

Lector 2

B. Bauer

EM of Holy Communion

Sr. C. Gretka, C. Irving

Ministers of Hospitality

J. Solinski, M. & B. Windy

Cross Bearer

J. Stanolis

Candle Bearers

M. & D. Knox

SUNDAY, FEB. 20—8:30 AM

Sacristan

Y. Neil

Lector 1

K. Wahr

Lector 2

J. Penkala

EM of Holy Communion

S. Rajewski, R. Rivard

Ministers of Hospitality

R. Collier, M. LaFave, M. LeFevre

Cross Bearer

B. Collier

Candle Bearers

R. & S. Collier

SUNDAY, FEB. 20—11:00 AM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector 1

T. Baker

Lector 2

R. Campbell

EM of Holy Communion

M.A. Cole, A. Herm

Ministers of Hospitality

D. & S. Hamel, L. Mena

Cross Bearer

R. Grzegorzczak

Candle Bearers

D. & J. Grzegorzczak



**WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE &
SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

6:30 PM † Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26

12:00 PM † Mass

3:30 PM Worship Commission Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33

6:30 PM Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

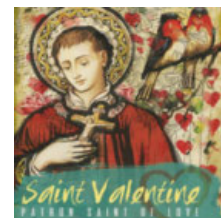
5:00 PM † Vigil Mass-For the intention of Wayne Reid

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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 Jack Peters
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.

Email: office@scsparish.com or call: (989)684-1203

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


 As of January 24th
 we have received
73% of our pledges
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**STEWARDSHIP
FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

\$14,667.00

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

\$387,826.44

BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE

\$366,465.00

Our parish is grateful for your continued support.

Thank you for your generosity!

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This weekend we celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel passage from Luke, we hear his account of the Beatitudes. Most of us are familiar with the traditional eight Beatitudes which appear in Matthew's Gospel. Unlike Matthew's account which takes place on a mountain, in Luke's account Jesus "*stands on a level stretch of ground*" with a great crowd of disciples, and a large number of people. One is the sermon on the mount and the other is the sermon on the plain. **You may wonder: what is the difference if Jesus speaks from a mountain or on level ground?** The geographic location each evangelist uses represents a difference in theology and the particular emphasis for each community hearing the message. Luke's setting reflects a "down-to-earth" message regarding inclusion in the kingdom of God. As in last week's Gospel, the wide net cast deep into the sea represented God's great love and desire to save all people, in this week's Gospel, Luke reflects the same concept. The poor, the hungry, the sorrowing, and those hated, excluded, and insulted because of their belief in the Son of Man are especially loved by Jesus who knows their plight. He, too, was poor, persecuted, hated, and put to death. **Jesus could say with certainty that God is in the midst of all that humanity endures.** It is not society that dictates who is favored by God, but God who embraces all with his unconditional love. Whereas the culture in which Jesus lived believed that the poor, the hungry, the suffering etc. had sinned and were being punished because of that sin, Jesus assures those gathered: "*Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.*" The hungry will be satisfied, the sorrowing will laugh, and the persecuted will experience a great reward in heaven. This is "down-to-earth" theology concerning the kingdom of God. Luke's four Beatitudes are followed by four "woes" reminding all who think they "have it made" that they must reflect upon their attitudes, their complacency, and the judgments they make concerning others less fortunate than themselves. We ourselves know people who seem to have everything and yet are not happy, nor do they realize their blessings; in most cases, it is that relationship with God or the Church that is missing, along with the understanding and deep down feeling that God alone is enough. As we reflect upon today's Gospel, let us take to heart the words of Jesus and reflect upon our priorities as disciples of Jesus who belong to the kingdom of God. How can we encourage others to join us as companions at the Table of the Eucharist? – a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, for rich and poor alike – the feast in which all who hunger will be filled, all who weep will laugh, and all who are persecuted will rejoice.

Blessings on your week!
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ

DIOCESAN NEWS

BREAKING OPEN THE SYNOD PRAYER



**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.**

Many of our saints have prayed that their wills be united to the will of God, and that is our prayer here: that together we are joined together with the Spirit as we journey toward eternal life. Our destination is heaven, where we will be in perfect communion with God and with each other. Our communion this side of heaven may not be perfect, but we can work on it. The Synodal Process may be challenging because it demands that we listen to one another. We must hear the stories of our brothers and sisters who are different from us. We are moving forward together in communion, and as long as we let the Spirit who is Wisdom and Love lead us, we will remain on the right and true path.

PARISH MINISTRY NOTES

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS & NOTES

Due to the marked increase in Bay County of COVID19 and influenza cases the **Altar Society Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday February 16th, is cancelled.** The next meeting will be Wednesday April 20th 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 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

SAGINAW CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

"Swimming Upstream: Living a Catholic Life in a Pagan World." Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 8AM—3PM at St. Hyacinth Church, 1515 Cass Ave. Register online at www.eventbrite.com by February 22nd for special pricing of \$25. You may also register at the door beginning at 7:30AM -cost \$30.

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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