



# Saint Catherine of Siena Parish of Bay City

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## 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**

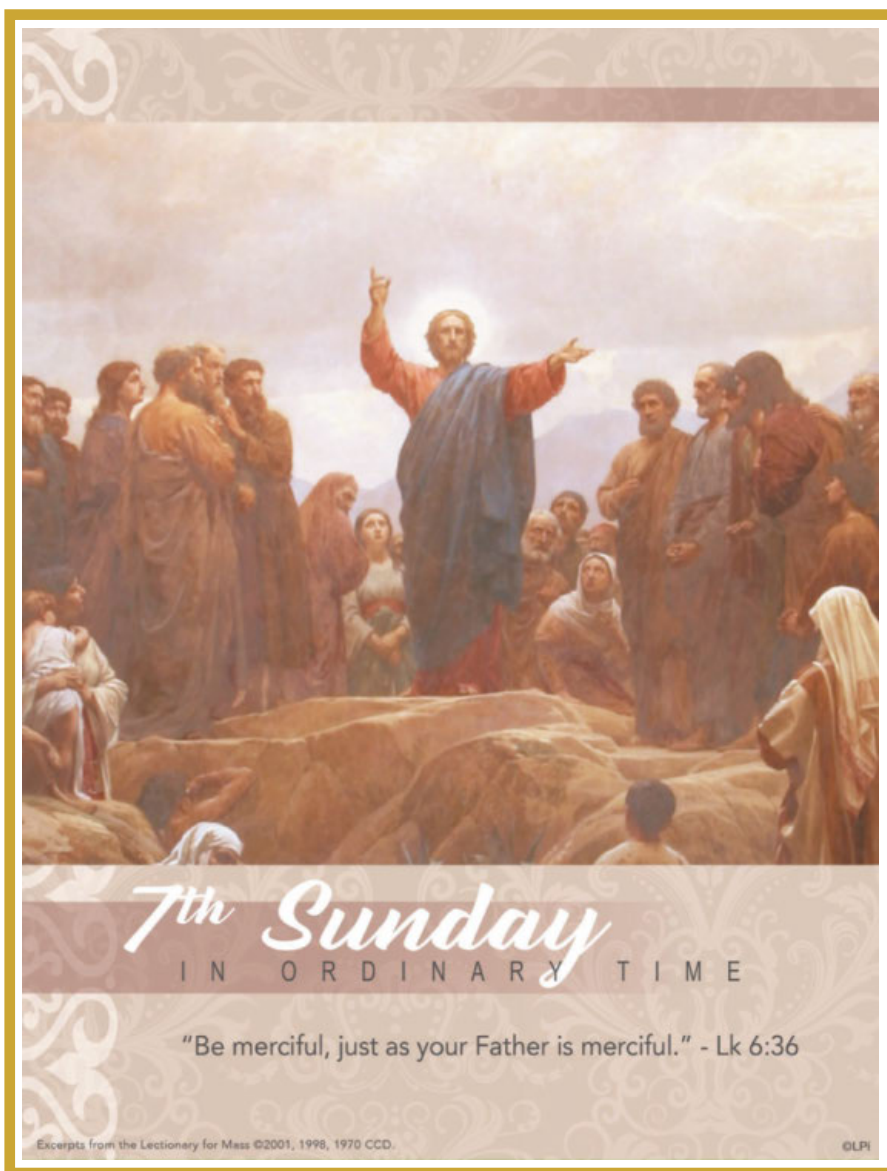
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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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 20, 2022



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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**TUESDAY, FEB. 22—6:30 PM**

### *Sacristan*

Sr. C. Gretka

### *Lector*

P. Lucke

### *Cross Bearer*

C. Peters

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23—12:00 PM**

### *Sacristan*

J. Stanolis

### *Lector*

Sr. C. Gretka

### *EM of Holy Communion*

D. Knox

### *Cross Bearer*

D. Velasquez

**SATURDAY, FEB. 26—5:00 PM**

### *Sacristan*

Sr. C. Gretka

### *Lector 1 Lector 2*

M. Smekar T. Smith

### *EM of Holy Communion*

J. & D. Stanolis

### *Ministers of Hospitality*

J. Solinski, M. & B. Windy

### *Cross Bearer*

C. Peters

### *Candle Bearers*

A. & R. Gurnee

**SUNDAY, FEB. 27—8:30 AM**

### *Sacristan*

Sr. C. Gretka

### *Lector 1 Lector 2*

B. Yahn S. LaBo

### *EM of Holy Communion*

E. & K. LaPlant

### *Ministers of Hospitality*

D. & Y. Neil, B. Walters

### *Cross Bearer*

R. Neil

### *Candle Bearers*

F. & S. Toevis

**SUNDAY, FEB. 27—11:00 AM**

### *Sacristan*

M.A. Cole

### *Lector 1 Lector 2*

V. Vozniak L. Vozniak

### *EM of Holy Communion*

M. Fox, Sr. C. Gretka

### *Ministers of Hospitality*

D. Hamel, L. Mena, D. Rivet

### *Cross Bearer*

S. Hamel

### *Candle Bearers*

Z. Grzegorzczak, J. Vozniak

## WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE &

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 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  
CGS / Faith Formation  
9:30 AM † Mass-For the intention of Jack Peters  
11:00 AM † Youth Ministry  
12:00 PM

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

*Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29*

4:30 PM Faith Formation Commission Meeting

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

*1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19*

6:30 PM † Mass

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

*Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40*

12:00 PM † Mass

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

*Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50*

6:30 PM Choir

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

*Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12*

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

*Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16*

5:00 PM † Vigil Mass-For the intention of Dorothy Reder

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45*

8:30 AM † Mass-For the intentions of our parish homebound  
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 Monty Biskup, Larry R. Duchane, Sally Duchane, Betty Gladden, Debra Lijewski, Rita Korinek, William Korinek, Helen Loughner, Terry Stevens and Laurie Watts.

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

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Collection and budget information for February 13, 2022 will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.



As of January 24th we have received 73% of our pledges for a total of \$71,305.80.

Thank you!

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

## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

**This weekend we celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.** The Gospel passage from Luke immediately follows the account of the Beatitudes (and “Woes”) we heard last Sunday. Remember, that was a bit of a shock for the disciples, as well as for us, as they, and we realized who has favor in God’s sight: the poor, the hungry, the sorrowing, the persecuted – in other words, all have favor, even the marginalized. The “haves” and the “have-nots” need to take that message to heart. In this Gospel of reversal, the rich, those who are filled, those who laugh, and those who are persecuted have no assurance that their lives may not be turned upside down. **With this background from last week, Jesus continues to challenge the disciples, and the great reversal continues.** Jesus says, *“To those who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”* That’s a hard pill to swallow for a culture that believes in revenge: “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” Even for those of us who don’t believe in taking revenge upon another, it is a difficult hurdle to overcome to love one’s enemies. Most of us, if not all of us, have had painful and hurtful moments in our lives, times when other have intentionally or unintentionally inflicted pain upon us, and times when we have been persecuted or bullied. How can we not have ill feelings toward those who have hurt us deeply? **First, if we think love is a feeling, we won’t ever be able to love our enemies.** Secondly, if we believe that it is only through prayer and the grace of God that we come to forgive our enemies, let alone love them, then we may come to understand what loving our enemies means. In his book, *The Four Loves*, C.S. Lewis (the same author of the Chronicles of Narnia) outlines four kinds of love: Affection (*storge*), Friendship (*philia*), Romantic (*eros*), and Charity (*agape*). **Jesus does not expect us to have affection for our enemies, nor does he expect us to become friends with our enemies, nor does he expect the kind of passionate love which is part of spousal love.** However, Jesus does expect *agape* love from us. This is the unconditional love given to all by the Father through his Son, Jesus. Affection, friendship, and romantic love help lead us toward learning and growing in charity: *agape* love. It is the love we sing about in our Communion hymn today: *Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est – Where Charity and love prevail, there God is (ever found).* **As disciples of Christ, we are called to the same love Jesus offers us.** God withholds love from no one. It may take us a lifetime to learn how to pray for our enemies and “love” those who persecute us. Keep in mind that Jesus summed up the whole law in the following: Love God with your whole heart and your neighbor as yourself.

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

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### BREAKING OPEN THE SYNOD PRAYER



**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.**

Whether we pray together or individually, we’re asking for something amazing! We’re asking the Holy Spirit to move in and move among us. This is the same Spirit who was there at the beginning of time; the same Spirit who descended at Pentecost; the same Spirit who has touched the hearts of sinners and unbelievers with the grace of conversion, and who has inspired saints, believers, movements, councils and synods and in ways we cannot comprehend. The same Spirit who is eternally in communion with the Father and Son in the Holy Trinity. The Spirit is always on the move and is moving with us during this Synod.

## PARISH MINISTRY NOTES

### S.V.D.P. SOCIETY REPORT

Because of the generosity of our parishioners, the SVDP Food Pantry was able to serve 8 families consisting of 17 adults and 15 children with food during the month of January. Food given was valued at \$1,250.00 and members traveled 118 miles and worked 49 hours to be of assistance. Thank you.

### WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Margaret Burke and Phillip & Brenda Capp who have recently joined the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Community. We are happy that you are here!

### SAVE THE DATE

The SERVW Sale returns to Saint Catherine of Siena Parish the weekend of March 19th and 20th. Watch future bulletins for more information.

*We express heartfelt sympathy and offer prayers to the family of Jean Buda who recently passed away.  
May Jean now rest in the arms of our  
loving God and may God comfort her 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.



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