



# 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, MARCH 6, 2022



## First Sunday of Lent

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 8—6:30 PM**

**Sacristan**

C. Peters

**Lector**

Sr. C. Gretka

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9—12:00 PM**

**Sacristan**

Sr. C. Gretka

**Lector**

D. Velasquez

**EM of Holy Communion**

M. A. Cole

**Cross Bearer**

J. Stanolis

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12—5:00 PM**

**Sacristan**

C. Peters

**Lector 1**

M. Smekar

**Lector 2**

B. Windy

**EM of Holy Communion**

Sr. C. Gretka, M. Smekar

**Ministers of Hospitality**

D. Gerulski, J. Solinski, M. Windy

**Cross Bearer**

J. Stanolis

**Candle Bearers**

A. & R. Gurnee

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13—8:30 AM**

**Sacristan**

Sr. C. Gretka

**Lector 1**

H. Gill

**Lector 2**

J. Penkala

**EM of Holy Communion**

B. MacMillan, Y. Neil

**Ministers of Hospitality**

T. Buchalski, B. & D. Callaghan

**Cross Bearer**

M. Suchy

**Candle Bearers**

F. & S. Toevs

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13—11:00 AM**

**Sacristan**

M.A. Cole

**Lector 1**

C. Krawczyk-Miller

**Lector 2**

A. Miller

**EM of Holy Communion**

A. Herm, Sr. C. Gretka

**Ministers of Hospitality**

J. & P. Kwapiszewski, D. Rivet

**Cross Bearer**

S. Hamel

**Candle Bearers**

D. & Z. Grzegorzcyk

**STEWARDSHIP**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

\$13,447.35

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

\$398,777.79

**BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE**

\$388,675.00

**FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

\$8,813.10

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

\$407,590.89

**BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE**

\$399,780.00

**WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE & SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

*Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13*

8:30 AM	†	Mass-For the intentions of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family
9:30 AM		CGS / Faith Formation
9:40AM		Catechism 101
11:00 AM	†	Mass
12:00 PM		Youth Ministry

**MONDAY, MARCH 7**

*Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

*Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15*

9:15 am		SVDP Society Meeting
10:00 AM		ASAP Knitting Ministry
4:00 PM		Faith Factor Book Club
6:30 PM	†	Mass

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

*Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32*

12:00 PM	†	Mass
1:45 PM		Staff Meeting
6:00 PM		Stations of the Cross

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**

*Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12*

6:30 PM		Choir
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**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

*Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26*

7:00 PM—11:30 PM		Christian Coffee House
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

*Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48*

5:00 PM	†	Vigil Mass
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

*Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36*

8:30 AM	†	Mass-For the intentions of Dorothy Tithof and Sharon Rau
9:30 AM		CGS / Faith Formation
11:00 AM	†	Mass-For the intentions of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family
12:00 PM		Youth Ministry
12:00 PM		Synod Listening Session

**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

Our parish is grateful for your continued support.

Thank you for your generosity!

## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

**This past week, we began the holy season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday.** As we do each year, we answered the call to continued conversion. In solidarity with all who are preparing for Baptism and the sacraments of Initiation, we began a 40-day retreat: one in which we strive to deepen our relationship with Christ. **As we recall our own Baptism, we ask ourselves where we have fallen short in being faithful disciples of Christ.** We embrace the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and we reflect upon our need for forgiveness and reconciliation. We journey together with Jesus who gave his life totally for all that we might have life. **This Sunday, we journey with Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit following his baptism in the Jordan River, and led by the Spirit into the desert.** He remains there forty days and is tempted by the devil. Jesus, who was fully God (Son of God) and fully human (Son of Man), experienced all things that we do, which includes temptation. Being God, however, Jesus triumphs over temptation; he was *"like us in all things but sin."* **Note that the temptations of Jesus parallel the temptations of Adam and Eve in the garden and those of the Jewish people during the Exodus when for forty years they wandered in the desert.** Israel failed but Jesus triumphed. Jesus knew who he was and what his mission was. In the first temptation, Jesus did not let his physical hunger for food surpass his understanding that *"One does not live on bread alone."* He knows his mission includes feeding the hungry and ultimately providing them with the bread of eternal life. **In the second temptation, when Jesus is promised all the kingdoms of the world, he knows that his kingdom is not of this world and that God's plan of salvation does not rest on worldly power and glory.** Jesus must suffer death on the cross and his glory resides in God the Father who raises him from the dead. It is to God the Father that all power and glory belong. **Thus, Jesus tells the devil: "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone shall you serve."** In the final temptation, the devil takes Jesus to the parapet of the temple and says to him, *"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down"* for it is written that *"God will command his angels to guard you..."* Jesus realizes that the tempter is misinterpreting psalm 91 and dismisses it by replying: *"You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."* The Gospel passage ends noting that devil departs from Jesus for a time. That means he will return. **The temptations of Jesus and his response teach us how we ourselves are tempted and how we can overcome temptation.** It is simply in realizing who we are and who we are called to be, sons and daughters of God, who depend upon God's grace each day of our lives to triumph over the temptations we face and knowing we will be tested again and again as Jesus himself was.

**Blessings on your Lenten Journey in the Desert!**  
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ



As of February 17th we have received 75% of our pledges for a total of \$73,405.80.

Thank you!

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

## PARISH MINISTRY NOTES

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Catechism 101 with Sister Chris and Father Jim**  
**Sundays from 9:40 AM—10:15 AM**

- March 6 The Sacrament of Reconciliation Celebrating God's Forgiveness
- March 20 Reconciliation-Coming Home To God
- April 3 Examine Your Conscience With The Ten Commandments

**Faith Factor Book Club—Tuesdays at 4:00 PM**  
March 8, March 22 and April 5

*(Please note that the Book Club will meet at 4pm not 6:30pm as previously stated)*

**Stations of the Cross—Wednesday, March 9**  
at 6:00 PM

**Lenten Evening Prayer— Wednesday, March 23**  
and April 6 at 6:00 PM

**Taize Prayer—Wednesday, March 30 at 6:00 PM**

### SERRV SALE

Plan to shop at the SERRV sale before and after Masses the weekend of March 19th & 20th. SERRV International is a fair trade organization that works to empower artisans and farmers worldwide by selling their beautiful handcrafts. By shopping the sale you help them build better lives for themselves and their families.

*Sister Chris & St. Catherine of Siena Parish,*

*We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your participation in the 9 Days for Life Novena 2022. Every event, video, resource and prayer was led by the Holy Spirit to inspire all who tirelessly work to protect the sanctity of Life. We pray that the hearts of those who fail to respect the dignity of all persons will be opened through the prayers, music and teachings that were shared so beautifully.*

*Together in Christ, Planning Committee Members  
Cormac Lynn, Peg McEvoy, Fr. Jim Bessert, Erin Carlson, Chris Pham, Deacon Larry Gayton, Don Buchalski and Lori Becker*

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### FIRST FRIDAYS

Join us for Mass on Friday, March 11 at 11AM followed by a meatless lunch at noon and an informal presentation by Bishop Gruss at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw. **Please note that this gathering will take place on the second Friday of March.** Registration is required only if you will attend the lunch and/or the informal presentation.



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