



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

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Liturgical Ministries

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& Chance Stodolak

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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, MARCH 20, 2022



Third Sunday of Lent

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 22—6:30 PM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector

B. Bauer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23—12:00 PM

Sacristan

M.A. Cole

Lector

Sr. C. Gretka

EM of Holy Communion

D. Knox

Cross Bearer

J. Stanolis

SATURDAY, MARCH 26—5:00 PM

Sacristan

J. Stanolis

Lector 1 Lector 2

D. Stanolis T. Smith

EM of Holy Communion

Sr. C. Gretka, S. Labo

Ministers of Hospitality

D. Gerulski, M. Knox, J. Solinski

Cross Bearer

D. Knox

Candle Bearers

A. & R. Gurnee

SUNDAY, MARCH 27—8:30 AM

Sacristan

Y. Neil

Lector 1 Lector 2

B. Yahn H. Gill

EM of Holy Communion

E. & K. LaPlant

Ministers of Hospitality

R. Collier, M. LeFave, M. LeFevre

Cross Bearer

R. Neil

Candle Bearers

F. & S. Toevs

SUNDAY, MARCH 27—11:00 AM

Sacristan

M.A. Cole

Lector 1 Lector 2

L. Vozniak V. Vozniak

EM of Holy Communion

P. & N. Samolewski

Ministers of Hospitality

L. Mena, J. & L. Staudacher

Cross Bearer

S. Hamel

Candle Bearers

J. & R. Grzegorzcyk

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE & SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

SERRV Sale before and after Masses

8:30 AM † Mass-For the intentions of our Parish Homebound

9:40 AM Catechism 101

11:00 AM † Mass-For the intentions of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family

MONDAY, MARCH 21

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

4:30 PM Faith Formation Commission Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

4:00 PM Faith Factor Book Club

6:30 PM † Mass-For the intention of Anna M. Szafranski

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

12:00 PM † Mass

3:00 PM Art & Environment Meeting

6:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

3:30 PM First Eucharist Meeting for Parents & Children

6:30 PM Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

10:00 AM First Eucharist Meeting for Parents & Children

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 AM † Mass-For the intentions of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family

9:30 AM Synod Listening Session

9:30 AM CGS / FF

11:00 AM † Mass-For the intention of Jennifer Herm Krauss

12:00 PM Youth Ministry

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our homebound and sick, including Amanda Bilinski, Larry R. Duchane, Sally Duchane, Betty Gladden, Gary Gwizdala, Debra Lijewski, Rita Korinek, William Korinek, Helen Loughner, Carrie Nevin, Terry Stevens and Laurie Watts.

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 13, 2022

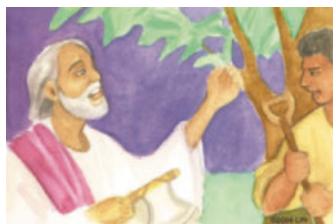
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FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

\$432,083.89

BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE

\$421,990.00



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent. In the second part of today's Gospel account, we journey into the orchard with Jesus as he tells the parable of the fig tree. It has been three years and a certain tree has not yet produced any fruit. The owner of the orchard tells the gardener to cut it down. However, the gardener says, "*Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.*" **I read somewhere that sometimes it takes fruit trees two to four years before they begin producing fruit.** Also, a fruit tree may produce exceptionally good fruit one year and nothing the next year because of exhausting itself the previous year. Of course, caring for trees demands having certain soil conditions and proper pruning. I learned that fig trees are sturdy trees and that it takes a long drought and a great deal of neglect before they come to a point of being barren. **The orchard owner in the Gospel may not have been aware of all these variables, but the gardener certainly was.** The orchard owner was willing to cut the tree down before it was mature enough to bear fruit. That would have been a mistake. The gardener, on the other hand was patient, was willing to give the tree another chance along with his own "tender, loving care." **This is the way our compassionate and loving God looks upon us.** He knows our potential in being faithful disciples. He knows that we don't always use our natural gifts or those bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit in the best way. If we are open to receiving it, God gives us grace in an abundance: in our prayer, in the sacraments we celebrate, in the Scriptures, and through the people he sends into our lives. **God never gives up on us.** At those times that we do not bear fruit, when we are experiencing pain or grief, when we are distracted by other things that cause us to lose focus on what it means to be authentic disciples, when we sin, or when we stray from God, he doesn't cut us off. God continues to provide the conditions in which we can grow, the environment in which we can blossom, and continued opportunities to glorify him and his name.

Please join us for Lenten Evening Prayer this Wednesday at 6:00 PM. We will especially keep the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

I encourage you to sign up for one of the parish synod sessions if you have not already done so. Please bring a friend with you. There is one session scheduled next Sunday between the 8:30 and 11:00 AM Masses and another at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 30. Both will take place in the parish center.

Blessings on your Lenten Journey!
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ



As of March 7th we have received 77% of our pledges for a total of \$74,455.80.

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 20 Reconciliation-Coming Home To God
- April 3 Examine Your Conscience With The Ten Commandments

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

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

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

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Steve and Theresa Bannister who have recently joined the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Community. We are happy that you are here!

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

A special envelope is included in your envelope packet for Easter Flower Offerings, made in memory or honor of your loved one(s). Your donations help cover the cost of flowers used to decorate the church for Easter. Please print names clearly on the envelope for the list that will be posted of all those memorialized and honored. Thank you.

VICARIATE PENANCE LITURGIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 27th at 2:00 PM

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish
Saint Hyacinth Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd at 2:00 PM

Our Lady of Peace Parish

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4012 FISH FRY

Fish Fry's will be held at the K of C Hall, 360 S. River Rd., Bay City on Friday, March 25 and April 15 from noon to 6PM or sold out. Menu includes perch, cod, baked potato, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, bread and dessert. Adults \$15; 12 and under \$7. Take out only.

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