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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

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Sacramental Minister

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Liturgical Ministries

Debbie Knox

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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, MAY 8, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS
TUESDAY, MAY 10—6:30 PM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector

P. Lucke

Cross Bearer

C. Peters

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11—12:00 PM

Sacristan

M.A.Cole

Lector

S. LaBo

EM of Holy Communion

Sr. C. Gretka

Cross Bearer

D. Velasquez

SATURDAY, MAY 14—5:00 PM

Sacristan

J. Stanolis

Lector 1 Lector 2

M. Smekar T. Sullivan

EM of Holy Communion

S. LaBo, M. Smekar

Ministers of Hospitality

D. Gerulski, M. & B. Windy

Cross Bearer

C. Peters

Candle Bearers

Needed

SUNDAY, MAY 15—8:30 AM

Sacristan

Y. Neil

Lector 1 Lector 2

K. Wahr B. Yahn

EM of Holy Communion

H. Gill, S. Rajewski

Ministers of Hospitality

T. Buchalski, D. Neil, B. Walters

Cross Bearer

B. Collier

Candle Bearers

R. & S. Collier

SUNDAY, MAY 15—11:00 AM

Sacristan

Sr. C. Gretka

Lector 1 Lector 2

N. Rivet P. Lucke

EM of Holy Communion

R. & J. Kleinau

Ministers of Hospitality

J. & P. Kwapiszewski, C. Peters

Cross Bearer

R. Grzegorzcyk

Candle Bearers

J. & D. Grzegorzcyk



WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE & SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 8

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

8:30 AM † Mass: Intentions for the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family
9:30 AM CGS / FF
11:00 AM † Mass: Intentions for Joanne Strope
12:00 PM Youth Ministry

MONDAY, MAY 9

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

4:00 PM Faith Formation Commission Meeting
6:30—8:30 PM VIRTUS Training Session

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

9:15 AM SVDP Society Meeting
10:00 AM ASAP Knitting Ministry
1:00 PM Adult Study—The Creed
4:00 PM Faith Factor Book Club
6:30 PM † Mass: Intentions for Stanley, Florence and Richard Gatza

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

12:00 PM † Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

6:00 PM Adult Study—The Creed
6:30 PM Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

7:00—11:30 PM Christian Coffee House

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Saint Mathias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

5:00 PM † Vigil Mass: Intentions for the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Family

SUNDAY, MAY 15

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

8:30 AM † Mass
11:00 AM † Mass with First Eucharist

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our homebound and sick, including, Larry R. Duchane, Sally Duchane, Gary Gwizdala, Marge Jezewski, Ann Kaidan, Rita Korinek, William Korinek, Becky Kruzell, Al Loughner, 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



STEWARDSHIP

MAY 1, 2022

\$12,157.00

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

\$511,599.14

BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE

\$499,725.00

**As of May 1st we have received 79% of our pledges for a total of \$77,040.80.**
Thank you!
Please help us reach our goal of \$97,421.00

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The Gospel passage from John is very brief. It is a continuation of the discourse in chapter 10 in which Jesus begins by saying, "I am the Good Shepherd." **Jesus conveys a great deal in a few words.** He knows us through and through and is confident that we will hear his voice and follow him. Jesus gives his sheep eternal life, says they will not perish, and that no one will take them from him. He tells us about his relationship to the Father. He concludes by saying, "The Father and I are one." These are powerful words. **This Easter Season we take 50 days to celebrate and reflect upon the Resurrection of Christ and the gift of eternal life he has promised us.** May we continue to follow in his ways and be true to our discipleship. We know that Christ will be with us always and will never fail us. No matter what challenges or difficulties we encounter, the Good Shepherd will not let harm come to us. In times of uncertainty, we learn to place our trust in Christ who makes all things new.

Happy Mothers' Day to all Mothers! On this day, in a special way, we honor our mothers who are living, and we also remember our mothers who have gone before us in faith. As we express our gratitude for mothers this day, let us give thanks to God for all who serve in the role of mother: mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, adopted mothers, and spiritual mothers. May God continue to bless their lives with his goodness and love! May they continue to show us the loving, caring, compassionate, tender, and nurturing face of God and teach us to be that for others.

Don't forget to turn in your stewardship forms – whether you are volunteering for the first time or whether you have been part of some aspect of ministry within our parish for years. Extra forms are available in the gathering space at church. Completed forms may be placed in the collection basket, dropped off at the parish office, or mailed to the parish. The Stewardship Commission will be meeting on May 11th and are looking forward to your responses.

Please join us in celebrating Kim's Retirement by joining us for 12:00 Noon Mass this Wednesday and taking the opportunity after Mass to congratulate Kim and wish her well. If you are unable to join us Wednesday but want to send a card, please drop it off or mail it to the parish office. Hopefully, you saw my article last weekend about Kim, her retirement, and the great gift she has been to our parish. **We will truly miss her!**

Blessings on this fifty-day Easter Season!
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES NOLAN AND ALANA LAPLANT



Nolan LaPlant and Alana Bushinski were joined in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on April 30th. May God bless them with a lifetime of joy and happiness.

PARISH MINISTRY NOTES

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Shawn and Jenna Proulx and their son Graham, and Kevin Coffey who have recently joined the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Community. We are happy that you are here!

ALTAR SOCIETY MAY MEETING

You are cordially invited to the May 18th Meeting of the Altar Society at UNO's on Wilder Rd. Share a glass of fellowship at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. A short business meeting to follow. New faces welcome! Please RSVP to Ilene: 989-684-7863 or Flo: 989-686-5532 by May 15th.

SPRING BLOSSOMS

Our annual Spring Blossoms Campaign to benefit LifeClinic and Abortion Alternatives is currently underway. Please select a tag from the tree in the gathering area of church and return the item, unwrapped, by Sunday, May 22nd. Monetary donations will be given to our parish knitting ministry, A Stitch and A Prayer, to purchase yarn for the many items they make and donate. Thank you for your support!

MASS WITH GRADUATES



High School and College Graduates, we need to hear from you! We are having our Mass with Graduates to celebrate you and your accomplishments on Sunday, June 5th at the 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon for you and your families. If you are graduating and would like to be added to the list for your wonderful accomplishment, please email Judy Kram at judy@scsparish.com or Lori Marsh at lori@scsparish.com, or call the parish office at 989-684-1203. We can't wait to hear from you!

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life - children, grandchildren, students, and friends - to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.





BLESSING OF MOTHERS

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

*God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share
your generative love.*

*Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.*

*Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.*

*We ask this through Jesus,
God's Son and our brother.
Amen.*

LET MI KIDS LEARN PETITION DRIVE

The Let MI Kids Learn petition drive is underway to promote educational justice legislation. Michigan children from low-income families would qualify for "Student Opportunity Scholarships" toward their out-of-pocket educational costs at public or nonpublic schools for tutoring, school supplies, computers, and tuition among other expenses. Donors to scholarship organizations would receive a state tax credit. Low-income parishioners and members of our community would benefit from this initiated legislation, regardless of where they send their children to school. The petitions would place this proposal before the legislature, and, if approved, would not require the governor's signature to become law. As this is a nonpartisan effort, Catholic parishes and schools are allowed to circulate petitions. The Catholic Bishops of Michigan support this effort. **Please prayerfully consider signing the two required petitions located in the gathering area of church,** to create the scholarship program and tax credits to improve the education of Michigan's school children.

DIOCESAN NEWS

PERMANENT DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM

Is God calling you to be a deacon? **Once every four years the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw accepts applications for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program, and the deadline for applying is coming up on May 15, 2022.** If you or any men you know believe they may have a calling to serve as a deacon, please contact Dr. Dan Osborn at 989-797-6662 or diaconate@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

MINISTRIES DAY

The Office of Parish Life and Evangelization will be hosting a Day of Enrichment for all who minister in our parishes and community on Saturday, June 4, 2022. This event will be held at the Center for Ministry beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending with 4:00 p.m. Mass. Bishop Robert Gruss will be keynote with many relevant breakout sessions being offered. More details to come soon.

Job Opportunity: Office Professional Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Seeking a strong, faith-filled person with knowledge of the Catholic Church teachings and practices, including liturgy and the sacramental life of a parish. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel programs. Must have excellent organizational, writing, and proof-reading skills and a minimum of 5 years of experience working with a pastoral team or staff. For an application and more information, please contact Sister Chris Gretka or Debbie Knox. You may also consult Saginaw.org for an application and full job description. Deadline for application is May 31.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ALL SAINTS ATHLETIC CLUB SUMMER CASH RAFFLE

During the month of June there will be four \$500 cash drawings and twenty six \$50 cash drawings. Ticket cost is \$10 and are good for the entire month. Please call Dinah at 989-659-2753 to purchase tickets.

CHICKEN DINNER

Knights of Columbus #4102, 360 S. River Rd., Bay City, is having a Drive thru Chicken Dinner (Take Out Only) on Sunday May 15th from 11 AM till 4 PM. Dinners are \$10 and include: 1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Coleslaw, Bread and Dessert.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our Shepherd

Faithful Shepherd,
you know each member of your flock.
Open our hearts and minds
to see your presence in the world.
As the Good Shepherd,
you hear and answer our prayer.
May we allow your voice to resound
in our hearts.

Guide us to understand
that no matter who we are
or where we are in this world,
we are all members of your flock.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 8, 2022
Accompanying One Another

Today's readings: Acts 13:14, 43–52; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b–17; John 10:27–30. Why does it seem that differences in culture, religion, or preferences frighten people? This appears to be the situation in the first reading today. The Jews grew jealous when Paul and Barnabas included the Gentiles in a Sabbath gathering. One group saw themselves as more deserving than the other and grew angry and violent. They wanted to keep the faith contained among those like themselves.

In the Gospel, Jesus identifies his sheep as those who “hear my voice” and “follow me.” Jesus gives them “eternal life.” Jesus’ sheep only need to hear his voice and follow him. It seems so simple, yet often people complicate

Christianity as they judge by appearances. Fear can lead to anger and ultimately to excluding people who have many gifts and talents to offer our communities.

When fearful of others, it is essential to pray for the grace to see people as God sees them, to recognize the presence of God within those who come to us seeking to join our journey of faith. Our prayer should lead us to treat each person with dignity and respect. May we strive to imitate the reverence for others that is apparent in Pope Francis’ statement: “The Church will have to initiate everyone—priests, religious and laity—into this ‘art of accompaniment’ which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other” (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 169).



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