



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, December 16: VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. – † Michael and Theresa Marino by Cheryl

SUNDAY, December 17: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. MASS – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Monday, December 18: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Special Intention by Anonymous

Tuesday, December 19: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Shirley Warner by Bob and Ann Gilliland

Wednesday, December 20: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Special Intention of my Family by Mary

Thursday, December 21: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. MASS – † David Kalinowski by Keats and Janet Daschbach

Friday, December 22: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. MASS – † Dr. David Miller by Mary and Family

SATURDAY, December 23: VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. – † Joan Renninger by Mary Leonard and Family

SUNDAY, December 24: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. MASS Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Mass Schedule:

December 23, 2023 (Saturday): **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA** Mass Schedule: 5:00 p.m.

December 24, 2023 (Sunday): **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA** Mass Schedule: 9:00 a.m.

December 24, 2023 (Sunday): **CHRISTMAS MASS AT St. CATHERINE OF SIENA** Mass Schedule: 4:00 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation

December 25, 2023 (Monday): **CHRISTMAS MASS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA** Mass Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation

January 1st, 2024 – Mary, Mother of God is **NOT A HOLYDAY THIS YEAR**

Regular Mass Schedule for weekend of December 30th – January 1st is normal times.

Mass on Saturday, December 30th is 5:00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, December 31 is 9:00 a.m.

Mass on Monday, January 1st is at 8:00 a.m. Regular 8:00 a.m. Masses the week of January 1st thru January 4th.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 23/24 2023

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Ed McGarvey	Volunteer		Andrea Christoff Volunteer
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Brown	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe		Marcia Slates Volunteer

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 24/25 2023

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sunday 4:00 p.m.	Maggie Stiffler	Julian Weirich Abe Weirich Quinn Weirich	Volunteer	Mary Lyons Andrea Christoff
Monday 9:00 a.m.	Beth Lear	Volunteer	Volunteer	Marcia Slates Will Crouse Beth Lear

Pro-Life Corner 2023



Dec. 17 -“God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us.”
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen “The very purpose of Christ’s coming into the world was that he might offer up His life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas.”Rev. Billy Graham

December 17, 2023 – Third Sunday of Advent

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. ‘Gaudete’ is a Latin word meaning ‘rejoice’. The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing. The more we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more we will be filled with joy.

We can become like John the Baptist, in today’s Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet. “A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to the light....He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.” This is our calling too, to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior, by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care. Our actions and our priorities themselves give testimony to all that God has done in our lives. What a privilege!

When God himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any ‘clutter’ in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.



SANCTUARY CANDLE:
Poor Souls



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, December 23, 2023: Volunteers
Sunday, December 24, 2023: Volunteers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:
Sunday, December 17, 2023: Dennis Drake
Sunday, December 24, 2023: Postponed



Birthdays Lisa Callahan, Mary Hancock, Jess Whitsel.

December 2023 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine			
Date/Mass	Readers	Altar Servers	Ministers
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 2, 2023	Maggie Stiffler	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Andrea Christoff
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 3, 2023	Dennis Drake	Maria Mellott Bella Starr Juliam Weirich	Will Crouse Volunteer
8:00 p.m. Saturday December 9, 2023	Louise Ketner	Volunteer	Louise Ketner Kathy Lantz
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 10, 2023	Suzanne Brown	Quinn Weirich Nolan Starr Abe Weirich	Marcia Slates Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 16, 2023	Dayton Shugarts	Guy Kumpf	Mary Lyons Maria Danish
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 17, 2023	Louise Ketner	Dane Varner Jax McCartney Juliam Weirich	Louise Ketner Will Crouse
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 23, 2023	Ed McGarvey	Volunteer	Andrea Christoff Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 24, 2023	Suzanne Brown	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe	Marcia Slates Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 30, 2023	Cathy Wilson	Maggie Stiffler	Kathy Lantz Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 31, 2023	Dennis Drake	Maria Mellott Bella Starr Abe Weirich	Will Crouse Volunteer

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants:

By appointment, preferably celebrated within the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, families, regardless of religious affiliation, are encouraged to attend and participate in Baptismal Sacramental Preparation and Celebration. Sponsor certificate must be received at the Parish Office if the sponsors are not members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church.

Becoming Catholic:

This is an ongoing journey of preparation. We invite all who are interested to contact the Parish Office or drop a note into the collection basket with your intention to become a Catholic, your name, address and telephone number to contact you for further information. Sacrament of Baptism or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be celebrated at Easter Vigil.