

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 23, 2025—Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to actively participate in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

- Lk 6:38

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish
is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community
through worship, witness, and service.*

St. Catherine of Siena Church is a Tompkins County Living Wage Employer

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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Office Hours: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

MINISTRY TEAM

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315-252-7111

Please contact the Finance Office with any questions regarding contributions to the parish.

TRUSTEES

Bob Pochily, Mary Crosley

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Pastoral Council minutes available at stcathofsiena.org/pastoral-council-minutes

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration forms are available on our website or through the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing for the Needy

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

Blue Mutual Aid Food Cabinet

We host a blue food cabinet in front of the church, which functions as a small food pantry that is available for all community members. Anyone is invited to donate or take food from the cabinet.

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

St. Catherine's, as a member of Area Churches Together (ACT), supports the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry with food donated by parishioners and volunteer hours.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11:30 a.m.

All Masses available to attend in person or via livestream; also archived and available at tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Accommodations: *Gluten-reduced hosts* are available; please go to the presiding priest during Communion.

Personal listening receivers are available in the Atrium.

Daily Mass Schedule

We offer daily Mass on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.; and on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. We also celebrate Mass at Kendal of Ithaca (2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.); Bridges Cornell Heights (3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.); and Brookdale Senior Living (4th Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.).

Church Hours

The church is open for prayer when the Parish Office is open: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. Please enter through the east door.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4–4:50 p.m. and by appointment.

Infant Baptisms

We're so happy about the new addition to your family. Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism. Please contact the office three months prior to the baptism. Please fill out the Baptism Registration Form on our website.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding. If you do not live in New York State, you must do your preparation in your home state. Please fill out the Marriage Registration Form on our website.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies, please contact Fr. John directly at 607-302-0143. Please alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Corner, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. John.

Holy Orders:

Please contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: FEBRUARY 24—MARCH 2

All liturgies are available in person and on livestream. You can reach our livestream feed via the Boxcast link on St. Catherine's website (stcathofsiena.org) or at tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Monday, February 24

5:30 p.m. MASS: *For the homeless*
 6:00 p.m. Movie Night, Mahler Hall
 7:00 p.m. Cayuga Vocal Ensemble, Church
 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council, Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. Monday Night SCC, Pastoral Care Room

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Faye Mills* by Jeff & Jane Doyle
 10:30 a.m. MASS: at Brookdale
 7:00 p.m. Peace & Justice, Immigration, Conference Room
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Pastoral Care Room

Wednesday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Ignatian Prayer, Pastoral Care Room
 9:00 a.m. MASS: *Eric Etienne* by Jeff & Jane Doyle
 5:00 p.m. First Eucharist Preparation, Mahler Hall
 7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

Thursday, February 27

St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
 9:00 a.m. MASS: *For the Souls in Purgatory*
 9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer, Pastoral Care Room
 11:00 a.m. Task Force, Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir, Church
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Church

Friday, February 28

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Brian Gainham* by the Ober Family

Saturday, March 1

Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:00 a.m. MASS: *For the hungry*
 9:10 a.m. AA, Conference Room
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. MASS: *Gertrude Delvy* by the Twomey family

Sunday, March 2

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Our Parishioners*
 11:30 a.m. MASS: *Leona Herold* by Jean & Stu Berg
 5:00 p.m. Beyond the Plate Dinner, Mahler Hall

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Janet Crosley, Laura Woodbury, José Drost, Sue Hyatt, Jamie Halvarson, Mabel Bunting, Kristin Treat, Harry Peirce, Megan Spaulding, Jo-An Hagin, Grace Canzoneri, Steve DeGloria, Donna Updike, Chris Hughes, Greg Ferguson, Lisa Ordway, Gene Milliman, Connie Bates, Katherine Kinsella, Joe Leclere, June Haynor, Chloe Wetzels, Kathy Teeter, Ramona Forney, Donna Dutton, Emily O'Mara, Cindy Horner, Ruth Horner, Joan Dalbano, Stephanie Hawkins, Beth Hawkins, Burt Allen, Danny Palardy, Lee Miller, Ruthe Bruen, Dale Bathe, James Bilinski, Lonnie Slape, and Andrea Caraccilo.

MASS ATTENDANCE, Feb 15/16

	In person	Virtual
Feb. 15, 5 p.m.:	45	62
Feb. 16, 9 a.m.:	56	110
Feb. 16, 11:30 a.m.:	96	44
Total:	197	216
Church capacity:	1,200	

DAILY READINGS

Monday, February 24—Sir 1:1-10, Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday, February 25—Sir 2:1-11, Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40, Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday, February 26—Sir 4:11-19, Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175, Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday, February 27—Sir 5:1-8, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Mk 9:41-50
 Friday, February 28—Sir 6:5-17, Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35, Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday, March 1—Sir 17: 1-15, Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18, Mk 10:13-16

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	
February 16, 2025 collection numbers will be included next week. Thank you for your patience.	
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE Weekly Offertory Income	
	2/9/25
Sunday Mass Envelope Collection:	\$4,836
Loose Collection:	\$440
Electronic Giving (Sunday Collection):	\$3,858
All Other Categories:	\$0
Total Collection for this week:	\$9,134
Strategic Plan action: <i>We prayerfully ask that, as a community, you consider increasing your offertory giving, so that you can help us initiate the match 1:1 pledges. In this way, St. Catherine's can remain in its current form and fulfill its Vision, "A Vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey". We believe in St. Catherine's because we believe in you.</i>	
The Task Force	

INCREASE IN OFFERTORY GIVING compared to same quarter in 2023-24		
QTD Offertory Income (1)		
Quarter #	Increase	Match \$
#1 7/1/24-9/30/24	\$30,011	\$30,011
#2 10/1/24-12/31/24	\$37,464	\$19,989
#3 1/1/25-3/31/25	\$4,803	\$0
#4 4/1/25-6/31/25	\$0	\$0
Total	\$72,279	\$50,000
Note: 1. A \$0 in a cell means no increased giving in the quarter, the quarter has not yet ended, or the Match has not yet been paid.		
YTD Offertory Income		
Grand Total of Offertory Giving		
YTD Increased Giving		\$122,279
YTD Total Offertory Giving		\$412,310

Why is our achieving the goal for this strategy initiative so important?

- For St. Catherine's to continue for the future, our parish must have financial stability as shown by a balanced operating revenues and expenses report in each year, reflecting the levels of staffing in 2023-24.
- Using 2023-24 as the base year, the Task Force designed an initiative, so our parish could demonstrate its willingness to increase its offertory giving by \$100,000.
- In this way, the increased revenues would have eliminated the actual deficit.
- The following shows the financial progress our parishioners have made toward financial stability in 2024-25 for a budget which achieved the staffing levels to fully service the parish's operational needs.

A Brief Summary of Our Parish's Financial Journey

- *Problem:* in 2023-24,

Revenues	\$ 574,386
Expenses	<u>\$ 658,883</u>
Deficit	<u>\$ 76,497</u>
- *Steps:* our parishioners increased their offertory giving and provided matching funds.
- *Total to date:* \$122,279. (compared to goal of \$100,000)
- *Predicted Total:* If the parishioners continue giving their current amounts through June, the total given for this year would be: \$182,549.
- *Parish's future:* If continued in future years, this amount would provide the foundation for building our future with a fully staffed operation.

Parish Information

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Please prayerfully consider donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Envelopes are available in the Parish Office or in the Atrium. We are currently at \$33,565 of our \$63,000 goal. That is donations from 99 parishioners and is equal to 53% of our goal. **Thank you for your generosity!**



COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are in need of collection counters right now. If you have time during the morning, it is a biweekly commitment. Counters work in a team to count and record the money collected at weekend Masses. Counting is usually done on Monday mornings, and training is provided. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sandi Mettler at 315-246-5392.

IMMIGRATION

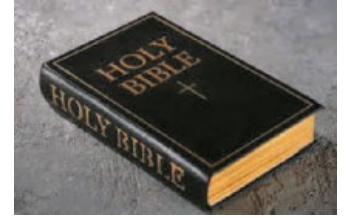
The Peace & Justice Committee invites you to learn about immigration and our community. On **Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room**, Estelle McKee will be here to discuss the issues with us. Come and let's learn together! Estelle McKee is a Clinical Professor of Law at Cornell Law School who has practiced immigration law since 2003. She co-founded and directs the Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Clinic, which has been representing individuals on appeal who are challenging their removal orders and seeking asylum or other forms of humanitarian relief. She teaches courses and publishes in the areas of immigration, appellate practice, and legal writing. She has also trained federal court staff, public defenders, and public-interest immigration attorneys throughout the United States in appellate advocacy and applied legal storytelling. Check the event flyer for the full agenda.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED FOR THE CENSUS

Do you have some time to make phone calls to help complete the census? Instructions are available in the office and it is a simple task to call, verify information or to leave a voice message if no answer. Thanks for your help. Call the office at 607-257-2493 and tell Lisa Hens when you can do this.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study continues its discussion of *The Gospel According to Luke* on all the Sundays in February at 10:15 to 11:20 a.m. (between the Masses) in the Pastoral Care Room. All are welcome to join in at any time. BYOB (Bring your own Bible) or borrow one of ours.



SAVE THE DATE - MARCH 15 & 16TH - LET THE SHENANIGANS BEGIN...

St. Catherine's Kitchen Ministry is planning to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** with lively, fun and "green" receptions on March 15 and 16th after the three Masses. Isn't everyone just a "wee bit Irish and ready for some fun filled moments?" Do you have a favorite Irish recipe or dessert to share? What's your favorite Irish music or song? Have you traveled to Ireland? If so, bring along your photos and of course, your stories!



This year for the first time, **Jyl's Photo Booth** (Jyl Dowd and Jill Dollaway) will be with us to take individual, couple, family, or group photos in front of a backdrop and photo frame. We encourage you to wear green, get super silly with props, and be proud to be a St. Catherine's parishioner. Photos taken will be sent to your email account.

Please also consider whipping up and donating Irish themed food (Irish stew or soda bread, shepherd's pie, sausage, cabbage or potato mashies, apple cake, or desserts decorated with shamrocks, rainbows, green gnomes or leprechauns, etc). If you have any questions, contact DianeBradac@gmail.com

JUBILEE YEAR: BRING HOPE TO PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

During this holy Jubilee Year, we are called to be *tangible signs of hope* for brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. US international life-saving humanitarian and development assistance makes up **less than 1%** of the annual federal budget. Catholic Relief Services receives funding through the US Agency for International Development (USAID) program to provide health, nutrition, and educational programs in poor countries around the world. These projects nurture hope, well-being and self-sufficiency. They save lives and create friends for the United States. The President has frozen spending on US foreign assistance, leaving Catholic Relief Services without adequate funds to continue this life-saving work. The US Catholic bishops are asking Catholics to contact their federal legislators on this issue. Please call our US House Representative, Josh Riley, at (202) 225-5441 and give his staff this message: *I am deeply concerned about the elimination of US foreign assistance that provides the poorest countries with humanitarian and development aid. The work of Catholic Relief Services is adversely affected by this freeze, which is hurting millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance. Please encourage the President to let this life-saving aid flow.* Be sure to leave your name and county. This phone call will take a minute or two, but can make a big impact.



LITURGY COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Saint Catherine's Liturgy Committee is seeking a few new volunteers to meet quarterly to enhance the experience of Mass and scripture readings. The [Liturgy Committee](#) works with parish staff to determine seasonal themes, assists in planning liturgical celebrations (with a focus on Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter), and invites parishioners to participate more fully in liturgy. There is a great deal of thought and prayer that goes into making the scripture and holidays "more engaging" and relevant for all parishioners. Please reach out if you have any interest in serving in this ministry. For questions and to learn more, contact: Jane Doyle at jld26@cornell.edu or jld26@cornell.edu <https://stcathofsiena.org/liturgy-committee>

BEYOND THE PLATE

Beyond the Plate, a fundraiser for the Ithaca MobilePack/Feed My Starving Children, is an acclaimed culinary event that has captivated the hearts and taste buds of food enthusiasts countywide.



Beyond the Plate, a five-course gourmet dinner with wine pairing for each course, will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 5-9 p.m. in Mahler Hall. Tickets are \$120 each and go on sale at 9 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025. To purchase tickets, please visit the St. Catherine's website or visit tinyurl.com/BTP2025.

We are very excited to announce that our emcee for the evening will be **Ann Marie Eckert**. Chefs for this year include Jay Dietershagen (Crossroads Bar & Grille), Sam Epps (Gola Osteria), Jen Irwin & Stan Walton (formerly of Just a Taste, now operating "here." on Seneca Lake), and Serendipity Catering & Bar. Karl Kernan (Triphammer Wine & Spirits) will select the wines for each course.

How you can help

We need help at all stages of the dinner: setting up for the Beyond the Plate Dinner on Saturday, March 1 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. AND 2 more volunteers on kitchen duty during the Dinner (Sunday, March 2, 5-9 p.m.) We need servers during the Beyond the Plate dinner from 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. We also need additional people to help clean up after the dinner (8:45-10 p.m.) If you can help at any of these times, please let Mary Crosley (crosleym22@gmail.com) know. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES STAFF MEMBER VISIT: HEAR ABOUT CRS' WORK ON THE GROUND

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, Doreen Kargbo, a CRS staff member from the West African country of Sierra Leone, will give a presentation about her work, starting immediately following the 5:45PM Mass (approximately 6:45PM) at St. Catherine's. Come hear how CRS' work changes lives and upholds human dignity. A free meatless soup supper will be served. RSVPs encouraged, so we know how much soup to make! Contact Mary Crosley at 516-319-6752 or crosleym22@gmail.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT

We are looking for groups or individuals willing to head up either Stations of the Cross or Soup Suppers on Fridays in Lent. Last year, our Soup Suppers had perhaps 20 people at the most for dinner after the Stations. Please contact Lisa Hens in the Parish Office (607-257-2493) if you are willing to help.

WE CAN TAKE ACTION TO END HUNGER

Are you wondering what you can do to end hunger? Come join us after the Masses **this weekend** to put our faith into action.

We are planning a letter writing campaign to our representatives in Congress to use our voices to help to end hunger and poverty. We are holding this event after each mass **this weekend**. We will be joining the letter writing campaign "Nourish Our Future" of Bread for the World to impact policies and programs in pursuing a world without hunger. This year, we are specifically addressing child hunger in the United States and severe malnutrition and famine around the world. More than one in five children is at risk of hunger in the U.S. The Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children, also known as WIC, is the most significant and powerful program for pregnant women and children under the age of five. Last year WIC served seven million participants a month, including 40% of all infants in the U.S. WIC contributes to public health and the well-being of our nation. We are asking Congress to recommit to fully fund WIC now and in the future, to strengthen and develop programs that help families to enroll in WIC.

We are also asking Congress to recommit to support for Global Nutrition. In 2022 Congress passed the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act with strong bipartisan support. This program, along with other global assistance programs, is now suspended and in danger of elimination. In contrast to widely distributed misinformation, *less than 1% of the federal budget goes into global nutritional programs*, yet millions of children and mothers receive life saving aid through them.

These programs also support U.S. strategic interest by promoting regional stability and strengthening relationships with neighboring countries. They purchase life saving nutritious foods from American farmers.

By contacting our congressional representatives, we aim to ensure that they support evidence-based, *effective programs that save lives and improve families' futures*.

Our parish's offering of letters, together with hundreds of churches and community organizations in the US, will amplify our impact. We are joining forces with advocates across the country to urge our representatives *to pursue a world where children have enough nourishing food and a world without hunger*.

If you are unable to join us for this event but would like to get involved in supporting this initiative, please check out <https://www.bread.org/offering-letters/> for tools for advocacy and connecting to our representatives.

MOVIE NIGHT THIS MONDAY

Black History Month is alive and well at St. Catherine's! Please join the Adult Faith Enrichment committee for Movie Night on February 24, as we show "The Six Triple Eight," the story of a U.S. Army battalion of African-American women in World War Two. The film celebrates the 6888th's ingenuity, discipline, and perseverance against huge odds as they sort 17 million pieces of undelivered mail to and from soldiers who, together with their families at home, desperately need a morale boost. Come at 6 p.m. for a pizza dinner, watch the film beginning at 6:30, and then stay for discussion afterwards!

("I've seen this movie twice! It is a really good movie!" – Anonymous Parishioner)



CLOTHING SHED NEWS

We're excited to share the impact our clothing shed has made over the last year:

- 49,883 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed in 2024
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 9,189 people all over the world.
- Based on this volume of clothing, we received \$1,995



Thank you to our volunteers and all who donated.

A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.

HELP US CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY

MONTH, from St. Catherine's AntiRacist Book Club. We invite you to increase your knowledge of American history in weekly quotes from well-researched authors that surprised, motivated and sometimes embarrassed us. Please join us for Coffee Hour after 9 am mass February 23 to view and borrow the books we have read and discussed throughout the past four years.

Did you know... There have been outstanding Black women in science and technology:

- Dr. Jocelyn Elders, an American pediatrician and public health administrator, served as the first Black Surgeon General of the US from 1993 - 1994.
- Chief Judge Constance Baker Motley served in the US District Court for Southern District of NY from 1986 - 2005.
- Mathematician and aerospace engineer Mary Jackson, NASA's first Black female engineer in 1958, was instrumental in helping our country to win the space race. She helped hire and promote women in science, engineering and mathematics including Black NASA engineers Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan.
- Mathematician Gladys Mae West developed satellite geodesy models which became the base for today's Global Positioning System (GPS).

But there have been crushing legal, business and social defeats for Black families: The GI Bill (1944) provided a range of benefits for 7.8 million veterans of World War II through education and reasonable-rate mortgages that created a strong middle class and long-term economic growth. However, Black veterans were often pushed to the vocational programs, and many were subsequently denied membership in the growing union movement of the 50s and 60s. In addition Black veterans were much less likely to benefit from mortgage assistance throughout the entire country. The ability for intergenerational wealth was denied during a time of economic boom - but McGhee argues that *all* struggling families are affected by racist laws and practices. The majority of Americans making under \$15 an hour are white, as are the majority of people without health care. In Heather McGhee's words: "It is this zero-sum idea that progress for people of color has to come at white people's expense." Racism hurts everyone.

Most of the above quotes are from Heather McGhee's "The Sum of Us, What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together".

FROM THE BOOK OF FR. JOHN

This week, I thought of sharing this from our catechism of the Catholic Church:

Corporal Works of Mercy

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty.
3. To cloth the naked.
4. To visit the imprisoned.
5. To shelter the homeless.
6. To visit the sick.
7. To bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. To admonish the sinner.
2. To instruct the ignorant.
3. To counsel the doubtful.
4. To comfort the sorrowful.
5. To bear wrongs patiently.
6. To forgive all injuries.
7. To pray for the living and the dead.



cma@dor.org

The above address represents an easy way for you to donate online to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The diocesan goal for 2024-2025 is \$6,925,000 and represents a 3% increase over last year's goal. This is the first increase in the overall CMA goal in six years.

What one way does the CMA help St. Catherine's financially?

The Diocese is able to obtain lower rates on insurance, benefits, utilities, and other services based on economies of scale for our parish, that, we standing alone, would not be able to negotiate. 27% of all money raised by the appeal goes toward this allocation.

How can you help our Parish reach its goal?

Simply go online at < cma@dor.org > and enter your gift amount. Each donation will bring St. Catherine's closer to its individual goal of \$63,000.

In the Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us and to share our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.

YOUTH NEWS

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are actively seeking altar servers! Anyone who has received First Eucharist is eligible to be an altar server. If interested, please contact Fr. John.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025

Want to join other Catholic teens from our parish, diocese and around the country for faith, prayer, fun, service and more? Then consider attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 20-22, 2025 in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is often the most anticipated youth event throughout our diocese and country and is one that has proven to be a "mountaintop experience" for hundreds of teens in our diocese. For more details contact Rich at rich.rasmussen@dor.org



YOUTH MASS ON FIRST SUNDAYS AT 9 A.M.

Our new tradition is off to a great start! Youth Masses will be the first Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. The next one is March 2nd. We are looking for children and teens to be involved as lectors, choir members, musicians, altar servers, hospitality ministers and more. Contact Rich to sign up for a role for the next one!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will be having CLOW weekly during the 9am mass. This is for children of **all ages**. There is no need to sign up in advance. All children are welcome. Fr. John will call the children forward at the beginning of mass.

SIGN UP FOR RICH'S NEWSLETTER

Rich, our Faith Formation Director, puts out a wonderful newsletter for families and youth. If you are not already receiving this newsletter and would like to receive it, email rich.rasmussen@dor.org to get on the mailing list.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our high school youth group will meet on Sunday, February 23rd from 1-2:30 p.m. at Mahler Hall. Please join us!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation sessions are in Mahler Hall at 10:15am Sundays roughly every other week. Contact Rich for more information.

CONFIRMATION & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Confirmation Prep/MS Youth Group will meet roughly every other week at 10 a.m. in Mahler Hall. The next meeting is Sunday, February 23rd Contact Rich for more information.

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT MUSIC MINISTRY

Calling all teen and young adult music lovers! If you are between the ages of 14-21, help us grow our new music ministry with fun music that you help choose, perform, share and experience!

Music that speaks to you as a Catholic, as a musician, or just as a young person. Whether you only want to try it once or you want to perform weekly or monthly or for service events, or if you would just like to help organize or choose music, play an instrument, or sing, we need to hear from you! Please contact tyme.baez@dor.org if you are interested.

YOUTH CHOIR

We welcome any children or young teens interested in participating in youth choir, which will sing at youth masses the first Sunday of the month and special masses such as Easter. Weekly rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in the church. Please come! No need to sign up in advance.



EASTER YOUTH CHOIR

The youth choir will begin rehearsing in March for the Easter Mass. This is a great opportunity for any children or teens who cannot commit to the choir on a regular basis but would like to be a part of it for special masses. Stay tuned for a start date!

CONTACTS

Rich Rasmussen-Faith Formation Director:
rich.rasmussen@dor.org

Tyme Baez-Children's Choir and Teen Music Ministry
Director: tyme.baez@dor.org

READINGS, AND PRAYERS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Breaking Bread* 434

Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David:

"God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day.

Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear;

I will not need a second thrust!"

But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?"

So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening.

All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops.

He said: "Here is the king's spear.

Let an attendant come over to get it.

The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness.

Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-2, 2-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Response:



Second Reading: 1Cor 15:45-49

Brothers and sisters:

It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being,* the last Adam a life-giving spirit.

But the spiritual was not first;

rather the natural and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, earthly;

the second man, from heaven.

As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly,

and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly.

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

"To you 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.

To the person who strikes you on one cheek,
 offer the other one as well,
 and from the person who takes your cloak,
 do not withhold even your tunic.
 Give to everyone who asks of you,
 and from the one who takes what is yours do not
 demand it back.
 Do to others as you would have them do to you.
 For if you love those who love you,
 what credit is that to you?
 Even sinners love those who love them.
 And if you do good to those who do good to you,
 what credit is that to you?
 Even sinners do the same.
 If you lend money to those from whom you expect
 repayment,
 what credit is that to you?
 Even sinners lend to sinners,
 and get back the same amount.
 But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,
 and lend expecting nothing back;
 then your reward will be great
 and you will be children of the Most High,
 for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged.
 Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
 Forgive and you will be forgiven.
 Give, and gifts will be given to you;
 a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and
 overflowing,
 will be poured into your lap.
 For the measure with which you measure
 will in return be measured out to you.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of
 heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten
 Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
 God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
 Father; through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from
 heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
 Virgin Mary, and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he

suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the
 third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
 hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and
 the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and
 glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and
 I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: *There is a Balm in Gilead*, Breaking
 Bread #454

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray ... that my sacrifice and yours may be
 acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People: May the Lord accept sacrifice at your hands,
 for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
 and the good of all his holy Church.**

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Priest: ... we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy – Jubilation Mass

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Priest: The mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation – Jubilation Mass

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Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

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Priest: ... we dare to say:

The Lord's Prayer

People: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Sign of Peace

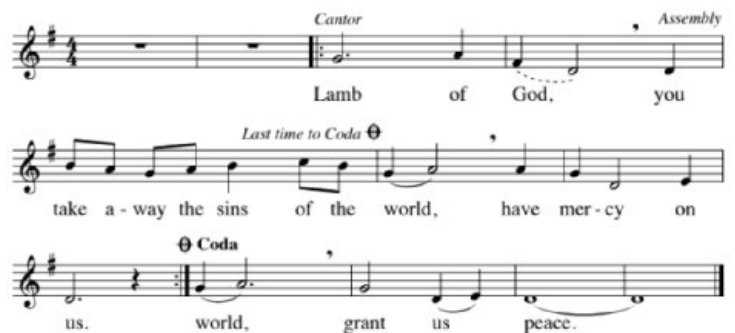
Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn: *Ubi Caritas*, Breaking Bread #420

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray. ... Through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

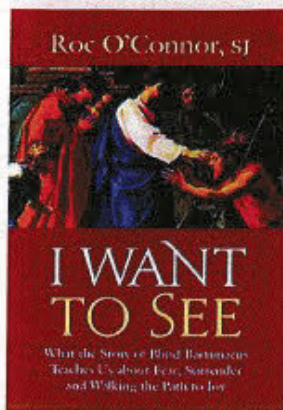
Recessional Hymn: *Go Make a Difference, Breaking*

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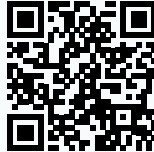
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