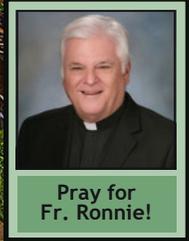


“Centered on Christ, Ablaze with Love!”

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established in 1921



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 9:00 am
Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am
9:00 am *(Childcare Available)
11:00 am *(Childcare Available)
5:30 pm

* Childcare/Nursery is located in the Melancon Center.

Hearing assistance devices are available in Church. Please see an usher if you need one.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 9:30 – 10:00 am
Wednesday 9:30 – 10:00 am
Friday 9:30 – 10:00 am
Saturday 3:00 – 3:50 pm
Or By Appointment

Devotions

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Tuesdays 9:30am in Church)
Rosary (Monday – Friday 8:15 am in Church)

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School

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Metairie, LA 70005
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School Fax: 504-833-8982

Prayer & Worship

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27

4:00 pm Fr. Ronnie Calkins
Larry Cheralla †
Adam Dicks †
Hilda Conzelman Gandolfi †
Kevin Heigle
Clinton Romig †
Marguerite Smith †
Fred & Lois Stromeyer – 75th
Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, January 28

7:00 am Isabella Armbruster Margavio †

9:00 am Parish Family

11:00 am Fr. Ronnie Calkins
Adam Dicks †
Raymond Gambel †
Kevin Heigle
Patrick Kelly †
Joseph Massa †
George Viator †

5:30 pm Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Monday, January 29

9:00 am Melanie Helmke †

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 am Jules Le Conte †

Wednesday, January 31

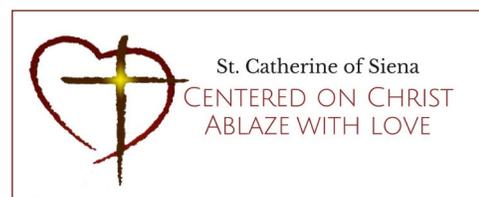
9:00 am Verinice O'Connor Mayley †

Thursday, February 1

9:00 am Bennie Appleton †

Friday, February 2

9:00 am Herbert Simpson †



Our Mission

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Parish exists to form and send forth a community of disciples of Jesus Christ who witness by joyfully living the Gospel.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

First Reading: Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).
Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading: Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).
Gospel: The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 – 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9, 17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday: St. John Bosco
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; First Friday
Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture Reflection

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

Archdiocesan Family Prayer

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism. We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people. Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence. Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family. Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Prayer

God, Our Father, we thank you for our parish community of St. Catherine of Siena. Thank you for the many blessings that you have given us, but especially for calling us to serve as disciples of your son, Jesus Christ. As we gather today, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to guide us in everything that we do. Transform our hearts and lead us closer to you. Help us always to seek to be a parish that is Centered on Christ and Ablaze with Love. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus, and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us!

Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles will burn In Memory of David Marks

The Chapel of the Holy Innocents Candles will burn for the Special Intentions of Margaret and Ro Chaisson

The Divine Mercy Candles will burn for the Healing of Fr. Ronald Calkins

The Our Lady of Fatima Candles will burn In Memory of Charlie and Mae Mortillaro

Contact Frances Skiffington at 834-1709 or fskiffin@gmail.com for dedications.

Parish News

New Parishioners

Please extend a warm welcome to St. Catherine of Siena's newest parishioners. We look forward to their involvement in parish life!

- Michael and Sarah-Elizabeth Armelin
- Shane, Holley, Hailey, McKinley, McKaelyn, and Ashton Guidry
- Michelle Van Vleet and James Fisher

Baptisms: Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following children, who were baptized recently at St. Catherine:

- Joel Thomas Arteaga and Rey Mario Arteaga, children of Mario, Jr., and Jill Arteaga
- Caroline Mae Dildy and James Thomas Dildy, children of Michael and Nina Dildy
- Eden Claire Stefani and Eliza Louise Stefani, children of Robert and Kristin Stefani

Second Collection to Support Catholic Schools: January 27-28



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

A second collection to support Catholic Schools will be taken up this weekend, **January 27-28**, as Catholic Schools Week begins. The collection supports the Champions of Catholic Education fund, which is dedicated to helping more families afford the cost of Catholic education. Following are highlights of research regarding Catholic school graduates: Catholic school students are more likely to receive the sacrament of Confirmation;

Catholic school graduates are more likely to continue practicing the faith; 94% of Archdiocese of New Orleans 2016 Seniors went on to attend a four-year college; the average ACT score for Archdiocese of New Orleans students is 3.8 points higher than the state of Louisiana average; and the Archdiocese of New Orleans 2016 class received more than \$16 million in scholarship offers.

Blessed Candles Available This Weekend

Candles that were blessed on Friday, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—also known as Candlemas—will be available at the entrances of the church after all of this weekend's Masses. The suggested donation is \$3. You may ask, "What are blessed candles for?" They are made available to parishioners for use at home. It is customary for Catholic families to burn the candles during storms, when a loved one is undergoing surgery or is very ill, and at other troubled times. Blessed candles are often lit when a priest brings the Eucharist to the home or comes to anoint the sick.

Return Old Palms: January 27-28, February 3-4

The Rosary Altar Society will have baskets in the narthex and near the Blessed Mother Altar this weekend and next weekend for the **blessed palms that you received on Palm Sunday 2017**. These palms will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday 2018.

Fellowship Sunday: February 4

Plan to be on hand for **Fellowship Sunday, February 4**, in the Melancon Center **after the 9 am Mass**. This is an opportunity to visit with new and long-time parishioners, and to enjoy coffee and doughnuts.

January 20-21, 2018

General Collection	\$17,195.09
Electronic Giving	\$5,814.25
Poor Box	\$622.00
Total Collection	\$23,631.34

Thank you for financially supporting the mission of St. Catherine Parish. We appreciate your generosity. 7% of the weekly collection is used for missionary outreach.

St. Joseph Altar Baking Help Needed: January 28

Volunteers are needed for St. Joseph altar cookie baking today, **Sunday, January 28, 10 am**, in the school cafeteria. We also are in need of donations of sugar, flour, Crisco, and pecans to make the cookies. Donations of ingredients may be placed in the baskets in the narthex. Thank you for your help! Thank you for helping to honor St. Joseph and to make our altar successful again this year!

SVdP Monthly Food Collection: February 3-4

Please bring nonperishable food items to church next weekend, **February 3 and 4**, and place them in the collection bins in the narthex of the church. Though donations of all types of nonperishable foods are greatly appreciated and are distributed each week to those in need, high protein foods such as peanut butter and canned meat can be particularly helpful to those experiencing economic distress.

Mass Schedule Change: February 4

Please note that there will be **NO 5:30 pm Mass** on Sunday, February 4, due to the Super Bowl.

Adult Confirmation Classes Starting

Adult Confirmation classes will be starting in **February**. Anyone who is past high school age and has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation is eligible for this preparation program. To sign up, call Michelle in the parish office at 835-9343.

SCS School Positions for 2018-2019



St. Catherine of Siena School has elementary and middle school openings for the 2018-2019 academic year. Visit www.scsorg.org/employment for more information about these opportunities.

2018 Mass Intention Scheduling

All are invited to visit the parish office to schedule 2018 Mass Intentions. Hours are **8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday**. For your convenience, Mass Intention request forms are available in the racks on the tables under the television monitors in the narthex and can be downloaded from the parish website, www.stcatherineparish.com (hover over "Resources" and click on "Online Documents" and then on "Mass Intention Policy and Request Form").

Heat in Church

With the very cold temperatures we have been experiencing lately, several people have asked if the heater has been on in church. The heater has been turned on every time the temperatures drop, but the church has not warmed up as it normally would because the large stained glass windows are being restored. While there is a sheet of plexiglass in place of the normal windows, it does not work well keeping the cold out and the heat in. This is a temporary problem until the windows are reinstalled in the coming weeks. Aside from the windows being out causing the colder temperatures inside, our heating system is also very old; it was not replaced during the renovations in 2002. We are in the process of having it evaluated and working on improving the heating system. We are sorry for any discomfort that you have experienced. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Fr. Tim.

Prayerful and Welcoming Environment

The ushers have been roping off the last few pews in the two center sections of the church. Reserving space in the back of church allows anyone who arrives after Mass has begun to enter a pew without having to walk to the front of the church, and possibly distracting those already present. Please do not move the ropes or sit in the roped off area. The ushers will open these sections, if needed, after Mass starts. This is the most recent step that has been taken to foster a more welcoming and prayerful environment. Please feel free to speak to Fr. Ronnie or Fr. Tim if you have any questions.

In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Phil Spruell**. Eternal rest grant unto Phil, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Weekly Calendar: January 27-February 3

Saturday, January 27	Sunday, January 28	Monday, January 29	Tuesday, January 30
10:30 am PSR First Reconciliation (C) 3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (C) SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COLLECTION B Barrett Complex C Church CAF Cafeteria CR Conference Room G Gym MC Melancon Center R Rectory YR Youth Room S School OC Off Campus	7:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 8:30 am Childcare (MC) 9:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 9:00 am RCIA (CR) 10:00 am PSR (S) 10:00 am Cookie Baking for St. Joseph Altar (CAF) 11:00 am Sunday Mass / Children's Church (C) 12:15 pm Baptism (C) 5:30 pm Sunday Mass / Troop 230 (C) 5:30 pm Men's Club Basketball (G) 6:30 pm Confirmation Practice (C) 6:30 pm Troop 230 Court of Honor (B) SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COLLECTION	9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:30 am Reconciliation (C) 1:30 pm 2nd Grade Reconciliation Practice (C) 6:00 pm Rosary for Fr. Ronnie (C) 6:30 pm CYO Sports (G) 6:30 pm LTMTM (MC) 6:30 pm Men's Evening of Spirituality (C) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:45 am LTMTM (MC) 10:30 am First Reconciliation (C) 5:30 pm Legion of Mary (MC) 6:30 pm Alpha (MC) 6:30 pm CYO Sports (G) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Wednesday, January 31	Thursday, February 1	Friday, February 2	Saturday, February 3
9:00 am School Mass / 1st-7th (C) 9:30 am Reconciliation (C) 10:30 am First Reconciliation (C) 2:00 pm Daisy Troop 40894 (MC) 6:30 pm KC Financial Secretaries (MC) 7:00 pm Gala Meeting (G) 7:00 pm CYO With Wednesday / Adoration Night (YR) 7:30 pm Men's Club Board (CAF) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:30 am Bible Study (MC) 10:00 am SVdP Food Distribution (MC) 6:00 pm LTMTM (MC) 6:30 pm Men's Club Basketball (G) 6:45 pm Bible Study (MC) 7:00 pm Confirmation (C) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	8:30 am Familia (MC) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:30 am RAS Cleaning of the Church (C) 9:30 am Reconciliation (C) 3:00 pm Junior Troop 41217 (MC) 3:30 pm Brownie Troop 42606 (MC) 4:30 pm Middle School Skate / Sock Hop (OC) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	10:00 am Troop 230 (CAF) 3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (C) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SVdP FOOD COLLECTION
	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <p>Confirmation Mass Thursday, February 1 at 7 pm Please remember our 100 Candidates in prayer, and attend Thursday's Confirmation Mass if you are able! Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, will preside.</p> </div>		

Two-Minute Testimony: Amelia Lamy



*Two-minute Testimony
...a brief faith witness
by a member of the SCS community*



As a young woman, my faith was strong. I was a Eucharistic Minister, attended World Youth Day in Canada, and was a member of my high school Pro-Life Club to name a few examples. While my faith has gone through its peaks and valleys, my feelings about abortion have never wavered. I have always felt so strongly about saving those tiny souls that it brought me to the next step. I told myself to truly be Pro Life, I must do more than just use my words or pray in front of an abortion facility; I need to actually save a life, and from that, my decision to adopt was made. It was such a strong calling from my heart, that when my husband proposed, it was one of the first conversations to follow my "Yes!" I am fortunate that the man the Lord had chosen for me, also grew to share in his heart my desire to adopt. We then made the decision to adopt once we had given birth to a biological child.



When the time came to grow our family, it became apparent that I would struggle with fertility. This caused doubt in my heart and put a strain on my faith, but I remembered the love that God had for me. After some time and a substantial amount of money had been spent, we made the decision to adjust our sails and put our efforts toward something we always intended to do, adopt. I have often been the type of person with good intentions, "it would be really nice to do that," but never actually take the steps. I believe in my heart that God placed this struggle of fertility on me to ensure I followed through with this. I'd like to say whole-heartedly that nothing would have stopped me: the invasiveness, the cost, but who knows

if I would have justified all that with existing children? God placed me in a situation to do what I had always dreamed--save a child!

Starting the adoption process was terrifying. I spoke with a number of mothers that had gone down that path, but got little comfort due to there being so many different routes to take. Once we decided what worked best for us, we began our home study. We were blessed with the kindest social worker; she held our hand throughout this scary and invasive process and she led us to a young woman who needed a family for her unborn son. The Lord made our situation even more significant when we were informed that our son's biological mother had attempted to have an abortion, but was too far along in her pregnancy. This was truly my calling, my son.

The day he was born, I finally experienced a love I'd longed for, a love I had never felt before. I was fortunate enough to witness his birth and be the first arms to hold him, a luxury not all adoptive mothers have. After three very long days, it was official; he was ours! We do not know God's plan for us, but we constantly work to keep faith in His love for us and our growing family. My husband and I look forward to a trip to Rome in February to pray at the statue of Mary in the Basilica of St. Augustine. As our family reflects on scripture, particularly during this month when so many Catholics "March for Life," we look at our son and thank God for the strength to adopt; we could not have done this without His love. Not a day goes by that we don't thank Him for blessing us with the most wonderful son we could have imagined.



To my fellow parishioners, please take from this letter my willingness to comfort and share my knowledge of fertility and adoption with any family beginning a similar journey or contemplating doing so.

*If you would like to share your testimony,
please contact Joni Parent Maurer in the parish office.*

"What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people...capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life." — Porta Fidei 15

January Early Childhood Prayer Service



“The Spirituality of Pew Sitting”



If you were offered a pair of free tickets to a World Series Game and had the chance to choose between sitting in the first row behind home plate or in the nose-bleed seats at the top of the bleachers, which would you choose?

Or if you were invited to a concert of your favorite singer and were given the choice of free tickets in the first row in front of the stage or in the last row next to the standing sections, which would you take?

True sports and music fans would not need much time to deliberate. There's an obvious reason why front row seats cost far more than those far from the action. Where we sit is a sign of our enthusiasm.

These considerations are helpful to frame a discussion of where people choose to sit when they come to worship God at Mass. When people come to a Church that is anything but standing room only, where they opt to worship indicates something about their attitude toward involvement at Mass.

Sitting up front is normally a sign of eagerness and excitement. Sitting in the back likely suggests that the person is approaching more as a spectator than as a zealous participant.

If we consider the two places in which many commonly prefer the backseats — school buses and classrooms — we all know that the rationale is not so they will behave or learn better; it's to get out of the easy sight of the driver and teacher.

What about sitting in the back row at Church? Few of us, if we saw a pair of 13 year-old boys sitting in the last pew, would think that they had chosen that location in order to pray the Mass better. But does that same pew suddenly become a better location to pray the Mass the older one gets?

Some Catholics who are by no means literalistic interpreters of Sacred Scripture behave as quasi-fundamentalists when it comes to Jesus' words about where to sit during worship.

In one parable, Jesus contrasts a proud tax collector praying to himself in the front of the Church and a penitent tax collector praying for mercy in the back row, with only the latter leaving the Temple with his prayer heard.

In another parable, Jesus describes that we should take the lowest rather than the highest place at a wedding banquet so that the host will say to us, “My friend, move up to a higher position,” and win us the esteem of all our companions. People have been fighting for the publican's low seat ever since.

Once upon a time in heavily Catholic areas in New England, even our largest Churches were standing room only at all Sunday Masses. To sit down anywhere was a triumph. But now even in our mid-size Churches, occupancy is often less than fifty percent at many Masses.

There's a choice where we can sit. And I'd urge you to choose to sit up front.

First, sitting up close to the sanctuary helps you to pray the Mass better. The fewer people in front of us, the fewer the distractions.

Second, sitting up close to the sanctuary helps the priest pray the Mass better. Few things are more liturgically disconcerting for a priest than celebrating Mass over a grand canyon of empty pews at the front of the Church, making it hard sometimes for him even to hear the responses of people.

Third, as mentioned above, sitting up toward the altar is a sign of spiritual ardor and love for God.

Fourth, sitting toward the front is an act of charity for others, especially guests. If someone comes in late and all the back pews are filled, it's impossible not to feel embarrassed passing in front of others while Mass is occurring. Moreover, if a guest comes to Church and sees people preferring the back seats, that's likely where the guest will go, too. And if a guest sits in the back, it will be more difficult to pray the Mass well for the reasons of distractions discussed earlier.

Finally, sitting toward the front makes possible growth in a familial spirit among parishioners. Families sit together when they come to Mass; if parents and kids were to come to Mass and intentionally scatter to the corners of the Church, it would probably be a sign of problems at home! In a similar way, if parishioners sit apart from each other throughout the Church, it's a pretty clear sign that they're not worshipping as a family.

If parishioners were to decide to try to sit together as a family for Mass, it would make little sense for everyone to sit in the crying room, or back by the confessional, or even all together bunched in one of the front corners. The most logical place, both architecturally and liturgically, would be front and center.

As the parables Jesus mentions indicate, he does notice and care about where people sit and the attitudes with which they sit. In a consumerist age, many people are tempted to behave as if personal preference is the supreme value, but Christians know that pleasing God is. If people won't change their seats for a good reason then there's little chance they'll change bad habits. It's time to hear the Lord calling us to come up higher in more ways than one!

*by Fr. Roger J. Landry
Putting into the Deep
August 15, 2014*

Archdiocesan News



Peace Prayer Walk: January 30

The January Peace Prayer Walk is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 30, 6 pm**, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish, 146 4th St., Westwego. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will be rescheduled to Friday, February 2.

Faith and Film Series: January 31

"Moonstruck," the 1987 film starring Cher, will be the topic for Faith and Film, **Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 pm**, in the Siena Room at St. Dominic Church, 775 Harrison Avenue in Lakeview. A discussion moderated by Fr. Tom Condon, OP, follows. All are welcome and are asked to bring a snack to share.

God's Special Children Mass: February 4

The next God's Special Children Mass will take place on **Sunday, February 4, 2 pm**, at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie. Contact Joy Zainey at 834-5865 if you have any questions or if your angel would like to participate.

Cavins Study about Personal Struggles: February 7

"Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart: An Eight-Week Study Featuring Jeff Cavins" will be offered on **February 7, 14, 21, and 28, and March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 7 pm**, in the St. Benilde Teen Center, 1901 Division Street, Metairie. The cost is \$10 per person for materials. Contact Val Hebert at valencemet@aol.com or 427-0327 for more information.

Shaping our Vision of Lent: February 16-18

A weekend retreat for women will consider traditional Lenten themes of temptation, weakness, sin, and suffering, but will focus on increased clarity in daily living. Fr. Joe Palermo will lead "Shaping our Vision for Lent," scheduled for **Friday-Sunday, February 16-18**, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie. Visit retreats.arch-no.org or contact Susan Halligan at 267-9604.

Archdiocesan Jr. High Retreat: February 23-25

What it means to be fully alive and recognizing Christ living in each person will be explored during *ALIVE*, the third annual Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat, **Friday-Sunday, February 23-25**, at Camp Abbey Retreat Center in Covington. The retreat, which is open to anyone in grades 5-7, will include a variety of activities, talks, prayer experiences, the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist, music, and games.

Young people may register individually and need not have chaperones from their parish or school in order to register. The cost for the retreat is \$100 (limited scholarships are available). Completed registration form and payment are due to the CYO office by February 9, and spots will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Brigitte Burke at 836-0551 x 3226 for more information.

Faith Journey Reflection: February 23-25

"Legends of the Soul: Stories of Transformation on the Journey of Faith," a preached silent retreat for women, is scheduled for **Friday-Sunday, February 23-25**, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie. Fr. Joe Nassal, CPPS, will lead the retreat. Participants will reflect on how the life of faith is a sojourn of the soul, exploring stories of their faith to see how they connect and reconnect to the stories of their lives. To register, visit retreats.arch-no.org or contact Susan Halligan at 267-9604.

Lorraine Hess to Lead Day of Prayer: March 6

"Becoming a Woman of Faith—Child of God, Princess of a King, Heavy Crown!" a day of prayer, will take place on **Tuesday, March 6, 9 am**, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie. All are children of God, which makes us royalty. As daughters of our King, women are called to discipleship; our royalty is service; and the crown is heavy at times. Through prayer, storytelling, scripture, and song, participants will explore the blessings that come with the struggle of wearing the crown. The cost is \$20. To register, visit retreats.arch-no.org or contact Susan Halligan at 267-9604.

Women at the Feet of Jesus: March 14-16

Meditations on women in the life of Jesus, including Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mary and Martha of Bethany, the Woman at the Well, Mary Magdalene, and others, will be included in a **Wednesday-Friday, March 14-16** silent retreat for women, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie. Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC, will facilitate. Ordained a Catholic priest in 1994 for the Community of Jesus Crucified in Lafayette, Fr. Michael earned a degree in sacred theology from St. Thomas University in Rome. He is involved in teaching, giving spiritual direction, and ministering in various capacities at the Community of Jesus Crucified. For more information or to register, call Susan Halligan at 267-9604.

Hope Woman's Clinic

For over 15 years, Woman's New Life Center has been a source of hope for women experiencing untimely pregnancies. The center has expanded its services to be a source of hope for *all* women through Hope Woman's Clinic, located at 4612 South Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans. Hope Woman's Clinic answers the need for authentic women's healthcare by aligning completely with Catholic Church teaching and affirming women in their dignity. The Clinic stands as a beacon of hope for women's health, in contrast to organizations such as Planned Parenthood that promote a culture of death. Dr. Susan Caldwell offers primary care and hormone health for women and is trained as a medical consultant for NaProTECHNOLOGY, a particular approach to women's health that does not use any form of artificial contraceptives or artificial reproductive techniques to treat reproductive diseases and infertility. For more information visit hopewomansclinic.com.

Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia—That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

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Baptism – Baptisms take place after 11 am Mass each weekend. Contact the parish office to sign up for a date and begin the preparation process.

Confirmation – Confirmation is celebrated for 11th and 12th graders in January. Classes begin in August.

Marriage – Please contact a priest at least 8 months before the wedding and before making arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick – Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm, and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the parish office when someone is home bound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Funerals – Please contact a priest before making arrangements with the funeral home.

Joining our Parish

Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena Parish! Anyone interested in joining the parish, please fill out a gold registration form located in the gathering area of the church and return it to the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin notices must be received in the parish office at least **7 days** before the date of the bulletin for which the notice is intended, to be considered for publication.

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