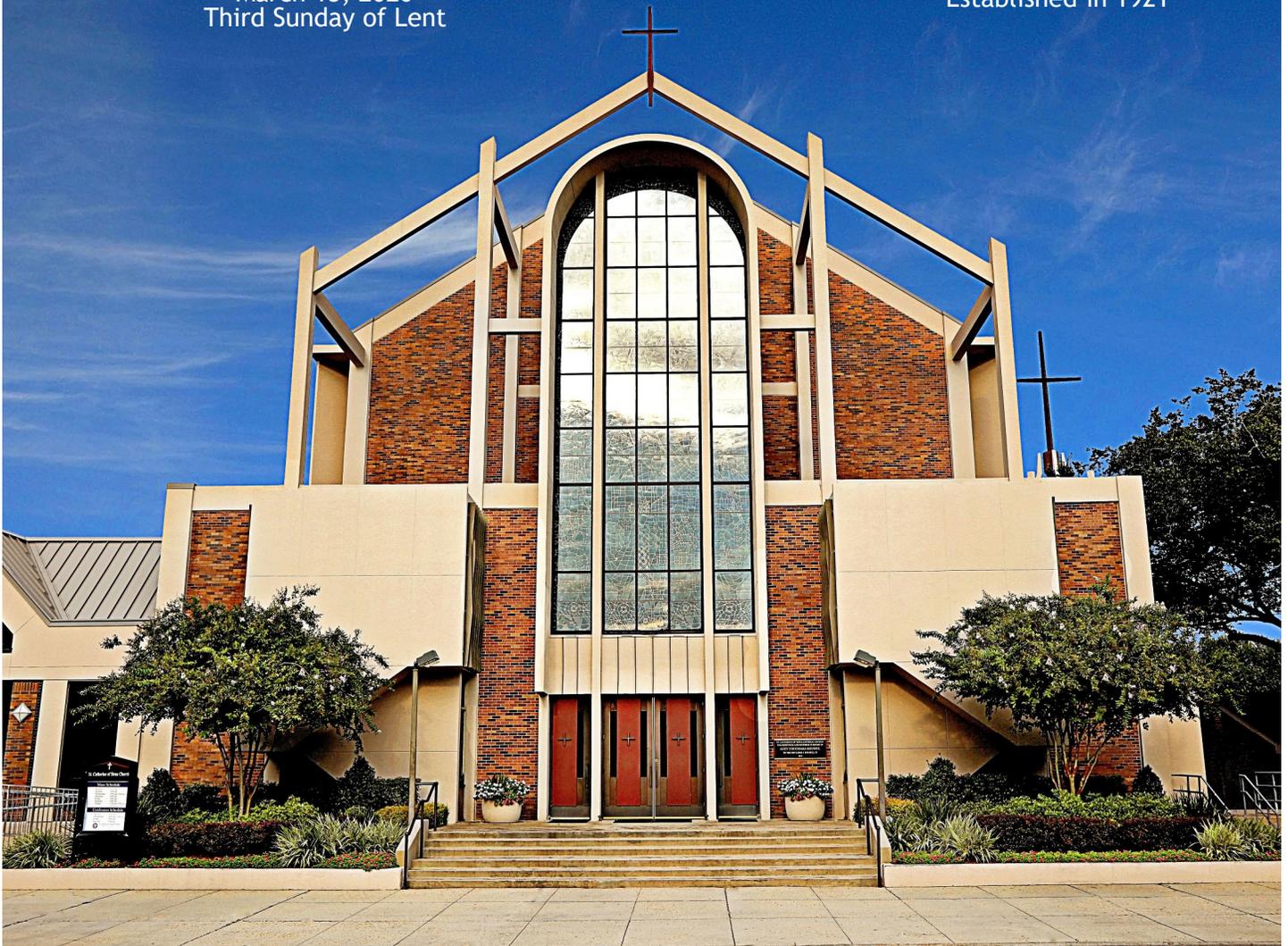


“Centered on Christ, Ablaze with Love!”

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

Established in 1921



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

105 Bonnabel Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70005
www.scschurch.com

Pastor: Fr. Tim Hedrick
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Andrew Gutierrez

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Parish Phone: 504-835-9343
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Mass Schedule

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

* Childcare/Nursery is located in the Melancon Center.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 8:30 am
Wednesday 8:30 am and 5:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 3:00 pm
Or By Appointment

Devotions

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Tues 9:30 am in Church)
Rosary (Mon – Fri 8:15 am in Church)
Rosary (Mon 6 pm in Church)
Stations of the Cross (Fridays 2:45 pm & 6 pm in Church)

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School

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

Prayer & Worship

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14

4:00 pm Nellyn Carias Aguilar †
Jonathan Catoir †
Roland Chaisson †
Joseph Anthony Costa, Sr. †
Adam C. Dicks †
Maria Glynn †
Kevin Jeanes †
Patrick Lamy
Margaret Leefe
Warren L. Lenfant, Sr. †
Cindy Roth †
Sherri Ann Tircuit †

Sunday, March 15

7:00 am Parish Family
9:00 am Living and deceased members of
the Rosary Altar Society
11:00 am Tom Benson †
Lynne A. Bonvillian †
Penny R. Brown †
Kevin Jeanes †
Lenny Labiche
Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Legrand †
Dora Lorentz †
Parish Family
Randy Perrone †
Dr. Mark J. Peters †

5:30 pm **NO 5:30 pm Mass**

Monday, March 16

9:00 am Norman White Family
5:30 pm Gregory Johnson

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 am Cassandra Cormick †
5:30 pm Dello Couvillion †

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 am Timothy John White †
5:30 pm Kevin Jeanes †

Thursday, March 19

9:00 am Herbert Simpson †
5:30 pm Beatrice and Raymond Cardinale †

Friday, March 20

9:00 am Gabrielle Hernandez †
5:30 pm Jack and Eloise Gunn †

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings

First Reading: When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17).
Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5).
Gospel: Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday: St. Joseph
Friday: Abstinence

Scripture Reflection

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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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!

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Memorials

The Flowers on the Altar are In Memory of Charlie and Mae Mortillaro

The Sanctuary Candles are In Memory of Virginia Meyers and
For the Special Intentions of the Thomas Meyer Family

The Chapel of the Holy Innocents Candle is For the Special Intentions of Muriel Centanni

The Our Lady of Fatima Candles are In Memory of Deceased Members of the Centanni Family

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

Parish News

New Parishioners: Welcome!

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

- Christian, Sarah, Vera, and Camille Bautista
- Elmo, III, Jamie, and Natalie Bienvenu
- Jacques and Meredith Bonnett
- Lynn Lightfoot
- Kennedy, Mary, Kennedy, and Cecilia Smith
- Oliver deGravelle and Melissa Truax

Baptisms: Congratulations!

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

- Natalie Ray Duplantier, child of Ray, Jr., and Kylie Duplantier
- Charles Brandon Lorio, child of Matthew and Norma Lorio
- Stella Rose Montalbano, child of Paul and Rachel Montalbano

Additional Daily Masses and Stations of the Cross

Evening daily Mass is being offered **Monday-Friday, 5:30 pm**, throughout Lent, and Stations of the Cross are being prayed on **Fridays at 2:45 pm and 6 pm**, in church. Please note the time change for the weekday evening Mass, and the time change for Friday stations as a result of the Mass time change.

Needed: Very Fresh, Green Sago Palms for Palm Sunday and Floral Arrangements

The Rosary Altar Society will have baskets in the back of Church (Narthex) and also at the door by the Blessed Mother. These palms will be used for Palm Sunday and in the floral arrangements in the sanctuary area. Please bring in only **FRESH GREEN SAGO PALMS!** Baskets will be in church the weekends of **March 21-22 and 28-29**. Thank you for your help.



Lenten Fish Fries: March 20 and 27, and April 3

The Men's Club is sponsoring a fish fry on **Friday, March 20, 5:30-7 pm**, in the Cafeteria. Fish, shrimp, and combo plates are \$10 each; and soft shell crab, \$14. Fish, shrimp, combo, and soft shell crab plates include hushpuppies, fries, and salad. Pizza also will be served for \$2 per slice.

Please note that two additional items also will be offered: a bowl of shrimp gumbo for \$8 and boiled shrimp salad, \$10. Take out is available. Drinks and desserts will be available for purchase. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor fish fries on **Friday, March 27 and April 3**. The same menu will be served. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Mass Schedule Change: March 15

There will be **NO 5:30 pm Mass** on **Sunday, March 15**, due to the Metairie Road St. Patrick's Day parade.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Parking: March 15

Please support the CYO by parking your vehicle in the SCS parking lot for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, **Sunday, March 15**; donations \$20.

March 7-8, 2020	
General Collection	\$23,091.50
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$9,817.50
Poor Box	\$660.98
Total Collection	\$33,569.98

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.

UPDATED Message from Fr. Tim regarding Church and the Coronavirus

Out of an abundance of caution, Archbishop Aymond has suspended the offering of the chalice to the congregation, since there is a presumptive case of Cononavirus in the New Orleans area. In addition, the Archbishop suggests extending the sign of peace to others by means of a simple bow, while saying, "Peace be to you."

This is a reminder that everyone should be thoughtful of others when attending Mass. If you are sick and think you could be contagious, please stay home. You are not required to attend Mass if you are ill.

Holy Communion is fully received by participating in one or both species. You are still receiving the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the Lord even if you receive only the Sacred Host. There are some people who cannot consume any kind of bread and can receive only the Precious Blood.

Please stay home when you are sick. If you can't come to church and would like to receive communion, please contact one of the priests or deacons and we will be more than happy to bring you Communion.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. (Please do not leave used tissues in the pew.) Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

Thank you for your consideration and help keeping everyone safe.

Fr. Tim Hedrick

Adoration Chapel Closed on Parade Day: March 15

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on **Sunday, March 15**, from **8 am-8 pm**, due to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

CYO St. Michael's Fundraiser Deadline: March 15

The St. Catherine CYO is seeking donations of pizza and games, as well as financial support, for an Easter EGGstravaganza they are hosting for youth at St. Michael Special School on **March 28**. Please contact **Katie Glas, kathryanne42@gmail.com**, by **Sunday, March 15**, to donate.

Catholic Relief Services Collection: March 14-15

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SCS St. Joseph Altar: March 18-19

The St. Catherine of Siena St. Joseph Altar will be open for public viewing on **Wednesday, March 18, 10 am-4 pm**; and **Thursday, March 19, 10 am-7 pm**, in the Melancon Center.

The St. Joseph Altar will be blessed on **Wednesday, March 18, at 9:30 am**.

Dinner will be served from **4:30-7 pm on Thursday, March 19**. Volunteers are needed for a number of parts of this tribute to St. Joseph. Please contact **Mary Kay Renfro** at **442-3955** if you can help!



SCS Book Fair: March 20, 22, and 23-27

SCS School is holding its annual book fair in the school library, **Friday, March 20, and Monday-Friday, March 23-27, 8 am-3 pm**. The book fair also will be open on **Sunday, March 22, after the 9 am and 11 am Masses**. Follow the signs in the schoolyard to the library and come see the tremendous selection of affordable books available for purchase. We hope you will visit our book fair! All proceeds benefit the school library.

In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Hope Ruth Nickens**. Eternal rest grant unto Hope, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Weekly Calendar: March 14-21

Saturday, March 14	Sunday, March 15	Monday, March 16	Tuesday, March 17										
9:00 am Troop 230 (CAF) 9:00 am Alpha (MC) 2:00 pm Baptism (C) 3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass / Pack 230 (C) 5:00 pm Pack 230 Meeting (G) GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES	7:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 9:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 9:00 am RCIA (CR) 11:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 11:00 am Childcare (MC) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED 8 AM-8 PM NO 5:30 pm Mass Due to St. Patrick's Day Parade	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 10:00 am St. Joseph Cookie Bagging for School Children (MC) 10:00 am Bible Timeline (MC) 5:00 pm Legion of Mary (CR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (C) 6:00 pm Rosary for Healing (C) 6:30 pm KC Meeting (B) 6:30 pm CYO Sports (G) 7:00 pm LTMT (C)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 10:00 am Bible Study (MC) 10:00 am LTMT Part II (CR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (C) 6:00 pm Vigil Mass Choir Practice (C) 6:30 pm Alpha (MC)										
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Parish News

SCS Parish Census is in Progress

St. Catherine of Siena is conducting a parish census! At the weekend Masses through **April 18-19**, we are counting those who are members of our parish family. We are doing this by asking parishioners to check the information that we DO have already, and making corrections or additions as needed. The information that needs to be checked is in binders located in the narthex of the church and will be available both before and after all weekend Masses. There will be volunteers at each table to help and answer questions. Please, be vigilant, especially with your contact information, as this will be our main source of communication with you. Thank you very much for your help and cooperation in this matter. We could not do this without you! Please contact parishioner **Georgine Bienert**, at georgine10@gmail.com or **813-9679**, with any questions or concerns.

Evenings of Confession: March 18, 25, and April 1

Extended time for confession has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, March 25, and April 1, 5-6:30 pm**, at St. Catherine of Siena. Confession also will be available at every other Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic church during this time.

Gala Information, Tickets, Sponsorships: March 21

This year's Gala, "Lights. Camera. AUCTION," is scheduled for **Saturday, March 21, 8 pm-midnight**, with a **patron party at 6:30 pm**. For more information, to buy tickets, or to sponsor the Gala, visit the Gala website at bidpal.net/scsgala.

Come, Paint Your Easter Egg: March 22



Prime Time presents "Come, Paint Your Easter Egg," **Sunday, March 22, 2 pm**, in the Melancon Center. Bring out the artist in you and participate in showing our SCS unity by sporting this decoration on as many homes as possible. The price of the event is \$40 and includes the wood cutout, paint, ribbon, rope, etc., and the opportunity to add a monogram if desired. A sample may be viewed at the church office. Refreshments will be provided. This event is open to all of the ladies and gents of any age in our parish. You do not need to be a "Prime Time" member to participate. Tickets must be purchased from the church office by **Tuesday, March 17**. For more information call 828-4524.

SCS Parish Mission with Paul George: March 23-25

National speaker, life coach, and consultant Paul George will present this year's parish mission, **Monday-Wednesday, March 23-25, 7-8 pm**, in the church. Paul has spent over 23 years helping people discover "the art of living" through searching themselves, discovering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and finding true happiness. Throughout these years, he has served in various capacities, including president of a nonprofit, speaker, mentor, consultant, coach, author, diocesan director, youth minister, and college campus minister. It's his role as husband and father that Paul most cherishes. His personal mission is to love God, his wife, his children, and his neighbors as God loves. His book, *Rethink Happiness*, was released in May 2018. Paul received an undergraduate degree in education and kinesiology and a master's degree in theological studies from the University of Dallas. A brief video by Paul about his talks at St. Catherine is available at scschurch.com.

Parishioner Judy Watts Speaking on *Turning 80, Loneliness, and Vanity*, at Prime Time: April 1

Please join Judy Watts as she "Lets it All Hang Out" on *Turning "80, Loneliness, and Vanity*, at the Prime Time meeting, **Wednesday, April 1, 10 am**, in the Melancon Center. Coffee and doughnuts, naturally! Please note that it is "April Fool's Day"!

Thursday Evening Romans Study: April 2

An evening study of *Romans* will begin on **Thursday, April 2** (no meeting on Holy Thursday, April 9). Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* provides an authentically Catholic way to understand this challenging epistle and help you enter into a more meaningful relationship with Christ. The meetings will take place from **6:45-8 pm** in the Melancon Center. The cost is \$30. Please contact Mary Jeandron, Maryms777@aol.com or **858-4464**, to register.

Crawfish Cookoff: April 18

The Crawfish Cookoff will be **Saturday, April 18, 2-8 pm**. Pre-sale tickets will be available for purchase soon, at scschurch.com/cookoff. Please tell family and friends!

Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration: June 7

Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration: **Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 3 pm** at St. Philip Neri (Metairie). Each couple will receive a certificate and picture with Archbishop Aymond. This event is for couples married 50 years or more. Please register by **Friday, March 20th** by contacting **Debbie** in the parish office or go to nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary. Please note this celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.

New—Two Sports Camps this Summer!

Sports camps for incoming 4th-7th graders have been added to the 2020 St. Catherine of Siena summer camp offerings. **Camp A** is scheduled for **July 13-17**, and **Camp B**, **July 20-24**. Capacity for the sports camps will be approximately 30 campers per session.

SCS Summer camp sessions will be as follows: Session 1—**June 1-12**; Session 2—**June 15-26**; and Session 3—**June 29-July 10** (holiday on July 3). Registration packets for 2020 summer camp are available at scschurch.com/summercamp. Additional information for parents is posted at scschurch.com/parentinfo. Also available at scschurch.com/summercamp are applications for the Junior High Volunteer Service Program and Staff and Counselor positions.

Prayer Partners Needed for Adoration Chapel

Committed Eucharistic adorers are appreciated for any weekly day and time. Adorers are *especially* needed, however, for the following hours: **Sunday**—3-4 am, 3-4 pm, and 4-5 pm; **Wednesday**—12 midnight-1 am and 2-3 pm; **Friday**—3-4 pm, 8-9 pm, 9-10 pm, and 10-11 pm; and **Saturday**—4-5 pm, 6-7 pm, 7-8 pm, and 11 pm-12 midnight. Please contact **Mary Jeandron**, Maryms777@aol.com or **858-4464**, about committing to an hour or block of time.

St. Catherine of Siena is blessed to have perpetual Eucharistic adoration in its Chapel of the Holy Innocents. For more information about Eucharistic adoration, including three videos ranging from one minute to 24 minutes in length, visit scschurch.com/adoration-chapel (Ps. 46:11).

Lenten Teaching: Call to Family, Community, and Participation

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, we remember that human beings are social by nature—we need each other. We, like the early disciples, are called to come together and grow as a community—whether that community is in our classroom, workplace, or family.

Especially during Lent, we need to be mindful that God graces each of us with an equal measure of his love and that we should learn to love our neighbors more deeply to create peaceful and just communities.

LENTEN MISSION 2020
St. Catherine of Siena Church - Metairie

"The Art of Living"

National speaker Paul George will deliver a three night mission helping us to find our purpose, reach our potential and discover the Art of Living capable of transforming our lives, homes, offices, cities and the world.

March 23 - 25
7 - 8 pm
Babysitting Provided



Letter from Fr. Tim Hedrick



St. Catherine of Siena
CENTERED ON CHRIST
ABLAZE WITH LOVE

March 11, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am happy to announce that a new principal has been selected for St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School for the 2020-2021 academic year. After careful review and prayerful consideration of a dozen applicants, the search committee came to the unanimous decision that Ms. Maria Mateu Ward is the best person to lead St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School.

Ms. Ward was born and raised in St. Catherine of Siena Parish. She is a 1986 graduate of SCS and 1990 graduate of St. Mary's Dominican High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts and Science with a concentration in Behavior Science from Southeastern Louisiana University. She earned her Masters of Education with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction from Dominican University of California.

For the last two decades, Ms. Ward has served at St. Isidore Catholic School in Danville, CA. She taught 4th grade (all subjects) and 8th grade (Language Arts, History, & Religion) for seven years, she served as vice principal for five years, and she served as principal for the last eight years. St. Isidore is a very comparable school to St. Catherine of Siena. It is the largest Catholic school in the Diocese of Oakland. It is known for academic excellence and has a similar sized faculty. You can find out more about Ms. Ward in her enclosed letter of introduction.

Ms. Ward is looking forward to getting to know the students, parents, teachers, and parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena. She will spend the week after Easter at St. Catherine of Siena. Later this summer, she will move home with her three children.

Thank you to Dr. RaeNell Houston, Peter Kernion, Pam Truxillo, Sarah Caruso, Scott Walker, Cherié Kay Larocca, Denise Douglass, Pierre Legrand, Michelle Alley, Michelle Macicek, Joni Maurer, and Fr. Andrew Gutierrez for serving on the search committee. They spent many hours going through résumés and conducting interviews. I am grateful for their hard work!

I would like to thank Mrs. Kimberlie Kilroy for her four years of faithful service to St. Catherine of Siena. I know you will join me in praying for her in her new endeavors.

Please join me in praying for Ms. Ward as she embarks upon a new chapter in life, leading St. Catherine of Siena School into a bright future of academic excellence and strong Catholic faith formation.

To Ms. Ward, "Welcome home! We look forward to welcoming you back to St. Catherine of Siena!"

Sincerely in the Lord,

Rev. Timothy D. Hedrick, J.C.L.

Letter from Maria Ward

March 11, 2020

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Community,

I am very humbled and honored to be selected as principal of St. Catherine of Siena School and to join this wonderful community dedicated to academic excellence. Be assured that I share in your commitment to provide all students with the opportunity for high academic achievement within a safe and secure learning environment. I come to St. Catherine of Siena as an alumna and a seasoned school administrator.

When I started as a third-grade student at St. Catherine in 1980, I could only dream of returning as the principal 40 years later. Our school inspired my love of education and a strong dedication to Catholic education. Developing spiritually, emotionally, and academically is vital to each child's well-rounded development. This builds the foundation they need to be successful in life and live out their God-given potential.

As Fr. Tim has stated, I am returning to Louisiana from California after almost twenty years, having worked at the same school most of that time. While at St. Isidore School in Danville, California, I worked in many different capacities as an educator and administrator. During my tenure, I implemented small group instruction, piloted new curricula, departmentalized the middle school, created a makerspace, revamped the emergency preparedness plan, developed a variety of middle school enrichment classes, and provided professional development for faculty and staff. Moreover, I have led other large projects such as remodeling the entire school over three summers, creating a safety committee, and developing a marketing team to increase school enrollment. I have also served on the diocese level through the school accreditation process, and have served on the professional development committee and staff development committee, as well as being a mentor for new teachers and principals. Though these accomplishments are very noteworthy, I must admit that my greatest accomplishments are personal.

I am the mother of three beautiful children: Elizabeth (16), Joe David (13), and Charlie (11). People often say I treat all the children in my school as if they were my own. Please know that I will work tirelessly to ensure that all of your children have the best possible experiences here at St. Catherine of Siena School.

I am excited and eager to bring my skills as an educational leader to St. Catherine of Siena School. My goal is to fully support our students, teachers, faculty, staff, and families. Together, we will develop very strong partnerships to provide a rigorous academic experience while continuing the traditions for which St. Catherine of Siena School is known. Most importantly, together we can lead our children to a deeply personal relationship with Jesus so that they know they are loved and valued. Teaching the Gospel values through instruction and example are two pillars I want to foster in our school community.

As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors is excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and families and making St. Catherine of Siena School my home once again. I am grateful for this opportunity.

Thank you,



Maria Ward



Archdiocesan News



33 Days to Merciful Love: March 16

A series of Monday evening meetings in preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 19, will take place from **March 16 through April 13, 7 pm**, in the St. Benilde Teen Center, 1901 Division Street, Metairie. The cost is \$10 for materials. For more information, contact Val Hebert, valencemen@aol.com or 427-0327.

St. Francis Xavier St. Joseph Altar: March 18-19

All are invited to the public viewing of the St. Francis Xavier annual St. Joseph Altar, **Wednesday, March 18, 9 am-6 pm**; and **Thursday, March 19, 9 am-5 pm**, 444 Metairie Road. Public feeding is scheduled for **Thursday, March 19, 11:30 am**.

Married Couples Retreat: March 21-22

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat, **Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22**, at the newly renovated St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center in Covington. You and your spouse will spend time growing closer in your marriage through inspiring talks from Charles and Bridget Stiebing, Mary and Matt Reeves, and Fred and Nicole Zoller, private couple time and individual prayer time, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and the celebration of the Mass!

Through God's grace, each couple may walk away with a renewed strength and a deeper commitment to each other and God. To register call **830-3716** or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend! Scholarships are available!

CCRNO 2020 Healing Conference: March 27-29

"Thy Kingdom Come" is the theme for the Catholic Charismatic Conference, **Friday-Sunday, March 27-29**, at the Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center, 2601 Severn Avenue, Metairie. Visit www.ccrno.org or call the CCRNO office at **828-1368** for information.



CATHOLIC WOMEN
in Action

AMY CONEY BARRETT "Faith: A Personal Reflection"

**Saturday,
March 28, 2020**

**St. Catherine
of Siena Church**

105 Bonnabel Blvd. • Metairie, LA 70005

10:00am to Noon
Mass, reception, and presentation
by Amy Coney Barrett

Home town girl, St. Catherine of Siena and Dominican graduate, Notre Dame University law professor, and United States 7th Circuit Court of Appeals judge, Amy Coney Barrett will share her life's faith journey.



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March 15, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion.

As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession.

Please be reminded that a priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the next 3 Wednesdays (March 18, March 25, and April 1) from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy.

Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, now is the time to know that his heart is open and eager to forgive.

Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

Notre Dame Seminary Gala & Auction: March 28

All are invited and encouraged to attend the Notre Dame Seminary Gala & Auction, **Saturday, March 28**, at the Seminary, 2901 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans. 2020 Good Shepherd Award recipients Tim and Beverly Napier will be honored at the event, which will comprise a patron party at **6 pm**, followed by the gala and silent and live auctions from **7-10 pm**. Online reservations are available at www.bidpal.net/NDSGala. For more information contact **Caroline Thriffiley**, cthriffiley@nds.edu or **866-7426**, ext. 375.

Holy Week Family Mission in NOLA: April 8-11

Those interested in sharing the Catholic faith with others by ministering to the suffering Christ in the poor and homeless through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy during the days when the Church lives His Passion, Death and Resurrection, have an opportunity to do so by participating in the fourth annual Holy Week Family Mission, **April 8-11**, in New Orleans. Tracks will be offered for girls in high school and college, boys in high school and college, and families. The mission begins with a Commissioning Mass on **Wednesday, April 8**, at Mater Dolorosa. Via streetcar, the missionaries feed the hungry, visit the sick, pray for the deceased, and pray with those they encounter, among other activities. To register or for more information about the mission, which is sponsored by Regnum Christi, visit missionyouthnola.com.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism – Baptisms take place after 11 am Mass each weekend. Contact **Marion Eigenbrod**, baptism@scschurch.com, to begin the preparation process. Information about baptism is posted at scschurch.com/baptism, as is a PDF of the baptism paperwork.

Confirmation (Teen) – Confirmation will be celebrated for 11th and 12th graders in February. Classes begin in September. For more information, please contact the church office.

Confirmation (Adult) – Adult Confirmation is celebrated each year on Pentecost Sunday with the Archbishop. Classes take place in the Spring. For more information, please contact **Joni Maurer**, joni@scschurch.com.

Marriage – Please contact a priest at least eight 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 homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

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

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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.

Register online by visiting scschurch.com/welcome, completing the form found under "I Want to Join," and emailing it to Debbie at debbie@scschurch.com.

Bulletin Deadline

To be considered for publication, bulletin notices must be received in the parish office, via email to info@scschurch.com, by Friday at noon, nine days before the Sunday for which the notice is intended.

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