# St. Catherine of Siena Parish & School
## One Heart, One Campus

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If you are in the hospital or home-bound and would like a visit from a priest, deacon, or EMC, please call the parish office. Also, be sure to notify the hospital that you are a Roman Catholic and a member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to the parish! If you are interested in registering or becoming Catholic, please call the parish office.

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*"Be who God created you to be, and you will set the world on fire"*

### SACRAMENTS

***Masses:*** Please see the inside sheet for Mass times and information.

***Reconciliation:*** Saturday afternoon: 2:30 - 3:30 PM
Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6-7 PM or by appointment.

***Baptism:*** Third Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. Parents are required to attend Catechesis prior to the baptism. Godparents are encouraged to participate. ***No Baptisms during Lent.***

***Marriage:*** Please call the parish office at least six months in advance for arrangements.

***Eucharistic Adoration:*** Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

***Chaplet of Divine Mercy:*** Wednesdays, 3 PM

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# 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 5, 2021**

## UNITED HEARTS PARISH PRAYERLINE

The number to call for prayer requests, or if you wish to pray with us, is 622-2094.

## CHURCH'S TREASURES

Save the Date: **December 5, 2021.** Fr. Carlos Martins will be displaying over 2,000 relics and artifacts of our Catholic Faith. He will begin with a little presentation at 2 pm, followed by the exposition of the relics in the school gym. After the presentations, Confessions will be available in the Church during the time of the exposition in the Gym. A free will offering will be taken during the event. For those who might are not able to attend, please join us on the livestream as Fr. Martins explains the importance of the relics and leads us into prayer. Confessions will be available after the presentation in the Church, during the exposition of the relics.

## GIVING TREE

St. Catherine's has again this year volunteered to provide Christmas gifts to St. Joseph Community Service also known as Meals and Wheels, and Our Place. This year the requested items are: Warm Socks (nonskid), Hot Cocoa or Tea, Mini Flashlight with batteries, Chapstick and Deck of Cards. Our Place is requesting educational toys for Children. Gift tags for both organizations will be available on the Giving Tree **November 20**. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Catholic Charities has provided our parish with a list of 7 deserving families that would like to give their loved ones a wonderful Christmas. If you are interested in helping, please contact the rectory. Unwrapped gifts are due back **December 17.**

## MEN OF ST. JOSEPH MEETING

St. Catherine's Men of St. Joseph will meet Saturday, **December 11** for 8:00 a.m. Mass to be followed by the rosary. A full breakfast will follow in the parish hall with Fr. Georges F. de Laire JCL, as guest speaker. For questions, please contact Ron Latouche OFS at 603-669-2674. Any adult male is invited.

## PARISH FAIR UPDATE

Many thanks to all who worked the Parish Fair, as well as all those who supported it through buying tickets. To date, we have netted $8,900!

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament offers us the opportunity to break through our daily routine and pause a while in the presence of Our Lord. **Every Wednesday** from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar at St. Catherine Church. You are invited to take some time for peace and quiet to find strength to face daily challenges and to thank the Lord for his many blessings and constant love. Especially needed at this time are adorers on a regular basis as well as substitutes. If you are interested, please call Ed Foye at 624-1723.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We will celebrate two Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, **December 7** at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, **December 8** at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Church.

**FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**
**November 20/21, 2021**
**Checks: $ 3,762.00**
**Cash: $ 1,842.00**
**E-Give: $ 2,035.00**
**Total: $ 7,639.00**
**Campaign for Human Development: $1,372.00**
***Average October Weekly Collection: $7,996.56***
***Budgeted Weekly Collection: $10,600***

**FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**
**November 27/28, 2021**
**Checks:$ 4,508.14**
**Cash: $ 1,976.00**
**E-Give: $ 1,741.00**
**Total: $ 8,225.14**
**Thanksgiving Day: $ 159.00**
***Average October Weekly Collection: $7,996.56***
***Budgeted Weekly Collection: $10,600***

## 2022 CALENDARS

The parish has purchased a supply of religious 2022 calendars. Please take one while supplies last.

## HOUR OF POWER HOLY HOUR

Are you looking for a great way to end your weekend and to get you ready for the week? Join us for an Hour of Power Holy Hour. Each of these nights will consist of a guided Holy Hour, asking the Lord to open our hearts, to bring us healing, to praise Our Lord, and to seek out His protection. Each week there will be a different theme to guide us. Join us from 7 to 8 p.m. either in person or on the Livestream.

**December 5:** Mary said "yes."
**December 12:** Let us rejoice

## FASTER FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

(Families Advocating for Substance Treatment, Education, and Recovery) for adults with a loved one dealing with substance use. You don't have to face this alone. Call Susan or Patrick 603-668-4859 for more information.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**
**as of October 25, 2021**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Cash to date:** | **$ 40,645.00** |
| **Parish Goal:** | **$ 39,200.00** |

## RECENT DEATHS

We remember those who died recently, Edward Denney, Joan Rosenthall, Jeanne Martel, and Frank Diekmann. May they be rewarded with eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

## 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Parishioners should have received their 2022 offertory envelopes by mail. If you haven't received yours, please call the rectory at 603-622-4966.

## MASSES FOR THE DECEASED

It is a Catholic practice to have Masses said for the deceased. They have infinite value for the souls of the departed and bring comfort to those who survive their departed loved ones. You may arrange to have a mass said by calling the office at 622-4966. We also offer the Tabernacle and Perpetual candles for the week.

## FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

## SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

## GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

| **SATURDAY** | **DECEMBER 4** |
|---|---|
| 8:00 | HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY |
| | DORIS CARON by Christine Fournier |
| 4:00 | IAN IZZETI y Fredda Miles |
| | CHUCK HUNGLER by Marlene & Ed Foye |

**CONFESSIONS: 2:30pm – 3:30 pm**

| **SUNDAY** | **DECEMBER 5** |
|---|---|
| 7:30 | CINDY RACZKA by the family (13th Anniv.) |
| | WILLIAM ST. ONGE |
| | by Lorraine & Gene Ducas |
| 9:00 | PAULINE BLAIS by her husband, Ron |
| | DORIS CARON by Christine Fournier |
| 11:00 | MIKE GORDON by his wife, Shirley |
| | DR. CHERI CAMACHO by the family |

**MONDAY – THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 8:30am**

| **MONDAY** | **DECEMBER 6** |
|---|---|
| | **ST. NICHOLAS, Bishop** |
| 9:00 | THEODORE COMSTOCK by his wife, Terry |
| | LARRY & PAUL VACHON by Sue Vachon |

**CONFESSIONS: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

| **TUESDAY** | **DECEMBER 7** |
|---|---|
| | **ST AMBROSE, Bishop** |
| 9:00 | DORIS CARON by Sue Vachon |
| | JEAN E. LASS by Connie Barbaro |
| 5:30 | ROBERT PICARD by Chad Picard |
| | GERRY GRADY by Phyllis |

| **WEDNESDAY** | **DECEMBER 8** |
|---|---|
| | **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM** |
| 9:00 | LUCILLE SULLIVAN SPRING, JOHN F. |
| | SULLIVAN & LOUISE SULLIVAN |
| | by the family |
| | ELIZABETH MARIE WEST by her son |
| 7:00 | IN HONOR OF OUR LADY & ST. JOSEPH |
| | PAUL REMILLARD by Alyssa Downey & Mom |

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
**CONFESSIONS: 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

| **THURSDAY** | **DECEMBER 9** |
|---|---|
| 9:00 | BEATRUCE DAHLQUIST |
| | by the Dahlquist Trust Fund |
| | RON CROTEAU by Mary |

| **SATURDAY** | **DECEMBER 11** |
|---|---|
| 8:00 | ELIZABETH SMITH by Pauline Carone |
| | LIZA SZULC & KATHLEEN DOLAN |
| | by the Hayes Family |
| 4:00 | VIRGINIA & ROBERT FLYNN; MARILYN & |
| | JOHN LETVINCHUK by the families |
| | CATHERINE MULROY by the Foye Family |

| **SUNDAY** | **DECEMBER 12** |
|---|---|
| 7:30 | FRANCIS X. SCHULTZ by his daughter, Nancy |
| | FRANK & CATHERINE MCKALLAGAT |
| | by the family |
| 9:00 | JOSEPH & JUDITH MCDONOUGH |
| | by the family |
| | JEAN LASS by Phyllis |
| 11:00 | CAROL BOUCHER by her husband, Paul |
| | CLAUDETTE BEAUDOIN by Aline Gagnon |

## *ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS*

### PARENT SERIES – ALL Parents welcome

St. Catherine of Siena Parish and School are teaming up to help parents answer the difficult questions are children ask. These nights will give you some of the resources needed, along with the Church teaching to help guide you child. All parents, grandparents, and any interested adult is welcome to join. It is held on the First Thursday of the Month at 6 pm in the Church. There will be childcare available to make it easier, however we ask that you please sign your children up so we are prepared: saintcatherinesienaparishNH.com/parent-series or call the parish office.

**January 6**: School Curriculum – led by Derrick Alexandre

### KEEP KIDS SAFE: AWAY FROM HOME

As children become older, parents are able to drop them off at activities and return later to pick them up. When you are ready to take this step, do not hesitate to ask the following questions: Do at least 2 adults supervise the children at all times? * Does your organization conduct background checks? * Does your organization provide training to adults? * Do adults and minors have separate restroom facilities? * Are isolated areas locked or restricted?
For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety

### VOCATION DISCERNMENT

Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine: your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon, or in consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

### PAPER BAG SUNDAY

This is a reminder that next weekend we will be holding our monthly Paper Bag Sunday to support the local food pantries in our area. Suggestions of items to purchase can be found at the Church entrances. Please be generous. If you decide to contribute by check, please make the check payable to "Parish of Transfiguration Food Pantry."

### GET READY FOR SUNDAY

Bible Reflections – All are welcome to join the Wednesday morning Bible Reflections in the hall at 9:30 am. We will take some time to slowly read the Sunday Readings and then to reflect on a few questions about the readings and how they apply to our daily lives.

### NO WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

There will be no Women's Group meeting this month, as the Christmas Social will take its place. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We'll see you in January.

### HALL TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to announce Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette in 2022! This is possible in accordance with the terms of a bequest received by the diocese. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire. The full scholarships granted to those in financial need are based on the recommendation of the pastor of their parish. Please contact your parish office to request a letter of recommendation and application. The deadline for submission of recommendations is March 11, 2022.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

It's that time of the year!! We are looking for children to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant during the 6 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. The children should be between ages 4 - 10, and there are no spoken parts. There will be three 45-minute rehearsals one on Tuesday, **December 21**, Wednesday, **December 22**, and Thursday, **December 23**, if needed, at 6:15. We will meet in the church hall. Please contact Lisa Daugherty at yff@scsnh.com or 622-6264 if you are interested. We hope you will join us!

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) names the process by which interested persons gradually become members of the Catholic Church. St. Catherine Parish welcomes all who believe that their journey in faith has led them to learn more about the Catholic faith, to grow in their life of prayer, and express their faith in community with others. If you know anyone whose faith journey may be prompting him/her to learn more about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. Chris at the rectory, Derick Alexandre, or Norine Calvano. Contact information for them is on the front of the bulletin. Sharing one's faith is a gift, also. **The RCIA team is looking for new members to journey with the inquirers.** If you are interested in sharing your faith, please contact Derick or Norine. No special training is necessary.

### WANTED: RELIGIOUS ED VOLUNTEERS

If anybody is interested in helping with Religious Ed, from teaching to babysitting, please contact Lisa at 603-622-6264 or yff@scsnh.com

### BIN FOR CLOTHING

St. Vincent de Paul Society has placed a bin for donations of clothing located in the school parking lot adjacent to the rectory. Items accepted for the bin: gently used coats, clothing shoes, boots, hats, mittens, undergarments, socks, bedding, towels. No large items, please.

### MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE

Nationwide Mass times and locations may be found online at www.Masstimes.org or call 1-800-627-7846.

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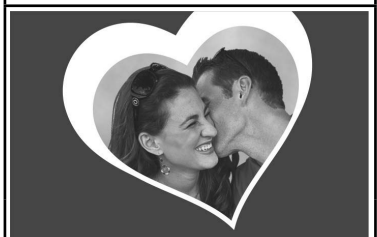
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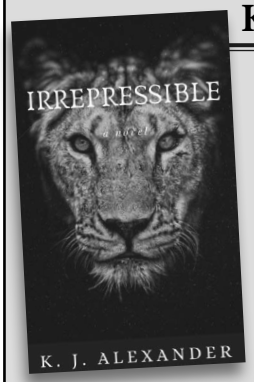

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