

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord, your God,  
shall you worship and him  
alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10



## St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Wednesday & Friday: Closed

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Attendance at a baptismal class is required for parents who desire baptism for their infant. Godparents must both be Catholic, fully initiated into the Church at least 16 years old, and practicing their faith. The date and time of baptism will be determined by the pastor. Baptismal preparation classes can be attended prior to the birth of your child. Please contact the parish office to inquire.

The RCIA: the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which an adult enters into the Catholic Church. RCIA classes begin in the fall of the year. The sacraments of initiation are received at the Solemn Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter. Please call the parish office for more information.

### The Sacrament of the Eucharist

The children of the parish are prepared to receive their First Holy Communion in the second grade. The reception of the sacrament takes place at a Sunday Mass in the spring of each year. If your child is beyond the second grade and has not yet received their First Holy Communion, please call the parish for information about preparation to receive the sacrament.

### The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Youth of the parish are prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in grades 8 and 9. It is a two year program. The youth will receive the sacrament from the Bishop of Lansing in October of their 2nd year in a regional Confirmation Mass. The sacrament of Confirmation completes full initiation into the Catholic Church. If you are an adult and have not been confirmed please call the parish office to inquire about the reception of the sacrament.

### The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

The children of the parish are prepared to receive their First Penance in the second grade prior to their First Holy Communion.

The sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturday from 4:00-4:45 p.m.

A Communal Penance Service is celebrated during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

### The Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament of the Sick is available anytime upon request. It is intended for those who are facing serious physical or mental illness, surgery, or the declining effects of aging. A communal service of the sacrament is celebrated on the First Friday of each month at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Holy Communion is taken to the sick and home-bound upon request.

St. Catherine Laboure Church attends to the Catholics in the local care facilities.

### The Sacrament of Matrimony

A period of at least nine months is required for marriage preparation. Scheduling the wedding date takes place after the initial meeting with the pastor. If there has been a previous marriage by either party, Catholic or not, a declaration of nullity must be sought through the Diocese of Lansing before the marriage can occur. Please call the office to inquire.

### OUR MISSION

*St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church is a growing rural family-oriented community with a unique history and strong commitment to each other and our faith. As a spirit-led Christian community, we teach and learn, following the example of Christ. We encourage others in their Christian Growth both within and outside our own community.*

*We worship together, laugh together and support each other.*



### Mass Schedule

Low Gluten hosts are available  
No daily Masses until further notice

#### Saturday, February 25

5:00 PM - Lynn Sanford †

#### Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM Mass - Dcn. John Sundwick †  
Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Mt 4:1-11

#### Monday, February 27

**NO SERVICES**

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday, February 28

**NO SERVICES**

IS 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday, March 1

**NO SERVICES**

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday, March 2

**NO SERVICES**

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 5:20-26

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

#### Friday, March 3

**NO SERVICES**

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

9:00 AM - Rosary

#### Saturday, March 4

5:00 PM - Gerald and Nancy Hodge †

#### Sunday, March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM Mass - People of the Parish  
Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

#### First Friday Rosary

St. Catherine's will continue to have a First Friday Rosary. Next month we will say a rosary on Friday, March 3 at 9 a.m. The church will be open at 8:30 a.m.

During the season of Lent we will pray a scriptural Rosary. All are welcome!



#### Weekly Offering February 19, 2023

Weekly Budget - 2022/2023 Budget	\$ 4,000.00
Sunday Envelopes - 02/19/23	\$ 2,359.00
Loose Money - 02/19/23	\$ 150.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 525.00

**Total Collection** \$ 3,034.00

Above/Below Budget -\$ 966.00  
YTD Above/Below Budget -\$ 9,111.77

Envelopes used out of 159 envelopes issued - 24  
Online Givers - 13  
Total - 37

#### Parish Calendar

**Sunday, February 26** - 10:30 am Mass

Parish Calendar



Faith Formation - 9 am - 10:15 am  
Confirmation class - 6 pm - 7:30 pm

**Thursday, March 2** - 7 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 4** - Confession 4-4:45 pm/5 pm Mass  
Reader - Jeff Gray  
Altar Servers - Anna and Jacob Gray

**Sunday March 5** - 10:30 am Mass  
Reader - Natalie Learned  
Altar Servers - Ellieana and Nolan Learned  
Extraordinary Ministers - Joanne Reese and Matt Reinker

Faith Formation - 9 am - 10:15 am

\*\* The liturgical schedule is posted on the parish website  
stcatherinelaboureconcord.org/ministry-schedule, and on the  
bulletin board in parish hall \*\*

\*\* Holy week schedule has been posted! \*\*

#### News from the Choir



Our next Evening of Praise  
and Worship will be on  
Wednesday, March 1 at 7 pm.



Come and lift up your hearts and voices! Sing with the  
St. Catherine Laboure choir and join them in prayer and  
adoration of our Lord.

We are doubly blessed when we sing and make music before  
the Lord! We hope to see you there!

#### Mass intentions available

Mass intentions are now available. Suggested  
donation is \$10. Please contact the parish office.





## Faith Formation

This Sunday we began our journey of having a meaningful Lent together by praying the First Five Stations of the Cross. 1. Jesus Condemned to death 2. Jesus bears his cross 3. Jesus falls for the first time 4. Jesus meets his mother 5. Jesus is helped by Simon. We talked about how Mary must have felt when her eyes met Jesus' - who was Simon and what might have been thinking and how much pain Jesus must have been enduring. Next week we will pray the Stations 5 - 10.

The Stations of the Cross are a great prayer devotion that allows us to walk with Jesus towards his cross. They are fairly short and dramatic which helps hold kids' attention. We hope our introductions to them in class will inspire our families to pray them together this Lent in your homes or on Thursdays at St. Catherine's at 7 p.m. this Lent!

**Confirmation Class** - this Sunday February 26th @ 6pm  
Are you Talking to Me? What is Prayer? How to Pray. What happens when I pray?

Leslie Reagle  
Faith Formation Director

### 2023 Diocesan Services Appeal to Begin



“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.” This text from the Book of Psalms reminds each of us of how we are to respond to the many gifts we have been given by God, and that greatest gift: the gift of His Son in the Holy Eucharist. Many blessings from God call forth from us many thanks, even sacrificial thanks.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is one such opportunity to give God thanks for his great gifts; for the work of the Church in our own lives and in lives across our diocese. Next weekend our parish will conduct Commitment Weekend for our Diocesan Services Appeal. This is when we will be asking each member of St. Catherine Laboure Parish to consider a generous gift to DSA. Our parish goal of \$20,192.55 can be reached if each one of us shares a portion of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call to carry on Christ's work in our community.

*Loving and gracious God, we praise you and we thank you for the bountiful gifts that you have given us. Let us turn to you ever more deeply in the true presence of the Eucharist and find new life in your sacrifice on the altar! Inspire us to give of ourselves to DSA in service to you as a member of your Holy Catholic Church. Bestow your many blessings on our humble labors so we may grow more united in sharing your love with all we encounter. Amen*

### St. Catherine Laboure will be participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read!



St. Catherine Laboure will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

**Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online.** The survey can be accessed through an online link or QR code below from February 22 to March 28 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Tim MacDonald and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Please use the QR code below or the link <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/g2549g> to access the survey.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick one up after weekend Masses. They will be located in the Narthex. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at the parish office or place in the collection basket.



To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Sarah Gray at 517-524-7578.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

### Widow's Group lunch

Widows Group will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at Denny's on Airport Road at 11:30. All widows are welcome.



### The Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus



Fellow Brother Knights are cordially invited, to join us at St. Gerard Parish in Lansing, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, to complete your journey into the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

We look forward to being able to address you as Sir Knight in the near future! For more details, please contact: Faithful Admiral / Membership Director Al Cielon 517-917-4490 Faithful Navigator Ben Dandrow 517-812-2620.



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