

# St. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH —EST. 2025—

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO AND ST. LUKE CHURCHES

November 29 & 30, 2025 • The First Sunday of Advent



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MUST BE  
**PREPARED.**

— MATTHEW 24:44 —

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## 02 | PARISH INFORMATION

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

### Mass Times

(C) = St. Charles Borromeo Church  
(L) = St. Luke Church

#### Weekday

Monday | 8:30 a.m. (C)  
Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. (L)  
Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. (C)  
Friday | 12:00 p.m. (L)

#### Saturday

4:00 p.m. (C)

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m. (C) (Mass is live-streamed)  
10:00 a.m. (L)  
11:30 a.m. (C)

Holy Day Schedule: Consult bulletin



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## Mission Statement

*St. Charles and St. Luke  
Churches united together  
in worship and in service  
form St. Catherine of Siena  
Parish.*

*We are committed to act  
justly, love mercy, and walk  
humbly with God.*





## A Message from DAVE FELDEN THE WORK CONTINUES

Now with winter approaching, scheduled outdoor projects and winterization activities completed, priorities shift to indoor projects and repairs needed for the church and school. More on the projects in a later update, but for now let's talk CHURCH LIGHTS!

### CHURCH LIGHTS

#### Background:

Several parishioners have stated "you know there are some lights out in the church". With the time change and especially in the morning, it was easy to see how dark it had become. In August of 2023 all the light bulbs were changed. Those LED lights installed were warranted for three years and were supposed to last for 25,000 hours. Estimating the number of hours the lights were on, the expectation was a conservative seven-to-ten-year life. The lights started failing during the summer of 2025 with three lights failing in one week. The final number of light bulb failures was thirty. It was concluded that, although the bulbs were designed for this type of fixture, excessive heat caused a shorter lifespan.

#### Maintenance difficulties:

Changing of the church's light bulbs is not trivial and is one of the more challenging maintenance tasks at the St. Catherine of Siena, St. Charles Campus. Although the bulbs screw into sockets (like the light bulbs found in most homes), the fixture type, height and the slope of the floor created logistical difficulties and safety issues. Most of the bulbs are recessed into fixtures which are supported by a self-leveling pivoting drop rod. The pivot portion is either affixed to a beam or the ceiling. The height of the fixtures ranges from thirty feet to forty-five feet. Using an extension pole designed for bulb replacement, two bulbs at thirty feet were able to be replaced. However... Imagine standing on the allowable top rung of a ladder that is positioned on the sloped floor, while lifting a one-pound bulb located at the end of a wobbly twenty-foot plus extension pole which in turn you are trying to steady using both arms. If luck is on your side, after you lift the bulb to the fixture (which is pivoting as the bulb is pushed close to the socket) the bulb magically lines up with the socket (which you cannot now see), allowing you to turn it in. For fixtures



at forty five feet a taller ladder and longer pole is required, creating an even more precarious situation.

#### Reaching the lights:

The solution to safely reaching and changing the light bulbs requires an electric articulating manlift. Scissor lifts cannot be used as the lift manufacturers do not allow operation on sloping floors due to lift instabilities. The manlift required must be battery operated and capable of traveling through the entry, gathering space, and church doors. Additionally, the manlift needs to have sufficient extension to reach all the lights. The manlift used for the last replacement cleared the doors by one inch on each side. Manipulating this manlift into the church takes a skilled qualified operator and is a process that takes a significant amount of time. Additionally, several pews need to be moved.

#### Determining replacement lights:

When three bulbs had failed in the summer of 2025, four vendors were contacted and invited to present their solutions for lighting the church. As using the same LED bulb was not a good option, vendors were instructed to provide their best lighting solutions. No constraints of light type, fixture type, cost etc.. was given. The goal was to have a solution which would either offer greater longevity or something that could be more easily maintained. Two vendors with their lighting experts indicated that architecturally the same type of fixture should be used unless a different aesthetic was desired. For expedience the option of a new fixture was abandoned. Both presented a bulb replacement that

are designed for enclosed fixtures and have an internal fan to circulate and lower the temperature around the bulb.

#### Timeline and the process:

So no problem "just order the bulbs and get them installed..." . Not so fast.... The new bulbs and installation cost were above the local spending authority threshold (I cannot disclose the amount, but it's not as large as you think) which required diocesan approval. To obtain approval, the pastor needs to submit a written request to the diocese for permission to spend. The request must include a minimum of three quotes. The request once submitted is then reviewed by the diocese and, if approved, passed onto the bishop for final approval. Although for this type of project, approval is a formality, nevertheless it is not possible to proceed without approval. The final approval was received on Thursday, October 23, 2025, approximately three weeks after starting the approval process. As soon as the approval was received (within one hour), the vendor was informed to proceed. However, the new bulbs chosen were not the "off the shelf variety" and had a two-week lead time. As the bulbs were being procured, the vendor coordinated the manlift rental and manpower. The new lights were anticipated to be installed before the end of November, but are here today. Thanks for your patience and understanding. More to come on other projects and repairs.

*Dave F*

# 04 | LOOKING AHEAD

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

## Looking Foward

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)  
10:00 a.m. | (L) Mass (Church)  
10:00 a.m. | (L) Rite of Acceptance (Church)  
11:30 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)  
12:30 p.m. | (C) Children's Choir Practice (Choir Rm)  
12:30 p.m. | (C) Baptism (Church)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

All Day | (L) Kolachi Bake (Church Hall)  
8:30 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)  
8:30 a.m. | (C) Soup Kitchen (Kitchen)  
12:00 p.m. | (C) Ladies Guild (St. Matthew Rm)  
6:00 p.m. | (C) YA Rec League (St. Matthew Rm)  
6:30 p.m. | (C) OCIA (St. Mark Rm)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

All Day | (L) Kolachi Bake (Church Hall)  
8:30 a.m. | (L) Mass (Chapel)  
3:00 p.m. | (C) Yoga (St. Matthew/Mark Rm)  
7:00 p.m. | (L) K of C (Fr. McGivney Rm)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

All Day | (L) Kolachi Bake (Church Hall)  
8:30 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)  
9:00 a.m. | (C) Adoration (Chapel)  
5:30 p.m. | (C) OCIA (St. Mark Rm)  
7:00 p.m. | (C) Genealogical Society (St. Matthew Rm)  
7:00 p.m. | (L) Holy Name Society (St. Peter Rm)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 a.m. | (L) Kolachi Pick-Up (Church Hall)  
12:00 p.m. | (C) Baptismal Prep Class (St. Matthew Rm)  
12:30 p.m. | (C) SCS Poinsettia Delivery (Hall)  
5:30 p.m. | (C) Adult Choir Practice (Church)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. | (L) Kolachi Pick-Up (Church Hall)  
9:00 a.m. | (L) Adoration (Chapel)  
11:00 a.m. | (C) Advent Brunch Set- Up (Hall)  
12:00 p.m. | (C) Mass (Church)  
8:00 p.m. | (L) AA (Church Hall)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 a.m. | (C) Catholic Men's Fellowship (St. John Rm)  
9:00 a.m. | (C) Advent Brunch (Hall/Kitchen)  
10:00 a.m. | (L) Kolachi Pick-Up (Church Hall)  
2:00 p.m. | (C) Individual Confession (Confessional)  
3:30 p.m. | (C) Reciting the Rosary (Church)  
4:00 p.m. | (C) Mass (Church)  
4:00 p.m. | (C) K of C 4th Degree Christmas Party (Hall)  
5:00 p.m. | (C) SVDP Baked Goods Collection (Kitchen)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

After All Masses | (C) SVDP Baked Goods Collection (Kitchen)  
7:30 a.m. | (C) Men's Club (Kitchen)  
8:30 a.m. | (L) CCD (School)  
9:00 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)  
9:00 a.m. | (C) JaM (Church)  
10:00 a.m. | (L) Mass (Church)  
10:00 a.m. | (C) CCD (School)  
11:00 a.m. | (L) Extra Kolachi Sale (Narthex)  
11:30 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)  
11:30 a.m. | (C) Baptism (Church)  
11:30 a.m. | (C) JaM (Church)  
12:30 p.m. | (C) Children's Choir Practice (Choir Rm)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

*Anticipatory Saturday of the First Sunday of Advent*

(C) 4:00 p.m. † Tom Assion  
† Chris Reider

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

*First Sunday of Advent*

(C) 9:00 a.m. † James DiBenedetto, Sr.  
† Roseann Rushen  
(L) 10:00 a.m. † Joseph & Teresa Cutruzzla  
(C) 11:30 a.m. † Phil Dean  
† Dee Canavan

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

(C) 8:30 a.m. † Alfred Pietra  
† Louis Morelli  
† Stephen J. Higgins

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

(L) 8:30 a.m. † Annette Lonardo  
† Cecelia Dutko

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

(C) 8:30 a.m. † George Siva  
† Peter Raptis  
† Steve Wilt

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

(C) 9:00 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory  
† Edward Bisconti  
† Verna Fiore

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

*St. Nicholas, Bishop*

(C) 4:00 p.m. † Catherine D'Apolito

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

*Second Sunday of Advent*

(C) 9:00 a.m. † Jorge Viana  
† Margaret Gallagher  
(L) 10:00 a.m. † Ed Smrek  
(C) 11:30 a.m. † Lindsay Zetts  
† Barbara Dybski

## SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

† Nick & Joyce Jannone  
† Danny Kinnick

## ST. LUKE CANDLE IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

(L) † Harry & Rosemarie Machuga

## St. Catherine of Siena Stewardship



### Our Treasure for the Week of November 15 & 16, 2025

Sunday Collection & Online	\$41,403.62
Capital Fund	\$452.21
Endowment	\$5.00
Martha's Cupboard	\$185.00
Security	\$475.00
Mission Sunday	\$65.00
All Saints	\$45.00
All Souls	\$110.00
Christmas Flowers	\$945.00
Religious Retirement	\$420.00
Christmas	\$695.00
Thanksgiving	\$245.00

### Our Treasure for the Week of November 22 & 23, 2025

The collection total will be published in the December 6 & 7, 2025 bulletin due to the early Thanksgiving holiday deadline. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Make-up envelopes are both welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Stewardship Reflection

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

## Thank You

### BULLETIN SPONSORS!

This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear, completely defray the costs. Please patronize the sponsors located in the back of the bulletin. Thank them for supporting our Parish.

Our sponsor this week is  
**The DeBartolo Corporation,  
Denise & John York.**

**THANK YOU!**

## Safe Environment

The Diocese of Youngstown is in full compliance with safe environment policies established by the USCCB (November 2023). If you or someone you know has been abused at any time by a priest, deacon, religious, seminarian, person in formation, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Youngstown, or if you believe that abuse has occurred or is currently occurring, contact civil authorities and also Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (office) 330-744-8451 x293 or (response line) 330-718-1388.

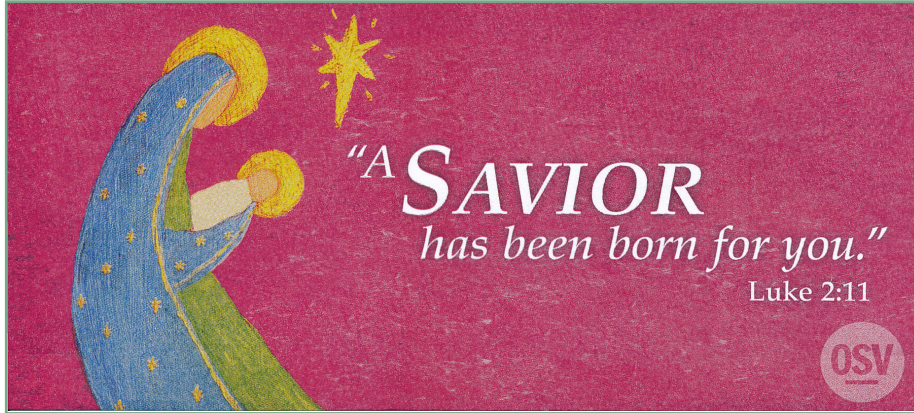
To report a violation of the Safe Environment Policy that does not constitute abuse or suspected abuse contact Mr. Dominic Colucy, Safe Environment Coordinator, (office) 330-744-8451 x293 or (response line) 330-718-1388.

Visit the Safe Environment page on the diocesan website ([doy.org](http://doy.org)) to find our most up-to-date Reporting Requirements and Procedures in English and Spanish, as well as links to additional reporting resources.

The Safe Environment Compliance Officer for the St. Charles Campus is Natalie Wardle, St. Charles School is Elaine Majetich, and for the St. Luke Campus is Lisa Dray. If you have questions regarding the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy or are a volunteer who works with minors or vulnerable adults and need assistance becoming compliant, contact the campus compliance officer.



# Embracing Change: A Journey of Growth



## PARISH ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

You should have received your monthly envelope packets for December.

If you haven't received the new envelopes and would like to, or if you have received the envelopes but do not wish to, please contact the parish office so we can address the issue. Our aim is to help you understand the purpose of each envelope as we progress together as one parish.

*December Envelopes will include:*

### 1. Sunday Collection Envelopes

These envelopes contribute to the operational costs of both church campuses.

### 2. Monthly Donation Blessings Envelope

To help minimize envelope costs, this envelope will feature multiple giving options. Please make sure you mark the checkboxes to indicate where you wish your donation to go:

**a. Early Childhood Learning Center** - These funds support the administrative costs associated with our ECLCs, as well as the housing and utility expenses for both St. Luke and St. Charles ECLC facilities.

**b. Security** - Contributions to this fund help cover security expenses during all weekend Masses as well help offset the cost for the expenses for other security systems, such as cameras.

**c. Capital Fund** - Donations to this fund enable the parish to maintain and finance improvements for both church grounds.

### 3. St. Vincent de Paul Envelope

This envelope is distributed quarterly and features two checkboxes: one for the St. Charles St. Vincent de Paul Chapter and another for the St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul Chapter. Funds collected will support the mission of St. Vincent de Paul in the Mahoning County.

### 4. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Envelope

This envelope is distributed once a year for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass. The funds collected contribute to the operational costs of both church campuses.

### 5. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Envelope

This envelope is distributed once a year for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass. The funds collected contribute to the operational costs of both church campuses.

### 6. Social Concerns/Martha's Cupboard Envelope

This envelope will be distributed twice a year and will feature two checkboxes: one for Social Concerns and another for Martha's Cupboard. Funds collected will go directly to help those most in need in our community. (See page 12 for Social Concerns).

### 7. Separate Christmas Envelope Packet

By now, you have received your a separate mailing with a Christmas Envelope as well a Christmas folder with upcoming Mass times and events for the holiday season. This Christmas Envelope packet was mailed to ALL St. Catherine of Siena Parishioners, even those who do not receive monthly envelopes, so everyone is informed of the upcoming Mass times and events.

### 8. Christmas Flowers (November Packet)

This envelope is distributed twice a year, once for Christmas and once for Easter. The funds raised go towards purchasing holiday flowers and other materials to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary throughout the year. **This envelope is due no later than Sunday, December 14 if you would like the names of your loved ones published in the December 28 bulletin.**

## St. Luke Holy Name & Altar Rosary Society Advent Gathering

Wednesday, December 10, in the St. Luke Church Hall

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Name will be covering the cost of the dinners. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex, Please make your reservation by Tuesday, December 2.

If you have any questions please call Renee at 330-881-8754.



## St. Luke Bingo

Join us for a fun evening of bingo every Monday night at St. Luke Church. Doors at the social hall open at 4:00 p.m. with bingo beginning at 6:45 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help in this ministry, please call Lisa at the parish office.

**THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 AND MONDAY DECEMBER 22. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.**



## St. Charles

### St. Vincent de Paul BAKED GOODS COLLECTION

St. Charles will be accepting baked goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen the weekend of December 6 & 7, 2025. Any baked goods are welcome, whether they are homemade or purchased. Please drop them off in the church kitchen before or after Masses and mark them for "St. Vincent de Paul." Thank you for your generosity and we welcome all parishioners to participate as an act of stewardship.

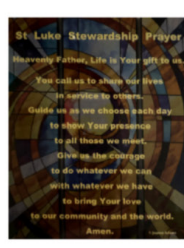
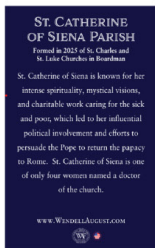
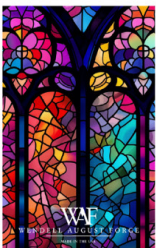


## Christmas Ornament Fundraiser

**SPONSORED BY ST. LUKE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, BISHOP MALONE COUNCIL**

The St. Luke Knights of Columbus collaborated with Wendall August Forge to produce unique Christmas ornaments this year. These ornaments can become treasured keepsakes for parishioners, offering a lovely way to celebrate the holiday season while supporting the Knights of Columbus. Each ornament is crafted from aluminum and priced at \$35.00. Additionally, each ornament will come with a special card.

### Ornament Order Form



4"x2" Aluminum \$35.00

2.5"x3" Aluminum \$35.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: St. Charles St. Luke

Ornament: Holy Family St. Luke

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_



## 08 | PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

St. Catherine of Siena Parish



### Mass Times

Monday, December 8, 2025 is a Holy Day of Obligation as we commemorate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Monday, December 8, 2025  
8:30 a.m.(SC), 12:00 p.m.(SC), and  
7:00 p.m.(SL)

### Bambinelli Sunday Blessing



Traditionally, the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) is known as "Bambinelli Sunday." It is the day when Italian children gather with their families at St. Peter's Square in Rome and bring their figurine of Baby Jesus from the family's crèche to be blessed by the pope.

Pope Saint John Paul II began this tradition and continues till this day with Pope Leo.

We invite you to bring your baby Jesus from your family's crèche the weekend of December 13 & 14, 2025 for a special blessing at all Masses.

## Welcome New Parishioners SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025

**Joshua Baldwin**

**Michael & Danielle Bryan**  
& children, Aubrey Mae & Liam Michael

**Joseph & Katherine Caraballo**  
& Son Monico Joseph

**Vincent & Maria Cerni**  
& daughters, Eliana, Isabelle & Grace

**Joseph & Kara DeCapita**  
& children, Theo & Remi

**Shayla DeCapita**

**Benjamin & Caitlin Dieugenio**  
& daughter Scottie

**Stuart & Katie Duchek**  
& sons, Sullivan & John

**David Hatfield & Raissa Nunes**  
& children, Layla, David & Isabella

**Jason & Jessica Koehler**  
& son Alexander

**Nicholas & Mikalyn Mrozek**  
& son Camden

**Dominic Pellegrini**

**James & Jeanne Pepperney Jr.**

**Ronald Quaranta**

**Matthew & Amy Snyder**

**Brian & Mallory Stanley**  
& son Cameron

## A Joyful Celebration of 100 Years of Catholic Presence in Boardman NOVEMBER 1926 - NOVEMBER 2026

Many varied activities are being planned to honor the people from St. Charles Borromeo and St. Luke who have contributed for the past 100 years in bringing Christ to our area. Planning began May 2024, to kickoff a year-long JOYFUL celebration on January 1, 2026 and will culminate with a Mass of Celebration and Reception on Sunday, November 8, 2026. Six sub-committees have been working diligently to make this all happen: cultural, community service, educational/spiritual, summer event, social media, and Mass/Gala are coordinating to make this a joyful year-long event. But make it all happen, we need **YOUR** help. Planning is one thing, making it all to come together is another. In order to recognize the contributions from both churches, we need members from BOTH worship sites to join in the planning and executing of these events throughout the coming year. Your input and assistance would be most appreciated for more information or to volunteer your help. please contact Deacon Mike at [mkcjancic@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:mkcjancic@youngstowndiocese.org) or Lisa Dray or [ldray@stcatherineparishboardman.org](mailto:ldray@stcatherineparishboardman.org) or call the Parish Office at 330-758-2325.



## Italy Eucharistic Miracles Pilgrimage MAY 23 - JUNE 4, 2026

Join Miros & Theresa Maszczak, parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Parish and curators of the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit, on a Eucharistic Miracles Pilgrimage to Italy! Fr. Jim McCormack, MIC, a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, is our chaplain on The Italia Magnifica Pilgrimage. Call Theresa at 330-519-3233 for brochure/itinerary and or to sign up for our pilgrimage. (Mater Dei Tours 1-608-440-3700 [www.MaterDeiTours.com](http://www.MaterDeiTours.com))



## Early Bulletin Deadlines

- Content for the December 13 & 14 bulletin is due by noon on Wednesday, December 3.
- Content for the December 20 & 21 bulletin is due by noon on Wednesday, December 10.
- Content for the December 27 & 28 bulletin is due by noon on Wednesday, December 17.
- Content for the January 3 & 4 bulletin is due by noon on Monday, December 22.

All information and materials for the bulletin should be emailed to [egalvin@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:egalvin@youngstowndiocese.org) or typed and turned into the parish office by NOON on the FRIDAY - A week PRIOR to the bulletin publication. An email submission is preferred, but a typed copy with the contributor's name and phone number may be submitted for consideration. In the interests of story clarity and proper spelling, handwritten notes are discouraged. Please note your article may be edited or omitted due to space issues.

## St. Charles Ladies Guild

The St. Charles Ladies Guild will meet on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew Room. We will be praying the rosary and having our holiday luncheon. Our Luncheon will be swiss steak catered by A La Cart Catering. The cost is \$15.00 per lady. Reservations are due by Monday, November 24, 2025.

Please contact Xandra Papa at 330-507-0406. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift. There will also be a \$1.00 raffle benefitting Martha's Cupboard. All ladies are welcome from St. Luke and St. Charles. There is no meeting in January.

## The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Mass Times

The Octave of the Nativity, or Octave of Christmas, is the eight-day period in the Catholic Church that begins on Christmas Day (December 25) and concludes on New Year's Day (January 1) with the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. During this time, the celebration of Christmas is extended to reflect its importance as a major feast, with each day treated as a high-ranking solemnity Mass.

The Mass schedule for St. Catherine of Siena Parish will be the following:

- Friday, December 26, at Noon (SL)
- Saturday, December 27, at 8:30 a.m. (SC)
- Regular Sunday Mass times
- Monday December 29, at 8:30 a.m. (SC)
- Tuesday, December 30, at 8:30 a.m. (SL)
- Wednesday, December 31, at 8:30 a.m. (SC)
- Thursday, January 1, 9:00 a.m. (SC) or 10:00 a.m. (SL)

## Martha's Cupboard Food Pantry AT ST. CHARLES CHURCH

Every month, our dedicated volunteers distribute boxes to over 120 families containing food, laundry detergent, and other essential items that are typically not included in traditional government programs. We invite you to take a maroon bag from near the St. Charles statue in the Gathering Space and fill it with the necessary items. The need is great. If you require support, the upcoming distribution date is Wednesday, December 17, 2025, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. outside the St. Luke Room on the St. Charles Church Campus. Everyone is welcome to receive a box of goods, and no documentation of need is necessary.

Please remember to take this list with you on your next shopping trip and consider picking up some items for the Martha's Cupboard Food Pantry.

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| • Canned Vegetables | • Small Laundry Detergents |
| • Soup              | • Bar Soap                 |
| • Crackers          | • Toilet Paper             |
| • Spaghetti Sauce   | • Body Wash                |
| • Canned Fruit      | • Instant Potatoes         |
| • Peanut Butter     | • Spaghetti O's            |
| • Pork and Beans    | • Instant Potatoes         |
| • Sides             | • Pancake Mix & Syrup      |
| • Cereal            | • Tuna                     |
| • Diapers           |                            |

# 10 | PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

St. Catherine of Siena Parish



**Baptized in Christ**  
Alfred Jeffrey Calai



## OCIA Class of 2026

Please keep the OCIA Catechumen and Candidates in your prayers as they continue their Catholic Faith Formation.

Brandon Boerio  
Elizabeth Brewer  
Todd Collins  
Zachary Gordon  
Jared Morgan  
Mason Pugh  
Michelle Santarelli  
Yahsminn Santiago  
Brian Stanley  
Cameron Stanley  
Mallory Stanley

## A Prayer for Vocations

*My Lord and my God,  
I believe that You have a plan for my life, that You have a mission in your Kingdom reserved for me alone.  
Your plan and your mission are far better than any other I might choose.  
Lord, grant me the light of grace I need to see the next step in your plan; grant me the generosity necessary to follow your call; and grant me the courage required to take up my cross and follow you.  
Show me your will, and help me to say with Mary, "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Let me say with Jesus, "Let not my will be done, but Yours." Amen.*

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ALTAR MEMORIAL LIST

Tony Agostinelli
Glenn Beckman
Mary Berasi
Albert Boccomino
Sam Boccomino
Dee Canavan
Margene Chambers
Dennis Chizmar
J. Philip Dean
Lloyd Ellis
Verna Fiore
Kathleen Gilmartin-Vesco
Margaret Gonder
Patricia Goslak
Marlene Horlick
Martin Hrinko
Mary Hrinko
Emily Hughes
Raymond Hughes
John Jacobs, Sr.
Danielle Lewis
Frank Masluk
Lewis Nuzzie
Katherine Nuzzie
Ralph Nuzzie
Maryann Peretti
Virginia Petretich
Clara Ross
Mario Ross
Mercedes Verlezza

St. Charles Borromeo Church offers the opportunity for family and friends to list their loved ones on the Monthly Altar Memorial List. This list of names will be prayed for the last weekend of every month at all the St. Charles' Masses during the Universal Prayers (The Prayers of the Faithful). The cost to place your loved one's name on this list is \$10.00 per month. Please call the parish office to schedule.

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

The Rite of Anointing reminds us that one does not have to wait until death is imminent to receive the Sacrament. It serves as a spiritual healing, offering the individual the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage to navigate the challenges that come with their illness. Contact the parish office at 330-758-2325 for sacramental emergencies.

### Baptism

To arrange a baptism, please reach out to the parish office. Parents need to be registered and active members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. If you reside outside the area but wish for your child to be baptized, a letter from your home parish confirming your active membership is necessary. Additionally, parents are required to attend a preparation class. Please call the parish office to set up the baptism.

### Communion

For information, kindly reach out to the Coordinator of Religious Education at the appropriate campus.

### Confession

St. Catherine of Siena Parish offers an opportunity for confession every Saturday at St. Charles Church from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Daily Chapel, or you can call the parish office and schedule an appointment.

### Confirmation

For information, kindly reach out to the Coordinator of Religious Education at the appropriate campus.

### Marriage

Members of the parish who intend to get married at St. Catherine of Siena should reach out to the parish office at least six months prior to their wedding date.

### OCIA

If you wish to explore becoming Catholic, please reach out to the parish office.

### Vocations

If you feel called to the priesthood or religious life, please contact the Diocesan Director of Vocations, Rev. Chad Johnson at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org)

## Military Prayer List

*Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Amen.*

(<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-our-troops>.)

## Prayer Chain

Intercessory Prayer has been a hallmark of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Each week there is a growing list of Prayer Requests in the parish bulletin. This list is "open" to requests from both churches. Information for adding a name is printed each week in the bulletin below the Prayer List.

In addition, we have email Prayer Chain that is emailed to "pray-ers", i.e., individuals who pray for the intentions on the Prayer Chain as requests are received. To add your name to the email list to be a "pray-er", call the parish office and ask for your email to be included. To add the name of a person who needs prayers for surgery, emergency health issues, or other immediate needs, call the parish office to add a name or intention. Explicit medical details do not need to be included for privacy reasons. These prayer requests are emailed to the Prayer Chain as they are received.

## Readings for the Week of December 1, 2025

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## St. Catherine of Siena Parish Prayer List

*O Lord, bring comfort to your servants who are unwell and place their trust in you. Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech you to hear our prayers for those who are suffering in body or mind. We humbly ask for your merciful assistance, that their health may be restored, allowing them to give thanks to you. We pray for all the sick, especially the following:*

**Sue Bosela**  
**Ron Trevis**

**At the beginning of every Advent, we begin a new prayer list and military prayer list in an attempt to keep it up-to-date. Please call the parish office (330-758-2325) after Monday, November 24 if you would like to add a name to the new list.**



JOIN US FOR

*Christmas*

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 p.m. (Church only), 7:00 p.m., & Midnight

Thursday, December 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### ST. LUKE MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:00 a.m.



## THE GIVING TREE

- FEEL FREE TO TAKE A CHILD'S TAG FROM THE TREE
- PURCHASE GIFT MATCHING THE AGE & GENDER
- DO NOT WRAP GIFT
- ATTACH TAG & PLACE UNDER THE TREE
- PLACE GIFT CARDS IN COLLECTION BASKET MARKED FOR GIVING TREE

**RETURN YOUR GIFTS NO LATER THAN  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 BY 12:30 P.M.**

If you wish to help out in another way, Catholic Charities is also asking for donations of Christmas wrapping supplies for the families to wrap their own gifts. Thank you for your kind generosity and support.

### St. Luke Social Concerns Ministry

Social Concerns Ministry has a history of community outreach at St. Luke. We started with school supplies for the students of St. Luke, coat collection, and helping with utility bills. Then came the Pantry with members making kits for the people who were homeless, making blankets, and collecting household items. When requested, we assisted with Diocesan collections – First Step for Change and Giving Tree, Rescue Mission collection of towels, Ursuline Sisters AIDs Ministry, and Voter Registration with the Board of Elections.

Currently, our main project is the Paper Pantry Plus. This is the oldest Paper Pantry in two counties. While other groups focused on food distribution, we saw a need to supply items that were not covered by the Food Stamp program. Also, one goal was to build relationships with members of the community by seeing them as guests and interacting. In December, guests receive guidelines, dates for next year and a registration form for January using an ID. No proof of need is required. Usually, 65 individuals register for the year, and we have 50 bags to distribute. Those bags contain, four packs of toilet paper, dish soap, roll of paper towels, tissues, and body wash (men/women). They also have the opportunity to choose two of the following: spray cleaner, razors, wet wipes, deodorant (men/women), bar soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, or shampoo. Bags are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The Pantry has one rule that if an individual missed two months in a row, the name is eliminated. This allows openings for others to register. Members of the Social Concerns Ministry shop, and bags are packed the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the school. Distribution is usually the last Sunday of the month around 8:00 a.m. using a drive-up service.

In 2024, we distributed 5,268 items consisting of paper products, grooming and hygiene products in the bags. An annual report is printed in the Bulletin. The Pantry is funded by the Church community with two envelopes – one in May and one in December. We are grateful for our parish's generous support in order to continue our mission.