

St. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH —EST. 2025—

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO AND ST. LUKE CHURCHES

December 13 & 14, 2025 • The Third Sunday of Advent

THE GOOD NEWS
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TO THEM.

— MATTHEW 11:5 —

THIRD 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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Website: www.stcharlesschoolboardman.com

Monday - Friday | 7:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

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 LAURA KUNKEL

Gaudete Sunday: When Joy Finds Its Voice

There is a moment in every great piece of music when the melody lifts-subtly at first, then unmistakably- lifting the listener to breathe a little deeper. Advent has its own musical arc, too. For two weeks, we've walked in the quiet rhythm of waiting and repentance, the steady beat of preparing our hearts for Christ. But on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, the music shifts. A new note enters the score: joy.

The word Gaudete means "Rejoice!" It's the same command St. Paul gives with such urgency that you can almost hear the exclamation point: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice!" Joy, for the Christian, is not a response to perfect circumstances. It is the deep, steady harmony that rises from the certainty that the Lord is nearby.

The rose candle we light today is like a change in key, an unexpected brightness. It doesn't erase the slow, solemn tones of the season, but it brings warmth that softens them. In the same way, Christian joy does not deny life's struggles. It sings through them, like a violin line trembling above a minor chord.

This Sunday, the Gospel introduces us again to John the Baptist, a man whose life was filled with joy, not because of who he was, but because of the One he pointed toward.

REJOICE

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Philippians 4:4



John's joy was the joy of a herald who's every word was, "Listen! Somethings beautiful is coming." He is like the first instrument to break the silence before the great symphony begins.

Maybe this is our invitation, too. To be heralds of joy in small, simple ways. To let our lives carry a note of hope that others can hear. Perhaps through a word of kindness, a gesture of patience, a prayer whispered for someone who is hurting. Each one is a measure in the song God is writing in our community.

And so, we pause today in our Advent waiting to rejoice, not

loudly, perhaps, but sincerely. For even in seasons that feel dissonant, Christ is tuning our hearts to His coming grace. Joy is His gift, and His promise.

As we light the rose candle and hear the familiar hymns that lift our spirits this week, may we allow God to draw a new melody out of us, one that carries His joy into every place we go.

Rejoice-the Lord is near. Let your life be a song of that nearness.

Laura K.

04 | LOOKING AHEAD

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Looking Foward

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 a.m. | (L) Paper Pantry (School)
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)
11:30 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)
11:30 a.m. | (C) JaM (Church)
12:30 p.m. | (C) Baptism (Church)
12:30 p.m. | (C) Children's Choir Practice (Choir Rm)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. | (C) Soup Kitchen (Kitchen)
3:00 p.m. | (L) Priest Support Group (Church)
6:00 p.m. | (C) YA Rec League (St. Matthew Rm)
6:30 p.m. | (C) OCIA (St. Mark Rm)
6:45 p.m. | (L) Bingo (Church Hall)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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 17

8:30 a.m. | (C) Mass (Church)
9:00 a.m. | (C) Adoration (Chapel)
1:00 p.m. | (C) Martha's Cupboard Distribution (St. Luke Rm)
5:30 p.m. | (C) OCIA (St. Mark Rm)
6:00 p.m. | (C) Parish Ministry Meeting (St. Matthew Rm)
6:30 p.m. | (L) Holy Name/Altar Rosary Party (Church Hall)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:30 p.m. | (L) St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
5:30 p.m. | (C) Adult Choir Practice (Church)
6:00 p.m. | (L) ECLC Program (Church Hall)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:00 p.m. | (L) Mass (Church)
8:00 p.m. | (L) AA (Church Hall)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 a.m. | (C) Catholic Men's Fellowship (Church)
2:00 p.m. | (C) Individual Confession (Confessional)
3:30 p.m. | (C) Reciting the Rosary (Church)
4:00 p.m. | (C) Mass (Church)
5:00 p.m. | (C) Baptism (Church)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

(C) 4:00 p.m. † Ed Villella

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Third Sunday of Advent

(C) 9:00 a.m. † John Chismar, Sr.
(L) 10:00 a.m. † Cynthia Landers
† Harry & Rosemarie Machuga
(C) 11:30 a.m. † Carmel Giambattista
† Marlene Horlick

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

(C) 8:30 a.m. † Special Intention of
Italiano Family
† Rick Alquist

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

(L) 8:30 a.m. † Ken Wilson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

(C) 8:30 a.m. † Kris Kerrigan
† Tony Schiavone
† Ray Collins

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

(L) 12:00 p.m. † Robert Gallitto

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Anticipatory Saturday of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

(C) 4:00 p.m. † Gerald Walsh

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(C) 9:00 a.m. † Gloria Fedor
† Cecelia Dutko
(L) 10:00 a.m. † Joseph Blasko
† Stanley & Helen Potoczny
(C) 11:30 a.m. † Christine & Joseph DeRose

SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

† Charles Bannon
† Cynthia Landers

ST. LUKE CANDLE IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

(L) † Harry & Rosemarie Machuga



St. Catherine of Siena Stewardship



Our Treasure for the Week of December 6 & 7, 2025

The collection total will be published in the December 20 & 21, 2025 bulletin due to the early holiday deadlines. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Make-up envelopes are both welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown

**Avion on the Water Banquet Center
Beginning at 11:30 a.m.**

Thursday, January 8, 2026

JESUS THE RECIPE FOR LIFE: PORTRAYED IN MIME

Presented by Sr. Jeanne Thurin, HM

Sister of the Humility of Mary

St. Catherine of Siena Parish reserved a table for the presentation, reservations and a \$25.00 donation are due by Tuesday, December 23, 2025. Email Deacon Mike at mkocjancic@youngstowndiocese.org.



Stewardship Reflection

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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
Lencyk Masonry Company, Inc.

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.

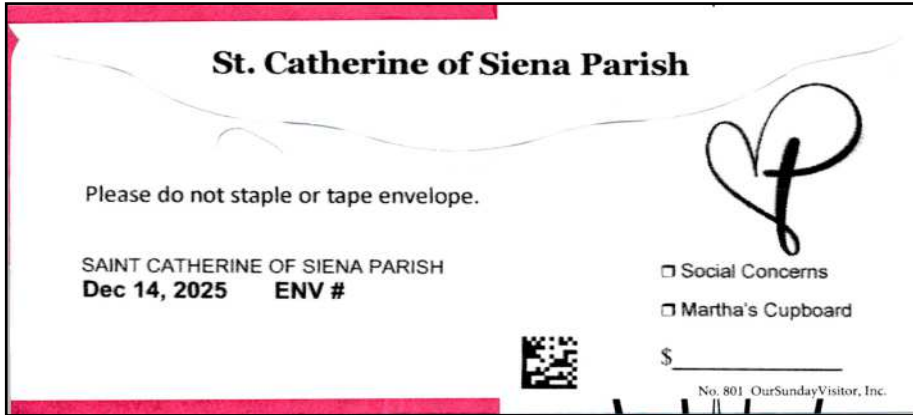
Visit the Safe Environment page on the diocesan website (doy.org) to find our most up-to-date Reporting Requirements and Procedures in English and Spanish, as well as links to additional reporting resources.

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.

06 | PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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. Please mark which ministry you would like your contribution go towards.

7. 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.**

Parish Office will be Closed

The parish office will be closed starting Wednesday, December 24, and will reopen on Monday, January 5, allowing the staff some much-needed rest and relaxation for the holidays.

In case of an emergency, please reach out to the parish office at 330-758-2325, and the answering service will get in touch with Fr. Weikart. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



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 22. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.



Christmas Decorating AT ST. CHARLES CHURCH

Come and help us decorate St. Charles Church for Christmas. We will be decorating on Monday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m. Anyone at any age, including families are welcome to join us for this fun and festive experience.

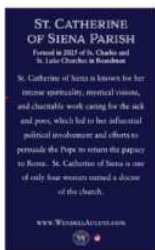


Christmas Ornament Fundraiser

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: _____

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish



Solemnity of Mary

MASS TIMES

Thursday, January 1, 2026 is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary.

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

4:00 p.m. (SC)

Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. (SC) & 10:00 a.m. (SL)

St. Charles St. Vincent de Paul

GIVING TREE

A Christmas tree has been set up in the Gathering Space at the St. Charles campus, decorated with white envelopes labeled "Giving Tree for St. Vincent de Paul." Please take an envelope, place a monetary donation inside, and return it in the collection basket. Your generosity will help provide food and gift certificates for those in need within our parish and the wider community.

Online Advent Scripture Study

HOSTED BY DEACON MIKE

Join Deacon Mike as he presents Advent Scripture Study online. The study focuses on the Sunday readings, enabling us to make a clearer connection to our everyday life and our faith by examining the historical and spiritual backgrounds of the scriptures. The online format allows you to find a convenient time in your schedule to sit down and reflect.

Go to the St. Charles website:

www.stcharlesparishboardman.com and click on the podcast button.

The podcast is updated every Monday prior to the weekend readings.

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.

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 mkocjancic@youngstowndiocese.org or Lisa Dray or ldray@stcatherineparishboardman.org or call the Parish Office at 330-758-2325.

New Socializing Opportunity WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS LUNCH

Discover friendship and camaraderie with others in a similar stage of life of being a widow or widower. Beginning Friday, January 8, 2026, and continuing on the second Thursday of every month, the group will meet at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Janine at 330-565-4057 or Marie at 252-489-1321.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

-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.

-Content for the January 24 & 24 bulletin is due by noon on Wednesday, January 14.

All information and materials for the bulletin should be emailed to 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.

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)



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
Amelia Marie Caraballo



Eternal Rest Grant Unto
Anne Copper
Frances Perry

Readings for the Week of December 15, 2025

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt
21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps
34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt
21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps
72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2,
12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-
4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2,
3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4,
5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

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

Lord,
You have provided us with priests,
brothers, sisters and deacons
throughout the history of Your
Church to serve the poor, to
preach the Gospel and to journey
with us in our celebrations, our
successes and our losses. Make us
sensitive to the call to religious life
in our own hearts and give us the
courage to join You in Your
ministry of love. When we sense
the call in others, may we pray for
them, encourage them and honor
them. May Your kingdom come...
may Your will be done. Amen.

Hand Crafted Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are simple gifts of
grace from God that are
prayerfully and lovingly stitched
by volunteers of St. Charles
Graceful Hands Ministry and
prayed over as a reminder that
God's promise is always with us.
In addition to shawls, prayer
wraps are also now available for
those who use a walker or
wheelchair.

They can be useful for: those
undergoing medical procedures;
as a comfort after a loss or in
times of stress; during
bereavement; or for prayer or
meditation. Prayer Shawls and
wraps are available to anyone
free of charge. Please stop by
the parish office to pick one up.



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
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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>.)

Ensign Nathan Alessi (N)

Connor Calobrette (AF)

Msgt. Christian P. Kotheimer (AF)

Pfc. Eric Lenhart (A)

Captain Sean Pregi (A)

(A) Army, (AF) Air Force, (C) Coast Guard, (MC) Marine Corps., (N) Navy, and (SF) Space Force

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Come spend some personal time in silence and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration is held every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until Noon in the St. Joseph Daily Chapel on the St. Charles Campus. St. Luke Church holds Adoration the first Friday of every month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

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.

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:

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Ariana McDonough

Katie McKee

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Charles Meier

Samantha Meier

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Mae Myers

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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) if you would like to add a name to the new list.



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 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.

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish

THANK YOU St. Catherine of Siena Parishioners

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parish,
Hi! I'm Grace Reichard, a junior at Ursuline High School. I wanted to thank you so much for your generosity during this year's *Warmed by Grace* blanket drive. I spent the month of September collecting NEW blankets, and in October, we were able to share them with so many in our community.

Thanks to the support of St. Catherine of Siena & the help of St. Charles School—we donated a total of 703 brand new blankets to:

- Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley: 250 blankets
- Catholic Charities Regional Agency of Youngstown: 135 blankets
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace: 141 blankets
- St. Charles School (blessing bags): 60 blankets
- Beatitude House: 117 blankets

I'm so grateful for your kindness—it really helped spread warmth and love to so many people. Here's a picture from the drive showing the blankets you helped make possible!

With heartfelt thanks,
Grace Reichard



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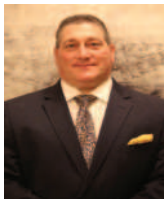
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