

Welcome to St. Catherine of Sweden Parish



St. Catherine of Sweden Parish
Bringing Christ's Love Alive Since 1943

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday at 9:30 a.m.

(Thursday - Morning Prayer & Adoration at 9:30 a.m.)

Reconciliation

Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday of the Month

Church Information

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ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN CHURCH

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Welcome! Thank you for becoming a part of St. Catherine of Sweden Parish Family. We look forward to your fellowship for many years to come.

This booklet has information that will help you to become familiar with our many programs: spiritual, educational, and social. Our hope is that you will be involved in some way

It would be helpful to me if you would introduce yourself some Sunday before or after Mass so that I might know you by sight and welcome you to our parish family.

Once again, welcome and please know that you are in our prayers. God Bless You!

In Christ's Joy,

Father Steve

Pastor

P.S. Please consider using our Electronic Giving Direct Payment program for making your offertory contributions. Instructions can be found on our website www.stcatherineofsweden.org under Quick Links – Faith Direct Parish e-Giving. This eliminates the need for envelopes.

If, however you prefer to have envelopes, please know that it can take up to six weeks for the envelope company to get your envelopes to you. In the meantime, please use the temporary envelopes available in the back of church or a plain envelope with your name and address on the front

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Stewardship

We welcome you to our parish family. We are excited for you to be a part of our faith community. In doing so, we ask that you accept the parish objective to be a stewardship parish. There are three ways in which to practice good stewardship: Time, Talent and Treasure. In using your time and talent, we invite you to share these gifts by serving in a ministry of your choice as well as sharing your treasures to continue to support our building and staff. We encourage you to reflect on all your blessings and give back to God as He has given to you.

Take the opportunity to review the following ministries and see where your interest may lead you to share your good stewardship with the church.



In effort to ensure the safety of those persons entrusted to our care, all volunteers are required to complete a Safe Environment class

~Please reference our website and bulletin for the most updated information on our programs and ministries~

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linen Care

These volunteers help to launder and press the altar linens and vestments. Please contact **Ron Downing**.

Altar Servers Adult & Youth

Children in 4th grade through high school assist the priest as servers at weekend Masses, weddings and special liturgical celebrations. Adults assist the priest during weekday Mass and funerals. Training is required for both. Please contact **Jim Skalos**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the Liturgy of the Word, the children gather in the Children's Chapel during the 9:15 a.m. Sunday Masses to hear the readings from the Children's Lectionary geared to their level of understanding. Adult presiders and prayer leaders facilitate. Please contact the **Elementary Faith Formation Department**.

Eucharistic Ministers

This ministry assists the priest in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Training is required. Please contact **Will Reaves** for more information.

Gift Bearers

Parishioners have the opportunity to take up the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory at weekend Masses. Individuals and families are welcome in this ministry. Please contact the **Parish Office**.

Lectors

Parishioners with good speaking voices proclaim the Scripture readings to the congregation during weekend and weekday Masses. Training is required. Please contact **Jim Skalos**.

Liturgical Arts & Environment

This ministry concentrates on the church atmosphere. The committee is dedicated to decorating the church in a manner that will enhance the environment for Sunday liturgies as well as special events. Please contact **Ron Downing**.

Music Ministry Adult Choir Handbell Choir Cantor

The Adult Choir sings at the 9:15 a.m. Mass each Sunday, September thru June. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Handbell Choir plays for special occasions throughout the year. Cantors lead the assembly in hymns at all liturgies when music is part of the celebration. Please contact **Jim Skalos**.

Ministers of Hospitality

Ministers of Hospitality locate available seating, collect the offertory and assist in the comfort of the assembly. Men, women and children over the age of 10, accompanied by an adult, may serve as ministers of hospitality. A training session is required. Please contact **Fr. Steve**.

Social Ministries

Baking Ministry

Parish gatherings are supplied with home-made dessert items through the culinary skills and efforts of this ministry. If you wish to share your baking abilities, please contact **Joanne Giovannini**.

Baptismal Garment Makers

Baptismal garments for infants who are to be baptized at our parish are sewn by these volunteers. The Christian Women organization oversees this ministry. All materials are provided. Please call the **Parish Office** for more information.

Bereavement Ministry

Members of this ministry are called to funerals to participate in prayer at the final viewing and to send cards to the grieving survivor as well as to be present for the bereaved at grief support meetings. Please contact **Will Reaves**.

Christian Women

The Christian Women organization is open to all women of the parish 18 years and older. This group promotes spirituality, service, and socializing. Members organize and prepare funeral luncheons and receptions for Confirmation and First Reconciliation. They support local food banks, Sisters Place and Pro-Life. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Please contact **Will Reaves** for more information.

Consolation Ministry

This ministry provides liturgical services during funeral Masses, serving as Cantors, Lectors, Greeters, and placing the Christian symbols on the casket. Please contact **Will Reaves** for more information.

DivorceCare

. This group provides spiritual, emotional, and psychological support & information for individuals going through the process of separation and/or divorce and helps those coming to terms with life after divorce. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7pm & run in a 13 week cycle. Contact **Will Reaves**.

Fish Fry

This is a wonderful fundraiser that occurs every Friday during Lent with the exception of Good Friday. Volunteers are needed to serve, cook, set up and clean up. Please contact **Joanne Giovannini**.

Forever Young

This is a social senior citizen group for both men and women who meet once a month on Thursdays for a luncheon and presentation. This group is combined with St. Richard Parish and generally meets there. Watch the bulletin for monthly announcements.

Knights of Columbus

This fraternal organization is open to men 18 years of age and older. The Knights sponsor social activities and fundraisers and offer many fun activities for the family throughout the year. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please contact **Will Reaves**.

Ladies of Charity

LOC is an international organization of women who attempt to imitate our Lord in helping the needy, both physically and spiritually. They provide loving services to parishioners in need, particularly the elderly, through visits to the home, nursing home, and/or hospital. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please contact **Will Reaves**.

Quilting Ministry

Quilters get together once a month to pray and work on quilts for shut-ins, elderly and those suffering from an illness. They meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. Sewing experience is not necessary. Please contact **Will Reaves**.

Rosary Making Ministry

The Rosary Makers gather together or work at home to make rosaries based upon the needs of the parish and missions. Instruction will be provided. Please contact **Will Reaves**.

Spiritual Therapeutic Recovery

Spiritual Therapeutic Recovery is a positive, faith based ongoing group that provides guidance and support to parents of adult children who are struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. It is truly based on the well-known truth to "Let Go and Let God". David Gentile, a psychologist who has worked with this population of clients for several years and has personal experience as well, facilitates the group. The group meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Chapel. Please call the **Parish Office** to register.

St. Peregrine
Club

This support and prayer group is open to all who are recently diagnosed cancer patients, those currently in treatment for cancer, survivors, and the family members and friends of someone affected by this terrible disease. Meetings are every third Sunday from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in Room 227. Just stop in any time. Please contact **Will Reaves**.

St. Vincent
de Paul
Society

This international society is a Catholic lay organization which provides resources for families that are in need and suffering. This group also sponsors parish-wide food drives and fundraisers to support North Hills Community Outreach, a Christmas Angel gift program, Bundle Saturday each May, and a Coat & Boot Drive every winter. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month. To get involved, please contact the **Parish Office**.

Spiritual Enrichment

Divine
Mercy
Chaplet

Each Friday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m., parishioners gather in the church to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

All are welcome to join in prayer which concludes before the morning Mass at 9:30 a.m.

First Friday
Adoration
Honor Guard

The honor guard requires one hour commitment once a month to provide a prayerful presence in front of the Blessed Sacrament so that Jesus is never left alone in our Church. Please contact **Fr Steve**.

Men's
Bible Study

This group of men meets every Wednesday morning in the Children's Chapel from 6:00 - 7:30 a.m. Their weekly devotion focuses on a particular book of the Bible and includes personal study, small-group discussion and prayer. Feel free to join in prayer with the group at any time.

Rosary for
Peace

Parishioners gather as a community every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Children's Chapel to pray the rosary for world peace. All are welcome to join in prayer.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Faith
Formation
Programs
from
preschool-
thru
Grade 8

Faith Formation classes are offered at various times to meet the needs of our growing Parish. Children in grades K-8 must register each year. Please contact the **Faith Formation office** for more information and to register.

- **Weekly Faith Formation Classes** - Offered on Sunday mornings, Monday evenings and Wednesday evenings. Classes include 2 family nights for grade K-5 & 2 youth group gatherings for grades 6-8. This program combines classroom instruction & family liturgical & lesson reinforcement activities.
- **Home Schooling Program** - Offered to all grades, except 2,6,7 & 8, for those who prefer to teach their children at home. Parents will be provided with textbooks, a syllabus, an on-line program & chapter tests, which are submitted to the Faith Formation Office.
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** – Level 1 is offered for 3-6 yr. olds (must have turned 3 by June 1st). Level 2 is offered for 1st graders. This is a Montessori Method of Faith Formation developed to bring children closer to Christ through materials based on the Mass & Bible. Registration is required.

Appalachia
Work Camp

This is a week-long service project for teens and adults who travel to the mountains of Kingwood, WV to help rebuild homes and provide safe housing to those in need. The annual trip takes place in June. Please contact **Brian Duggan**.

Boys Scouts
&
Cub Scouts

This exciting program for young boys helps to build character, train them in the responsibilities of being a participating citizen and develop personal fitness. Cub Scouts start in kindergarten through fifth grade. The Boy Scout program begins at 10 years old having completed 5th grade to 18years old. Please contact the **Parish Office**.

CYM
Basketball

This organization involves high school boys & girls and runs from October through February. If your teen is interested, please contact **Brian Duggan** for more information.

Middle
School Edge

This is an exciting new youth ministry geared towards middle school students. It will be full of high energy and fun experiences with friends. This will allow your child to learn and grow in the Catholic Faith and to feel how they are an important part of our parish family. Check out our website for updated information or contact **Brian Duggan**.

High School
Life Teen

This group is for high school students looking for a fun and friendly place to hang out and learn more about God. We meet almost every Sunday after the 6:00 p.m. Mass until 9:00 p.m. Check out our website for more information or contact **Brian Duggan**.

Adult Formation and Sacraments

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for adults and teens who are seeking inclusion into the Catholic Church (R.C.I.C. is also available for children). This program includes those that have never been baptized, have been baptized in another faith, or have been baptized Catholic but have never received their other sacraments. This six month process runs from September and ends at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please contact **Will Reaves**.

Baptism

Baptism is a sacrament through which we become members of the Catholic Church. Parents must be registered members of the parish and have taken the Baptismal class within three years of the baby's birth. Once a month, St. Catherine's offers Baptismal classes in conjunction with St. Richard Parish. Classes are held at St. Richard's on Tuesdays at 8:00 pm in the even months and at St. Catherine's on Sundays at 12:30 pm in the odd months. Please call the **Parish Office** to schedule a Baptism or register for a class.

Holy Communion

When a child is able to understand God's presence among us they are then welcomed to the Lord's Table for First Holy Communion. A special preparation program is required for the second grade students in the Faith Formation Program.

Communion to Shut-ins

The Eucharist is available for those that are sick or confined to the home. Please contact the **Parish Office**.

Confirmation

In Confirmation, we confirm the promises taken on our behalf in Baptism. During Confirmation, we commit ourselves to a life as a Catholic Christian. Please contact **Brian Duggan** with any questions.

Anointing of the Sick

If anyone is sick at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing home who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing), please contact the **Parish Office**.

Marriage

Couples planning to be united in marriage should contact the **Parish Office** six months in advance of the desired date. Pre-Marriage classes are required. Please contact the **Parish Office** for class registration information.

Finance
Council

The Finance Council is an advisory body of lay persons established to consult with the Pastor in matters pertaining to the parish financial affairs.

Gregory Conley
Russell Demor
Brian Eckenrode
Steve Ek
Terri Gray
Matthew Huber
Claudia Slusser

Pastoral
Council

The Pastoral Council provides direction to the parish through a parish mission statement. The council carries out the goals and objectives of the parish in partnership with the Finance Council under the direction of the Pastor.

Lisa Ference
John Fiore
Kim Fiore
Bernadette Jaketic
Erica Lombardo
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Jonathon Probst
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Contact your Pastoral Council members at
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