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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Ash Wednesday • February 18th

7:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass

No Adore or Confessions on Ash Wednesday

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WELCOME! We're so happy you're here today. God delights in you, and He desires to draw close to you in this Holy Mass. If you're visiting St. Catharine for the first time, thank you for praying with us—we're honored by your presence. Please silence your phones and help us keep a spirit of reverence in the church. **Restrooms can be found in the Undercroft and the Parish Center.** If you need help, just look for someone wearing a green lanyard. We hope you'll join us again soon!

TO THE PARENTS of LITTLE ONES... Thank you for your courage and love in bringing your children to Mass. Even when it feels chaotic, your efforts matter more than you know. God sees every sacrifice, and your children's presence is a powerful witness of faith.

If your children have some extra wiggles or need to let out a few extra joyful noises, we have a large **Quieting Room in the Church, as well as a video feed in the Parish Hall Gallery** should you need to step out. But please do come back—we want you here!

TO OUR PARISH FAMILY... Children remind us that the Church is alive and growing. Their joyful noises are music to God's ears. Let's welcome them with kindness and support their parents with a smile of encouragement.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour

Saturdays at 3:00pm

Confession

No Wednesday Confessions this week

Saturday • 9:00am

By appointment

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ADORE Night

No ADORE this week due to Ash Wednesday

A candle-lit evening of Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, February 15th: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
9:30am	St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Making
9:30am	Coffee and Donuts
11:00am	Holy Mass (Deceased Members of Hinterschied Family)*
12:00pm	Baptisms
12:00pm	Coffee and Donuts
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Diane Lehman)

Monday, February 16th

Presidents' Day

8:00am	Holy Mass (Patricia Moriarty)
6:30pm	Scouts
7:00pm	Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 17th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Bill Karl)
7:00pm	Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Wednesday, February 18th: Ash Wednesday

7:00am	Holy Mass
12p-2p	Parish Offices Closed
6:00pm	Holy Mass (Steven and Josephine Simon)

Thursday, February 19th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Harry C. Vollmer)
6:00pm	Lent Small Groups
6:00pm	Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist

Friday, February 20th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Janet Gallen)
5:00pm	Fish Fry
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 21st

7:00am	That Man Is You!
8:30am	Holy Mass (Soul of Lenny Iannarino)
9:00am	Confessions

Sunday, February 22nd: First Sunday of Lent

8:30am	Holy Mass (Richard & Lucille Hoffman)
9:30am	Family of Faith
9:30am	St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Making
11:00am	Confirmation Mass (People of the Parish)
12:00pm	Baptisms
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Vince Disabto)*
6:00pm	Lumen High School Youth Group

*Denotes the use of incense

Confirmation Mass

Please note that the **11:00am Mass on Sunday, February 22nd is the Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. While parishioners are more than welcome to attend, **we highly suggest attending the 8:30am or 5:00pm** on that day. And please be sure to pray for our confirmandi as they are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

February 15, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20 | 1 Cor 2:6-10 | Mt 5:17-37

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that "unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." In Matthew 23:3-5, Jesus says, "Do and observe all things whatsoever [the scribes and Pharisees] tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice ... All their works are performed to be seen." What Jesus is inviting us to see is that to authentically live the commandments requires more than mere external compliance with the letter of the law. It's also not about putting on a show so that others think we're "holy." Rather, it's about the quiet, inner transformation of our hearts. The Gospel tells us it's not enough that we avoid murder; God wants to free us from anger and wrath. It's not enough to avoid unfaithfulness in marriage; God wants to give us hearts that are pure and free from lust. Our task is to open our hearts to the transforming power of his commandments which, if we live them, lead us to fullness of life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In our second reading, St. Paul speaks about some challenges we face when sharing the faith with others. There are those who are unable to grasp God's wisdom, which is different from the wisdom of this age. God's wisdom is mysterious, hidden, and can only be understood and grasped through a revelation of the Spirit. This is an important concept for us as evangelizers. Sometimes no matter how hard we try, no matter how eloquent we are at explaining something, those who are not ready to receive what we have to share will not be able to receive it. In order for others to understand the Gospel, the Spirit must open their hearts to receive it. While we are responsible to share the Gospel as well as we're able, it is up to the person before us to respond to God's invitation.

PRAY

Accepting the Lord's teaching in the commandments requires humility, and understanding their true meaning and depth is the result of the Spirit's work in our lives. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you true insight to live the commandments with your whole heart. Consider using these lines from today's psalm in your prayer: "Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law. Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart."



HELP US

FILL A PLATE

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

WAYS TO HELP

Purchase items on the suggested list, double bag them in paper bags, and place them on top of the wooden collection boxes at the Church entrances. You can make a bag of the essential items or purchase multiple quantities of individual items.

Make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and we will purchase the food to give to the needy. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Fill a Plate" and place it in the collection basket or mail/drop at the Church office any time.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables or Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Whole Meals (chili, chunky soup, stew, pasta)
- Tuna
- Pasta and Tomato Sauce
- Mac and Cheese

NO GLASS
POP TOP CANS PREFERRED

Questions? Denny Devine • denny.devine@gmail.com

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 4 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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When the Lord Says "Settle"

By Rachel Green

A word I was given right after the ball dropped was "settle". I thought to myself at the time, "Oh this is nice, the Lord is asking me to just sit and admire the Christmas tree", but in actuality this word for 2026 has been a difficult one for me.

After Christmas break I returned to see a brand-new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 Atrium awaiting me. It was a long-awaited answer to prayer, but to be honest the finished space felt daunting. It felt like a barren womb, waiting to be filled with life. How was I supposed to settle with so much work to be done? I thought it might take a week or two to get it ready for children but the Good Shepherd knew better.



Have you ever observed a little one learning to walk? I have been so blessed to watch in the past week my son Isaac really becoming a walker. Watching him confidently move about the world has brought such joy to his life and mine. Recently I was able to sit (I know that sounds crazy, moms) and really observe him. I noticed in his excitement he'd start walking fast to get to his destination but he'd fall down quickly. He'd get right back up and attempt again but with slower steps. It was the slower, steady steps that brought more success.

I think the Lord was really using this moment to remind me how I needed to approach the CGS Atrium. Often I see a goal and want to run for it. I dive head first into most things. While this can be a strength, it can cause chaos, exhaustion and mistakes. Like Isaac, I fall down a lot.

My wise husband said to me recently, "Rachel, maybe for Lent you just slow down?" I quickly retorted with, "I don't know what to remove, all things right now seem necessary!" But with prayer, I've realized slowing down doesn't mean you always have to remove things from your life. It means to become like a small child again, learning to walk. Getting behind the Good Shepherd and letting Him lead. It will often be slower than you anticipated but that's okay.

Our Level 2 Atrium is now complete (for now), all glory be to God, and this past week we welcomed our 1st and 2nd graders into the space! This was a room I've been praying and thinking about for three years! Now it's time to settle. Pray that this will be a place where both children and adults will "learn" how to walk using slower steps in their search for the Lord.

Come take a peek at the space, it's in the lower level in the back south section!

Rachel Green • Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator
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Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But many of us just give up chocolate. Then, when Easter arrives, we realize we really haven't grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent.

Lent is not *just* about giving things up, like chocolate. Lent is about doing something—something bold to become a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, neighbor, etc.

WHAT IF THIS YEAR YOU GAVE UP YOUR TIME AND GAVE IT TO JESUS?

What if you spent an hour each week with Jesus in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel?

Pick any time that works for your schedule:

- Sunday - Friday // 6:00am - 12:00am
- Saturday // 6:00am - 4:00pm

Visit www.stcatharine.com or scan the QR code to make a commitment.

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-St. Teresa of Calcutta

Questions?

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*You can totally still give up chocolate. We just don't recommend it. 😊



Informational Meeting • Monday, February 16, 2026, 6:00 PM

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Thursday, February 19th
6:00 - 7:30pm



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Hey girls in grades 2 - 4! Join CDE for dinner, fun, and Adoration. Let us know you're coming (QR code above to RSVP on Evite) so we can have dinner ready for you!

Questions? tonicarmon@icloud.com



Upcoming Lumen Events

**FEB. 22 - LIVING
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pizza bar, chaos, community, and fun

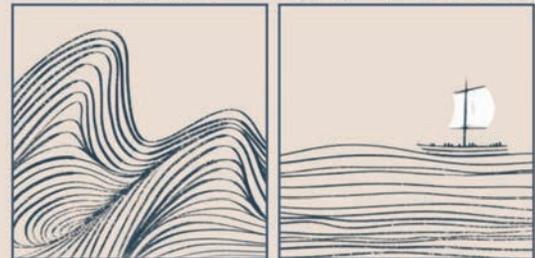
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Ash Wednesday February 18th 6:00pm	Yvonne Moyer	Gina Hinterschied (1) David Isaacs (2)	Jane Isaacs - North *1 Needed* *1 Needed* *1 Needed*	*1 Needed*	Jude Keiffer *1 Needed* *1 Needed*	Rebecca Jackson - West Nathan Murphy - North Carol Lannan - South *1 Needed* *1 Needed* *1 Needed*	
Sunday February 22 8:30am	Yvonne Moyer	Tracey D'Alessandro (2) *1 Needed*	Steve Kebe - North Kevin Nerl - South Nathan Slonaker - South *1 Needed*	Cole Klingler	Francesco Allwein Jude Keiffer Paddy McFadden	Rebecca Jackson - West Nathan Murphy - West Rick Walsh - South Jim Wolfe - NE Tina Allwein - SE *1 Needed*	Group 1 Eric VanBuskirk
Sunday February 22 11:00am	Chuck Burkhart	Gina Hinterschied (1) Liz Evans (2)	Brealie Caridi - North Laura Scherer - North Gary Allwein - South John Mackessy - South Precious Blood: Megan Ryan, Bob Ryan, Kirstin Shell, Grant Roberts	Sawyer Thompson	Bethany Mosteller Louis Scherer Larry D Scurlock	Bob Mauk - West Mary Ginn Ryan - North Carol Lannan - South Giana Coleman - NE Milana Coleman - SE	Group 2 Mary Ann Rees
Sunday February 22 5:00pm	Rita Hoyt	Jamie Must (1) Mark Fages (2)	Sheri Barlay - North Mark Savino - North Peggy Mackessy - South Harrison Smith - South	Jack Lawler	John Duran Theresa Murphy *1 Needed*	Angela Savino - West Tyler VanLandingham - North Mark Savino - South Jim Mackessy - NE Megan VanLandingham - SE	Bickford Nathan Slonaker

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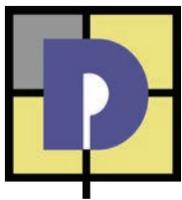
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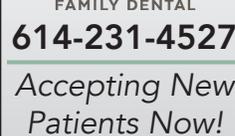
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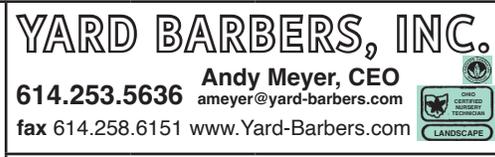
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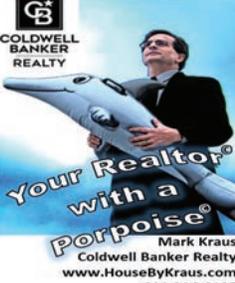
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St. Catharine offers a new family-centered Baptism prep program to deepen understanding and connection to Jesus. It includes two sessions held on the 1st Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass. **Expectant parents are encouraged to attend even before your little one is born!** Learn more or register at www.stcatharine.com/baptism

Questions? Fr. Brown • frbrown@stcatharine.com



Becoming Catholic

If you think you are ready to begin the process of becoming Catholic, or if you have **any other questions about God and the Church**, just scan the QR code or send us an email.

Questions?

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Holy Matrimony

As soon as you have made the decision to marry, and at least six months or more prior to the anticipated wedding date, you should contact the Pastor in order to begin the various steps of the Marriage Preparation Program.

Questions?

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Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is in danger of death from sickness or old age and wishes to receive the sacraments, please call 614-673-4355, and ask for a priest to be dispatched to your location.

If you call after hours, please use the same number and follow the prompts to reach a priest.

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LENT

AT ST. CATHARINE

PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to exercise self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season.

In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18th

Holy Mass

7:00am

6:00pm

WEEKLY CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesdays • 6:30pm

Saturdays • 9:00am

*Whether it's been three months, three years, or 30 years since your last Confession, **you can always begin again** and receive the healing mercy of Jesus.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

7:00pm

No evening Stations on Good Friday

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Days of Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (ages 18-59)

Days of Abstinence from meat: Every Friday

LIVING LIFE TOGETHER. BECOMING DISCIPLES OF JESUS.



LENT SMALL GROUPS

FORMING NOW!

At St. Catharine Church, we believe life is meant to be lived in community. Our small groups provide welcoming spaces where you can build meaningful relationships, explore faith in everyday life, and take your next step with Jesus together.

There is a variety of small groups to choose from, covering nearly every age group, meeting time, and demographic:

- Families and Couples
- Young Adults and Older Adults
- Men's and Women's Groups
- Virtual Groups and more!

www.stcatharine.com/small-groups

