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Masses for Sunday:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: *5:30-6:30 p.m.(*verify schedule in bulletin under "This Week") Saturday: Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass; Anytime by Appointment.

Marriage:

One member of the couple must be a registered parishioner of St. Catherine Parish.

Call Parish Office at least six months prior to setting a wedding date.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Communion to the Sick: Call Parish Office.

New Parishioners:

Please call the Parish Office. Notification when leaving the parish is appreciated.

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Drop off copy at parish or send via e-mail.

Baptism: Baptism is a joyful event "by which men and women are freed from their sins... are configured to Christ by an indelible character, and are incorporated into the Church." (Canon 849 of the Code of Canon Law). People can be baptized as adults or infants. The preparation for adult baptism takes place in the process of the catechumenate, commonly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. Any adult desiring baptism may call the office to begin this process. Preparation for infant baptism happens in baptism classes, generally held on the fourth Thursday evening of each month in the Parish Office. No child will be baptized at St. Catherine unless both parents have attended one of these classes in the last five years. Baptism of adults generally takes place on Holy Saturday night, while baptism of infants can take place on any Sunday. Since baptism "incorporates one into the Church," it is appropriate that the infant be baptized during a Sunday liturgy when the local Church is gathered. There are legitimate reasons for not wanting to have the baptism during a Sunday liturgy; in those cases, baptisms may be scheduled for a Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Parish Membership - Requires an Active Response

Active members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish have registered and provided the Parish Office with the information needed to complete the census forms. Active members regularly participate in the Saturday evening or Sunday Liturgy at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Active members invest themselves in the parish by participating in the annual Stewardship Program pledging and contributing time, talent and treasure as God calls them. Active members hold the parish in their daily prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY – November 29th
8:00 a.m. – Jim Hall
WEDNESDAY – November 30th
5:30 p.m. – Mary Jane Enzweiler
THURSDAY – December 1st
8:00 a.m. – Cindy Walker
FRIDAY – December 2nd
8:30 a.m. – Desmond Family
SATURDAY – December 3rd
8:00 a.m. – Brennan Family
4:30 p.m. – Phil Gessner
SUNDAY – December 4th
9:00 a.m. – Mary & Rudy Toepfer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

11:30 a.m. - Members of the Parish

December 3rd & 4th

4:30 p.m. – Dave Wormald, Lisa Wormald
9:00 a.m. – Dan Little, Carol Little
11:30 a.m. – Caroline Kaelin, Tom Kaelin

LECTORS

December 3rd & 4th

4:30 p.m. – Raymond Schlosser **9:00 a.m.** – David Sower **11:30 a.m.** – Mary Margaret Spica

SERVERS SCHEDULE November 29th-December 4th

TUESDAY - November 29th

8:00 a.m. – Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks

WEDNESDAY- November 30th

5:30 p.m. – Josie Messmer, Michael Zechella

THURSDAY - December 1st

8:00 a.m. – Morgan Baldwin, Maggie West

FRIDAY - December 2nd

8:30 a.m. - Grant Desmond, Colin Desmond, Emily Hallau

SATURDAY - December 3rd

8:00 a.m. – Joseph Hicks, Wren Twehues **4:30 p.m.** – Marley Hess, Frannie Smith

SUNDAY – December 4th

9:00 a.m. – Carden Bozeman, Josie Bozeman, Adelaide Foley 11:30 a.m. – Rachel Burkart, Emily Kirst, Carson Schwalbach

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	11/13/2022	11/14/2021
Weekly Offering	\$ 31,134	\$ 13,926
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$ 308,099	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 352,923	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$ 930,000	
Number of registered families	408	
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2022/2023	\$ 0	
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$ 886	
School Registration for 2022/2023	123	
CCD Registration for 2022/2023	96	
2022 Offertory Compaign	Pledged	
2022 Offertory Campaign As of 11/13/2022	\$ 840,955	\$ 000,004

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

THIS WEEK

TODAY

First Sunday of Advent

MONDAY

American Heritage Girls, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

TUESDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Exposition, 8:30 a.m. Confessions, 5:30 p.m. Benediction, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m. (Note time change)

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Empowering God's Children Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Confessions immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass Mass, 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mass, 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. CCD, 10:15 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Please Pray For Our Sick

Judy Newberry, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Peggy Kohrs, Jon McSorley, Mary Vieth, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Mary Kohrs, Larry Beiting, Mary Hoffman, Bette Riedmatter and David Garner. Also, remember all of our parishioners in nursing homes as well as those confined to their homes in your prayers.

IN OUR PARISH

****PLEASE TAKE NOTE****

Beginning this Wednesday, November 30th, the Mass time will change from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This will be the time of the Wednesday Mass from now on.

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign has officially ended. If you haven't yet returned your pledge card or responded online, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can serve our parish through the gifts of time, talent and treasure and respond accordingly. Your participation in this campaign is much needed and appreciated.

GIFTBEARERS AND GREETERS – If you and/or your family would like to take up the gifts at Mass, please let one of the ushers know before Mass starts. Or, if one of the ushers asks you to take up the gifts, please consider saying yes. Regarding Greeters, we only had a couple responses, so we won't be scheduling Greeters at this time. However, if you arrive for Mass early and would like to greet people, please feel free to do so!

WORD OF LIFE – "Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." – *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"*

PARISH JESSE TREE PROJECT – Our annual Jesse Tree project will begin this weekend. A traditional Jesse Tree depicts the genealogy of Jesus from the days of Jesse through specially-created ornaments hung from its branches. Our parish Jesse Tree expands upon the idea that the lineage of Jesse gave us Jesus, the greatest gift to mankind, by giving parishioners the opportunity to donate gifts to those in need in our community. We are called as Catholics to serve our neighbors in their spiritual and bodily necessities through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The purple ornaments list items needed by the agencies. The white ornaments on the tree are the spiritual needs of the organizations we serve and will help to realize the spiritual works of mercy. We are recommending that parishioners adopt these spiritual needs for the year. You may decide as a family to attend a weekday Mass, say a weekly Rosary or Novena, perform regular sacrifices, or include the intention in your family's regular prayer routine. The website is included on the ornaments for the organization so you can become more familiar with their mission and those that they serve. The tree will be located in the church's prayer/meditation space and ornaments will also be along the ledge in the back of church. We will again be offering a virtual option that won't require the physical tags. Our hope is that all families will participate in this project. All gifts must be returned to the Jesse Tree area by Sunday, December 11th. Gifts will be picked up by the agencies on that Monday.

Please Pray for the Following Soldiers Serving Our Country

Luke Norman, Jay Blinn, Michael Beiting, Joe Fitzgerald, Brian Clayton, Adam Beiting, Michael Dunn, Trent Moeves, James Taft III, Drew Cecil, Zack Hehman, Adam Kramer, Wolfgang Davis, Clint & Sarah Brandt, Mark Marten, Zachary Dunn and Fr. Bill Appel.

EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN - All families that have children enrolled in St. Catherine School or the parish's religious education program (CCD) are invited to attend a parent meeting on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in McCrystal Hall. Fr. Stef, Mike Jacks and John David Kimes will be facilitating this event. This meeting is intended to inform families of the safe environment program which the school and parish CCD program will be using as required by the Diocese of Covington. The requirement states that all schools and CCD/PSR programs must deliver two safe environment lessons per grade level. A general overview of the curriculum will be provided at the gathering, which will cover topics such as: basic rules for safety; physical boundaries (i.e. safe and unsafe touching, personal rights, feelings & facts, etc.); how to be a safe friend; special adults; as well as secrets, surprises and promises. In addition, supplemental information will be shared as well in order to help equip families with having follow-up conversations at home. Of course, families are given the option to opt out of these two lessons entirely and to have these conversations personally with their son/daughter, if they so choose. Our intention is to help families make an informed decision re: their children's involvement in these lessons, especially given the vital role parents play in their child's overall development as well as the sensitive nature of these topics. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John David Kimes, St. Catherine's Coordinator of Religious Education, at jdkimes@stcatherineofsiena.org.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE – IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Our 10th annual Parish Weekly Raffle began Tuesday, November 1st and goes through October 31, 2023. Each week there will be one winner drawn for a prize of \$100.00. A check will be mailed directly to the winner and their winning ticket GOES BACK IN the drawing so each ticket is eligible to win each week. If every parish family purchases 5 tickets, the parish will make over \$36,000.00! Get your tickets in now to be included in the remaining drawings!

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: The winner for the week of November 21st will be reported next week.

ATTENTION, FATHERS AND SONS – This year, St. Catherine Parish has started a troop in the Troops of St. George (TSG). As a Catholic outdoor movement for fathers and sons ages 6-18, the mission, goals, and standards are entirely different from other scouting organizations. Our focus is on building fraternal relationships and growing in our Catholic faith using monthly outdoor events organized by the fathers and sons. The troop will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in McCrystal Hall to work on skills with the boys (e.g. orienteering, first aid, camping) and to plan for the outdoor event, which will be held on the second Saturday of the month. If you are interested in joining TSG, please contact John David Kimes at tsgtroop0429@gmail.com. Our next outing will be on Saturday, December 10th.

St. Catherine Jesse Tree Project 2022

Our annual parish Jesse Tree project begins November 26th with ornaments available in the back of church after all Masses. We will be offering a virtual option for both material and spiritual needs. You can purchase <u>ANY</u> of the material items listed below and drop them off in the back of church without needing to take a tag. You may also ship them directly to the address below for your convenience.

All gifts must be received by Sunday, December 11th and should NOT be wrapped.

Shipping information

St. Catherine Jesse Tree, c/o Tricia Powell 119 Riverside Parkway, Fort Thomas KY 41075

Material Needs

- Toys for Boys & Girls of All Ages
- Diapers Sizes 1-7
- Baby Wipes
- Baby wash and lotion
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- \$20 Gas Gift Cards

Care Net

https://pregnantoptionsnky.com/
Spiritual Needs: Pray for the staff to call upon the Holy Spirit to be the hands and feet of Christ to those we serve. For those we serve, that they have a strong desire to know God and that they understand the beauty of the life growing inside them.

Madonna House

www.madonnahousenky.org

<u>Spiritual Needs</u>: Pray for the women we serve at the Madonna House, that they achieve their emotional, financial, spiritual, and educational goals for independent living.

Catholic Charities

www.covingtoncharities.org

Spiritual Needs: Pray for the clients served through the child, family, housing, and counseling services to develop and achieve meaningful goals that will improve their quality of life.

Rose Garden

www.fdofmary.org

Spiritual Needs: Pray for the Franciscan Daughters of Mary for strength to carry on their mission of upholding human dignity from the moment of conception until natural death by giving the same love we receive from Christ to each person.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



M A R K Y O U R CALENDARS FOR OUR WINTER BALL ON JANUARY 28th! Our theme this year is "Little Italy." We will be serving up a marvelous Italian experience for you with music, dancing, silent

auctions and more. Join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres early and/ or stay late and enjoy live music from the Leftovers. Don't miss this wonderful event. More details to be announced as they are finalized. Spread the word and bring your friends on Saturday, January 28th, 2023 at the Ft. Thomas Mess Hall. If you would like to help in the planning/execution of this event, please contact Wade Smith at garrett_wade_smith@hotmail.com.

BOARD OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION The Board met on November 8th; the next meeting date is December 6th. Please send questions or comments to cdcopenhaver@gmail. com. This month's Colts Kudos goes to Mrs. Jenny Tallarigo. She is a Colt parent and is always willing to give her time to the school. She volunteers to help the Kindergartners during Library and aids the First graders in the Computer Lab. Her enthusiasm, time and dedication to the school are very much appreciated. Colts Quote: 4th grader Avery Schubert was asked why a Catholic education is important, she replied, "So that people can love God and get to Heaven." When asked what is special about St. Catherine, she said, "That I can be myself and feel safe in everything I do."

ST. BERNARD PANTRY – The pantry is always in need of any nonperishable food items, (peanut butter, cereal, pasta, sauce, canned soup, beans, etc.), paper products and hygiene items for their clients. Currently, they are in particular need of peanut butter and toilet paper. Additionally, they are in need of clean, plastic grocery bags for food distribution to their clients. This is a great way to recycle those bags, also. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off in the box at the Rossford entrance or to the parish office. If each family donated just one item per month, what a difference we could make!

IN OUR DIOCESE

DIOCESAN BAMBINELLI AND CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING – Join Bishop John Iffert on Saturday, December 10th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Park (Cathedral Square, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington) for blessings, hot chocolate, homemade cookies, live Christmas choirs and more! Bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home Nativity scene for a special blessing by Bishop Iffert and be part of a Catholic Advent tradition! Please RSVP by Monday, December 5th with the number attending at https://forms.office.com/r/UgPPRYM2sY. Hope to see you there!



PARISH KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP! The Parish Kitchen is in need of new sleeping bags and new twin blankets for our guests. Many of our brothers and sisters spend these long winter nights in unheated spaces or even sleeping outdoors. Your gift of new sleeping bags and blankets will not only warm their hearts and souls but may even save their lives. Thanks for your warm support for those in need! Donations can be dropped off at Parish Kitchen, 1561 Madison Avenue (Corner of 16th and Madison) Covington from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The drive began on November 1st and ends on November 30th. Any questions, call 859-581-7745.



MEN'S RETREAT The Challenge of Making Disciples in a Culture of Death. Men of God join us as we seek the richness of God's love and mercy in our lives and in the World. Retreat to be held December 2nd and 3rd at Presentation Ministries' Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, OH. Guest rooms are available and meals will be provided. Take time to enjoy our trails, rock formations and wooded hillsides. Cost is a donation - Pray and "Do whatever He tells You." For more information and to preregister, go to www. presentationministries.com or call 513-373-2397.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on January 7-9, 2023, call 513-486-6222 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



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