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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 22nd
8:00 a.m. – Paul Lankisch
WEDNESDAY – November 23rd
6:30 p.m. – Jim Deavy
THURSDAY – November 24th
8:00 a.m. – Stephen Eilerman
FRIDAY – November 25th
8:30 a.m. – Fred Giglia
SATURDAY – November 26th
8:00 a.m. – Heskamp Family
4:30 p.m. – Members of the Parish
SUNDAY – November 27th
9:00 a.m. – Donald Beiting

# EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION November 24th, 26th, & 27th

11:30 a.m. – John Chambers

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – Brian Dinkelacker, Jen Kirst
4:30 p.m. – Diane Hamberg, Catherine Meisenhelder
9:00 a.m. – Kelly Johnson, Karen Little
11:30 a.m. – Linda Powrie, Doug Powrie

# LECTORS November 24th, 26th, & 27th

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – Peggy Bertelsman 4:30 p.m. – Joe Fischer 9:00 a.m. – Dennis Hicks 11:30 a.m. – Chris Capal

### SERVERS SCHEDULE November 22nd-27th

**TUESDAY – November 22nd 8:00 a.m.** – Tim Garlich, Alex Muench

**WEDNESDAY**– **November 23rd 6:30 p.m.** – Addie Hess, Marley Hess

THURSDAY – November 24th
10:00 a.m. – Hailey Fritz, Hannah Fritz, Michael Zechella

FRIDAY – November 25th 8:30 a.m. – Tommy Burkart, Matilda Faust

SATURDAY – November 26th 8:00 a.m. – Connor Stacey, Ryan Stacey 4:30 p.m. – Addie Hess, Ruby Smith

SUNDAY – November 27th
9:00 a.m. – Max Holbrook, Cameron Myers, Wren Twehues
11:30 a.m. – Nathan Kirst, Natalie Kirst, Owen Marx

### SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	11/6/2022	11/7/2021
Weekly Offering	\$ 23,736	\$ 21,715
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$276,965	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$336,231	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$930,000	
Number of registered families	408	
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2022/2023	\$ 0	
Tuition Assistance		
donations FYD	\$ 836	
School Registration for 2022/2023	123	
CCD Registration for 2022/2023	96	
	Pledged	Collected
2022 Offertory Campaign As of 11/6/2022	\$840,955	\$792,279

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

### THIS WEEK

### **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, 6:30 p.m.

### **THURSDAY**

Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed

### **FRIDAY**

Mass, 8:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed

### **SATURDAY**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

First Sunday of Advent Mass, 9:00 a.m. CCD, 10:15 a.m. Mass, 11:30 a.m.

# 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.

# 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.

### **IN OUR PARISH**

**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.

# THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AND COLLECTION – Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, will be at 10:00 a.m. (there will not be an 8:00 a.m. Mass). We will once again be donating our collection from that Mass to St. Bernard Pantry. Each year, parishioners bring their donations of nonperishable food items, paper products, etc. to the Thanksgiving Day Mass and they are taken up at the offertory. Monetary donations of cash or checks made out to St. Bernard Pantry will also be accepted.

**THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR LIFE!** Thanks to all of the parishioners who participated in the fall 40 Days for Life campaign. Thank you for taking the time and having the courage to stand up and support life. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion. *Linda Schuchter, Pro-Life Committee* 

**WORD OF LIFE** – "We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of His love for us. We realize that He always has a perfect plan for our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story"

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 JESSE TREE PROJECT – Our annual Jesse Tree project will begin next 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.

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., orientating, 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.

MARK YOUR 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.

**BOARD OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION** – The Board met on November 8th, 2022; the next meeting date is December 6th, 2022. 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 1st 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 8:00-10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The drive began on November 1st and ends on November 30th. Any questions, call 859-581-7745.

# **ELSEWHERE**

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-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 program, beginning with a weekend on January 7, 8, 9, 2023, call 513-486-6222 or visit the website at www. HelpOurMarriage.com.



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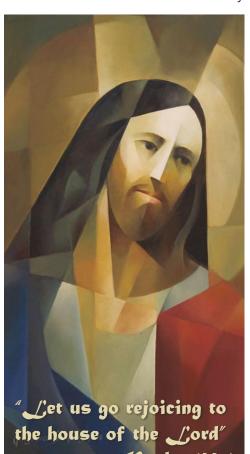
Reflection on Luke 23:35-43

The liturgical year comes to an end this weekend with this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The end of the year points toward the end of time, when all creation culminates where it originated: in Christ. This is when what we ask for in the Lord's Prayer is given for all eternity – when His Kingdom comes, in all its fullness; when God's will is done, in all its completeness.

One of the hardest truths for us to accept is that we cannot save ourselves. The world constantly tells us to "take care of yourself," to "look out for number one." In the kingdoms of this world, we are led to believe that we can and must save ourselves.

But as Christians we always come back to the belief that nobody saves themselves. Even Jesus, when hanging on the cross, is taunted to "save yourself." It is through His death and Resurrection, that is in refusing to save Himself, that Jesus saves us, saves us all, and comes into the fullness of His Kingdom, where He "remembers us."

~ Fr. Jay



### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

Monday, November 21, 2022

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Weekday Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 Lk 21:12-19 Thursday, November 24, 2022

Thanksgiving Day Sir 50:22-24 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 25, 2022

Weekday Rv 20:1-4, 11–21:2 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 26, 2022

Weekday Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab Lk 21:34-36

> Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

For flowers that bloom about our feet, Father, we thank Thee. For tender grass so fresh, so sweet, Father, we thank Thee. For the song of bird and hum of bee, for all things fair we hear or see, Father in heaven, we thank Thee. For blue of stream and blue of sky, Father, we thank Thee. For pleasant shade of branches high, Father, we thank Thee. For fragrant air and cooling breeze, for beauty of the blooming trees, Father in heaven, we thank Thee. For this new morning with its light, Father, we thank Thee. For rest and shelter of the night, Father, we thank Thee For health and food, for love and friends, for everything Thy goodness sends, Father in heaven, we thank Thee.



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