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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 – September 19th 8:00 a.m. No Mass WEDNESDAY – September 20th 5:30 p.m. No Mass THURSDAY – September 21st 8:00 a.m. No Mass FRIDAY – September 22nd 8:30 a.m. No Mass SATURDAY – September 23rd 8:00 a.m. No Mass 4:30 p.m. William C. McCarthy, Jr. SUNDAY – September 24th 9:00 a.m. Members of the Parish 11:30 a.m. Janet Fassler

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION September 23rd & 24th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Sarah Meisenhelder, Gina New, Heather Shultz Host: Joliene Garlich, Diane Hamberg, Lois Roell
9:00 a.m. Cup: Pat Desmond, Dan Little, Carol Little, Volunteer Needed
Host: Kelly Johnson, Louise Roth, David Sower 11:30 a.m. Cup: Kelly Hergott, Jen Kirst, Kathy

Woltermann, Volunteer Needed Host: Martie Iker, Natalie Messmer, Elise Rulli

LECTORS September 23rd & 24th

4:30 p.m. Sarah Meisenhelder9:00 a.m. Mike Ruwe11:30 a.m. Raymond Schlosser

SERVERS SCHEDULE September 19th-24th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday No Mass 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday No Mass 8:00 a.m. – Thursday No Mass 8:30 a.m. – Friday No Mass 8:00 a.m. – Saturday No Mass 4:30 p.m. – Saturday Tim Garlich, Marley Hess, Josie Messmer 9:00 a.m. – Sunday Grant Desmond, McKenna Desmond, Reese Desmond 11:30 a.m. – Sunday Tommy Burkart, Addie Hess, Sadie Hess

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

		(<u>09/03/2023</u>		<u>09/04/2022</u>	
Weekly Offering		\$	25,226	\$	18,556	
Fiscal YTD Offerings		\$	144,351			
Fiscal YTD Budget		\$	223,802			
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/2024		\$	1,260,000			
Number of registered families			376			
Tuition Assistance						
awarded for 2023/2024		\$	0			
Tuition Assistance						
donations FYD		\$	107			
School Registration for 2023-2024			115			
2023 DPAA	<u>Goal</u>		Pledged		Over!	
(as of 7/31/23)	\$79,100		\$90,530		\$11,430	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Catechetical Sunday

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY Mass, 5:30 p.m., Canceled

THURSDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m., Canceled Confirmation Family Meeting, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall St. Catherine PTO, 7:00 p.m., LIB

> FRIDAY Mass, 8:30 a.m., Canceled Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m., Canceled Confessions Immediately following Mass, Canceled Mass, 4:30 p.m.

> NEXT SUNDAY Mass, 9:00 a.m. Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Linda Brown, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Mary Vieth, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Mary Kohrs, Larry Beiting, Mary Hoffman, Bette Riedmatter & 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

MASSES CANCELED – There will be no daily Masses September 19th-23rd because Fr. Stef will be out of town. We will still have the weekend Masses (Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.). There will be no confessions on Tuesday, September 19th, however, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on that day. Please pray for safe travels for Fr. Stef and a restful time away.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, September 22nd.

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH FEST 2023! Make plans to attend Parish Fest on Sunday, October 8th beginning at 4:30 p.m. This is a purely social event for the parish where we share a meal and just spend time together. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert and we will supply the main course and drinks. There also will be a bounce house and games for the kiddos! Hope to see you there!

USHERS NEEDED – Looking for a way to serve our parish? Consider being an usher at one of the weekend Masses. (Ushers can be men or women). We are currently in need of two ushers for the 9:00 a.m. Mass, but could use people at the other two Masses as well. If you can't commit to every Sunday, consider being a sub. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 859-441-1352, or Mike Iker at miker0814@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR MORE GREETERS – We've had 5 families/ individuals sign up to be greeters, but we could use more to cover all of our weekend Masses. If you would like to volunteer for this either on your own, with your family, your spouse or a friend, please contact the Parish Office at church@stcatherineofsiena.org or 859-441-1352.

YOUTH GROUP – Middle school and high school youth groups are up and running! Middle School Youth Group: "Kenosis" will typically meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. However, due to play practice from August-October, we are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Students may begin arriving directly after school. High School Youth Group meets on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Thomas in the Youth Room (located in the Parish Office). Both youth groups are open to all students regardless of the school they attend. Hope you'll join us! Questions? Contact John David Kimes at jdkimes@stcatherineofsiena. org or visit: www.stcatherineofsiena.org/youth-ministry. **PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER** – The winner for the week of September 4th was Barb Egan. The winner for the week of September 11th was Corey Pelle. Congratulations!

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS WONDERFUL CATHOLIC RESOURCE? Our Parish still has a subscription to FORMED, a website that is filled with Catholic programs for adults and youth, movies for the whole family as well as movies specifically for children, books, CDs, study programs and more content is being added regularly. All of this can be accessed by going to the www.stcatherineofsiena.org and clicking on the login link to Formed, which is on the home page of the website. From there, you can set up an account that will allow you to view everything it has to offer. If you have any questions about how to set up your account, contact the Parish Office. This really is an amazing resource for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and we hope that many people will take advantage of it!

ST. BERNARD PANTRY – The Pantry is always in need of nonperishable food items, (peanut butter, cereal, pasta and sauce, canned soup, beans, etc.), paper products and hygiene items for their clients. Additionally, they need clean, plastic bags for food distribution to their clients. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off in the box at the Rossford entrance or Parish Office. Please be mindful of the "Expiration Date" or the "Best Used by Date" when considering your donation. If each family donated just one food item per month, what a difference we could make!



PRAYER GATHERING – The Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of NKY sponsors a monthly third Tuesday prayer gathering 7:00-8:45 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament's Parish Center, 2407 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell. Join us September 19th with praise and worship music, teaching, witnesses, and healing prayers. All are invited! For more information, call Carol at 859-341-5932.

FORGIVE GENEROUSLY

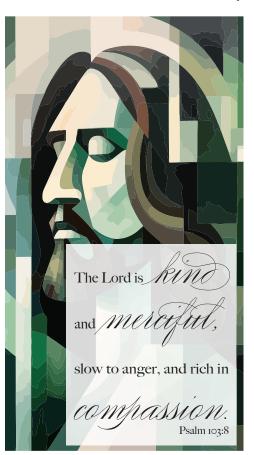
Reflection on Matthew 18:21-35

The parable of the king settling accounts with his servants is a short, three-act play. Act One is how the king behaves generously with his servant. Act Two is the bitter and brutal exchange between that servant and a fellow servant. Act Three is the final encounter between the king and the original servant, resulting in the servant being thrown in prison. From compassion and forgiveness, to hatred and imprisonment.

The truth is, we imprison ourselves when we refuse to forgive. The expectation we receive from this story is to forgive as God forgives us, generously and continuously. The forgiveness that Jesus practices in His ministry, as reported in the Gospels, is total and knew no bounds. It led to His forgiveness from the cross, where Jesus is seen as Mercy itself.

As difficult as forgiveness and the work of reconciliation can be, it is central to the mission of a disciple of Jesus, and it is a constant work to accomplish between persons, between peoples, between nations.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 17, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30–28:7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

Monday, September 18, 2023 Weekday 1 Tm 2:1-8

Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Marytrs 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13

Friday, September 22, 2023 *Weekday* 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Saint Pius (Pio) of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15

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

SAINT PIUS (PIO) OF PIETRELCINA

Feast Day: September 23

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard Confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard Confessions. In time, his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

Read the full article: "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pio-of-pietrelcina/. (Accessed September 5, 2023).

overnight retreat, October 6th-8th at Notre Dame Academy. The retreat will be led by Angie and Stephen Poat and the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and experience a dynamic combination of music, faith, fun, and friendship! RSVP by September 20th to receive the Early Bird Discount. Register today at www.covdio.org/Summit23.

BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOPS – The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization is announces the following workshops presented by Father Timothy P. Schehr. Father Schehr is a retired biblical scholar and former professor at Mount St. Mary's School of Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. He has a B.A., M.Div. and an M.A. from the Athenaeum of Ohio. He also has a Ph.D. from Hebrew Union College.

Workshop on the Prophet Isaiah – September 23rd, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Children have a very special place in the oracles of the Prophet Isaiah. We are all familiar with the famous Emmanuel prophecy in his book. But this is just one of many passages featuring children. For this reason, Isaiah is our Advent prophet. Let's spend some time enjoying his wonderful message.

Workshop on the Prophet Jeremiah – October 28th, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

We can think of Jeremiah as a "potter prophet." When called to serve as a prophet, Jeremiah was entrusted with the Word of God to build up the people, just as an artisan builds up a clump of clay on a potter's wheel. Let's read his book to discover how well the finished product turns out.

Everyone is welcome to attend! The cost for the workshop is \$35.00. To register, visit https://covdio.org/bible-workshops/ or call Isaak A. Isaak, Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, at 859-392-1529. Walk-ins welcome! The workshops will be held in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium (Curia building), 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.

ST. AGNES OKTOBERFEST FESTIVAL -

Friday, September 22, 5:00-11:00 p.m., "DV8"

Saturday, September 23, 5:00-11:00 p.m., "Derek Alan Band" Sunday, September 24, 3:00-8:00 p.m., "School of Rock" Great Fun, Great Food and Drink, Split-the-Pot Raffle, Silent Auction. More Information Online at https://Oktoberfest23. Givesmart.com/.

CRAFTERS NEEDED – St. Joseph in Cold Spring will be holding their annual Craft Show on November 4th and they are looking for crafter/vendors. If you are interested, contact Rebecca Stidham at fawn.stidham486@gmail.com for details or registration.

FISH FRY – St. Joseph's Church in Camp Springs will be holding their Annual Oktoberfish Fish Fries, October 6th and October 13th from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Dine-in or carry-out options available. 6833 Four Mile Road, Camp Springs. For more information or to place a carry-out order, please call 859-635-2491 or visit stjosephcampsprings.org.

- Wednesday, September 20th, 1:30-4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities, Training Room, 3629 Church Street, Latonia.
- Wednesday, September 27th, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.
- Wednesday, September 27th, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.
- Tuesday, October 17th, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.
- Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.

The September bulletin was posted on Sunday, September 3rd and will be due on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF RALLY -

Please make plans now to attend our Kickoff Rally at our campaign site on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati on Tuesday, September 26th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Whether you are already signed up to pray during the fall campaign (September 27 through November 5, 2023) or not, please come to hear our speaker, join in prayer, Scripture and song, and find out why your presence on the sidewalk is so crucial to the closing of the local Planned Parenthood facility and the ending of abortion in our city and state.

CELEBRATION FOR LIFE – Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life, will be the guest speaker at the 50th annual Celebration for Life, sponsored by Northern Kentucky Right to Life, which will be held on Sunday, October 1st at Receptions, 1379 Donaldson Hwy., Erlanger, at 1:00 p.m. Exhibits and refreshments will be available, along with the viewing of a prolife film, and a speaker at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained from Stan Barczak at 859-431-6380 or at the door. Free childcare will be available.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Fall is right around the corner. It's a beautiful season full of color and crisp, fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter is like autumn because it's full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy time away. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experiences are September 29-October 1 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati and November 3-5 at the Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and get that newlywed feeling again. Apply today at https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. For questions or more details, contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org.



