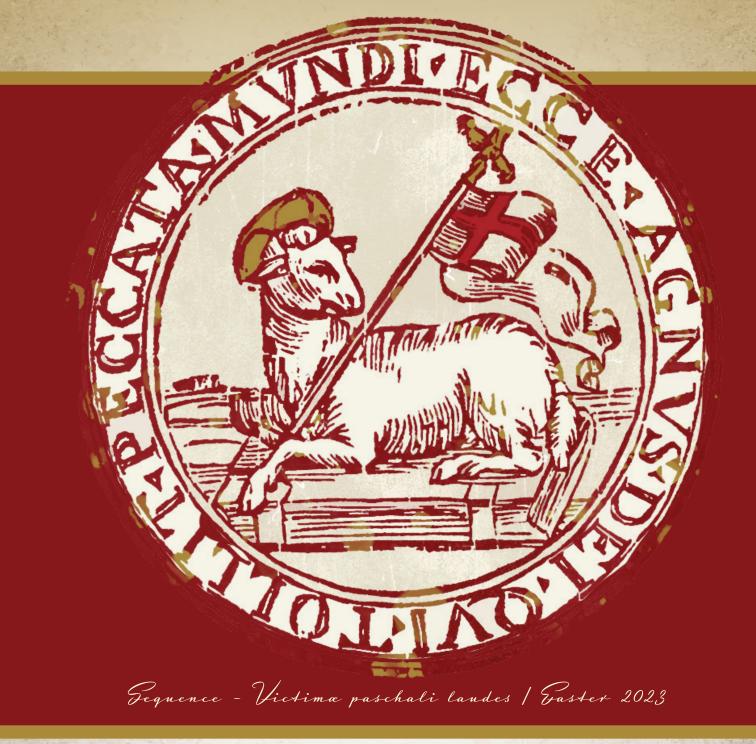
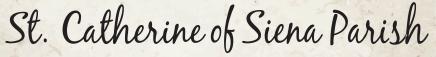
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY – April 11th 8:00 a.m. Mass Canceled WEDNESDAY – April 12th 5:30 p.m. Mass Canceled THURSDAY – April 13th 8:00 a.m. Mass Canceled FRIDAY – April 14th 8:30 a.m. Mass Canceled SATURDAY – April 15th 8:00 a.m. Mass Canceled 4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish SUNDAY – April 16th 9:00 a.m. Bob & Judy & Tom Schroder 11:30 a.m. Charles O'Connell

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION April 15-16th

4:30 p.m. Joliene Garlich, Heather Shultz9:00 a.m. Brooke Holbrook, Logan Holbrook11:30 a.m. Martie Iker, Elise Rulli

LECTORS April 15th-16th

4:30 p.m. Peggy Bertelsman9:00 a.m. Mike Ruwe11:30 a.m. Raymond Schlosser

SERVERS SCHEDULE April 11th-16th

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 Adelaide Foley, Lily Foley, Ruby Smith, Sub Needed 9:00 a.m. – Sunday Max Holbrook, Carson Schwalbach, Grayson Schwalbach, Hayden Schwalbach 11:30 a.m. – Sunday Colin Desmond, Emily Kirst, Natalie Kirst, Wren Twehues

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

Weekly Offering	3/19/20233/20/2022\$ 12,861\$ 29,607
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$719,780
	<u>3/26/2023</u> <u>3/27/2022</u>
Weekly Offering	\$ 23,813 \$ 37,338
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$743,594
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$685,962
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$930,000
Number of registered families	408
Tuition Assistance	
awarded for 2022/2023	\$ 0
Tuition Assistance	
donations FYD	\$ 1,176
School Registration for 2022-2023	123
School Registration for 2023-2024	111

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20: 19-31

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Happy Easter! MONDAY Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY No 8:00 a.m. Mass Exposition, 8:30 a.m. Confessions, Canceled Benediction, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m. Theology of the Body, 7:00 p.m., LIB

> **WEDNESDAY** No 5:30 p.m. Mass

> THURSDAY No 8:00 a.m. Mass

> FRIDAY No 8:30 a.m. Mass

SATURDAY No 8:00 a.m. Mass Confessions Canceled Mass, 4:30 p.m.

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

Please Pray For Our Sick

Sherry Milleck, Jack Rose, Marie Shields, Linda Brown, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Jon McSorley, 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

To My Dear Parishioners,

"Alleluia" is the quintessential Easter acclamation. It is the Latinized version of the Hebrew "Hallelujah," which means "Praise the Lord;" for us, "Praise God" is also a viable substitute. In the celebration of Easter, of this our greatest of blessings – our redemption – we lift up our voices in this great shout of praise.

Greatest of blessings? I have heard people say that being born must be our greatest blessing, because if we are not born, we cannot be redeemed. The answer to that comes at least twice during the Easter Vigil: in the Exsultet, the beautiful Easter Proclamation that is chanted just before the readings – *Our birth would have been no gain,/ had we not been redeemed* – and in the prayer after the first reading of the Vigil – *O God, who wonderfully created human nature and still more wonderfully redeemed it* . . . How often do we thank God for our lives? I will bet that none of us thank Him enough. How much more often, then, should we thank God for our redemption?

Who should thank God? I think of one of the first English hymns, the 17th-century *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.* In the first verse we sing: *Praise him, all creatures here below;*/*Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.* Not just we human beings, but all creatures on earth. Remember the famous line in Paul's letter to the Romans: *We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now*... And not just creatures on earth, but all of the heavenly host as well, all saints and angels, praise God for His wonderful works!

Let us never forget to praise and thank God for the redemption and healing of the world. As the trees and flowers and animals bring forth new blossoms and new young, so may we bring forth new praise for the God who saved us.

Happy Easter

MASSES CANCELED – Fr. Stef is going to take a few days off after Easter, so there will be no daily Masses April 11th-15th, nor will we have Confessions on Tuesday or Saturday of that week. We will still have Exposition and Benediction on Tuesday.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA FEAST – In honor of St. Catherine's feast day on Saturday, April 29th, we will be having a parish get together, much like our annual Parish Fest. The event will take place immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass on April 29th. Weather permitting, we will hold it in the lower lot behind church. Otherwise, we will gather in McCrystal Hall. Mark your calendar and watch future bulletins and emails for more information.

SUMMER FEST 2023 – Mark your calendars for this year's Summer Fest. Our Music Fest night will be Friday, June 2nd and our Summer Festival will be Saturday, June 3rd. If you couldn't make the first planning meeting, but would like to help with this year's event, contact Natalie Messmer at natmessmer@ yahoo.com. Watch future emails and bulletins for more details about the event and how you can help!

COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS – We are kicking off our annual nomination process for new council members. All parish councils (Parish Pastoral Council, Board of Catholic Education, and Finance Council) rotate memberships and each year there are openings. Currently, we are asking you to nominate someone, or yourself, to consider serving our parish on one of our councils. We will be taking nominations through April 21, 2023. You can nominate someone online at our St. Catherine website, emailing the parish office or by filling out a nomination card and drop in the box in the back of church. A description of each council can be found on the nomination page at https://www.stcatherineofsiena.org/councilnominations. There is no limit on nominations. Nominees will be contacted by Parish Council and asked to discern for themselves if they are willing or able to serve. Council terms begin in July.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of March 27th was Phyllis Smith. Congratulations! The winner for the week of April 3rd will be reported next week.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION - We are seeking candidates for the position of Facilities Manager here at St. Catherine. The successful candidate for this full-time, firstshift position will be responsible for the care and maintenance of our campus. Experience not required but welcome. Will train with our current Facilities Manager until his retirement in mid-June. Work will include, but not limited to, light maintenance, landscaping, carpentry, electric, plumbing and repair; painting; leaf and snow removal; custodial and other cleaning. Will direct and supervise a small permanent staff plus summer helpers. Must be honest, punctual, and dependable for this responsible position, willing to learn and work. Must be able to lift and carry 75 pounds. Competitive wage, insurance package and generous pension contributions; friendly and relaxed work environment. Will interact with parish and school staff, as well as volunteers and parishioners, in a friendly and helpful manner. Need not be Catholic, but must be living in a way consonant with Catholic values. Interested candidates are asked to please send a cover letter and resume to Dennis Hicks at dhicks@stcatherineofsiena.org.

SUMMER HELP NEEDED – We have two maintenance positions open this summer. Both are early morning to early afternoon. One is 40 hours per week and the other one is 25-to-30 hours. Job entails general cleaning with very light maintenance and painting. Perfect for college or older high school students. Must have or acquire Virtus certification if aged 18 or older. Please email information to dkramer@stcatherineofsiena.org or call Dennis at 859-441-1352.

JOIN THE MOWING BRIGADE! The St. Catherine Men's Group has been mowing the church and rectory grounds for many years. We have had several men retire off the mowing crew for various reasons, so we are looking for YOU to join us! With enough on the list, we each only have to mow two-three times during the season. This is standard mowing, trimming, and blowing – no heavy equipment or special skills, and all equipment is provided on-site. If you are interested in helping to keep St. Catherine campus clean and green, please contact Jon Guth at 859-653-4692 or jon. guth@fuse.net.

ST. BERNARD PANTRY The pantry is always in need of any 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 purposes 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!

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS COURT #2514 17TH ANNUAL PARISH CAMPOUT – Our annual campout will again be at the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) just south of Georgetown, Kentucky, Friday, June 23rd-Sunday, June 25th. We have blocked out around 70 campsites for our group within the area where we will play games and have group meals. If you don't enjoy tent camping or own a camper, we have an option for you. For previous campouts, some families have rented a camper for the weekend and had great experiences. If you're interested in this, please contact one of the Campout Captains listed below. Here's how to book your site:

- 1. BOOK SOON to get your preferred camping spot. These sites are blocked out for St. Catherine Foresters: C131-C159; C172-C193; D207-D216; D239-D248; D251-D256
- 2. Call GROUP CAMPING at 1-800-370-6416, and select Option 2 for Campground Store. You will need to speak to a person to confirm a spot.
- 3. Let them know you are with "St. Catherine Foresters."
- 4. You can request a certain site or they can randomly assign you a spot.
- 5. Pay by phone or make arrangements with KHP staff.
- 6. MOST IMPORTANTLY
 - a. Let us know which site you reserved.
 - b. Let us know how many people will be attending, names and T-shirt sizes for each attendee! We need this information for supplies!
 - c. We will also need to know if you're just coming down for the day or staying elsewhere instead of camping. Contact the Campout Captains with your reservation information or if you have any questions: Rob Hans at <u>rlhans1966@gmail.com</u> or 859-750-2242 or Tom Kaelin at <u>tomkaelin@fuse.net</u> or 859-630-3217.

IN OUR DIOCESE

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY – Join The World Apostolate of Fatima in a 33-day Fatima Consecration to Jesus through Mary starting April 10th. Consecration or renewing your Consecration is a solid way to form hearts to be united with Jesus through Mary. A special Consecration Mass will be held Saturday, May 13th at Our Lady's Farm, 5820 KY 159, Falmouth. To register, visit FATIMACONSECRATION.ORG or call Kathy at 859-394-7472 or email Theresa@bluearmy.org. Ask your friends and family to join – become part of the new generation of Mary's children.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT FOR WOMEN AND MEN IN THEIR 20s & 30s – Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God and with others? Do you want to make meaning of the other relationships in your life? Do you need some time apart? Consider the "Walking Together" Retreat offered by the Sisters of Notre Dame and a team of young adults on April 14th-16th at the Sisters of Notre Dame, Park Hills. For more information, contact Sister Ruth Lubbers at <u>rlubbers@sndusa.org</u> or 859-750-8190.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED – On Wednesday, April 26th, the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office and the Northern Kentucky Pregnancy Care Network will be hosting a FREE Baby Shower for women and families in need. This baby shower will provide much-needed items and resources to some of the most vulnerable in our community and we are asking our parishes to assist in providing the following items: Diapers - Sizes 2-5; Baby Wipes; Baby Bath Supplies; New Onesies; New Swaddle Blankets; Sleepers - various sizes. We are also asking for new larger raffle item such as highchairs that attach to regular table chairs, strollers, infant seats, portable infant beds. Items can be dropped off at the Pro-Life Office by Monday, April 24. Arrangement for pick up can also be made. In the past, this event has served over 100 families in need and assistance from our parishes is greatly appreciated. Please contact Faye Roch at 859-392-1500 if you have any questions.

MORNINGS OF REFLECTION WITH FR. CONOR KUNATH – Mornings of Reflection are mini-retreats held one Saturday morning a month for anyone wanting to know more about their spiritual lives or the process of discernment. This month, it will be held on April 15th at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Fort Mitchell. The topic this month will be *Discernment* and the schedule for the day is: 9:00 a.m. – Presentation and Discussion; 10:00 a.m. – Mass; 11:00 a.m. – Holy Hour with Confession available. Everyone is welcome!

IRISH TENOR, EMMET CAHILL CONCERT – Emmet Cahill is returning to Mother of God Church for a concert on Wednesday, April 19th. This amazing young Irishman is one of the lead singers in Celtic Thunder and has his own successful solo career that has taken him around the world. The evening will begin with a meet-and-greet at 6:15 p.m., followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. The Mother of God Contemporary Ensemble will also perform, starting at 7:10 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 for the meet-and-greet + concert, and \$35.00 for the concert only. Purchase tickets online at https://emmetcahill. com/tour or at the door. Don't miss out on this chance to see a world-class artist in a beautiful setting. For more information, contact Cindy Duesing at cduesing@twc.com or 859-512-1063.

DCCH CARE FOR KIDS RAFFLE – Buy your Chances for \$10,000.00, \$2,500.00, or \$1,000.00 and #ChangeLives! Tickets are \$20.00 each. Drawing will be held April 29th. You do not need to be present to win. Purchase tickets and learn more at www.DCCHCenter.org or 859/331-2040.

SAVE THE DATE – On Sunday, May 21st, the Vocations Office will be hosting a Sacred Heart Discernment Dinner for any men interested in discerning a call to the priesthood. The dinner is completely free and is open to the parents and family of the discerner as well. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Vespers at All Saints Church. If you are interested in attending, please send an RSVP to the Vocations Office at sbarnes@covdio.org.

HOLY LAND TRIP, OCTOBER 25th-NOVEMBER 2nd, 2023 – Join Msgr. Daniel Vogelpohl on an inspirational journey through the Holy Land. Strengthen your faith and grow closer to God. From Bethlehem and Nazareth to Cana, the site of the First Miracle, find new understanding in the life of Jesus. Follow in His footsteps along the Via Dolorosa as you walk the path of the Stations of the Cross. Visit the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Jesus taught. Explore Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist. An extensive Jerusalem tour features the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Western Wall. Visit the Church of the Beatitudes, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, St. John the Baptist, and the Church of the Nativity, Mount of the Transfiguration. Engage in daily worship at some of the world's most revered and historical sites. For more information, email Fr. Dan at dvogelpohl@covdio.org or visit https://gateway. gocollette.com/link/1128673.

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LIVING IN REALITY RETREAT – The key to building life in the Spirit, hosted by Fr. Al Lauer's Presentation Ministries, will be held April 21st -23rd at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, Peebles, OH. Many people, even Christians, are not in touch with reality because of sin and our secular humanistic culture. Therefore, in the preface of this retreat, we consider four basic realities revealed by Christ. Then, we focus on repentance from sin and total commitment to Jesus. The retreat concludes by showing how to build a new life and life-style in the Spirit through family relationships. Register online at www. presentationministries.com or call Betty at 513-373-2397.

HELP CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY – BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER! CASA of the Northern Bluegrass Region is seeking dedicated volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the family court system in Kenton, Campbell, Pendleton, Harrison, Carroll, Owen, and Grant Counties. To learn more, join us for our CASA 101 Meeting on April 13th, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To sign up, please contact Jennifer Houser 859-392-1792 or Jennifer@ casaforkidsnky.org.

