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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 – July 18th 8:00 a.m. Fr. Stef, Special Intention WEDNESDAY – July 19th 5:30 p.m. Peggy Kohrs THURSDAY – July 20th 8:00 a.m. Anthony Hopkins FRIDAY – July 21st 8:00 a.m. Jack Rose SATURDAY – July 22nd 8:00 a.m. Denny Hoffstedder 4:30 p.m. Ron & Carol Ewing, Special Intention SUNDAY – July 23rd 9:00 a.m. Bob, Judy & Tom Schroder 11:30 a.m. Members of the Parish

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION July 22nd & 23rd

4:30 p.m. Brian Dinkelacker (cup), Lois Roell (cup), Sarah Meisenhelder (host), David Sower (host)
9:00 a.m. Jim Hess (cup), Judy Rose (cup), Kiristen Gerrein (host), Nathan Myers (host)
11:30 a.m. Anita Morris (cup), Elise Rulli (cup), Kelly Hergott (host), Heather Shultz (host)

## LECTORS July 22nd & 23rd

4:30 p.m. Sarah Meisenhelder9:00 a.m. Mary Margaret Spica11:30 a.m. Debbie Rolf

## SERVERS SCHEDULE July 18th-July 23rd

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Molly Muench, Alex Muench 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Edie Twehues, Josie Messmer 8:00 a.m. – Thursday Grant Desmond, Reese Desmond 8:00 a.m. – Fridav Matilda Faust, Morgan Kremer 8:00 a.m. – Saturday Keegan Collopy, Alison Wagner 4:30 p.m. - Saturday Tim Garlich, Sadie Hess, Addie Hess 9:00 a.m. – Sunday Morgan Baldwin, Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks 11:30 a.m. – Sunday Rachel Burkart, Cora Hill, Ryan Desmond

## SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>6/25/2023</u> <u>6/26/2022</u>
Weekly Offering	\$ 10,290 \$ 7,435
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$949,447
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$918,077
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$930,000
Number of registered families	407
Tuition Assistance	
awarded for 2022/2023	\$ 0
Tuition Assistance	
donations FYD	\$ 1,239
School Registration for 2022-2023	123
School Registration for 2023-2024	110
2023 DPAA Goal	<u>Pledged</u> Over
(as of 5/31/23) \$79,100	\$83,400 \$4,300

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

Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

## **THIS WEEK**

#### MONDAY

#### 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.

THURSDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m.

FRIDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m.

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

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

# Please Pray For Our Sick

Tom Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Marie Shields, 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**

## **UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION –**

Does our parish database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year for our annual Guide Book & Directory. Have you changed your phone number or email address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? If you have not already informed the parish office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the next Guide Book and Directory is correct. Please notify the parish office at 441-1352 or church@stcatherineofsiena.org with any changes to your record.

**CUSTODIAN/ MAINTENANCE NEEDED** – We have a full-time position open in our maintenance department. This is a first shift position and duties include light maintenance and general cleaning duties associated with school and church. Virtus certification required. Great work environment and competitive compensation with retirement benefits and paid medical insurance. Please send resume/inquiries to dgrothaus@ stcatherineofsiena.org.

**PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER** – The winner for the week of July 3rd was Jack Murphy. The winner for the week of July 10th was Kelly Johnson. Congratulations!

**WORD OF LIFE** "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing" ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF 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 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!

## **IN OUR DIOCESE**

**2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES VESPERS CELEBRATION** – Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2023. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2023 are invited to a vespers celebration on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m. Anniversary couples RSVP by July 18th at covdio.org/wedding-vespers or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are only required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

# THE WORD

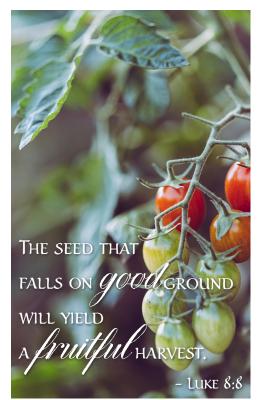
Reflection on Matthew 13:1-23

I don't remember where I first heard of this image, but it was most likely in a Scripture study class in the seminary. We were trying hard to offer interpretations of a section of St. Paul's letter to the Romans, when our professor said, "Forget what the words on the page say, what is The Word of God burning away? What do you see when the curtain is lifted?"

The words of Scripture are like a curtain in a theater; when you first sit down, the curtain is the focus. But it opens to reveal the action on the stage, and you no longer focus on the curtain. We struggle with the words of Scripture in order to discover The Word, which is always living, active, and inviting us to transformation.

So the Word comes down from heaven, and does not return until accomplishing the work for which it was sent. God indiscriminately and with great generosity continually sows the seeds of The Word in the soil of our lives, where rocks and thorns may at times deter its growth, or even choke it off. But the seeds are not sown just once, but over and over again, waiting for us to be fertile soil that will produce a grand harvest.

~ Fr. Jay



# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

#### Sunday, July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ls 55:10-11 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

#### Monday, July 17, 2023 Weekday

Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Mt 10:34–11:1

## Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday, July 19, 2023 Weekday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday, July 20, 2023** Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 Mt 11:28-30

## Friday, July 21, 2023

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 11:10–12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday, July 22, 2023

Saint Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

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

# SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

Feast Day: July 21 Patron Saint of: Brindisi, Naples

Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice. When he was just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence. He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23. With his facility for languages, Lawrence was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis felt sure he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

Lawrence's sensitivity to the needs of people – a character trait perhaps unexpected in such a talented scholar – began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill needed to carry out his duties. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order.

Lawrence was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence's writings. Eleven of these 15 contain his sermons, each of which relies chiefly on scriptural quotations to illustrate his teaching.

Read the full article: "Saint Lawrence of Brindisi" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-lawrence-of-brindisi/. (Accessed June 30, 2023).

**VIRTUS TRAINING** – Here are the upcoming Virtus training classes:

- Tuesday, July 18th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, Murphy Hall, 1680 Dixie Highway, Fort Wright.
- Wednesday, July 26th, 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities, Mary Moser Room, 3629 Church Street, Latonia.
- Wednesday, July 26th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.
- Thursday, August 3rd, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell. The July's bulletin was posted on Sunday, July 2nd and will be due on Monday, August 7th.

**ST. ANN NOVENA** – Join in praying through the powerful intercession of St. Ann with daily Novena Prayers and Mass, July 18th-26th. St. Ann is the patroness of Christian families, mothers, grandmothers, housewives, pregnancy, pregnant women, women in labor, and sterility, among others. This is a very powerful Novena for any petitions. Novena prayers begin at 7:00 p.m. with Novena Mass at 7:15 p.m. In addition to being in-person, we will also live stream the Novena on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StJohnAnnCovington. The theme for this year's Novena is "The Beatitudes."

- July 18th Poor in spirit Deacon Steve Durkee
- July 19th They who mourn Deacon Scott Folz
- July 20th The meek Deacon Jerry Franzen
- July 21st Hunger & Thirst Deacon Barry Henry
- July 22nd The merciful Deacon Rick Dames
- July 23rd The clean of heart Deacon Kevin Cranley
- July 24th The peacemakers Deacon Jim Bayne
- July 25th The persecuted Deacon Mike Keller
- July 26th You Deacon Bob Stoeckle.

Fr. Aby Thampi will be leading the Novena this year. After Mass each evening, there will be individual blessings with a relic of St. Ann. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after the blessing. Holy cards, rosaries and religious items will be available for sale each night.

The Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann will be celebrated the final evening, July 26th. All are welcome to stay for a reception after Mass. St. Ann's is located at 1268 Parkway, Covington. For more information, call 859-431-5314.

**SAVE THE DATE** – You are invited to a day of recollection and exploration into the interconnectedness of the mind, body and soul at St. Joseph Heights on Saturday, September 23rd. Featured speakers are Msgr. William Cleves, Spiritual Director Kathy Kramer and Health Coach Jessica Muehlenkamp. This day will be one of growth and renewal. Methods of selfcare, including Centering Prayer and SpirFit (spir-fit.com), will also be available to you on this day. The cost is \$65.00 which includes the program materials, activities, and a catered continental breakfast and lunch. If you would like to be notified once registration opens or for more information, please email holylistening24@gmail.com. **JOB OPPORTUNITY** – The Diocese of Covington Curia invites individuals with a degree and background in Accounting to apply for the position of Internal Auditor, which reports to the Chief Financial Officer. The Internal Auditor's primary responsibilities include updating and maintaining the existing parish and high school audit programs, scheduling and performing parish and high school audits, and writing audit reports, among other duties in the Finance Office. Candidate requirements include an Accounting degree and at least two years of experience that includes auditing. CPA licensure is a plus. Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest, along with a resume that includes compensation history and references with contact email addresses, by email or by fax to Stephen Koplyay, SPHR, skoplyay@covdio.org or 859-392-1589.

**CAFETERIA POSITIONS – DIOCESE OF COVINGTON SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM** – The School Lunch Program is currently seeking dedicated individuals to join our team in various positions within our school cafeterias. These important roles contribute to the successful operation of our school lunch program, ensuring the provision of nutritious meals to our students. Positions available are Cafeteria Manager, Food Prep, Server, and Dishwasher. These positions are available at various schools within the Diocese of Covington. We offer competitive compensation and benefits packages for eligible employees. Exact details will be discussed during the interview process. To apply, please go to www. covdio.org/employment, School Related Openings, Employment Application, Non-Teacher. Send completed application to: Diocese of Covington, ATTN: Laura Hatfield, SLP Director, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011.

**NEW BEGINNINGS** – A faith-based support group, New Beginnings provides separated and divorced individuals the opportunity for healing and growth. In this group, participants find new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain courage to discover new life. Registration is required. Visit https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/ or call 859-392-1500, ext. 1592. The next session will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, August 29th through October 17th from 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity Elementary School, Bellevue.



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