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Masses for Sunday: Saturday: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 10:00 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 – January 16th 8:00 a.m. Lucille Bezold

WEDNESDAY – January 17th 5:30 p.m. Bibiana Ruschman

THURSDAY – January 18th 8:00 a.m. Don Hamberg

FRIDAY – January 19th 8:30 a.m. The Charles Schroder Family

> SATURDAY – January 20th 8:00 a.m. Diane Detzel 4:30 p.m. Miriam Venable

SUNDAY – January 21st 10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION January 20th & 21st

4:30 p.m. Cup: Brian Dinkelacker, Tom New, Gina New **Host:** Joliene Garlich

10:00 a.m. Cup: Pat Desmond, Nathan Holbrook, Brooke Holbrook, Heather ShultzHost: Tom Kaelin, Caroline Kaelin, Anita Morris

LECTORS January 20th & 21st

4:30 p.m. Debbie Rolf **10:00 a.m.** Mike Ruwe

SERVERS SCHEDULE January 16th-21st

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Rachel Burkart, Keegan Collopy

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Josie Bozeman, Ben Fassler

8:00 a.m. – Thursday Grant Desmond, Reese Desmond

8:30 a.m. – Friday Morgan Kremer, Logan Meyer, Silas West

> **8:00 a.m. – Saturday** T.J. McSorley, Edie Twehues

4:30 p.m. – Saturday Matilda Faust, Sadie Hess, Alison Wagner

10:00 a.m. – Sunday Max Holbrook, George Josten, Grayson Schwalbach

GREETERS SCHEDULE January 20th & 21st

4:30 p.m. Barb Venable **10:00 a.m.** Chris & Kristen Gerrein & Family, Martie Iker

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

| | | 12 | 12/31/2023 | | 01/01/2024 | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----|------------|--|
| W | eekly Offering | \$ | 33,074 | \$ | 39,751 | |
| Fi | scal YTD Offerings | \$ | 418,458 | | | |
| Fi | scal YTD Budget | \$ | 633,475 | | | |
| Fi | scal Annual Budget 2023/24 | \$1 | 1,260,000 | | | |
| Number of registered families | | | 371 | | | |
| Τι | ition Assistance awarded for | r 2023 | \$/24 \$0 | | | |
| Τι | ition Assistance donations F | YD | \$277 | | | |
| Sc | chool Registration for 2023-2 | 24 | 116 | | | |
| 20 | 23 DPAA <u>Goal</u> | | <u>Pledged</u> | | Over! | |
| (a | s of 11/30/23) \$79,100 |) | \$91,420 | | \$12,230 | |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

MLK Day No School – Parish Office Closed

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. Catholic Order of Foresters, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall

> WEDNESDAY Mass, 5:30 p.m. THURSDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m. Choir, 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine PTO, 7:00 p.m., LIB

> > **FRIDAY** Mass, 8:30 a.m.

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

> **NEXT SUNDAY** Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Bev Stegman, Barb Venable, Mary Kay Glaser, Carol Ewing, Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, 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

William Pikar, 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

SNOW REMOVAL – It's that time of year when we need to start thinking about snow removal. We are looking for volunteers to clear the sidewalks and steps on weekends and/or in the evening. This would be a great stewardship opportunity for high school students, as well as a way to earn service hours. In addition to shovelers, we would also like to have someone who would be in charge of the volunteers. This person would contact/organize volunteers on evenings, weekends and holidays (anytime the Parish Office is closed) to make sure that the areas needed to get into church are cleared. If you would like to volunteer for this position or to shovel snow, please contact Don Grothaus at 441-1352, ext. 17 or dgrothaus@ stcatherineofsiena.org.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Building on the enthusiasm and success of our Christmas Eve children's choir, we are hoping to continue with a children's choir regularly at least until Spring Break. We plan to have the children lead the music for Mass every 5 to 6 weeks. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m., beginning January 18th. Please email Brenda Hayden at bhayden@ stcatherineofsiena.org to sign up. As usual, Virtus-trained adults will be needed to assist each week.

WE NEED YOU! We could use your help in making our "Let's Go To Mexico" winter fundraiser a successful night for our parish. We need volunteers to help with raffle ticket sales, silent auction, basket raffle, decorations, set-up and marketing the event. Since things are always more fun in a group, consider gathering some friends together and taking on one of these tasks! Maybe your friend group could put together a basket for the basket raffle, gather items for the silent auction, take on overseeing reservations, or getting the word out to the community about the event. Any and all help is needed and greatly appreciated. Please contact Wade Smith at garrett_wade_smith@hotmail.com or call/ text 859-816-2145 to volunteer.

LET'S GO TO MEXICO! Hola mis amigos!

You are cordially invited to our 2024 Winter Fundraiser, Let's Go to Mexico! The event will be held on Saturday, January 27th at the Ft. Thomas Mess Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will enjoy great food, drinks, music, dancing and much more. This event is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends or to meet new ones. Invite your family and friends.

DETAILS

Saturday, January 27th – Ft. Thomas Mess Hall Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Major Raffle Drawing at 9:00 p.m.

Cost is \$65.00 per person

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Amigo Sponsors – includes 2 admissions - \$250.00 Familia Sponsors – includes 3 admissions - \$500.00 Communidad Sponsors – includes 4 admissions – \$750.00 Grande Sponsors – includes 5 admissions, and your own table – \$1,000.00 Especial Sponsors – includes 6 admissions, your own table, and storefront signage – \$2,000.00

MAJOR RAFFLE

1st Prize: 5 day/4 night trip to Cancun, Mexico! Roundtrip economy airfare for two, all-inclusive resort, sunset cruise. Who doesn't need a getaway?

2nd Prize: \$10,000 Mexican Pesos

(equivalent to \$575.00 USD)

3rd Prize: Dinner for two at Nada (\$150 gift card) (Tickets available in the Parish Office)

Admission tickets, raffle tickets and sponsorships can all be purchased online through our website, <u>www.</u> <u>stcatherineofsiena.org</u>. Just click on the Donate tab and then WeShare.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of January 1st was Judy Messmer. The winner for the week of January 7th was Jackie Gallagher. Congratulations!

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

PREPARING FOR END OF LIFE – St. Philip Parish in Melbourne will be hosting a presentation on Preparing for End of Life on Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Topics will be "Moral and Ethical Care" by Rev. Ray Enzweiler; "Funeral Pre-Planning, Cremation and Burial" by Pat Dobbling; "Estates, Wills, & Trusts" by Chris Lavin & Tom Kaelin; "Hospice Care" by St. Elizabeth Hospice; and "Pallative Care" by Laura Trice. There is no charge for this event.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED – New Beginnings is an eight-week program for separated or divorced individuals, which provides an opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses, this program invites participants to move toward their own new beginning. The next session will be held on consecutive Thursdays – January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22, February 29, March 7, and March 14, 2024, Time: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity Elementary, 235 Division Street, Bellevue, KY. For more information and to register, visit <u>https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/</u>.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

July 17th-21st in Indianapolis. Marian University (located 15 minutes from Lucas Oil Stadium) is hosting high school teens for the Conference and will house, feed, transport, mentor and accompany youth ministry groups through the Conference. This is an opportunity for youth from the Diocese of Covington, to dive deeper into their faith and journey with Catholic youth from around the country. Preregistration deadline is early January. Inquire ASAP.

SAVE THE DATE DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Contact Angie Poat for information, apoat@covdio. org or visit covdio.org/youth/.

January 18, 2024 – High School Mass and Social – Location: Holy Cross Parish, Latonia, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Learn more about the Mass and worship with your peers in a vibrant faith community. All are welcome.

February 8, 2024 – **THRIVE** Peer Ministry Leadership Training for High School and College Leaders, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Curia. Attend as an individual peer leader or with your parish, school, music, or retreat team. Newcomers are welcome. RSVP by February 1. Together we THRIVE!

February 10, 2024 – JUNIOR HIGH CONNECT RETREAT. Calling all 6th, 7th & 8th graders to a high impact day of connecting with self, others, and God. CONNECT Retreat includes: Music, Games, Witness Talks, Adoration, Food and Fun. Led by a team of dynamic college students. RSVP by February 1. Location: TMU, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – The Cathedral Basilica, our mother Church of the Diocese of Covington, is in need of major work to restore and preserve the masonry on the exterior parts of the Cathedral building. This effort is being conducted through the "Restored in Christ" campaign currently underway throughout the Diocese of Covington. In response to this need, Bishop John C. Iffert has instructed parishes of the Diocese of Covington to conduct a second collection during the weekend of January 20th and 21st. These funds will be used exclusively for the restoration of the exterior of the Cathedral Basilica. We will be taking up a second collection next weekend for this campaign.

KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE – Save the Date – Join other Pro-life Kentuckians on Tuesday, January 23rd for the 2024 Kentucky March for Life and "Love Them Both" Rally. The program will begin with Mass at Good Shepherd Parish in Frankfort, followed by a rally at the State Capitol. The event will end with a procession to the Cemetery of the Innocents in the historic Frankfort Cemetery. The Pro-life Office will be organizing buses that will leave from Northern Kentucky. If you are interested in traveling with other parishioners from the Diocese, please contact the Pro-life Office for more information at 859-392-1500.



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. CATHERINE 33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH | 4-8PM 93 CAROTHERS RD, NEWPORT, KY, 41071

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **J8C78J3** OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

INVITATION

Reflection on John 1:35-42

God does not seem to follow any pattern, protocol, or formula in making Himself known, or in calling individuals into relationship and gifting them for service. Over and over again, Scripture and countless stories in our tradition reveal that there is no predicting when God will come to us or how the visit might occur.

God can call the apprentice instead of the master, in the middle of the night while he is sleeping, as God did with Samuel. God can call an ordinary fellow out of a crowd of people at 4:00 in the afternoon, as God did with Andrew. Or two fisherman busy cleaning their nets, as with James and John. Or a tax collector hiding up a tree, as with Zacchaeus. Or an atheist walking down a crowded street in mid-town Manhattan, as with Thomas Merton. Or an old woman in her seventies, as with St. Mother Teresa.

"Come and see" – the invitation we hear in today's Gospel – can come to any of us, at any time, anywhere. When the invitation comes to you, even if you are, like Samuel, not yet familiar with the crazy ways of God, may you at least imitate His openness and innocent honesty, by saying: "Here I am Lord. Speak, for your servant is listening."

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 15, 2024 Weekdav

1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 *Weekday* 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Saint Anthony, Abbott 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6 **Thursday, January 18, 2024** *Weekday* 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19, 2024 *Weekday* 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, 2024 Weekday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

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

SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN

Saint of the Day: January 14 Patron Saint of: Medieval Bosnia

After his Baptism at 30, Gregory gladly accepted his friend Basil's invitation to join him in a newly founded monastery. The solitude was broken when Gregory's father, a bishop, needed help in his diocese and estate. It seems that Gregory was ordained a priest practically by force, and only reluctantly accepted the responsibility. He skillfully avoided a schism that threatened when his own father made compromises with Arianism. At 41, Gregory was chosen suffragan bishop of Caesarea and at once came into conflict with Valens, the emperor, who supported the Arians.

An unfortunate byproduct of the battle was the cooling of the friendship of two saints. Basil, his archbishop, sent him to a miserable and unhealthy town on the border of unjustly created divisions in his diocese. Basil reproached Gregory for not going to his See.

When protection for Arianism ended with the death of Valens, Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in the great See of Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for three decades. Retiring and sensitive, he dreaded being drawn into the whirlpool of corruption and violence. He first stayed at a friend's home, which became the only orthodox church in the city. In such surroundings, he began giving the great sermons on the Trinity for which he is famous. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults, and even personal violence. An interloper even tried to take over his bishopric.

His last days were spent in solitude and austerity. He wrote religious poetry, some of it autobiographical, of great depth and beauty. He was acclaimed simply as "the Theologian." St. Gregory Nazianzen shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Basil the Great on January 2.

Read the full article: "Saint Gregory Nazianzen" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanit-of-the-day/saint-gregory-nazianzen/. (Accessed January 3, 2024).

MORNINGS OF REFLECTION – The 2024 dates for the Mornings of Reflection have been confirmed! Save these Saturday morning dates and give yourself the gift of a monthly mini-retreat to deepen your relationship with God and ensure you have the tools you need to follow God's will in your life.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for all Mornings of Reflection:

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation on the given topic with opportunity for questions and discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church

11:00 a.m. Adoration with Confession available

LOCATIONS AND TOPICS for 2024:

Sts. Boniface & James Parish, 304 Oak Street, Ludlow.

January 20 – The Examen February 17 – Lectio Divina March 16 – Discernment

St. Timothy Parish, 10272 Hwy 42, Union. April 13 – 5 Things May 4 – 5 More Things June 8 – 5 Last Things

St. Joseph Parish, 4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring. September 7 – The Mass October 19 – Confession November 9 – Call to Holiness

ATTENTION CURSILLO ALUMNI

As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary!

- Saint Thomas Aquinas You are invited to join the Restoration Retreat as we ask for guidance from the Blessed Virgin Mary as we journey on our Fourth Day. Come join us at The Jesuit Spiritual Center Milford – Men's Retreat January 26-27: Women's Retreat February 2-3. More information and applications can be found at covingtoncursillo.org under the events tab or call Chris Dillon at 513-503-5638. Cost for the weekend is \$170.00.

NEVER. LOSE. HOPE. Do you have family or a friend in jail or prison? Are you looking for a safe, welcoming community where you will be accepted without judgement? Join us the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a free support group. All are welcome! Come to Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Covington. For more information, contact Dave Pike at dpike@ covingtoncharities.org or 859-581-8974, ext. 117. **FREE SUPPORT GROUP**– Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, (PAL): PAL meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities. It provides continuing education and support, at no charge, for parents with a son, daughter, or spouse suffering from addiction to alcohol or drugs. No cost. Just come. Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Covington. For more information, contact Client Care at 859-581-8974.

COVINGTON YOUTH MISSIONARY TEAM FORMING – Seeking high school peer leaders from every high school and parish in the Diocese. Team formation begins in February and missionary youth ministry service to the Diocese begins this summer. To recommend an individual, email apoat@covdio.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse? Would you like to resolve to improve your relationship and communication in 2024? Give the gift of yourself, better communication and more romance. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can be that gift and a weekend to be alone with your spouse to energize your relationship and communication in 2024. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is February 16-18, 2024 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati. Apply today at <u>https://esharing.</u> <u>org/applyWeekend.php</u>. For questions or more details contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org.



"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

Mother Teresa

