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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 – March 5th 8:00 a.m. Diane Detzel WEDNESDAY – March 6th 5:30 p.m. Fr. Stef, Special Intention THURSDAY – March 7th 8:00 a.m. Lawrence Roell FRIDAY – March 8th 8:30 a.m. Robert, Juanita & Tom Schroder SATURDAY – March 9th 8:00 a.m. Ken & Kathy Chandler Family, Special Intention 4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish SUNDAY – March 10th 10:00 a.m. Ruth Neltner, Special Intention

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION March 9th & 10th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Catherine Meisenhelder, Lois Roell, Heather Shultz
Host: Joliene Garlich
10:00 a.m. Cup: Dan Little, Carol Little, Karen Little, Nathan Myers
Host: Pat Desmond, Brian Dinkelacker, Martie Iker

LECTORS March 9th & 10th

4:30 p.m. Peggy Bertelsman **10:00 a.m.** Mary Margaret Spica

SERVERS SCHEDULE March 5th-10th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Morgan Baldwin, Alison Wagner 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Connor Stacey, Ryan Stacey 8:00 a.m. – Thursday Natalie Kirst, Owen Marx 8:30 a.m. – Friday Tim Garlich, Ava Hamberg, Logan Meyer 8:00 a.m. – Saturday Max Holbrook, George Josten 4:30 p.m. – Saturday Marley Hess, Laney Smith, Frannie Smith 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Keegan Collopy, Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks

GREETERS SCHEDULE March 9th & 10th

4:30 p.m. Dee Macke 10:00 a.m. Bob & Elise Rulli, Rick Schmidt

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	(02/11/2024	<u>02/12/2023</u>		
Weekly Offering	\$	12,949	\$	15,407	
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	558,191			
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Weekly Offering	\$	40,189	\$	15,714	
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	598,351			
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	802,150			
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/24	\$	1,260,000			
Number of registered families		371			
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2023	/24	4 \$0			
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$	347			
School Registration for 2023-24		116			
School Registration for 2024-25		98			
<u>2023 DPAA</u> <u>Goal</u> \$79,100		<u>ledged</u> 92,520		<u>Over</u> \$13,420	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

TUESDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m. Exposition, 8:30 a.m. Altar Guild, 3:00 p.m., PCMR Confessions, 5:30 p.m. Benediction, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, Canceled BOCE, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

WEDNESDAY Mass, 5:30 p.m. Loreto, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

THURSDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m. Children's Choir, 4:00 p.m. Choir, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY Mass, 8:30 a.m. Fish Fry, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church

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

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

Please Pray For Our Sick

Bev Stegman, Carol Ewing, Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Larry Beiting, Mary Hoffman, David Garner & Gabby Thomas. Also, remember all 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, 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

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – The following is what the Church teaches regarding Lenten fasting and abstinence:

Fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th to the 59th birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **Abstinence** requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. On the Fridays outside of Lent Catholics in the US may substitute a penitential or even a charitable practice of their own choosing.

The other traditional Lenten practice is prayer. Although there is no church regulation regarding it, it is a good practice to pick a new or additional way of praying during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in church (please note the time change from last year). On Good Friday, they will be held at noon.

ANNUAL LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT – Each Lent, our parish participates in a service project to benefit local service agencies. There are grocery bags to fill for the agencies in the back of church. Attached to each bag will be a wish list from one of the agencies. If you are able, please take one (or two) bags, purchase the items and return the filled bags to the old baptistery area in the back of church with the wish list still attached. All bags should be returned by Holy Thursday. They will be distributed to the agencies on Good Friday morning.

ROSARY CANCELLED – There will be no Rosary this Tuesday, March 5th.

DESSERT DONATIONS – Our American Heritage Girl troop are once again serving desserts at all of our Fish Frys to accompany the delicious dinners. If you either love to bake or love to support these girls, they would be grateful to accept your dessert donation. Any donations can be dropped off at the Fish Frys. If you have any questions, contact Kim Krabach at <u>kim@</u> <u>krabach.net</u> or 425-614-8407. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

JOIN OUR FISH FRY TEAM! Our famous hand-breaded cod dinners with all the fixings are back this year! Once again, we are offering Dine-In and Drive-Thru service. We had record sales last year and would love to do even better this year! For each Fish Fry, we're in need of many adults and kids to cover all of the volunteer shifts. Working a shift (or two!) is always a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and to serve the parish. If you're new to the parish, this is a great way to meet and have fun with your wonderful St. Catherine faith community. For all your service-seeking-students, there are opportunities for them as well. You can sign up to work at https://signup.com/ go/mYEiuMq.

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 21st. 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 nominations. 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.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PTO 2024 BUSKEN EASTER FUNDRAISER

See the insert in today's bulletin for available items and prices. NOW OFFERING DELIVERY by St. Catherine PTO members for \$5.00.* Pick up is Wednesday, March 27th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the lower parking lot. Payment via cash/check to St. Catherine of Siena or VENMO @amanda-pompilio-1. ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED/PAID FOR BY 8:00 p.m., March 12th. Questions? Contact Amanda Pompilio at <u>amandafpompilio@gmail.com</u> or 571-337-7122. *\$5.00 delivery fee goes directly to St. Catherine as well as \$4.00 for each item ordered.* Order online at https://form.jotform.com/amandafpompilio/2024easter.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS COURT #2514 18TH ANNUAL PARISH CAMPOUT

Our annual campout will again be at the Kentucky Horse Park, Friday, June 21st – Sunday, June 23rd. Reservations can be made now by doing the following:

- 1. Book soon to get your preferred camping spot.
- 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 particular site or they can randomly assign you one.
- 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, rlhans1966@gmail.com; 859-750-2242 or Tom Kaelin, tomkaelin@fuse.net; 859-630-3217.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of *Bette Riedmatter*, who was buried from our parish last week, and to the family and friends of *Tom Hoffman*, son of Lois Hoffman, who passed away recently. Please keep Bette, Tom and their families in your prayers.

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!

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of February 19th was Grace Kuhnhein and the winners for the week of February 26th were David and Sharon Kohrs. Congratulations!

IN OUR DIOCESE

2024 DIOCESAN PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL

"Zeal for your house will consume me." (John 2:17)

In preparation for Commitment Weekend, please take the time to read the DPAA newsletter that is enclosed in today's bulletin. As you learn more about DPAA ministries, reflect upon all the good that has been accomplished throughout the history of the Appeal because of the sacrifices and generosity of our Diocesan family. A sacrificial gift to the Appeal assures the ministries and services that no Parish could provide on its own. Some of these ministries benefit you and your fellow Parishioners and some serve those you may never meet. A pledge to the Appeal makes you an ambassador for Christ in love, sacrifice and service. March 16th and 17th is commitment weekend. Everything we do as members of the faith community reminds us that we know when we serve others, we serve the Lord, performing good works in His name. When asked to help advance God's Kingdom on earth by sharing your material blessings through the 2024 DPAA, please be as generous as you can.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE NEW DAY, NEW TIME

Mark your calendars! Cross the Bridge 2024 will be on SATURDAY, JUNE 1 at 10:00 a.m. More information will be coming soon!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Qualified, actively-practicing Roman Catholics are invited to apply for the position of Diocese of Covington Chancery Office Secretary. The position requires a motivated selfstarter with a love for the Church, an interest in service, and a true understanding of the importance of confidentiality. Key requirements include experience and comfort with using Microsoft 365 software; helpful and pleasant communications skills regardless of the medium; and exceptional attention to detail. Interested candidates may send a letter of interest along with a comprehensive resume, including compensation history and at least five appropriate references with email contact information, by email or fax to Stephen Koplyay, SPHR, skoplyay@covdio.org, fax 859-392-1589.

HELP FOR STRENGTHENING TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on April 5-7, 2024, please call 513-486-6222 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Raise Some Dough



Iced Tea Cookie Box \$17 Thirty six buttery tea cookies topped with icing in a variety of Spring colors.



Mini Iced Cookie Tub \$14 Approximately 24 egg shaped Mini Original Iced cookies in pink, yellow, lime green, and turquoise with bright sprinkles.



Iced Cookie Dozen \$14 One box of twelve bunny shaped Original Iced Cookies in pink, yellow, lime green, and turquoise. Each cookie measures approximately 3.5 inches.



Cinnamon Streusel Coffee Cake \$12

Light and sweet cake rich in buttery flavor topped in cinnamon crumb and powdered sugar.



Double Butter Coffee Cake \$12 Light and sweet cake rich in buttery flavor

topped with a powdered sugar crunch.



		QUANTITY						
NAME	PHONE	Double Butter Coffee Cake	Cinnamon Streusel Coffee Cake	lced Tea Cookie Box	lced Cookie Dozen Box	Mini Iced Cookie Tub	TOTAL	PAID
		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$17.00	\$14.00	\$14.00		
TOTALS								

Organization: _____

Fundraiser's Name:

31ST NORTHERN KENTUCKY ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Will be held on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. Choir selections by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick Glee Club. Music by the Emerald Society Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Corps. Flourishes by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Our Lady of Knock Division, and the St. Patrick's Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. After the Mass, all are invited to gather at Molly Malone's, Fourth & Court in Covington. Come kick off a wonderful St. Patrick's weekend!

Sponsor of the Week

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CLEANSING

Reflection on John 2:13-25

Some things have not changed much since the time of Jesus. If you visit any of Catholicism's historic holy places, you will likely find money-changers and merchants hawking souvenirs and mementoes, near these places, sometimes on the front steps or even inside. When Jesus encounters this trade at the temple in Jerusalem, He is depicted by the Gospel as being in an extremely angry moment. But there is more here than meets the eye.

Jesus is enacting a parable. His actions that day made such an impression on His disciples that this cleansing of the temple story is one of the few stories that all four Gospel writers tell. After He effects the cleansing, Jesus does not leave in fear of reprisal, but settles in to teach. He inhabits the temple. And more, He identifies Himself with the temple, alluding to His death and Resurrection, a final cleansing.

So we see what Jesus seeks to do for each of us. Will we let Him cleanse the temple of our hearts and lives? Will we let Jesus move in there, take up residence in us? Will we join Jesus in the same pattern of death and Resurrection He endured? When the Lord cleanses us, it may first look like He is creating chaos. But, in fact, He will be restoring us to the unparalleled dignity bestowed on us in Baptism: holy people who are God's own, people in whom Christ has taken up residence.

~ Fr. Jay

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