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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 26th

8:00 a.m. Don Hoffman

WEDNESDAY - March 27th

5:30 p.m. Special Intention

THURSDAY - March 28th

7:00 p.m. Bill McCarthy

FRIDAY - March 29th

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

SATURDAY - March 30th

8:30 p.m. Bill Seiter

SUNDAY – March 31st

10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION March 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Cup: Brian Dinkelacker, Jen Kirst, Anita Morris

Host: Pat Desmond, Natalie Messmer, Nathan Myers

Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Host: Kathy Woltermann

Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m. Cup: Sarah Meisenhelder,

Louise Roth

Host: Diane Hamberg, Jeanne Hicks, Martie Iker

10:00 a.m. Easter Cup: Logan Holbrook, Tom Kaelin,

Caroline Kaelin, Karen Little

Host: Peggy Birkenhauer, Pat Desmond, Kelly Johnson

LECTORS March 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Debbie Rolf

Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Michael Hicks

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mike Ruwe, Josie Bozeman

10:00 a.m. Mike Ruwe

GREETERS SCHEDULE March 31st

10:00 a.m. Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

Will be reported next week.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20:1-9

SERVERS SCHEDULE March 26th-31st

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday

Selma Hansbauer, Molly Muench

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday

Caroline Holbrook, Max Holbrook

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday

Grant Desmond, Reese Desmond, Carden Bozeman,

Adelise Bozeman

7:00 p.m. – Good Friday

Wren Twehues, Hayden Schwalbach

8:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil

Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks, Michael Zechella, Nathan Kirst

10:00 a.m. – Sunday

Reese Desmond, Grant Desmond, McKenna Desmond, Max Holbrook

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Divine Mercy Speaker, 7:00 p.m., Church

MONDAY

American Heritage Girls, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

TUESDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Exposition, 8:30 a.m.

Kenosis, 3:00 p.m., PCMR

Confessions, Canceled

Benediction, 4:30 p.m.

Rosary, Canceled

Chrism Mass, 7:00 p.m., Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Summer Fest Meeting, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

THURSDAY

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Office Closed

No School

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Adoration, 8:30 p.m.-Midnight, McCrystal Hall

FRIDAY

No 8:30 a.m. Mass

Parish Office Closed

No School

Stations of the Cross, Noon

Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

No 8:00 a.m. Mass/Confessions Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Ron Braun, 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

LEARNING TO TRUST IN GOD, WHILE LIVING ALIFE OF SUFFERING – Carson and his younger brother suffer from a rare, extremely painful skin disease requiring extensive care every day. At the beginning of COVID, 12-year-old Carson started praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Facebook for the end of the pandemic and people's personal intentions. This humble gesture of faith went viral when EWTN aired an interview with Carson that received 1 million views worldwide. The daily family ministry continues to be aired online. Do not miss this beautiful witness from a young man who recognizes he does not have to suffer in vain, and instead offers up his suffering for others. A lesson for us all! Join us tonight, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in church. Family appropriate. Doors open at 6:30pm. No tickets required. Love offering taken.

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.

CHANGE IN TIME OF EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION – Due to the Chrism Mass being held on Tuesday, March 26th we will end our time of Exposition early with Benediction at 4:30 p.m. Confessions that evening will be canceled as will the Rosary. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of March 18th will be reported next week.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in McCrystal Hall on Holy Thursday, beginning immediately after Mass and lasting until Midnight. If you would like to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament as part of your Holy Week practices, please sign up for a time on the sign-up sheet which is at the Rossford Avenue entrance. We need two people for each time slot from 8:30-Midnight.

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY – Your help is needed!!! On Good Friday, we are in need of volunteers to help distribute the grocery bags collected by the parish during Lent. This is a great opportunity for families to participate in a service project together. Service hours will be given. If you are interested, please text or call Melanie Hansbauer at 513-477-9735 or email at melaniejvc@gmail.com.

DEADLINE FOR GROCERY BAGS – The collected grocery bags will be distributed to the different agencies early on Good Friday morning, so if you took a bag to fill, please be sure to return it to the back of church by Holy Thursday evening (March 28th). These agencies are very much in need of our help, so if you haven't yet taken a bag, please consider doing so.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Praying the stations is a wonderful Lenten practice that is appropriate for the whole family. Children are never too young to expose them to this beautiful way of praying and meditating on Christ's sacrifice for us. The final Stations of the Cross for this year will be at noon on Good Friday.

DINE TO DONATE AT HIGHLAND SQUARE! Stop by for lunch on Sundays with your family and friends while earning funds to support St. Catherine of Siena. Now through the end of April, with each receipt presented from your purchase, Highland Square Cafe will donate 10% of food sales back to us! Simply put your receipt in the box marked St. Catherine after you place your order. Valid Sundays only, 11:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. (Closed Easter Sunday, March 31). Dine in or carry out, 654 Highland Avenue, Ft. Thomas.

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 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.

SUMMERFEST 2024

Although it may not seem like it, our summer festival will be here before you know it and plans are underway for this fun and important event! This year's Music Fest will be held Friday, June 7th and the Festival will be on Saturday, June 8th. Join Jenn and Andy Faust, this year's festival chairs, this Wednesday, March 27th in the Parish Center Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. to find out how you can help make this year's event successful. We would love to hear any ideas you may have for new games, raffles, etc. that will make our festival bigger and better than ever. If you're new to the parish, please consider joining us, as it's a great way to get to know other parishioners and have a good time while helping the parish. Any questions, contact Jenn Faust at jfaust117@gmail.com.

FR. STEF'S HOMILIES – Now that we have our new sound system installed, we are once again able to record Fr. Stef's homilies so that they can be put on YouTube. They can be found by going to https://www.youtube.com/@fr.stefbankemperhomilies or you can access them on our website under "Parish" and then "Homilies." If you subscribe to the channel, you can get a notification when a new homily is posted.

WORD OF LIFE – "There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life." *The Gospel of Life 86*

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.

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!

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ADULT Night Fowling, Presented by St. Catherine of Siena PTO
Parents & Parishioners are welcome!

Friday, April 12 7:30 -11:00

7:30: Appetizers, Socialize, Team Assignment 8:00-10:00: Fowling

Feel free to socialize after. Fowling Warehouse closes at midnight.

Drinks available for purchase

There will be teams of 4 per team. You will stay with your team but will rotate and play with against multiple teams. This is a fun and easy game for all to play!!

\$25 per person. Teachers are FREE!

RSVP to Niki Youngquist by Friday, 4/5 nicoleyoungquist@gmail.com

Venmo @Niki-Youngquist OR pay cash at the event

IN OUR DIOCESE

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 self-starter 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.

CONSIDER BEING A FOSTER PARENT – As God the Father gave St. Joseph to be foster father of Jesus, God also gives him to us. He is our role model to care for the children in our community who desperately need a human foster father. He is our intercessor, too; please pray for youth in foster care and consider becoming a foster parent. Contact DCCH Center for Children and Families at 859 331-2040 or DCCHCenter.org

THE DIOCESAN YCET (YOUTH COMMISSION EVANGELIZATION TEAM) is accepting applications from current Freshman – Juniors by April 2nd. Email ycet@covdio.org.

GREECE PILGRIMAGE – Join Bishop John Iffert, Father Eric Andriot, and Father Aby Thampi on a life-changing pilgrimage to Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle, from October 22nd-November 1st, 2024! On this journey, feel the spirit of the New Testament as you walk in the footsteps of the great apostle St. Paul, patron of the Diocese of Covington. Experience the places where Paul lived and preached, gaining a deeper understanding of the biblical narrative. Highlights include daily Mass, a 3-night Greek Islands and Turkey Cruise, and tours of Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, and more! Learn more information and pricing details at www.covdio.org/stewardship. Deadline is April 20th; save your spot today!

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD will be held on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Burlington. The Very Rev. Ryan L. Maher, V.F. will be the celebrant. This Mass is being offered for parents, grandparents, family members and friends of those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, abortion, illness, suicide, accident, or any other reason. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1545.

WORKSHOP ON THE PROPHET EZEKIEL WITH FATHER TIMOTHY P. SCHEHR to be held April 13, 2024, 9:00-11:30 a.m. God appointed Ezekiel to be a watchman. It was this prophet's responsibility to look out for the safety of the people. Let's read through his book and discover how Ezekiel carried out this important task and how the people responded to him. 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 workshop will be held in the Diocese of Covington Curia Building, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUTH MINISTRY! Angie Poat, Diocesan Youth Minister is seeking college and young adult interns to help with summer youth ministry events, service, and retreats. Email apoat@covdio.org by April 2nd.

NEW! BACCALAUREATE MASS – High school seniors attending public schools or homeschools and their families are invited to attend a special Baccalaureate Mass with Bishop Iffert on May 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. Following Mass, there will be a reception in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium. Please RSVP at covdio.org/youth for the reception by April 17th.

PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES (PAL) – PAL meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Latonia. 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. For more information, contact Client Care at 859-581-8974.

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