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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY - April 2nd

8:00 a.m. Betty Gerrein

WEDNESDAY - April 3rd

5:30 p.m. Jim Weyer

THURSDAY – April 4th

8:00 a.m. Edie Hegge

FRIDAY – April 5th

8:30 a.m. Steve Kern

SATURDAY – April 6th

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:30 p.m. Robert, Juanita & Tom Schroder

SUNDAY - April 7th

10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION April 6th & 7th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Kelly Hergott, Catherine Meisenhelder,

Lois Roell

Host: Sarah Meisenhelder

10:00 a.m. Cup: Peggy Birkenhauer, Kristen Gerrein,

Linda Powrie, Doug Powrie

Host: Martie Iker, Kelly Johnson, Dana Ruwe

LECTORS April 6th & 7th

4:30 p.m. Chris Capal

10:00 a.m. Bill Sodini

SERVERS SCHEDULE April 2nd-7th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday

Tommy Burkart, Colin Desmond

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday

Connor Stacey, Ryan Stacey

8:00 a.m. - Thursday

George Josten, James Josten

8:30 a.m. - Friday

Natalie Kirst, Sub Needed

8:00 a.m. – Saturday

Maria Hicks, Joseph Hicks

4:30 p.m. - Saturday

Ava Hamberg, Alison Wagner, 2 Subs Needed

10:00 a.m. - Sunday

Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks, Grayson Schwalbach, Michael Zechella

GREETERS SCHEDULE April 6th & 7th

4:30 p.m. Volunteers Needed

10:00 a.m. Mike & Carol Desmond, Rick & Anita Morris

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	03/10/2024		03/12/2023	
Weekly Offering	\$	15,835	\$	29,991
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	661,301		
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	874,432		
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/24	\$	1,260,000		
Number of registered families		369		
Tuition Assistance awarded for 20	23/	24 \$0		
Tuition Assistance donations FYD)	\$415		
School Registration for 2023-24		116		
School Registration for 2024-25		102		

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Happy Easter!

MONDAY

Parish Office Closed School Spring Break Begins

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, 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Confessions immediately following Mass

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

Dear Parishioners,

The Church calls the night of the Easter Vigil "this most sacred night," which makes Easter Sunday our most sacred day in the Church year. May it be filled with goodness, and may its light bring you joy above all sadness, hope above all worry and care, and knowledge of God's love for you.

Happy Easter, Fr. Stef

THANK YOU! Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make our Lenten Fish Frys successful! Lots of people stepped up to work a shift and many worked every week — we couldn't have done it without all of you! Whether you were a worker or customer (or both), we appreciate your support! Special thanks to Martie Iker and Andrew Foley, who worked so hard to make sure things ran smoothly every week. It was no easy task and they did a great job!

WINTER FUNDRAISER RESULTS – The final profit number for our "Let's Go To Mexico" fundraiser is \$21,815. A big thank-you to Wade and Tina Smith for all of their hard work on this event! Thanks also to all those who worked, attended or supported the event through sponsorship, purchasing raffle tickets, etc. Your participation was crucial to the success of this fundraiser and we appreciate it!

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.

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 carryout, 654 Highland Avenue, Ft. Thomas.

COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Our annual nomination process for new council members is currently underway. 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.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of March 18th was Heidi Gallagher. Congratulations!

The winner for the week of March 25th will be reported next week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Celebrate St. Catherine of Siena's Feast Day with us after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on April 27th with a potluck dinner, and with coffee and donuts after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on April 28th. Please plan to join us after Masses on these dates to share in the joy that St. Catherine of Siena has brought to us. All are welcome to join us for the celebration. More details will be forthcoming.

JOIN THE MOWING BRIGRADE!

The St. Catherine Men's Group has been mowing the church and rectory grounds for many years. We have had several men retire from the mowing crew for various reasons, so we are looking for YOU to join us! With enough people on the list, we each only have to mow 2-3 times during the season. This is standard mowing, trimming, and blowing – no heavy equipment or special skills, and all equipment is provided onsite. 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.

WORD OF LIFE

"With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our dioceses. With equal clarity and determination, we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth."

- The Gospel of Life 95

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS WONDERFUL CATHOLIC RESOURCE?

Our parish still has a subscription to FORMED, a website that is filled with Catholic programs for adults & 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 www.stcatherineofsiena.org and clicking on the login link to Formed, which is on the home page of the website or see the insert in this bulletin for more information. 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!

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 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.



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IN OUR DIOCESE

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!

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 859-331-2040 or DCCHCenter.org.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND HEALING SERVICE -

Come celebrate First Friday Mass, followed by a Healing Service on April 5th at St. Joseph Church, Crescent Springs. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with music by the Sacred Heart Praise Band, followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of the Diocese of Covington. For more information, call Carol at 859-341-5932.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD

Will be held on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m., 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 13th from 9:00 a.m.-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.

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

Wednesday, April 17th, 1:30-4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities, Training Room, 3629 Church Street, Covington.

Tuesday, April 23rd, 6:30-9:00 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Kelley Hall, 4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring.

Wednesday, May 15th, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.

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 for the reception by April 17th at covdio.org/youth.

PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES (PAL)

PAL meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 p.m.-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.

MEN'S CHILI STAG – FRIDAY, APRIL 19th SAVE THE DATE!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Mulloy Council 1301 and the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department. The event is from 6:00-11:00 p.m. at St. Therese School Hall in Southgate. Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes Chili 3 Ways, Cheese Coneys, Hard Boiled Eggs, Pepperoni and Cheese and 4 drink tickets. You can also purchase a table of 10 for \$250.00. Presale tickets are available now by contacting Mark Messmer at 859-816-3514 or mark.messmer@gmail.com. There will be Bourbon and Wine raffles, a Big-Six wheel and other games of chance. Please bring a group to play cards, relax, and enjoy the evening.



LIGHT

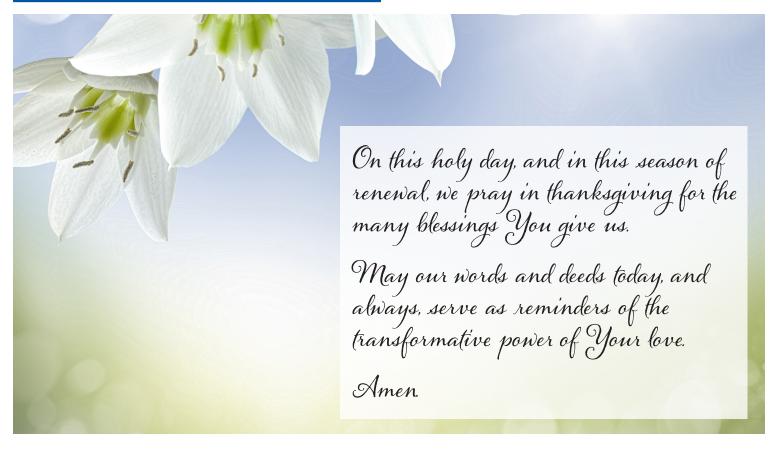
Reflection on John 20:1-9

God is Light! In God there is no darkness!

The Resurrection opens up a new world for us. If God is Love, if the very source of existence is nothing but light, then our world which is so characterized by the shadows of violence, hatred, retribution, and the inability to forgive, is itself the illusion, the shadow. And we who belong to Christ are the lights to show that darkness for what it is, we are the heralds of a new way of being.

At the Easter Vigil celebration on Holy Saturday evening, we welcome those who, through Baptism and Profession of Faith, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, and by joining us for the first time at the Lord's Eucharistic table, have been on a long journey to the Catholic Church. The Church now calls them neophytes – New Lights. They are living and breathing symbols of this new way of life made possible by Christ's Resurrection. And all of us, in renewing our baptismal vows, are asked to say NO to the shadows and darknesses of vengeance, violence and sin, and YES to the light we are called to be through the power of Christ's Resurrection. May we work with Christ to dispel the darkness in this world with the Light of love we have been given.

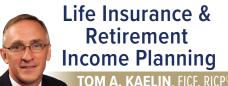
~ Fr. Jay



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