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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 – February 20th 8:00 a.m. Kevin & Sydney, Special Intention

> WEDNESDAY – February 21st 5:30 p.m. Ralph Hamberg

THURSDAY – February 22nd 8:00 a.m. Betty Gerrein

FRIDAY – February 23rd 8:30 a.m. Paul Lankisch

SATURDAY – February 24th 8:00 a.m. Jim Weyer 4:30 p.m. Jim Deavy

SUNDAY – February 25th 10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION February 24th & 25th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Brian Dinkelacker, Catherine Meisenhelder, Sarah Meisenhelder
Host: Diane Hamberg
10:00 a.m. Cup: Kristen Gerrein, Natalie Messmer, Anita Morris, Betsy Stegner

Host: Nathan Myers, Lois Roell, Louise Roth

LECTORS February 24th & 25th

4:30 p.m. Pete Djordjevic **10:00 a.m.** Michael Hicks

SERVERS SCHEDULE February 20th-25th

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

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Connor Stacey, Ryan Stacey

8:00 a.m. – Thursday Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks

8:30 a.m. – Friday Morgan Baldwin, Reese Desmond, Alison Wagner

8:00 a.m. – Saturday Max Holbrook, George Josten

4:30 p.m. – Saturday Matilda Faust, Graham Gillen, Michael Zechella

10:00 a.m. – Sunday Ava Hamberg, Selma Hansbauer, Otto Hansbauer

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

GREETERS SCHEDULE February 24th & 25th

4:30 p.m. Kenny & Jenny Collopy & Family10:00 a.m. George & Megan Josten & Family, Betsy Stegner

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>(</u>	02/04/2024	<u>02</u>	2/05/2023
Weekly Offering	\$	38,978	\$	18,977
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	545,242		
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	753,977		
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/2	4 \$	1,260,000		
Number of registered familie	S	371		
Tuition Assistance awarded for	or 2023/24	4 0		
Tuition Assistance donations	FYD	\$347		

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Presidents' 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. Medicare 101, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall

> WEDNESDAY Mass, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Children's Choir, 4:00 p.m., Church Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church Finance Council, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

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 Medicare 101, 10:00 a.m., McCrystal Hall Mass, 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY Mass, 10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation Retreat, 1:00 p.m., Church

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, Bette Riedmatter, 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.

FISH FRY SEASON IS HERE! 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.

PRESIDENTS' DAY – There will be no school and the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day.

DESSERT DONATIONS – Our American Heritage Girl troop will once again be 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@krabach.net</u> or 425-614-8407. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY 101 – Discover the essentials of Medicare and Social Security with George Josten and Thomas Reitzes! Join our no-cost educational session for clear guidance on your retirement transition. Choose from two convenient dates: Tuesday, February 20th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or Saturday, February 24th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in McCrystal Hall. Gain confidence in your next steps. Spread the word and feel free to RSVP, though it's not required! Can't make it? Contact George for a private consultation at 859-414-6591 or george@jchealthinsurance.com.

TAX STATEMENTS – If we have an email address for you, your tax statement was emailed to you at the end of January. Otherwise, your statement was mailed. If you haven't received your statement, or if you need it printed out, please contact the Parish Office at 441-1352.

PRAYING FOR OUR SOLDIERS – We would like to update our list of soldiers currently serving in the military. If you know that any of the soldiers on our list are no longer in the military or if you know of someone currently serving who is not on our list, please inform the Parish Office at 441-1352 or church@stcatherineofsiena.org.

WORD OF LIFE – "We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and His Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

> - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility.

LENTEN PRO-LIFE PRAYER

Father of all mercy, We thank you for this season of grace and light. We know that sin has blinded us. Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance.

Since you, O God, are light itself, Give all your people a clearer understanding Of what is sin, and what is virtue.

Grant in particular that we may see, as never before, The profound dignity of every human life, Including the vulnerable unborn children.

> Give us grace to defend Our brothers and sisters in the womb By our prayers, our words, And our self-sacrificing actions.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – We are still looking for volunteers to help our maintenance staff a few hours a week. Volunteers would do a variety of tasks for the maintenance department. Those tasks included small painting jobs, woodworking, small electric jobs, plumbing and landscaping, light cleaning, etc. As you may know, we had a group of men who did this several years ago and they are greatly missed. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Don Grothaus at 441-1352 or by email at <u>dgrothaus@stcatherineofsiena.org</u>.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of February 12th was Mary Keller. 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!



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

Our annual campout will again be at the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) just south of Georgetown Kentucky. KHP has a swimming pool, playground, sand volleyball, tennis courts, basketball courts, and even laundry within a short walking distance of your campsite. Most sites have at least one shade tree, grass, and are relatively flat - ideal for tent campers. Horseback riding is available near the campground. We have blocked around 70 sites within the area where we will play games and have group meals. If you don't enjoy tent camping or own a camper, we have an option for you. For previous Campouts, some families have rented a camper for the weekend and had great experiences. For this option, the camper is delivered to campsite, setup and would be ready for you when you arrive. At the end of the weekend, you pack up your things and head home. The camper is then picked up by the owner. Prices for this option seem to be very reasonable. If you're interested in the option, please contact one of the Campout Captains listed below. Camp Out Dates: Friday, June 21 – Sunday, June 23, 2024. You can now make your campsite reservations. Here's how to book your site:

- 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.



VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD? Do you know someone who is a male age 14 or older who prays the Rosary daily, or attends Eucharistic Adoration regularly? Maybe he is an altar server, or a lector. Or maybe he is restless in his chosen career. Ask him if he has ever considered becoming a priest! The Diocese has a Sacred Heart Discernment Dinner coming up on March 3rd at St. Agnes Parish to answer any questions he or his family might have. An RSVP is requested. Details are in this bulletin.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRED HEART DISCERNMENT DINNER – The Sacred Heart Discernment dinners are an opportunity for men ages 14+ who are discerning a call to the Priesthood and their families to meet with the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Conor Kunath, to have their questions and concerns addressed over a casual dinner. The next dinner will be held on Sunday, March 3rd from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, 1680 Dixie Highway, Ft. Wright. There is no charge for this dinner, but we do ask for an RSVP to sbarnes@ covdio.org to be sure enough food is provided.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

New Beginnings is a faith-based support group that meets once a week and provides separated and divorced individuals the opportunity for healing and growth. Throughout these eight weeks, participants find a new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain the courage to discover a 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, March 19th-May 7th from 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Catholic Charities – 3629 Church Street, Covington.

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTIVE SUPPORT – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is hosting a weekend retreat from March 8th-10th to offer healing from a past abortion experience. It is designed for women affected by an abortion experience to provide healing and a way to grow in your healing journey with other women who have shared a similar experience. The weekend offers a loving and confidential environment where participants can experience the love and mercy of God in a personal way. Please visit https://projectrachelohio.org/event/retreat-weekend to register.

HCHS MULCH & PINE STRAW SALE – Holy Cross High School is having its 26th Annual Mulch Sale, selling three colors of mulch in two cubic foot bags for \$4.95 per bag and Pine Straw for \$9.75 per bale, which are approximately 12" x 12" x 23". All prices include FREE DELIVERY and sales tax. HCHS students will deliver mulch to your home, business or rental property anywhere in Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties and will put it anywhere on your property, starting March 30th and continuing for at least four weeks. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross High School. Go to www.hcmulch.com or call 859-392-8999.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED – Join the St. Vincent de Paul NKY team by applying for the Volunteer Coordinator position. This is a full-time position with benefits located in the Erlanger office. Please visit the website www. svdpnky.org, under employment opportunities, for a complete job description and information on how to apply.

ST. PHILIP LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES – Every Wednesday during Lent, St. Philip Church in Melbourne will host a speaker at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Below is the list of dynamic speakers to enrich your spiritual life during the upcoming Lenten Season! Bring your family and friends!

February 21 – Fr. A.J. Gedney February 28 – Mother Seraphina Marie March 6 – Fr. Michael Hennigan March 13 – Bishop John Iffert March 20 – Fr. Ryan Stenger

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS AROUND AGE 20-35

IT CAN BE HARD TO FIND FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES, BUT FELLOWSHIP IS <u>SO</u> IMPORTANT!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR GOAL TO CONNECT THE YOUNG ADULTS IN THE AREA IN SHARING OUR FAITH!

Interest meeting is: **Thursday, March 7th 7 PM - 8 PM St. Philip Parish in Melbourne, KY** We will meet in the school's cafeteria at

the top of the hill

"COME AND SEE"

St. Joseph

Church

4011 Alexandria Pike

Cold Spring, KY 41076

WED | FEB 28

7 PM

For Information contact:

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In the arms of God's Mercy

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

Music, Prayer, Gospel Reflections and Video presentation by Father Andrew

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Benediction at 6:30 PM Worship Music until 7 PM

Reflection starts at 7 PM

