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Masses for Sunday: Saturday: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:30 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; 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 7th 8:00 a.m. Steve & Mandy Raymond, Special Intention WEDNESDAY – March 8th 5:30 p.m. Kathleen Yuppa THURSDAY – March 9th 8:00 a.m. Berenice Roll FRIDAY – March 10th 8:30 a.m. Bob, Judy & Tom Schroder SATURDAY – March 11th 8:00 a.m. Becky, Camaro & Lexi McCarthy, Special Intention 4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish SUNDAY – March 12th 9:00 a.m. Gene Foster 11:30 a.m. Barb Bear

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION March 11th & 12th

4:30 p.m. Brian Dinkelacker, Diane Hamberg **9:00 a.m**. Logan Holbrook, Nathan Holbrook **11:30 a.m.** Kathy Woltermann, Sub Needed

LECTORS March 11th & 12th

4:30 p.m. Sarah Meisenhelder9:00 a.m. Kim Lampe11:30 a.m. David Sower

SERVERS SCHEDULE March 7th-12th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Tommy Burkart, Matilda Faust

5:30 p.m. –Wednesday Ellery Browning, Hannah Fritz

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

8:30 a.m. – Friday Reese Desmond, Otto Hansbauer, Morgan Kremer

> 8:00 a.m. – Saturday Carden Bozeman, George Josten

4:30 p.m. – Saturday Laney Smith, Frannie Smith, Wren Twehues

9:00 a.m. – Sunday McKenna Desmond, Grant Desmond, Max Holbrook

> **11:30 a.m. – Sunday** Rachel Burkart, Emily Kirst, Natalie Kirst

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>2/12/2023</u>	<u>2/13/2022</u>
Weekly Offering	\$ 15,407	\$ 45,691
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$590,085	
	<u>2/19/2023</u>	<u>2/20/2022</u>
Weekly Offering	\$ 15,714	\$ 13,799
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$605,799	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$602,967	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$930,000	
Number of registered families	408	
Tuition Assistance		
awarded for 2022/2023	\$ 0	
Tuition Assistance		
donations FYD	\$ 1,056	
School Registration for 2023-2024	109	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 ; Jn 4:5-42

THIS WEEK

TODAY Lenten Pilgrimage, 1:30 p.m. MONDAY Pro-Life Committee, 7:00 p.m., PCMR 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. Board of Education, 7:00 p.m., PCMR WEDNESDAY Mass, 5:30 p.m. Liturgy & Spiritual Life Mtg., 6:15 p.m., PCMR THURSDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m. Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church Boosters, 7:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall FRIDAY Mass, 8:30 a.m. Fish Fry, 4:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m., Church **SATURDAY** Mass, 8:00 a.m. Confessions immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass Mass, 4:30 p.m. **NEXT SUNDAY** Mass. 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Jack Rose, Marie Shields, Edie Hegge, Linda Brown, Judy Newberry, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Jon McSorley, 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

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

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 – 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. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in church. 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 will be grocery bags to fill for the agencies in the back of church. Attached to each bag will be a wish list from one 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 before Good Friday, which is when they will be distributed to the agencies.

IT'S FISH FRY SEASON! Our famous hand-breaded cod dinners with all the fixings return this year. Once again, we'll offer Dine-In and Drive-Thru service. The Parish Fish Fry had record sales last year due to our first time offering both Dine-In and Drive-Thru options. Since we're continuing this dual approach, our need for volunteers has doubled. For each Fish Fry, we're in need of 58 adults and 14 kids to cover all of the volunteer shifts. Please sign up! It's 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. Use this link to sign up today! https://signup.com/go/mYEiuMq.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!! Today is our parish Lenten Pilgrimage to explore the beautiful St. Catharine Church in Cincinnati. Built in 1903, come and learn the history of the church, meditate on the Beatitudes featured in the stain glass windows and pray the Way of the Cross. If you would like to join us, there is still room on the bus, so just meet us in the church parking lot before we depart at 1:30 p.m.

2022 DPAA RESULTS – The 2022 DPAA is coming to a close and we would like to thank all of those who contributed to this campaign. Our goal was \$79,500.00 and, thanks to the generosity of 166 donors, we had commitments totaling \$100,589.00. This means that once all of the commitments are paid in full, we will have received a total rebate of \$21,089.00! Thank you to everyone who donated and we hope to do even better on the 2023 DPAA campaign!

VIRTUS INFORMATION - If you are interested in becoming Virtus certified, contact the parish office. Here is a list of the upcoming training sessions: Catholic Charities, Training Room, 3629 Church Street, Covington, on Wednesday, March 8th from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Thomas More University, Theatre Room 2nd Floor, 333 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, on Thursday, March 16th from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington on Tuesday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, on Wednesday, March 29th from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The February bulletin posted on Sunday, February 5th, 2023, will be due on Tuesday, March 7th. The March bulletin will post on Sunday, March 5th and will be due on Tuesday, April 4th. If your account is suspended, contact your primary location where you volunteer or are employed. Your primary location contact information is found under your Contact Tab.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of February 20th was Margo Schwalbach. The winner for the week of February 27th was Hayden Schwalbach. Congratulations!

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DON'T FORGET TO TELL US WHAT'S ON YOUR HEART! The Disciple Maker Index survey is live and will be open until March 27. Complete the survey online at https://portal. catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/g0kta4 or if you prefer a paper copy, you may get one from an usher after any weekend Mass, or stop by the parish office from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. To submit the completed paper survey, please give it to an usher at Mass or drop it off to the parish office. For the survey to provide useful information for our parish, we need as many parishioners as possible to participate! Thanks for your help in making this effort a success!

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS COURT #2514 17TH ANNUAL PARISH CAMPOUT – Our annual campout will again be at the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) just south of Georgetown Kentucky, Friday, June 23rd – Sunday, June 25th. We have blocked out around 70 campsites for our group 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. If you're interested in this, please contact one of the Campout Captains listed below. Here's how to book your site:

- BOOK SOON to get your preferred camping spot. These sites are blocked out for St. Catherine Foresters: C131 – C159; C172 – C193; D207 – D216; D239 – D248; D251 – D256
- 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 certain site or they can randomly assign you a spot.
- 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.

TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE – TSG is a Catholic outdoor movement for fathers and sons ages 6-18, with a mission, goals, and standards different from other scouting organizations. Our focus is on building fraternal relationships and growing in our Catholic faith using monthly outdoor events organized by the fathers and sons. The troop will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in McCrystal Hall to work on skills and faith formation with the boys and to plan for the outdoor event, which will be held on the third Saturday of the month. Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5th and our next outing will be the weekend of March 17th-19th where we will enjoy our first camping adventure of this spring. If you are interested in joining TSG, please contact John David Kimes at tsgtroop0429@gmail.com. **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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN – Help Save Lives! Christians throughout the Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and surrounding areas are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from Ash Wednesday, February 22 through Palm Sunday, April 2nd. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati. Our parish will stand in prayer witness at Planned Parenthood on Tuesday, March 28th. To sign up for a shift on this day, see the sign-up sheet at the Rossford Avenue entrance to church. If you have any questions about this campaign, contact Linda Schuchter at 859-803-0103 or lschuchter@yahoo.com.

LUNCH WITH THE LORD – Join Dr. Ceil Dorger for St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica's Lenten Lunch with the Lord series in downtown Cincinnati. It will be a meditation on the art that illustrates The Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary. As Mary said "yes" to being the Mother of God, so also did she accept the sufferings that went with the role. Through love and compassion, she bore the trials and agonizing death of her Son, Jesus Christ. Join us for three Wednesdays in Lent as we discover the depth of Mary's love manifest in her own suffering. Bring a friend, bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. It is free! We begin right after 11:30 Mass downstairs in Synod Hall, Wednesdays, March 15, 22, and 29.

KEEP THE CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE SAFE ONLINE

The Diocese of Covington Safe Environment Office is excited to host Mr. Stephen Smith with "A Wired Family" for an upcoming presentation. Are you the parent, guardian, grandparent, teacher, coach or caregiver to children, 'tweens or teens? If so, this free presentation will open your eyes to the dangers that may lurk on the other side of the screen. To learn more about Mr. Smith and his organization, please visit awiredfamily.org. The remaining presentation will be held at Bishop Brossart High School on Tuesday, March 7th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. For more information, call 859-392-1515. *These presentations are only for those 18 and older due to the nature of the topics presented. **CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SISTERS!** Catholic Sisters Week invites all to celebrate women religious from March 8-14. This annual national celebration recognizes women religious and the role they play in our Church. The communities in our diocese invite us to reach out and join them for a visit, for prayer, for a meal. To participate, contact Sister Marla Monahan, SND, Vicar for Religious, 859-392-1569 or mmonahan@covdio.org.

MORNINGS OF REFLECTION WITH FR. CONOR KUNATH – Mornings of Reflection are mini-retreats held one Saturday morning a month for anyone wanting to know more about their spiritual lives or the process of discernment. Everybody is welcome. The next Morning of Reflection is Saturday, March 11th at Blessed Sacrament Parish beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the undercroft with a presentation on the Lectio Divina. Mass, Adoration and Confession will follow starting at 10:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD – This Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Burlington. It will be 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. Rev. Michael Comer will be presiding.

"RISE, AND DO NOT BE AFRAID." (MATTHEW 17:7) A TIME FOR REFLECTION – 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. Next weekend, March 11th &12th is Commitment Weekend and pledge forms will be in the pews for your use. 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 2023 DPAA, please be as generous as you can.

THE BOOK OF WISDOM BIBLE WORKSHOP – The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization is announcing the following two-part workshop presented by Father Timothy P. Schehr. Father Schehr is a retired biblical scholar and former professor at Mount St. Mary's School of Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. He has a B.A., M. Div. and an M.A. from the Athenaeum of Ohio. He also has a Ph.D. from Hebrew Union College. The workshop will be held March 18th & April 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Bishop Howard Memorial Hall, 1125 Madison Ave, Covington. Everyone is welcome to attend! The cost for the workshop is \$35.00. To register, visit https://covdio.org/oce/catholic-bible-study/ or call Isaak A. Isaak, Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, at 859-392-1529.

ELSEWHERE

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S

WOMEN'S RETREAT – THE IDENTITY OF THE CATHOLIC WOMAN – Knowing and understanding our dignity as beloved daughters of the Father, fashioned for spiritual and physical receptivity and modeling the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may be the most important step in knowing and receiving God's love and healing in our lives. This retreat for women of all ages is being held March 17th-18th and is based on the teachings of St. Pope John Paul II. It will include Mass, Adoration, Confession; meals and guest rooms are available - all for a donation. It is being held at Presentation Ministries' Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, Ohio. For more information or to register, go to our website, www. presentationministries.com or call 513-373-2397.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE - All men are invited to join the Archbishop of Cincinnati at the National Catholic Men's Conference being held on Saturday, March 25th at the Cintas Center on Xavier's campus. Tickets can be purchased at NationalMensConference.com. Join men from around the country for a one-day event filled with virtue, inspirational speakers, fellowship, networking and spiritual growth. Ladies, there is no better gift you could give the men in your life than a ticket to this conference to grow in Faith. Featured speakers include: Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in The Chosen Series; Father Robert Spitzer from EWTN; His Royal Highness, the Archduke of Austria and grandson of Blessed Karl, Archduke Christian Habsburg-Lorraine. This will be his first speech EVER in the United States so history will be made; Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Bishop Earl Fernandes from Columbus Ohio; A LIVE panel discussion with professional Bengals football players; Jeff Schiefelbein as well as Fr. Jonathan Meyer and Fr. Ethan Moore from University of Cincinnati. Get tickets now as the best seats are selling fast.



