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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 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 – September 12th** 

8:00 a.m. Miriam Venable

WEDNESDAY – September 13th

5:30 p.m. Liz Hamberg

THURSDAY – September 14th

8:00 a.m. Paul Basham

FRIDAY – September 15th

**8:30 a.m.** No Mass

SATURDAY – September 16th

**8:00 a.m.** No Mass

4:30 p.m. Dave Barth

SUNDAY - September 17th

9:00 a.m. The Desmond Family, Special Intention 11:30 a.m. Members of the Parish

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS **OF HOLY COMMUNION**

September 16th & 17th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Sarah Meisenhelder, Gina New, Lois Roell Host: Joliene Garlich, Catherine Meisenhelder, Tom New

9:00 a.m. Cup: Brian Dinkelacker, Nathan Holbrook,

Brooke Holbrook, Volunteer Needed

Host: Kristen Gerrein, Kelly Johnson, Dana Ruwe

11:30 a.m. Cup: Tom Kaelin, Caroline Kaelin, Elise Rulli, Volunteer Needed

Host: Martie Iker, Natalie Messmer, Anita Morris

### **LECTORS**

### September 16th & 17th

4:30 p.m. Joe Fischer

9:00 a.m. Bill Sodini

11:30 a.m. David Sower

### SERVERS SCHEDULE

### September 12th-17th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday

Tommy Burkart, Tim Garlich

5:30 p.m. –Wednesday

Natalie Kirst, Logan Meyer

8:00 a.m. - Thursday

Cora Hill, Owen Marx

8:30 a.m. – Friday

No Mass

8:00 a.m. - Saturday

No Mass

4:30 p.m. – Saturday

Cora Hill, Molly Muench, Alex Muench

9:00 a.m. – Sunday

Morgan Baldwin, Max Holbrook, Michael Zechella

11:30 a.m. - Sunday

Matilda Faust, Hailey Fritz, Grayson Schwalbach

### SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

|   | <u>(</u> | 08/27/2023          | 08/28/2022               |
|---|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Weekly Offering                                   | \$       | 8,267               | \$ 13,797                |
| Fiscal YTD Offerings                              | \$       | 119,125             |                          |
| Fiscal YTD Budget                                 | \$       | 199,703             |                          |
| Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/2024                    | 4 \$     | 1,260,000           |                          |
| Number of registered families                     |          | 378                 |                          |
| Tuition Assistance                                |          |                     |                          |
| awarded for 2023/2024                             | \$       | 0                   |                          |
| Tuition Assistance                                |          |                     |                          |
| donations FYD                                     | \$       | 90                  |                          |
| School Registration for 2023-20                   | )24      | 115                 |                          |
| 2023 DPAA <u>Goal</u><br>(as of 7/31/23) \$79,100 |          | Pledged<br>\$90,530 | <u>Over!</u><br>\$11,430 |

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sir 27:30–28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

### THIS WEEK

### **MONDAY**

Kenosis, 3:30 p.m., PCMR American Heritage Girls, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

### **TUESDAY**

Exposition, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions, 5:30 p.m.

Benediction, 6:45 p.m.

Rosary, Canceled

Parish Council, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

### WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Loreto Class, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

#### **THURSDAY**

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LIB Boosters, 7:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

#### FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m., Canceled

### **SATURDAY**

Mass, 8:00 a.m., Canceled

Confessions Immediately following Mass

Mass, 4:30 p.m.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Mass, 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

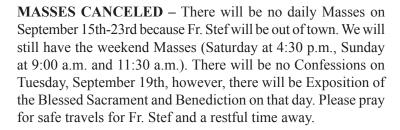
### Please Pray For Our Sick

Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Linda Brown, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, 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**



**LOOKING FOR GREETERS** – Those of you who have been in the parish for more than a few years will remember that we used to have greeters at each of the church entrances for all three weekend Masses. We would like to try again to reinstate this ministry. The way it works is that you (either a single person, couple or a family) would volunteer to be a greeter at one of the weekend Masses and you would commit to this Mass the same week every month. For example, you would greet people at the 4:30 p.m. Mass the first Saturday of every month. (However, you are able to switch assignments or find a substitute if you can't make your assigned Mass.) Typically, greeters will arrive about 20 minutes before Mass begins, simply stand outside one of the entrances, open the door and greet people as they arrive for Mass. At the end of Mass, you would go back to the same door and hand out bulletins/hold the door as people exit church. While it may sound like a small thing, it really makes a difference to those coming to Mass. If you would like to volunteer for this either on your own, with your family, your spouse or a friend, please contact the Parish Office at church@stcatherineofsiena. org or 859-441-1352.

YOUTH GROUP—Middle school and high school youth groups are up and running! Middle School Youth Group: "Kenosis" will typically meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. However, due to play practice, from August-October, we are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Students may begin arriving directly after school. High School Youth Group is meeting on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Thomas in the Youth Room (located in the Parish Office). Both youth groups are open to all students regardless of what school they attend. Hope you'll join us! Questions? Contact John David Kimes at jdkimes@stcatherineofsiena.org or visit: www.stcatherineofsiena.org/youth-ministry.

**PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER** – The winner for the week of September 4th will be reported next week.

### 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 and 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 the www.stcatherineofsiena.org and clicking on the login link to Formed, which is on the home page of the website. From there, you can set up an account that will allow you to view everything it has to offer. 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 the 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**

MORNINGS OF REFLECTION – You are invited to the next three Mornings of Reflection at All Saints Parish, 1 Beatrice Avenue, Walton. The dates and topics are:

September 16 – "The Mass"

October 21 – "Confession"

November 11 – "Call to Holiness"

The schedule for the morning will be 9:00 a.m. – Presentation and Discussion; 10:00 a.m. – Mass; 11:00 a.m. – Adoration with Confession available. All are welcome to attend!

### **FORGIVENESS**

Reflection on Matthew 18:15-20

Last week, Jesus instructed us to take up our cross and follow Him. Today, we see that extending forgiveness to a sister or brother, and actively working through reconciliation when we have wronged someone or been wronged ourselves, can be one of the most painful ways of taking up our cross. But forgiveness and reconciliation are central to the command of Jesus, because they are one of the most important ways of loving.

The principle of subsidiarity is a key value within the body of the church's social justice teaching. It means that we do not do something at a higher level when it can be done at a lower level. How often, especially today, do people try to begin at the highest level possible to address a problem or issue? Today, we are given "Gospel Subsidiarity" as a pathway to follow in our work of forgiveness and reconciliation. I think of all the times when I have told everyone around me about how someone else did me dirty, instead of going directly to that person, as Jesus asks us to do, to reconcile directly. It takes great humility, patience, and vulnerability to forgive and reconcile in the way of the cross, the way of self-sacrificing love.

~ Fr. Jay



### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

Monday, September 11, 2023

Weekday

Col 1:24-2:3

Ps 62:6-7, 9

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Weekday

Col 2:6-15

Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1-11

Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14, 2023

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Friday, September 15, 2023

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

Jn 19:25-27or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15-17

Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7

Lk 6:43-49

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

### THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast Day: September 14

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

**PRAYER GATHERING** – The Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of NKY sponsors a monthly third Tuesday prayer gathering, 7:00-8:45 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament's Parish Center, 2407 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell. Join us September 19th with praise and worship music, teaching, witnesses, and healing prayers. All are invited! For more information, call Carol at 859-341-5932.

### **DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT – SUMMIT23**

Join the High School Eucharistic Revival at SUMMIT, a non-overnight retreat on October 6th-8th at Notre Dame Academy. The retreat will be led by Angie and Stephen Poat and the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and experience a dynamic combination of music, faith, fun, and friendship! RSVP by September 20th to receive the early bird discount. Register today at www.covdio.org/Summit23.



**BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOPS** – The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization is announcing the following workshops 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.

# Workshop on the Prophet Isaiah – September 23rd, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Children have a very special place in the oracles of the prophet Isaiah. We are all familiar with the famous Emmanuel prophecy in his book. But this is just one of many passages featuring children. For this reason, Isaiah is our Advent prophet. Let's spend some time enjoying his wonderful message.

# Workshop on the Prophet Jeremiah – October 28th, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

We can think of Jeremiah as a potter prophet. When called to serve as a prophet, Jeremiah was entrusted with the word of God to build up the people, just as an artisan builds up a clump of clay on a potter's wheel. Let's read his book to discover how well the finished product turns out.

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 workshops will be held in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium (Curia building), 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.

**UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING CLASSES** – Below are the upcoming Virtus training sessions. Individuals can register for a class on the homescreen of their Virtus.org account.

Wednesday, September 20th, 1:30-4:00 p.m., Catholic Charities, Training Room, 3629 Church Street, Latonia.
Wednesday, September 27th, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.
Wednesday, September 27th, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.
Tuesday, October 17th, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.
Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.
Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.

The September bulletin was posted on Sunday, September 3rd and will be due on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023.

**CRAFTERS NEEDED** – St. Joseph in Cold Spring will be holding their annual Craft Show on November 4th and they are looking for crafter/vendors. If you are interested, contact Rebecca Stidham at fawn.stidham486@gmail.com for details or registration.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Fall is right around the corner. It's a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter is like autumn because it's full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy time away. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experiences are September 29-October 1 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati and November 3-5 at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and get that newlywed feeling. Apply today at https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. For more questions or more details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org.

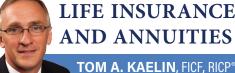
**SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE** – The National Suicide and Crisis Hotline has recently changed their national hotline from the longer number to simply "988." The Lifeline provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States.



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