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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.

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.

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.

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 – December 20th
8:00 a.m. Betty Gerrein
WEDNESDAY – December 21st
5:30 p.m. Ken Glaser
THURSDAY – December 22nd
8:00 a.m. Don Hamberg
FRIDAY – December 23rd
8:30 a.m. Albert Sauer
SATURDAY – December 24th
4:30 p.m. Bill Venable
SUNDAY – December 25th
Midnight Deavy Family
10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 OF HOLY COMMUNION
 December 24th & 25th**

4:30 p.m. – Diane Hamberg, Jenny Griffith
Midnight – Tom Kaelin, Caroline Kaelin, Louise Roth
10:00 p.m. – Patrick Desmond, Anita Morris

**LECTORS
 December 24th & 25th**

4:30 p.m. – Kim Lampe
Midnight – Sarah Meisenhelder
10:00 p.m. – Debbie Rolf

**GREETERS
 December 24th & 25th**

Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. – Need Volunteers
Midnight – Need Volunteers
Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. – Pat & Katie Desmond Family

**SERVERS SCHEDULE
 December 20th-25th**

TUESDAY – December 20th
8:00 a.m. – Adelise Bozeman, Carden Bozeman
WEDNESDAY – December 21st
5:30 p.m. – Ellery Browning, Hannah Fritz
THURSDAY – December 22nd
8:00 a.m. – Keegan Collopy, Joseph Hicks
FRIDAY – December 23rd
8:30 a.m. – Silas West, Maggie West
SATURDAY – December 24th
4:30 p.m. – Carson Schwalbach, Grayson Schwalbach,
 Hayden Schwalbach, Morgan Baldwin
SUNDAY – December 25th
Midnight – Michael Zechella, Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks,
Volunteer Needed
10:00 a.m. – Grant Desmond, Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks,
Volunteer Needed

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>12/4/2022</u>	<u>12/5/2021</u>
Weekly Offering	\$ 22,245	\$ 15,655
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$ 355,883	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 402,692	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$ 930,000	
Number of registered families	405	
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2022/2023	\$ 0	
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$ 911	
School Registration for 2022/2023	123	
CCD Registration for 2022/2023	96	
	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Collected</u>
2022 Offertory Campaign As of 12/4/2022	\$ 840,955	\$ 848,840

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

THIS WEEK**TODAY**

CCD Advent Program, 10:15 a.m., Gym

TUESDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.
 Exposition, 8:30 a.m.
 Confessions, 5:30 p.m.
 Benediction, 6:45 p.m.
 Children's Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall
 Rosary, Canceled

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m. (Note time change)
 Children's Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m., Church

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.
 Children's Choir, 3:45 p.m., Church
 Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m.
 Parish Office Closed
 Children's Choir Practice, 10:00 a.m., Church

SATURDAY

No 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Christmas Eve Mass, 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Merry Christmas!
 Christmas Mass, Midnight & 10:00 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Linda Brown, Judy Newberry, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Peggy Kohrs, 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

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS/HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24th - 4:30 p.m.
 Christmas Day, December 25th – Midnight & 10:00 a.m.
 Solemnity of Mary, Vigil Mass, December 31st - 4:30 p.m.
 Solemnity of Mary, January 1st – 10:00 a.m.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SPREAD JOY THIS CHRISTMAS? You can sign up to be a greeter at one of our Christmas Masses! It's the perfect opportunity to wish many of your fellow parishioners, as well as a good number of visitors, a Merry Christmas. If you are interested in being a Christmas greeter or if you would like to be a greeter at the weekly Sunday Masses, please contact the parish office.

SERVERS NEEDED – You'll notice on the servers schedule that we still need a server for both the Midnight Mass and the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. You may also notice that two of our servers are scheduled at both of those Masses. While they are willing to serve both Masses if needed, we are hoping to have two other servers volunteer, so if your son or daughter is available to serve either Mass, please contact the Parish Office ASAP.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR FR. STEF AND OUR DEACONS

We will once again be collecting for a group donation for Fr. Stef as well as Deacon Barry Henry & Deacon Brian Cox. Cash donations or checks are both fine, but all checks must be made out to the individual, not St. Catherine. Please put cash/check in an envelope marked "Christmas gift" and be sure to include your family name as well as for whom the gift is intended. Donations can be turned in to the Parish Office (can also be put through the mail slot), or the school or CCD office by December 27th. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at 441-1352.

WORD OF LIFE "Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

LITTLE ITALY RAFFLE – We are raffling off a trip to Italy!! The major raffle for our winter fundraiser is a trip to Tuscany, Italy. Tickets are \$50.00 and will be available from any St. Catherine school student and at the parish office. See the attached flyer for more information.

WE NEED YOU! Our Little Italy fundraiser will be held on January 28th and we could use your help in making it a successful night for our parish. We need volunteers to help with raffle ticket sales, silent auction, basket raffle, decorations, setup and marketing the event. Since things are always more fun in a group, consider gathering some friends together and taking on one of these tasks! Maybe your friend group could put together a basket for the basket raffle, gather items for the silent auction, take on overseeing reservations, or getting the word out to the community about the event. Any and all help is needed and greatly appreciated. Please contact Wade Smith at garrett_wade_smith@hotmail.com to volunteer.

END OF YEAR GIVING – If you are over age 70 and a half and required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. Catherine by giving to St. Catherine directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. If this sounds like an option for you, consult your tax advisor for a detailed explanation.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winners for the week of December 12th were John & Cheryl Little. Congratulations!

Little Italy Major Raffle

Grand Prize:

7 Day Trip for two to Tuscany, Italy

2nd Prize:

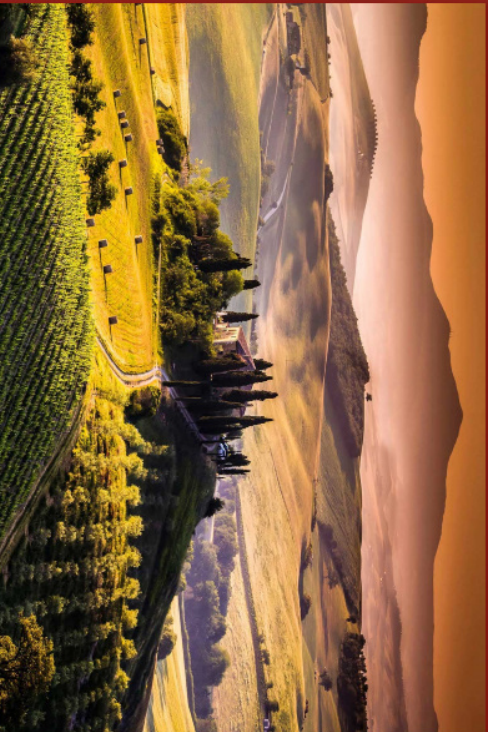
Trip for two near Florence, Indiana
(Belterra Casino)

3rd Prize:

Family Pizza Night at Padrino

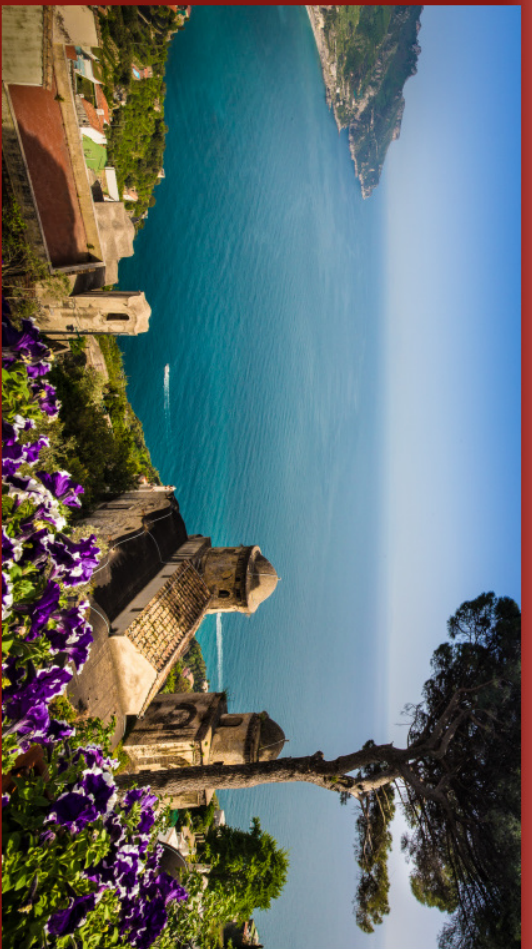
\$50 per chance

only 500 tickets will be sold



Last year winner
trip to Paris
feedback:

"My wife and I had a great trip to Paris. Thanks again for offering, great raffle prize! Everyone I told we won was asking what was the catch, there wasn't one."



Grand Prize - Trip to Tuscany

Tuscany will delight your inner soul. Your journey begins with staying in a true Tuscan Villa, located in the rolling hillside of Chianti, lined with vineyards and olive groves. You will relax in an environment to help you break free from daily toils and pressures. One day you will take an unforgettable journey into the fine art of Italian cooking with the culinary masters where you'll learn to cook the typical Italian dishes while having fun! Whatever you do, the combination of great art, sumptuous countryside, and memorable food and wine makes a trip to this enchanting part of Italy unforgettable.

This seven-day trip for two includes:

- Roundtrip main cabin flights
- Six hotel nights with daily breakfast
- A cooking class
- Florence City Tour with Accademia Gallery
- Luxury Concierge Services
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VIRTUS INFORMATION – There are two upcoming Virtus training sessions: Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, January 12th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington. The December bulletin posted on Sunday, December 4th and will be due on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023. To read your bulletin, go to www.virtusonline.org, enter your user ID and password. 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.

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

DCCH CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DCCH is now hiring Therapeutic Behavioral Specialists for second shift – Tuesdays-Fridays, 3:00-11:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. (your choice). Learn more at DCCHCenter.org/employment.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

A faith-based support group, New Beginnings, provides separated and divorced individuals the opportunity for healing and growth. In this group, participants find new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain courage to discover new life. The next session will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7, 14, 21, 28 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Elementary, 235 Division Street, Bellevue. Registration is required. Visit <https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/> or call 859-392-1592.

RESTORATION RETREAT – Join fellow Cursillo Alumni for a Restoration Retreat with “Our Father.” Fr. Mike Comer and Deacon Brian Cox will reenergize your Fourth Day. The retreat will be held at the Jesuit Retreat Center, Milford, Ohio. Cost is \$155.00. Women’s Retreat to be held January 20th, 5:00 p.m. – January 21st, 5:30 p.m. Men’s Retreat to be held January 27th, 5:00 p.m. – January 28th, 5:30 p.m. Registration is required and applications can be found on the Covington Cursillo website: www.covingtoncursillo.org under News/Events. Application Deadline: Women’s – January 6th, Men’s - January 13th. Questions? Email restoration859@gmail.com or call Chris Dillon at 513-504-5638.

ELSEWHERE

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program, beginning with a weekend on January 7-9, 2023, call 513-486-6222 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE?

Resolve to improve your relationship and communication in 2023? Give the gift of yourself, better communication, more romance and a weekend to be alone with your spouse. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can be that gift and help your relationship and communication in 2022. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is March 3-5, 2023 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati. 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 www.esharing.org.



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