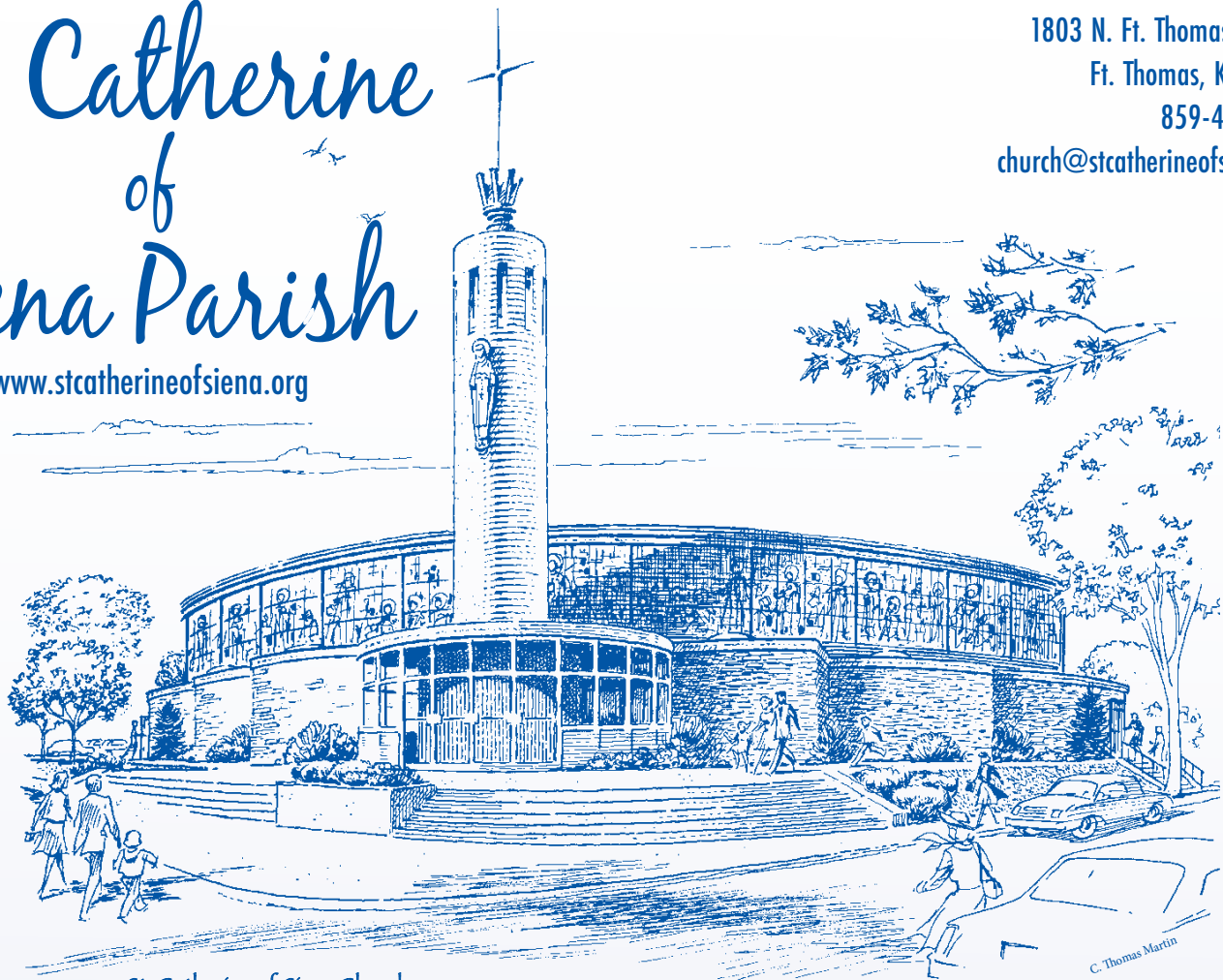


# St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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St. Catherine of Siena Church • FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY

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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 – October 17th**  
**8:00 a.m.** Bill McCarthy  
**WEDNESDAY – October 18th**  
**5:30 p.m.** Jim & Joyce Rolf  
**THURSDAY – October 19th**  
**8:00 a.m.** Jim Doepker  
**FRIDAY – October 20th**  
**8:30 a.m.** Desmond Family  
**SATURDAY – October 21st**  
**8:00 a.m.** Ed Gerrein  
**4:30 p.m.** Bob Wagner  
**SUNDAY – October 22nd**  
**9:00 a.m.** Carol Onest  
**11:30 a.m.** Members of the Parish

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
 OF HOLY COMMUNION  
 October 21st & 22nd**

**4:30 p.m. Cup:** Catherine Meisenhelder, Sarah Meisenhelder,  
 Two Volunteers Needed  
**Host:** Joliene Garlich, Diane Hamberg, Heather Shultz  
**9:00 a.m. Cup:** Brian Dinkelacker, Nathan Myers,  
 Louise Roth, Kathy Woltermann  
**Host:** Linda Powrie, Doug Powrie, David Sower  
**11:30 a.m. Cup:** Caroline Kaelin, Elise Rulli,  
 Two Volunteers Needed  
**Host:** Tom Kaelin, Jen Kirst, Anita Morris

**LECTORS  
 October 21st & 22nd**

**4:30 p.m.** Pete Djordjevic  
**9:00 a.m.** Mike Ruwe  
**11:30 a.m.** Joe Fischer

**SERVERS SCHEDULE  
 October 17th-22nd**

**8:00 a.m. – Tuesday**  
 Rachel Burkart, Morgan Kremer  
**5:30 p.m. – Wednesday**  
 Ryan Stacey, Connor Stacey  
**8:00 a.m. – Thursday**  
 Tommy Burkart, George Josten  
**8:30 a.m. – Friday**  
 Keegan Collopy, Grant Desmond, Reese Desmond  
**8:00 a.m. – Saturday**  
 Ellery Browning, Max Holbrook  
**4:30 p.m. – Saturday**  
 Tim Garlich, Marley Hess, Molly Muench  
**9:00 a.m. – Sunday**  
 Morgan Baldwin, Maggie West, Silas West  
**11:30 a.m. – Sunday**  
 Natalie Kirst, Emily Kirst, Nathan Kirst

**GREETERS SCHEDULE  
 October 21st & 22nd**

**4:30 p.m.** Barb Venable  
**9:00 a.m.** George & Megan Josten & Family  
**11:30 a.m.** Volunteers Needed

**SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP**

	<u>10/1/2023</u>	<u>10/2/2022</u>
Weekly Offering	\$ 23,787	\$ 27,133
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$ 200,621	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 320,181	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/2024	\$ 1,260,000	
Number of registered families	370	
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2023/2024	\$ 0	
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$ 207	
School Registration for 2023-2024	116	
<b>2023 DPAA</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>
<b>(as of 9/31/23)</b>	<b>\$79,100</b>	<b>\$90,645</b>
		<b>Over!</b>
		<b>\$11,545</b>

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Is 45:1, 4-6  
 1 Thes 1:1-5b  
 Mt 22:15-21

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**  
**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.  
 Parish Council, 7:00 p.m., PCMR  
 Catholic Order of Foresters, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Mass, 5:30 p.m.  
 Loreto, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall  
**THURSDAY**  
 Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
 Choir, 6:30 p.m.  
 St. Catherine School PTO, 7:00p.m., LIB  
**FRIDAY**  
 Mass, 8:30 a.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
 Mass, 8:00 a.m.  
 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, 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

William Pikar, 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

**PRO-LIFE THOUGHT** – “O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin, Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations.”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Prayer for Radical Solidarity”  
([respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity](http://respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity))*

**USHERS NEEDED** – Looking for a way to serve our parish? Consider being an usher at one of the weekend Masses. (Ushers can be men or women.) We are currently in need of 2 ushers for the 9:00 a.m. Mass, but could use people at the other 2 Masses as well. If you can’t commit to every Sunday, consider being a sub. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or Mike Iker at [miker0814@gmail.com](mailto:miker0814@gmail.com).

**LOOKING FOR MORE GREETERS** – We’ve had several families/individuals sign up to be greeters, but we could use more in order to cover all of our weekend Masses. 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](mailto:church@stcatherineofsiena.org) or 859-441-1352.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT WE OFFER BOTH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS?

Our middle school 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](mailto:jdkimes@stcatherineofsiena.org) or visit: [www.stcatherineofsiena.org/youth-ministry](http://www.stcatherineofsiena.org/youth-ministry).

**GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!** Our 11th Annual Parish Weekly Raffle begins soon, so be sure you get your tickets and take advantage of 52 chances to win \$100.00! You can purchase tickets in the parish office or use the order form that was mailed to you. Each family is asked to purchase or sell at least 5 tickets at a cost of \$20.00 each. If each family did this, we would make over \$31,000.00! Drawings will be held each Tuesday from November 7, 2023 through October 29, 2024. Any tickets purchased after noon on November 7th will be entered for the remaining weekly drawings. Each week, there will be one winner drawn for a prize of \$100.00. A check will be mailed directly to the winner, and their winning ticket GOES BACK IN the drawing so each ticket is eligible to win each week! For less than \$.40 a week, you could win \$100.00 each week! You can also ask your friends, extended family and co-workers if they would like to purchase tickets.

**ST. CATHERINE JR. HIGH PLAY** – From there to there, from here to there, funny things are everywhere! The Saint Catherine Junior High Players are presenting *Seussical, Jr.!!* Tickets are on sale NOW and can be purchased by going to [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com) and searching St. Catherine, or using this direct link: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/76297>. Show dates are Thursday, November 9, Friday, November 10, Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. We hope that you can come out and support our Junior High!

### 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 [www.stcatherineofsiena.org](http://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!

**PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER** – The winner for the week of October 9th was Elaine Gall. Congratulations!





## Resources for Preventing & Overcoming Pornography and Sexual Addiction

### Catholic Teaching

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2337-2359 and nos. 2514-2533.
- “Create in Me a Clean Heart” pastoral letter from the USCCB, 2015: [www.usccb.org/cleanheart](http://www.usccb.org/cleanheart)
- “Bought With A Price” pastoral letter by Bp. Paul Loverde: [tinyurl.com/Loverde-antiporn](http://tinyurl.com/Loverde-antiporn)
- “Blessed are the Pure in Heart” pastoral letter by Bp. Robert Finn: [tinyurl.com/Finn-Purity](http://tinyurl.com/Finn-Purity)

### Natural Family Planning

- Couple to Couple League: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)
- Creighton model of NFP: [www.fertilitycare.org](http://www.fertilitycare.org)
- NFP International: [nfpandmore.org](http://nfpandmore.org)

### Youth Education and Parenting

- *Good Pictures Bad Pictures Jr.* (ages 3-6) (book) by Kristen Jenson, MA
- *Good Pictures Bad Pictures* (ages 7-12) (book) by Kristen Jenson & Gail Poyner, Ph.D.
- *Wonderfully Made! Babies: A Catholic Perspective...* (ages 9 & up) (book) by Ellen Giangiorzano
- *The Joyful Mysteries of Life* (book) by Catherine and Bernard Scherrer.
- *Beyond the Birds and the Bees* (book) by Greg and Lisa Popcak
- *Made this Way* (book) by Leila Miller & Trent Horn
- CMG Connect ([cmgparent.org](http://cmgparent.org)): Online video-based training for Parents, Churches, & Schools on how to keep kids safe from pornography and respond when it has been discovered.
- Covenant Eye’s “Unfiltered” program ([vimeo.com/184409312](http://vimeo.com/184409312)): 30-min. video to equip parents.
- ✓ [DefendYoungMinds.org](http://DefendYoungMinds.org): Great resources on how to talk to kids about pornography before & after.
- ✓ LoveEd Program ([www.respect4u.com](http://www.respect4u.com)): Catholic program for parents and children (ages 2-14) to learn about sexuality using faith and science with separate tracks for boys and girls.
- ROOTED K-12 Theology of the Body Curriculum from [RuahWoodsInstitute.org](http://RuahWoodsInstitute.org), 513-407-8672.

### Guidelines for Technology & Internet Safety

- [Enough.org](http://Enough.org): Great information, guidelines, technology pledges, etc.
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: [www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources](http://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources)
- Safe Families: [www.safefamilies.org/safetypledge.php](http://www.safefamilies.org/safetypledge.php)

### Web Filtering & Accountability

- \*\*\*Protect Young Eyes ([www.ProtectYoungEyes.com](http://www.ProtectYoungEyes.com))\*\*\*
  - Comprehensive website to guide you on the best filters and accountability apps to use on any device or platform, complete with how-to-guides.
- [TopTenReviews.com/best-internet-filter-software](http://TopTenReviews.com/best-internet-filter-software) for a comparison of different software packages.
- Clean Browsing ([cleanbrowsing.org](http://cleanbrowsing.org)) and OpenDNS ([www.opendns.com](http://www.opendns.com))
  - These services route your Internet traffic through pre-filtered servers. Free options available.
  - Then can be used to configure your Internet router and each device to pre-filter content.
- Covenant Eyes ([www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com)): Filtering & accountability software. Requires a subscription fee.
- Qustodio ([www.qustodio.com](http://www.qustodio.com)): Filtering & accountability software.
  - Has a robust free version and an even more robust premium version.

- NetNanny ([www.netnanny.com](http://www.netnanny.com)): A robust software package for filtering, monitoring, & parental controls.
- Microsoft Family Safety: Free for Windows users. Involves filtering and some parental controls.

### Alternatives to Smart Phones

- Bark phone: [www.bark.us/bark-phone](http://www.bark.us/bark-phone)
- PinWheel phone: [www.pinwheel.com](http://www.pinwheel.com)
- Wise phone: [techless.com](http://techless.com)

### Other Tech / Media Resources

- AdGuard, AdBlock, AdBlock Plus, uBlock, etc.: these free apps block website advertisements (e.g., banners, sidebars, pop-ups), whether images or videos, even those embedded in YouTube videos.
- [IncognitoGone.com](http://IncognitoGone.com): permanently removes “incognito” and “private” modes from your Internet browsers.
- Disable Internet Searching in the Start menu in Windows 10 & 11: [tinyurl.com/Disable-Bing-in-Start](http://tinyurl.com/Disable-Bing-in-Start).
- Family Safe Media ([familysafe.com](http://familysafe.com)): gadgets and guidance to keep porn off Internet, TV, video games, etc.
- VidAngel ([www.vidangel.com](http://www.vidangel.com)): online service that allows you to view mainline movies while allowing the user to choose what content to filter out.
- ClearPlay ([www.clearplay.com](http://www.clearplay.com)): service that filters popular movies and streaming.
- PluggedIn ([www.pluggedin.com](http://www.pluggedin.com)): Christian reviews of movies, print media, music, TV, and games.

### Additional Websites and Organizations

- Catholic Answers ([Catholic.com](http://Catholic.com)): a variety of apologetic materials including those pertaining chastity.
- Chastity Project ([Chastity.com](http://Chastity.com)): a wealth of youth-oriented resources in support of Catholic teaching.
- Covenant Eye’s Blog ([www.covenanteyes.com/blog](http://www.covenanteyes.com/blog)): a wealth of information, free e-Books, etc.
- [FightTheNewDrug.org](http://FightTheNewDrug.org): Extensive scientific information about the effects of pornography.
- [IntegrityRestored.com](http://IntegrityRestored.com): Catholic organization dedicated to helping those effected by pornography.
- National Center on Sexual Exploitation: [EndSexualExploitation.org](http://EndSexualExploitation.org)
- National Human Trafficking Hotline: [HumanTraffickingHotline.org](http://HumanTraffickingHotline.org), 888-373-7888.
- [PureHOPE.net](http://PureHOPE.net): Christian organization combatting sexual brokenness.
- [SexHelp.com](http://SexHelp.com): Online tests, treatment referrals, information, etc.
- Strive ([www.strive21.com](http://www.strive21.com)): ministry that accompanies men as they try to quit porn
- Stop Demand ([www.stopdemand.org](http://www.stopdemand.org)): Anti-porn advocacy and anti-trafficking resources.
- [YourBrainOnPorn.com](http://YourBrainOnPorn.com): Extensive scientific information about the effects of pornography.

### Getting Help and Support

- “Clean of Heart” local Catholic men’s support group: 513-202-6747, [www.cincinnatiCLEANOFHEART.org](http://www.cincinnatiCLEANOFHEART.org)
- Sexaholics Anonymous: [www.sa.org](http://www.sa.org)
- Sex Addicts Anonymous: [saa-recovery.org](http://saa-recovery.org)
- Courage (support group for Catholic adults with same-sex attraction): [couragec.org](http://couragec.org)
- Encourage (support for Catholic family members of those with SSA or gender issues): [couragec.org](http://couragec.org)
- Outpatient Therapy
  - Ruah Woods Psychological Services ([www.RWpsych.org](http://www.RWpsych.org), 513-407-8878, Cincinnati, Dayton, etc.)
  - Counseling Alliance: Local Christian counselors with expertise in sexual addiction and related issues: [www.counselingalliance.com](http://www.counselingalliance.com), 513-376-9757
  - [CatholicTherapists.com](http://CatholicTherapists.com)
  - Catholic Psychotherapy Association ([www.catholicpsychotherapy.org](http://www.catholicpsychotherapy.org))
  - For certified sex addiction therapists see also [www.sexhelp.com](http://www.sexhelp.com)
- My House Initiative: [centerforhealingkc.com/myhouse/my-house-initiative](http://centerforhealingkc.com/myhouse/my-house-initiative)
  - Catholic ministry that provides “intensive” weekend workshops for those seeking healing.
- For inpatient centers: see [www.sexhelp.com](http://www.sexhelp.com)



## SHOW UP

Reflection on Matthew 22:1-14

A friend and colleague, who was chaplain at a university where I taught, announced in September that he would retire at the end of the academic year. He also announced that his motto for this, his last year of active ministry, would be simple: "Show up. Have fun."

As the parable unfolds, we are told that the invited guests refuse to show up, and so others ("...invite to the feast whomever you find") are bid to come. Showing up is important. In the context of God's Kingdom, showing up involves being deliberate and intentional about our discipleship: in worshipping, in service, in community-building, in loving God in all things and above all things. God asks us to show up every day, especially in a rhythm of daily prayer and Sunday Eucharist.

It is interesting that one poor bloke who showed up wasn't dressed properly, and so was thrown out of the feast. The proper "wedding garment" must be a symbol for something important. Perhaps it is the mind of Christ, or the heart of love, or the hands of service. At any rate, it is well to trust that the Bridegroom desires each of us to come to the feast!

~ Fr. Jay

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

### Monday, October 16, 2023

Weekday

Rom 1:1-7

Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Lk 11:29-32

### Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Saint Ignatius of Antioch,

Bishop and Martyr

Rom 1:16-25

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Lk 11:37-41

### Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b

Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Lk 10:1-9

### Thursday, October 19, 2023

Saint John de Brébeuf and

Isaac Jogues, Priests and

Companions, Martyrs

Rom 3:21-30

Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Lk 11:47-54

### Friday, October 20, 2023

Weekday

Rom 4:1-8

Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11

Lk 12:1-7

### Saturday, October 21, 2023

Weekday

Rom 4:13, 16-18

Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43

Lk 12:8-12

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

## SAINTS ISAAC JOGUES, JEAN DE BRÉBEUF, AND COMPANIONS

Feast Day: October 19

Patron Saint of: Norway, North America

Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636, he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured, and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return, and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months he sailed for his missions among the Hurons.

In 1646, he and Jean de Lalande, who had offered his services to the missionaries, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18, Father Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded. Jean de Lalande was killed the next day at Ossernenon, a village near Albany, New York.

Read the full article: "Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions"  
Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-isaac-jogues-jean-de-brebeuf-and-companions/>.  
(Accessed September 29, 2023).

The Lord is my  
shepherd;  
I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

**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!



**DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS** – Bishop John C. Iffert requests the honor of your presence at the annual Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Mass on Tuesday, October 17th. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m.. Reverend Baiju Kidaagen, V.C., pastor of St. Pius X Parish will be the homilist. Please join us as we celebrate the sanctity of LIFE.

**MORNING OF REFLECTION** – Father Conor Kunath will be discussing “Confession” at the next Morning of Reflection on Saturday, October 21st. The morning will begin in the Parish Hall downstairs at All Saints Church in Walton at 9:00 a.m. Mass and Adoration will follow in the Church at 10:00 a.m.

Fr. Kunath will also be offering the Sacrament of Confession during Adoration. Everyone is welcome!

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED** – In May of this year, the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office and the Northern Kentucky Pregnancy Care Network hosted a Free Baby Shower in Covington for women and families in need. This shower was a huge success, and it was discovered that this outreach in our community is greatly needed. Participants not only receive free items, they also receive valuable resources and information on maternity and infant care, car seat safety, safe sleeping and educational assistance. They are planning to reach out to outlying communities with this service and have planned the next event in Boone County, at St. Paul Parish Center on Thursday, October 19th. This ministry serves some of the most vulnerable in our community, and they are asking parishes to assist in providing the following items.

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Diapers – Sizes 1-4 | Baby Wipes  |
| Baby Bath Supplies  | New Onesies |
| Sleep Sacks         | Sleepers    |

They can also use new, larger items such as highchairs that attach to regular table chairs, wagon strollers, infant seats and portable infant beds. Items can be dropped off at the Pro-Life Office by Monday, October 16th. Arrangement for pickup can also be made. Please contact Faye Roch at 859-392-1500 if you have any questions.

**BOURBON RAFFLE** – Saint Augustine Parish in Covington is having a Rare Bourbon Raffle. Tickets are \$20.00 each and only 2,000 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held November 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Go to [www.staugustines.net](http://www.staugustines.net) to purchase tickets.

**BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP ON THE PROPHET JEREMIAH** will be presented by Father Timothy P. Schehr, who 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 take place on Saturday, October 28th from 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!

**THRIVE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT** – The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization would like to invite the high school youth of the Diocese to join in an evening of Music, Motivation, and More at the first THRIVE event of the year on Saturday, October 28th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Thomas More University. We look forward to seeing you!

**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. The following sessions will be held at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.

- Tuesday, October 17th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 14th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 28th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 5th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 5th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The October bulletin posted on Sunday, October 1st and will be due on Tuesday, November 7th.

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