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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 3rd

8:00 a.m. Daniel Rako

WEDNESDAY – October 4th

5:30 p.m. Kevin Shannon

THURSDAY – October 5th

8:00 a.m. Jack Rose

FRIDAY - October 6th

8:30 a.m. Steve Kern

SATURDAY – October 7th

8:00 a.m. Ted Stoner

4:30 p.m. JoAnn Lindeman

SUNDAY – October 8th

9:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

11:30 a.m. Daniel McCarthy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION October 7th & 8th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Lois Roell, Sarah Meisenhelder, Two Volunteers Needed

Host: Joliene Garlich, Catherine Meisenhelder, Diane Hamberg **9:00 a.m**. **Cup:** Pat Desmond, Kristen Gerrein, David Sower, Peggy Birkenhauer

Host: Dana Ruwe, Louise Roth, Nathan Myers 11:30 a.m. Cup: Anita Morris, Jen Kirst, Elise Rulli, Kathy Wolterman

Host: Martie Iker, Heather Shultz, Doug Powrie

LECTORS October 7th & 8th

4:30 p.m. Peggy Berteslman **9:00 a.m.** Jennie Cox **11:30 a.m.** Mary Margaret Spica

SERVERS SCHEDULE October 3rd-8th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday

Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday

Ryan Stacey, Connor Stacey

8:00 a.m. – Thursday

Morgan Baldwin, Colin Desmond

8:30 a.m. – Friday

Tommy Burkart, Alison Wagner, Molly Muench

8:00 a.m. – Saturday

Ellery Browning, Edie Twehues

4:30 p.m. – Saturday

Cora Hill, Ava Hamberg, Tim Garlich

9:00 a.m. – Sunday

Grant Desmond, Reese Desmond, McKenna Desmond

11:30 a.m. - Sunday

Owen Marx, Sadie Hess, Addie Hess

GREETERS SCHEDULE October 7th & 8th

4:30 p.m. Volunteers Needed **9:00 a.m.** Mike & Carol Desmond **11:30 a.m.** Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

0/15/2022

			<u>9/17/2023</u>	<u>9/1</u>	<u>18/2022</u>
Weekly Offering		\$	11,289	\$	6,552
Fiscal YTD Offerings		\$	164,838		
Fiscal YTD Budget		\$	271,991		
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/2024		\$	1,260,000		
Number of registered families		371			
Tuition Assistance					
awarded for 2023/2024		\$	0		
Tuition Assistance					
donations FYD		\$	107		
School Registration for 2023-2024		115			
2023 DPAA	<u>Goal</u>		<u>Pledged</u>		Over!
(as of 8/31/23)	\$79,100		\$90,645	5	\$11,545

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

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.

BOCE, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

WEDNESDAY

Pet Blessing, 2:30 p.m., Upper Parking Lot Mass, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Choir, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Summit 23, Notre Dame Academy

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Confessions immediately following Mass Summit 23, Notre Dame Academy

Mass, 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Parish Fest, 4:30 p.m., Lower Lot

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

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

PARISH FEST 2023! Be sure to join your fellow parishioners for Parish Fest next Sunday, October 8th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. This is a purely social event for the parish where we share a meal and just spend time together. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert and we will supply the main course and drinks. There will also be live music, as well as a bounce house and games for the kiddos! Hope to see you there!

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE – The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign is going on now through November 5th. The St. Catherine Pro-life Committee has chosen this Thursday, October 5th for our parish to participate in the prayer vigil. We are especially in need of someone to fill the $1:00 \, \text{p.m.} - 2:00 \, \text{p.m.}$ slot. Remember this is not a protest, you do not have to hold signs and you do not have to interact with anyone entering the Planned Parenthood facility. All we do is pray in a small group or individually in silence. Your witness speaks for itself. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the Rossford entrance.

PRIEST RETREAT – The priests of our diocese will be going on their annual retreat October 9th-13th. There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that week, nor will there be Confessions on Tuesday. We will still, however, have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please pray that our priests have a fruitful retreat.

ROSARY RALLY – On Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 noon on the front steps and plaza area in front of church. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, and one of over 22,000 being held, will be a public act of reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please take just a short time from your busy Saturday and join us in prayer. Feel free to bring a chair.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of Linda Brown and Edie Hegge, both of whom were recently buried from our parish. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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 two ushers for the 9:00 a.m. Mass, but could use people at the other two Masses as well. If you can't commit to every Sunday, consider being a sub. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at church@stcatherineofsiena.org or 859-441-1352; or Mike Iker at 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 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 p.m.-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 p.m.-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 24th was Mary Kamp. Congratulations!

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OUR 11TH ANNUAL PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE! Here's how this easy fundraiser works.

WEEKLY RAFFLE! Here's how this easy fundraiser works. Each family is asked to purchase or sell at least five tickets at a cost of \$20.00 each. Order forms for tickets have been sent out to all parish families. Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office or put in the collection basket at Mass. (Purchased ticket stubs will not be mailed out unless requested.) Tickets may also be purchased in the parish office. 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. That's right! 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.



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 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 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

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT - SUMMIT23

It's not too late to 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. Register today at www.covdio.org/Summit23.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers for the position of Receptionist to greet clients, answer phones, and do other various tasks. Both morning (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) and afternoon (1:00-5:00 p.m.) shifts are available. All volunteers must become Virtus trained. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jill Walch at jwalch@covingtoncharities.org.

FISH FRY – St. Joseph's Church in Camp Springs will be holding their Annual Oktoberfish Fish Fries, October 6th & October 13th from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Dine-in or carry-out options available. 6833 Four Mile Road, Camp Springs. For more information or to place a carry-out order, please call 859-635-2491 or visit stjosephcampsprings.org.

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.

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 pick up can also be made. Please contact Faye Roch at 859-392-1500 if you have any questions.

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 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.

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.

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



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