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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 – July 11th 8:00 a.m. Our Religious WEDNESDAY – July 12th 5:30 p.m. Janet Fassler THURSDAY – July 13th 8:00 a.m. The Heskamp Family FRIDAY – July 14th 8:00 a.m. Terry Kennedy SATURDAY – July 15th 8:00 a.m. Joanne New 4:30 p.m. Ed Gerrein SUNDAY – July 16th 9:00 a.m. Members of the Parish 11:30 a.m. Kathy Jensen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION July 15th & 16th

4:30 p.m. Catherine Meisenhelder (cup), Gina New (cup), Joliene Garlich (host), Tom New (host)
9:00 a.m. Natalie Messmer (cup), Louise Roth (cup), Karen Little (host), David Sower (host)
11:30 a.m. Elise Rulli (cup), Heather Shultz (cup), Martie Iker (host), Anita Morris (host)

LECTORS July 15th & 16th

4:30 p.m. Peggy Bertlesman9:00 a.m. David Sower11:30 a.m. Joe Fischer

SERVERS SCHEDULE July 11th-July 16th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Alison Wagner, Maggie West 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Marley Hess, Max Holbrook 8:00 a.m. – Thursday T.J. McSorley, Silas West 8:00 a.m. – Fridav Rachel Burkart, Cora Hill 8:00 a.m. – Saturdav Joseph Hicks, Hayden Schwalbach 4:30 p.m. – Saturday Lillian Foley, Edie Twehues, Wren Twehues 9:00 a.m. – Sunday Josie Bozeman, Carden Bozeman, Adelise Bozeman 11:30 a.m. - Sunday Tommy Burkart, Ben Fassler, Alison Wagner

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP will be reported next week

2023 DPAA (as of 4/30/23)

 Goal
 Pledged
 Over

 \$79,100
 \$81,925
 \$2,825

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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, Canceled **WEDNESDAY** Mass, 5:30 p.m. THURSDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m. **FRIDAY** Mass, 8:00 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 Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Marie Shields, 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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of Bill McCarthy who was buried from our parish on Saturday, July 8th. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers.

UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION –

Does our parish database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year for our annual Guide Book & Directory. Have you changed your phone number or email address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? If you have not already informed the parish office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the next Guide Book and Directory is correct. Please notify the parish office at 441-1352 or church@stcatherineofsiena.org with any changes to your record.

CUSTODIAN/ MAINTENANCE NEEDED – We have a full-time position open in our maintenance department. This is a first shift position and duties include light maintenance and general cleaning duties associated with school and church. Virtus certification required. Great work environment and competitive compensation with retirement benefits and paid medical insurance. Please send resume/inquiries to dgrothaus@ stcatherineofsiena.org.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of July 3rd 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, CD's, 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 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!



2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES VESPERS CELEBRATION – Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2023. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2023 are invited to a vespers celebration on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m. Anniversary couples RSVP by July 18th at covdio.org/wedding-vespers or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are only required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

VIRTUS TRAINING – Here are the upcoming Virtus training classes:

- Tuesday, July 18th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, Murphy Hall, 1680 Dixie Highway, Fort Wright, Kentucky.
- Wednesday, July 26th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.
- Thursday, August 3rd, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell.

July's bulletin will post on Sunday, July 2nd and will be due on Monday, August 7th.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – The Diocese of Covington Curia invites individuals with a degree and background in Accounting to apply for the position of Internal Auditor, which reports to the Chief Financial Officer. The Internal Auditor's primary responsibilities include updating and maintaining the existing parish and high school audit programs, scheduling and performing parish and high school audits, and writing audit reports, among other duties in the Finance Office. Candidate requirements include an Accounting degree and at least two years of experience that includes auditing. CPA licensure is a plus. Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest, along with a resume that includes compensation history and references with contact email addresses, by email or by fax to Stephen Koplyay, SPHR, at skoplyay@covdio.org or 859-392-1589.

THE GIFT OF REST

Reflection on Matthew 11:25-30

"...no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." It is the ardent wish of the Son, Jesus, to reveal the Father to each of us! Jesus wants us to see ourselves in light of the Father's goodness, generosity, and mercy. He wants each of us to see ourselves as a beloved child of God.

On our part, it takes time, it takes quiet, it takes "rest" to come to know, intimately, the Father whom Jesus reveals. While our hard work as missionary disciples of Jesus involves tireless witness and preaching, our Creator has so designed our lives that we need rhythms that include rest and repose. So Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Take the invitation here to carve out time and space this week to rest in the Lord, for Jesus sees you, loves you, and is yoked to you.

~ Fr. Jay

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. - Psalm 145:8

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 9, 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zech 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

Monday, July 10, 2023 Weekdav Gen 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Saint Benedict, Abbot Gen 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Weekdav Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Matt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 13, 2023 Saint Henry Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 14, 2023 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33

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

SAINT BONAVENTURE

Feast Day: July 15 Patron Saint of: bowel disorders

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy, as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus.

ST.ANN NOVENA– Join in praying through the powerful intercession of St. Ann with daily Novena Prayers and Mass, July 18th-26th. St. Ann is the patroness of Christian families, mothers, grandmothers, housewives, pregnancy, pregnant women, women in labor, and sterility, among others. This is a very powerful Novena for any petitions. Novena prayers begin at 7:00 p.m. with Novena Mass at 7:15 p.m. In addition to being in-person we will also live stream the Novena on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StJohnAnnCovington. The theme for this year's Novena is "The Beatitudes."

- July 18th Poor in spirit Deacon Steve Durkee
- July 19th They who mourn Deacon Scott Folz
- July 20th The meek Deacon Jerry Franzen
- July 21st Hunger & Thirst Deacon Barry Henry
- July 22nd The merciful Deacon Rick Dames
- July 23rd The clean of heart Deacon Kevin Cranley
- July 24th The peacemakers Deacon Jim Bayne
- July 25th The persecuted Deacon Mike Keller
- July 26th You Deacon Bob Stoeckle.

Fr. Aby Thampi will be leading the Novena this year. After Mass each evening there will be individual blessings with a relic of St. Ann. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after the blessing. Holy cards, rosaries and religious items will be available for sale each night.

The Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann will be celebrated the final evening, July 26th. All are welcome to stay for a reception after Mass. St. Ann's is located at 1268 Parkway, Covington. For more information, call 859-431-5314.



CAFETERIA POSITIONS – DIOCESE OF COVINGTON SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM – The School Lunch Program is currently seeking dedicated individuals to join our team in various positions within our school cafeterias. These important roles contribute to the

successful operation of our school lunch program, ensuring the provision of nutritious meals to our students. Positions available are Cafeteria Manager, Food Prep, Server, and Dishwasher. These positions are available at various schools within the Diocese of Covington. We offer competitive compensation and benefits packages for eligible employees. Exact details will be discussed during the interview process. To apply, please go to www.covdio.org/employment, School Related Openings, Employment Application, Non-Teacher. Send completed application to: Diocese of Covington, ATTN: Laura Hatfield, SLP Director, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011. **VOCATION MINISTRY CONFERENCE** – You are invited to "Ignite" vocations in your parish. Statistical evidence proves that parishes with an intentional vocational ministry bear the fruit of holy marriages and single life, priestly and religious vocations. Learn more on August 5th when the Serra Clubs from the Diocese of Covington and the ArchDiocese of Cincinnati cohost "Ignite," a Vocation Conference full of information, practical brainstorming for a personalized plan for your parish, Mass, prayer and food. The Conference and all resources are free of charge. Register with Nick Winnike at nwinnike@gmail.com or Donna Heim at donnakheim@gmail.com.

NEW BEGINNINGS – 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. Registration is required. Visit https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/ or call 859-392-1500, ext. 1592. The next session will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, August 29th through October 17th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity Elementary School, Bellevue.

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