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Masses for Sunday: Saturday: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 10:00 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 – March 12th 8:00 a.m. Bette Riedmatter WEDNESDAY – March 13th 5:30 p.m. Mary Kohrs THURSDAY – March 14th 8:00 a.m. Clarence Kelley FRIDAY – March 15th 8:30 a.m. The Prigge Family, Special Intention SATURDAY – March 16th 8:00 a.m. Nancy Miller 4:30 p.m. Bill Seiter SUNDAY – March 17th 10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION March 16th & 17th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Kelly Hergott, Sarah Meisenhelder, Catherine Meisenhelder Host: Joliene Garlich
10:00 a.m. Cup: Peggy Birkenhauer, Brooke Holbrook, Nathan Holbrook, Caroline Kaelin Host: Kristen Gerrein, Anita Morris, David Sower

LECTORS March 16th & 17th

4:30 p.m. Joe Fischer 10:00 a.m. David Sower

SERVERS SCHEDULE March 12th-17th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Rachel Burkart, Sub Needed 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Josie Bozeman, Adelise Bozeman 8:00 a.m. – Thursday Lucy Gillen, Molly Muench 8:30 a.m. – Friday Tommy Burkart, Selma Hansbauer 8:00 a.m. – Saturday Edie Twehues, Silas West 4:30 p.m. – Saturday Sadie Hess, Addie Hess, Alison Wagner 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Morgan Baldwin, Max Holbrook, Owen Marx

GREETERS SCHEDULE March 16th & 17th

4:30 p.m. Barb Venable **10:00 a.m.** Chris & Kristen Gerrein & Family, Martie Iker

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>0</u>	2/25/2024	<u>02/26/2023</u>		
Weekly Offering	\$	30,632	\$	10,218	
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	628,983			
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	826,236			
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/24	\$	1,260,000			
Number of registered families		369			
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2023	/24	\$0			
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$	347			
School Registration for 2023-24		116			
School Registration for 2024-25		99			
<u>2023 DPAA</u> <u>Goal</u> \$79,100	_	<u>ledged</u> 92.520		<u>Over</u> \$13.420	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

THIS WEEK

MONDAY American Heritage Girls, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

TUESDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Exposition, 8:30 a.m. Kenosis, 3:00 p.m., PCMR Confessions, 5:30 p.m. Benediction, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m. Parish Council, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

WEDNESDAY Mass, 5:30 p.m. Liturgy & Spiritual Life, 6:30 p.m., PCMR

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Children's Choir, 4:00 p.m. Choir, 6:30 p.m. First Communion Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall Boosters, 7:30 p.m., LIB

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m. No School Fish Fry, 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church

> SATURDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m. Confessions following Mass Mass, 4:30 p.m.

> > NEXT SUNDAY Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Ron Braun, Bev Stegman, Carol Ewing, Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Larry Beiting, Mary Hoffman, David Garner & Gabby Thomas. Also, remember all 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, 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

LEARNING TO TRUST IN GOD, WHILE LIVING A LIFE OF SUFFERING – Carson and his younger brother suffer from a rare, extremely painful skin disease requiring extensive care every day. At the beginning of COVID, 12-year-old Carson started praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Facebook for the end of the pandemic and people's personal intentions. This humble gesture of faith went viral when EWTN aired an interview with Carson that received 1 million views worldwide. The daily family ministry continues to be aired online. Do not miss this beautiful witness from a young man who recognizes he does not have to suffer in vain, and instead offers up his suffering for others. A lesson for us all! Join us on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in church. Family appropriate. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. No tickets required. Love offering taken.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN FEBRUARY 14-MARCH 24

There are approximately 50 parishes in the tri-state area along with other Pro-life groups participating in the prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue. St. Catherine is proud to be one of them. The day St. Catherine will be praying is Thursday, March 21st. The commitment for volunteers is just one hour of silent prayer on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. It is not necessary to approach clients. Just your presence in prayer can make a difference. There is a sign-up sheet at the Rossford entrance to church.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – The following is what the Church teaches regarding Lenten fasting and abstinence:

Fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th to the 59th birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. On the Fridays outside of Lent, Catholics in the US may substitute a penitential or even a charitable practice of their own choosing.

The other traditional Lenten practice is prayer. Although there is no church regulation regarding it, it is a good practice to pick a new or additional way of praying during Lent. STATIONS OF THE CROSS – During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in church (please note the time change from last year). On Good Friday, they will be held at Noon.

ANNUAL LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT – Each Lent, our parish participates in a service project to benefit local service agencies. There are grocery bags to fill for the agencies in the back of church. Attached to each bag will be a wish list from one of the agencies. If you are able, please take one (or two) bags, purchase the items and return the filled bags to the old baptistery area in the back of church with the wish list still attached. All bags should be returned by Holy Thursday. They will be distributed to the agencies on Good Friday morning.

JOIN OUR FISH FRY TEAM! Our famous hand-breaded cod dinners with all the fixings are back this year! Once again, we are offering Dine-in and Drive-thru service. We had record sales last year and would love to do even better this year! For each Fish Fry, we're in need of many adults and kids to cover all of the volunteer shifts. Working a shift (or two!) is always a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and to serve the parish. If you're new to the parish, this is a great way to meet and have fun with your wonderful St. Catherine faith community. For all your serviceseeking-students, there are opportunities for them as well. You can sign up to work at https://signup.com/go/mYEiuMq.

DESSERT DONATIONS – Our American Heritage Girl troop are once again serving desserts at all of our Fish Frys to accompany the delicious dinners. If you either love to bake or love to support these girls, they would be grateful to accept your dessert donation. Any donations can be dropped off at the Fish Frys. If you have any questions, contact Kim Krabach at <u>kim@krabach.net</u> or 425-614-8407. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

WORD OF LIFE – "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" – The Gospel of Life 28

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER The winner for the week of March 4th was Olivia Otto Congratulations!

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PTO 2024 BUSKEN EASTER FUNDRAISER

See the insert in today's bulletin for available items and prices. NOW OFFERING DELIVERY by St. Catherine PTO members for \$5.00.* Pick up is Wednesday, March 27th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the lower parking lot. Payment via cash/check to St. Catherine of Siena or VENMO @amanda-pompilio-1. ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED/PAID FOR BY 8:00 p.m., March 12th. Questions? Contact Amanda Pompilio at <u>amandafpompilio@gmail.com</u> or 571-337-7122. *\$5.00 delivery fee goes directly to St. Catherine as well as \$4.00 for each item ordered.* Order online at https://form.jotform.com/amandafpompilio/2024easter.

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!

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS COURT #2514 18TH ANNUAL PARISH CAMPOUT

Our annual campout will again be at the Kentucky Horse Park, Friday, June 21st – Sunday, June 23rd. Reservations can be made now by doing the following:

- 1. Book soon to get your preferred camping spot.
- 2. Call Group Camping at 1-800-370-6416, and select Option 2 for Campground Store. You will need to speak to a person to confirm a spot.
- 3. Let them know you are with "St. Catherine Foresters."
- 4. You can request a particular site or they can randomly assign you one.
- 5. Pay by phone or make arrangements with KHP staff.
- 6. MOST IMPORTANTLY
 - a) Let us know which site you reserved.
 - b) Let us know how many people will be attending, names and T-shirt sizes for each attendee! We need this information for supplies!
 - c) We will also need to know if you're just coming down for the day or staying elsewhere instead of camping.

Contact the Campout Captains with your reservation information or if you have any questions: Rob Hans, rlhans1966@gmail.com; 859-750-2242 or Tom Kaelin, tomkaelin@fuse.net; 859-630-3217.

COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS – We are kicking off our annual nomination process for new council members. All parish councils (Parish Pastoral Council, Board of Catholic Education, and Finance Council) rotate memberships and each year there are openings. Currently, we are asking you to nominate someone, or yourself, to consider serving our parish on one of our councils. We will be taking nominations through April 21st. You can nominate someone online at our St. Catherine website, emailing the parish office or by filling out a nomination card and drop in the box in the back of church. A description of each council can be found on the nominations. There is no limit on nominations. Nominees will be contacted by Parish Council and asked to discern for themselves if they are willing or able to serve. Council terms begin in July.

IN OUR DIOCESE

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION – This week, the International Mission Needs Collection will be conducted to help our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. Your one gift is divided among five mission organizations: Catholic Relief Services, the Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Christians in the Holy Land, and the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. This Collection makes it possible to provide assistance across the globe to those suffering from natural disasters, the violence of war, poverty, and unjust laws. Your contribution to this Collection will continue to preserve and protect Churches and Christians across the globe. Please give today with a joyful and sharing heart.

LOCAL LENTEN PILGRIMAGE – Begin your Holy Week by attending the 2nd annual Lenten Pilgrimage of five historic Covington churches on Saturday, March 23rd. Churches will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Come at any time and start your journey at one of these churches - The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, St. Benedict, St. Augustine, St. John the Evangelist or Mother of God. The route will be clearly marked. Walk (or drive) to any or all of the 4.3-mile pilgrimage. Visit covdio.org/lenten-pilgrimage/. For questions, email: CovLentenPilgrimage@gmail.com.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE NEW DAY, NEW TIME

Mark your calendars! Cross the Bridge 2024 will be on SATURDAY, JUNE 1 at 10:00 a.m. More information will be coming soon!

31ST NORTHERN KENTUCKY ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

will be held on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. Choir selections by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick Glee Club. Music by the Emerald Society Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Corps. Flourishes by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Our Lady of Knock Division, and the St. Patrick's Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. After the Mass, all are invited to gather at Molly Malone's, Fourth and Court in Covington. Come kick off a wonderful St. Patrick's weekend!

Raise Some Dough



Iced Tea Cookie Box \$17 Thirty six buttery tea cookies topped with icing in a variety of Spring colors.



Mini Iced Cookie Tub \$14 Approximately 24 egg shaped Mini Original Iced cookies in pink, yellow, lime green, and turquoise with bright sprinkles.



Iced Cookie Dozen \$14 One box of twelve bunny shaped Original Iced Cookies in pink, yellow, lime green, and turquoise. Each cookie measures approximately 3.5 inches.



Cinnamon Streusel Coffee Cake \$12

Light and sweet cake rich in buttery flavor topped in cinnamon crumb and powdered sugar.



Double Butter Coffee Cake \$12 Light and sweet cake rich in buttery flavor

topped with a powdered sugar crunch.



		QUANTITY						
NAME	PHONE	Double Butter Coffee Cake	Cinnamon Streusel Coffee Cake	lced Tea Cookie Box	lced Cookie Dozen Box	Mini Iced Cookie Tub	TOTAL	PAID
		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$17.00	\$14.00	\$14.00		
TOTALS								

Organization: _____

Fundraiser's Name:

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Qualified, actively practicing Roman Catholics are invited to apply for the position of Diocese of Covington Chancery Office Secretary. The position requires a motivated selfstarter with a love for the Church, an interest in service, and a true understanding of the importance of confidentiality. Key requirements include experience and comfort with using Microsoft 365 software; helpful and pleasant communications skills regardless of the medium; and exceptional attention to detail. Interested candidates may send a letter of interest along with a comprehensive resume, including compensation history and at least five appropriate references with email contact information, by email or fax to Stephen Koplyay, SPHR, skoplyay@covdio.org, fax 859-392-1589.

CONSIDER BEING A FOSTER PARENT – As God the Father gave St. Joseph to be foster father of Jesus, God also gives him to us. He is our role model to care for the children in our community who desperately need a human foster father. He is our intercessor, too. Please pray for youth in foster care and consider becoming a foster parent. Contact DCCH Center for Children and Families at 859-331-2040 or DCCHCenter.org

HELP FOR STRENGTHENING TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on April 5-7, 2024, please call 513-486-6222 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

New Beginnings is a faith-based support group that meets once a week and provides separated and divorced individuals the opportunity for healing and growth. Throughout these eight weeks, participants find a new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain the courage to discover a 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, March 19 through May 7, 2024, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Catholic Charities – 3629 Church Street, Covington.



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MESSENGER

Reflection on John 3:14-21

Sometimes the messenger is a complete stranger, maybe someone at the door or on the other end of the call, who confronts me with my impatience, or rudeness, or prejudice I have nurtured.

Sometimes the messenger is my inner voice that comes when all is quiet and still and I have a chance to review the day – what I have done and said – and bring it to the light.

In the first reading from the book of Chronicles we are told that "early and often did God send his messengers to his people..." God is still sending His messengers to us, to wake us up to renewal and reform. As John says today, God did not send His Son into the world for a visit, but for life, for eternity. Jesus is ever-present as we encounter Him in His Word and in the Eucharist, in creation and sacrament, in the unique giftedness of each human person. We are called to be open to His messengers, bearers of grace and instruction, so that we may experience all that God desires for us: abundant life!

