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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 – November 21st 8:00 a.m. Ariana Kuhl

WEDNESDAY – November 22nd 5:30 p.m. Steve & Carol Rea, Special Intention

> THURSDAY – November 23rd 10:00 a.m. Jim Doepker

FRIDAY – November 24th 8:30 a.m. Don Greis

SATURDAY – November 25th 8:00 a.m. Heskamp & Prigge Families 4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

> SUNDAY – November 26th 9:00 a.m. Bill McCarthy 11:30 a.m. Jack Rose

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION November 23rd, 25th & 26th

10:00 a.m. Cup: Dan Little, David Sower, Sub Needed Host: Pat Desmond, Kelly Johnson, Sub Needed
4:30 p.m. Cup: Catherine Meisenhelder, Sarah Meisenhelder, Sub Needed
Host: Brian Dinkelacker, Lois Roell, Diane Hamberg
9:00 a.m. Cup: Peggy Birkenhauer, Pat Desmond, Karen Little, Heather Shultz
Host: Kristen Gerrein, Nathan Holbrook, David Sower
11:30 a.m. Cup: Kelly Hergott, Tom Kaelin, Caroline Kaelin, Jen Kirst
Host: Anita Morris, Elise Rulli, Kathy Woltermann

LECTORS November 23rd, 25th & 26th

10:00 a.m. Pete Djordjevic4:30 p.m. Chris Capal9:00 a.m. Michael Hicks11:30 a.m. Ray Schlosser

GREETERS SCHEDULE November 25th & 26th

4:30 p.m. Kenny & Jenny Collopy & Family9:00 a.m. George & Megan Josten & Family11:30 a.m. Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP will be reported next week.

2023 DPAA	<u>Goal</u>	Pledged	Over!
(as of 9/31/23)	\$79,100	\$90,645	\$11,545

SERVERS SCHEDULE November 21st - 26th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Owen Marx, Molly Muench 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Ryan Stacey, Connor Stacey 10:00 a.m. – Thursday Morgan Baldwin, Hayden Schwalbach, Wren Twehues 8:30 a.m. – Friday Colin Desmond, Ava Hamberg, Cora Hill 8:00 a.m. – Saturday Ellery Browning, George Josten 4:30 p.m. – Saturday Morgan Kremer, Frannie Smith, Alison Wagner, Michael Zechella 9:00 a.m. – Sunday Keegan Collopy, Logan Meyer, Alex Muench, Molly Muench 11:30 a.m. – Sunday Rachel Burkart, Ben Fassler, Matilda Faust, Owen Marx

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ez 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

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. Catholic Order of Foresters, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall

WEDNESDAY

No School Parish Office Closed Mass, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Happy Thanksgiving! Mass, 10:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed No School

FRIDAY Mass, 8:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed No School

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

Bev Stegman, James Burns, Barb Venable, Mary Kay Glaser, 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

Dear Parishioners,

I have decided to merge our two Sunday Masses into one Mass. Based on our present attendance, it is clear that we do not need two Masses, but the more important reason is the effect of our low attendance on what the diocese's With One Heart initiative calls our "Sunday Experience." For example, various people have mentioned the depressing effect, seeing so many empty spaces in the pews, has on their worship. I am hopeful that bringing everyone together in one Mass will alleviate that somewhat. On the other side of the coin, we have all experienced the energy that a full church of worshippers generates. I am hopeful here, also, that the strengthened singing and responding of all of us together will inspire all of us to greater participation and thereby to a better worshipping experience. Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, we will move to one Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m. Why did I pick 10:00 a.m.? To be honest, a couple of people suggested 10:30 a.m., another 10:00 a.m., another 10:15 a.m.; I soon realized that I would get as many people for one time as for another, so I just picked it. I was trying to split the difference between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and 10:00 a.m. sounded easier to remember than 10:15 a.m. Also, more people attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass than the 11:30 a.m. Mass: I take that to mean that more people would prefer an earlier time than a later - 10:00 a.m. as opposed to 10:30 a.m. We might be tempted to see this as a loss or a defeat. I prefer to think of this as a temporary situation that will keep a good worship experience as we work to revitalize the parish. I look forward to the day when we will need a second Mass again.

– Fr. Stef

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AND COLLECTION – Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd, will be at 10:00 a.m. (there will not be an 8:00 a.m. Mass.) We will once again be donating our collection from that Mass to St. Bernard Pantry. Each year, parishioners bring their donations of nonperishable food items, paper products, etc. to the Thanksgiving Day Mass and they are taken up at the offertory. Monetary donations of cash or checks made out to St. Bernard Pantry will also be accepted.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – Our annual stewardship campaign, "Stepping Out In Faith" is underway. Every parish family should be receiving something in the mail within the next week explaining our parish goals/needs for this year, along with a pledge card. We ask that you prayerfully consider what you are able to give financially and then please complete a pledge card and return it to the parish office by December 2nd, even if you are giving your pledge online via WeShare. The brochure will also list ways in which you can help build and support our parish by sharing your time and talent. Thank you in advance for your participation in this campaign.

SUNDAY POTLUCK BRUNCH – December 3rd is the beginning of the new liturgical calendar, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. That is also the first Sunday we will begin our new Mass schedule of one Mass at 10:00 a.m. Following Mass, you are invited to join your fellow parishioners in McCrystal Hall for a potluck (of brunch food), along with a brief Advent program. Please visit the homepage of the parish website, under "upcoming events" for a SignUpGenius for food. (Sign-ups are recommended, but not required.) In preparation for celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, we invite you to come, pray and listen as we recall the greatest event of all human history: the Incarnation of Love. Join us as we reflect upon this beautiful mystery and sing hymns of joyful anticipation! It is sure to be an experience you will not want to miss.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – If you haven't done so already, please be sure to sign up to have your picture taken for our new parish directory. Pictures will be taken December 14, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30 and January 4. We are hoping these dates will allow any college students to be included in the family photos. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to <u>www.ucdir.com</u>, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter "ky415" in the Church Code field and enter "photos" in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have six or more in your family, please use two consecutive time slots. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. We are in need of people to help with this project in several ways, so please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT – "We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of His love for us. We realize that He always has a perfect plan for our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story" (respectlife.org/ adoption-love-story).

PARISH JESSE TREE PROJECT - Our Annual Jesse Tree Project will begin next weekend. A traditional Jesse Tree depicts the genealogy of Jesus from the days of Jesse through speciallycreated ornaments hung from its branches. Our parish Jesse Tree expands upon the idea that the lineage of Jesse gave us Jesus, the greatest gift to mankind, by giving parishioners the opportunity to donate gifts to those in need in our community. We are called, as Catholics, to serve our neighbors in their spiritual and bodily necessities through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The purple ornaments list items needed by the agencies. The white ornaments on the tree are the spiritual needs of the organizations we serve and will help to realize the spiritual works of mercy. We are recommending that parishioners adopt these spiritual needs for the year. You may decide, as a family, to attend a weekday Mass, say a weekly Rosary or Novena, perform regular sacrifices, or include the intention in your family's regular prayer routine. The tree will be located in the church's prayer/meditation space. Our hope is that all families will participate in this project. All gifts must be returned to the Jesse Tree area by Sunday, December 10th. Gifts will be picked up by the agencies on that Monday morning, so it's very important to drop off your gifts by the due date. Please do not wrap gifts.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR – We are once again planning to have a children's choir for the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. The choir is open to children and youth in first grade and older. We will have four rehearsals plus one final run-through on December 23rd. Singers will be required to attend at least two of the four rehearsals AND the final run-through (but please come to as many rehearsals as you can). Parents will receive links to recordings of all songs so the singers can practice at home. This will be especially helpful for our younger singers and for anyone who misses a rehearsal. Please respond with your child's name and age by November 27th to bhayden@stcatherineofsiena.org.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of November 12th was Cathy Halloran. Congratulations!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS! Our 11th Annual Parish Weekly Raffle has begun, but you can still get tickets and have a chance to win \$100 every week until next November. You can purchase tickets in the Parish Office or use the order form in this bulletin. Drawings will be held each Tuesday from November 7, 2023 through October 29, 2024.

BOOSTER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE Looking for a way to help the school as well as your business? The St. Catherine of Siena Boosters are offering sponsorship opportunities for the 2023-2024 school year. Yearlong gym signage as well as rolling video board spots are available. Contact Scott West at 859-653-2264 with questions or for more information. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! JANUARY 27TH WE ARE GOING TO MEXICO! – Our winter fundraiser will be held on January 27th at the Ft. Thomas Mess Hall. Our destination theme is Mexico. As usual, we will have plenty of food, drinks and music to celebrate. We will also be raffling off chances for an all-inclusive trip to Cancun, Mexico!! More details will be forthcoming. If you would like to join the committee planning the event, please reach out to Wade & Tina Smith (email garrett_wade_smith@hotmail. com or call/text 859-816-2145).

JOIN OUR WINTER FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE – If you like to plan parties, decorate, send emails, collect donations, find auction items or just have fun being part of a party committee, please join us Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. in McCrystal Hall to help us get ready for the winter fundraiser. To sign up, please contact Wade & Tina Smith (email garrett_wade_smith@hotmail.com or call/text 859-816-2145).

WAYS TO HELP OUR PARISH

WEDNESDAY GUYS – For over 20 years, we had a group of retired volunteers that formed a group known as "the Wednesday guys." This group would come in for around four hours each week and do a variety of tasks for the maintenance department. Those tasks included small painting jobs, woodworking, small electric jobs, plumbing and landscaping, etc. This group performed a much-needed service to our parish and they are greatly missed. We are hoping to restart this group (not necessarily on Wednesdays) and are seeking volunteers who would like to help out and give back to the parish. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Don Grothaus at 441-1352 or by email at dgrothaus@ stcatherineofsiena.org.

LAUNDER MASS LINENS/TOWELS – We are in need of some additional people to wash and iron the purificators used at Mass as well as wash the towels that are used. With enough volunteers, you would only have to do it once every few months. For more information about this ministry or to volunteer, please contact Mary Keller at 859-781-8432 or mkeller1@zoomtown.

CLEANING CHURCH – We are also in need of volunteers to clean the church (dust, sweep, clean the windows, etc.). Ultimately, we would love to have four teams of about four volunteers so that each team would clean once a month. Typically, the cleaning takes place on Thursday mornings, however that day is flexible, depending on the availability of volunteers. We currently only have one team, so we have need of several volunteers to get to the goal of four teams. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE – Save the Date: Join other Pro-Life Kentuckians on Tuesday, January 23rd for the 2024 Kentucky March for Life and "Love Them Both" Rally. The program will begin with Mass at Good Shepard Parish in Frankfort, followed by a rally at the State Capital. The event will end with a procession to the Cemetery of the Innocents in the historical Frankfort Cemetery. The Pro-Life Office will be organizing buses that will leave from Northern Kentucky. If you are interested in traveling with other parishioners from the Diocese, please contact the Pro-Life Office for more information at 859-392-1500. **PARISH KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Parish Kitchen is in need of new sleeping bags and new blankets for our guests. Many of our brothers and sisters spend these long winter nights in unheated spaces or even sleeping outdoors. Your gift of new sleeping bags and blankets will not only warm their hearts and souls but may even save their lives. Thanks for your warm support for those in need! Donations can be dropped off at Parish Kitchen, 1561 Madison Avenue (Corner of 16th & Madison), Covington, from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. The drive ends on November 30th. Any questions, contact Parish Kitchen at 859-581-7745.

DONATE A BIKE – CHANGE A LIFE – Pickett's Corner provides bicycles to any guest at the Parish Kitchen. Bikes are used for transportation to work, store or doctor appointments. If you would like to donate a bike or volunteer, please email pickettscorner23@gmail.com.

Sponsor of the Week Andrea Janovic 40 E. 10th St. Newport, KY janoviclaw@gmail.com 859-391-7218



