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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 – January 30th

8:00 a.m. Larry Oberding

WEDNESDAY – January 31st

5:30 p.m. Liz Hamberg

THURSDAY – February 1st

8:00 a.m. Ken & Cindy Walker

FRIDAY - February 2nd

8:30 a.m. The Desmond Family, Special Intention

SATURDAY – February 3rd

8:00 a.m. Our Veterans

4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

SUNDAY - February 4th

10:00 a.m. Peggy Cordray

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

February 3rd & 4th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Kelly Hergott, Catherine Meisenhelder, Heather Shultz

Host: Joliene Garlich

10:00 a.m. Cup: Kristen Gerrein, Natalie Messmer,

Anita Morris, David Sower

Host: Martie Iker, Louise Roth, Kathy Woltermann

LECTORS February 3rd & 4th

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4:30 p.m. Sarah Meisenhelder **10:00 a.m**. Bill Sodini

SERVERS SCHEDULE

January 30th - February 4th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday

Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday

Connor Stacey, Ryan Stacey

8:00 a.m. – Thursday

Morgan Baldwin, Molly Muench

8:30 a.m. – Friday

Grant Desmond, Reese Desmond, Alison Wagner

8:00 a.m. – Saturday

Max Holbrook, T. J. McSorley

4:30 p.m. – Saturday

Laney Smith, Edie Twehues, Sub Needed

10:00 a.m. - Sunday

Rachel Burkart, Silas West, Maggie West

GREETERS SCHEDULE February 3rd & 4th

4:30 p.m. Volunteers Needed

10:00 a.m. Mike & Carol Desmond, Rick & Anita Morris

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	01/07/2024		01/08/2023	
Weekly Offering	\$	24,735	\$	11,645
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	443,192		
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Weekly Offering	\$	28,565	\$	30,778
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	471,758		
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	681,680		
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/24	\$	1,260,000		
Number of registered families		371		
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2023	/24	4 \$0		
Tuition Assistance donations FYD		\$347		
School Registration for 2023-24		116		
2023 DPAA <u>Goal</u>		Pledged		Over!
(as of 11/30/23) \$79,100		\$91,420		\$12,230

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Catholic Schools Week Begins

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.

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Choir, 6:30 p.m.

School Open House, 5:30 p.m.

Family Dinner Night, 5:30 p.m

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Burning of the Greens, 7:00 p.m., Boden's side yard

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. & Confessions – Canceled Mass, 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Bev Stegman, Barb Venable, Carol Ewing, Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Larry Beiting, Mary Hoffman, Bette Riedmatter & David Garner. 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, 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 Mary Kohrs who was buried from our parish last week. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Join us for our open house! St. Catherine school will be hosting an open house for new and prospective families, as well as current families who wish to attend on Thursday, February 1st from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Join us for a tour of the school, meet our teachers, ask a panel of parents your questions and even have dinner in the cafeteria! We hope to see you there! Questions? Feel free to call us at 859-572-2680. Tours: 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Parent Panel: 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

FR. STEF ON VACATION – Fr. Stef will be gone on vacation from Friday, February 2nd-Monday, February 12th. The daily Masses on February 6th-10th will be canceled, as will Confessions on Saturday and Tuesday. We will still have the Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses both weekends and Exposition and Benediction on Tuesday. Please pray that Fr. has a safe and restful time away.

BURNING OF THE GREENS – All are welcome to join us on Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. for a family-friendly celebration of Candlemas. The Burning of the Greens gathering will be held next door to the Parish Center in the Boden's sand volleyball court. This is a great evening to socialize with your fellow parishioners around a bonfire, while enjoying snacks and warm beverages. We hope to see you there!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – Dear friends in Christ – just a reminder of our Parish First Saturday Rosary Devotion as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. Devotion to be held immediately following Saturday morning Mass on February 3rd. Join us for this powerful prayer for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the salvation of our souls! If you have any questions, contact Russ Carson at rearrange rearrange 101@gmail.com.

SNOW REMOVAL – It's that time of year when we need to start thinking about snow removal. We are looking for volunteers to clear the sidewalks and steps on weekends and/or in the evening. This would be a great stewardship opportunity for high school students, as well as a way to earn service hours. In addition to shovelers, we would also like to have someone who would be in charge of the volunteers. This person would contact/organize volunteers on evenings, weekends and holidays (anytime the Parish Office is closed) to make sure that the areas needed to get into church are cleared. If you would like to volunteer for this position or to shovel snow, please contact Don Grothaus at 441-1352, ext. 17 or dgrothaus@stcatherineofsiena.org.

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.

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!

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winners for the week of January 14th were Bill & Joyce Bankemper and the winner for the week of January 29th was Dan Hunter. Congratulations!

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 & 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 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!

IN OUR DIOCESE

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT WALKING WITH **PURPOSE** – You are invited to a 30-minute webinar on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about how Walking with Purpose helps women to: Learn more about how to read Scripture and apply it to your day-today experiences; Invest in the hearts of other women and create community in your parish; Go deeper and connect Sunday Mass to the rest of the week. Hear how Walking with Purpose is transforming hearts and bringing women in parish communities closer to Christ. Hear personal testimony from Walking with Purpose volunteer coordinators, Marybeth Bosko and Laurie Munson from St. Barbara parish about how our Bible studies are bringing women together around topics that matter. For more information, contact Jeannie Gillespie at jean.gillespie@walkingwithpurpose.com or 203-918-3025. To register for this complimentary event, go to https://www.tfaforms.com/5099990.



SAVE THE DATE DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Contact Angie Poat for information, apoat@covdio.org or visit covdio.org/youth/.

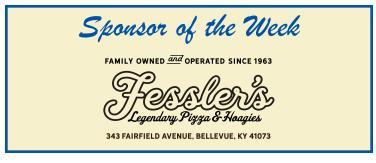
February 8, 2024 – THRIVE Peer Ministry Leadership Training – for High School and College Leaders. 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Curia. Attend as an individual peer leader or with your parish, school, music, or retreat team. Newcomer's welcome. RSVP by Febuary 1. Together we THRIVE!

February 10, 2024 – JUNIOR HIGH CONNECT RETREAT. Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders to a high-impact day of connecting with self, others, and God. CONNECT Retreat includes: Music, Games, Witness Talks, Adoration, Food, and Fun led by a team of dynamic college students. RSVP by February 1. Location: TMU 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: All are invited to participate in the New Manna Retreat: "Dining in the Desert," presented by Fr. Thomas Picchioni at Mother of God Church. Join us in deepening our faith and understanding of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar on Saturday, February 17th in the Mother of God Church Hall. Check-in and in-person registration is 7:30-7:55 a.m. Retreat time is 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided. There is no cost but a free-will offering accepted. RSVP appreciated to Anne Raispis at SproutingStumpMinistries@gmail.com or call/text Anne at 859-803-8890. Note: Retreat is eligible for eight Diocesan Continuing Education hours.

CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

NOMINATIONS – The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization will once again be honoring Outstanding Catechetical Leaders for their service at the Catechetical Leadership Awards Thursday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium. Information about the Awards and nomination forms can be found at covdio.org/catechetical-awards. REMINDER: Nominations are due February 6, 2024.



MORNINGS OF REFLECTION – The 2024 dates for the Mornings of Reflection have been confirmed! Save these Saturday morning dates and give yourself the gift of a monthly mini-retreat to deepen your relationship with God and ensure you have the tools you need to follow God's will in your life.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for all Mornings of Reflection:

9:00 a.m. Presentation on the given topic with opportunity for questions and discussion

Mass in the Church 10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Adoration with Confession available

LOCATIONS AND TOPICS for 2024:

Sts. Boniface & James Parish.

304 Oak Street, Ludlow.

February 17 – Lectio Divina

March 16 – Discernment

St. Timothy Parish,

10272 Hwy 42, Union.

April 13 - 5 Things

May 4 - 5 More Things

June 8 - 5 Last Things

St. Joseph Parish,

4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring.

September 7 – The Mass

October 19 – Confession

November 9 – Call to Holiness

SAINT ANSGAR

Saint of the Day: February 3 Patron Saint of: Denmark

The "apostle of the north" (Scandinavia) had enough frustrations to become a saint - and he did. He became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and he went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way. Fewer than two years later, he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and bishop of Hamburg. After 13 years work in Hamburg, Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism.

He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and being instrumental in the conversion of another king. By the strange device of casting lots, the king of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return.

Ansgar's biographers remark that he was an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest. He was devoted to the poor and the sick, imitating the Lord in washing their feet and waiting on them at table. He died peacefully at Bremen, Germany.

Sweden became pagan again after his death, and remained so until the coming of missionaries two centuries later.

History records what people do, rather than what they are. Yet the courage and perseverance of men and women like Ansgar can only come from a solid base of union with the original courageous and persevering Missionary. Ansgar's life is another reminder that God writes straight with crooked lines. Christ takes care of the effects of the apostolate in His own way; He is first concerned about the purity of the apostles themselves.

Read the full article: "Saint Ansgar" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ansgar/. (Accessed January 15, 2024).

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Monday, January 29, 2024

Weekday 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 MK 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Weekday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chrn 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2, 2024

The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Weekday 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34

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