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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 25th 8:00 a.m. Steve Kern WEDNESDAY – July 26th 5:30 p.m. Peggy Kohrs THURSDAY – July 27th 8:00 a.m. Nancy Miller FRIDAY – July 28th 8:00 a.m. Albert Sauer SATURDAY – July 29th 8:00 a.m. Nancy Carr 4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish SUNDAY – July 30th 9:00 a.m. Bill McCarthy 11:30 a.m. Peggy Cordray

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION July 29th & 30th

4:30 p.m. Catherine Meisenhelder (cup), David Sower (cup), Joliene Garlich (host), Diane Hamberg (host)
9:00 a.m. Nathan Holbrook (cup), Logan Holbrook (cup), Brooke Holbrook (host), Kathy Woltermann (host)
11:30 a.m. Jen Kirst (cup), Natalie Messmer (cup), Doug Powrie (host), Linda Powrie (host)

### LECTORS July 29th & 30th

4:30 p.m. Peggy Bertelsman9:00 a.m. Mike Ruwe11:30 a.m. Chris Capal

### SERVERS SCHEDULE July 25th-July 30th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesdav Selma Hansbauer, Otto Hansbauer 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Ryan Stacey, Connor Stacey 8:00 a.m. – Thursday Owen Marx, T.J. McSorley 8:00 a.m. – Fridav Tommy Burkart, Matilda Faust 8:00 a.m. – Saturdav Carden Bozeman, Hayden Schwalbach 4:30 p.m. - Saturday Adelaide Foley, Lilly Foley, Laney Smith 9:00 a.m. – Sunday Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks, Max Holbrook 11:30 a.m. - Sunday Hailey Fritz, Emily Kirst, Natalie Kirst

## SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

		07/02/2023	07/03/2022
Weekly Offering	\$	21,675	\$ 23,298
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	17,999	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	6,886	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023	/24 \$	1,260,000	
		07/09/2023	
Weekly Offering	\$	11,409	\$ 14,739
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	29,408	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	30,988	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/	/24 \$	1,260,000	
Number of registered famili	ies	407	
Tuition Assistance			
awarded for 2022/2023	\$	0	
Tuition Assistance			
donations FYD	\$	15	
School Registration for 202	2-23	123	
School Registration for 202	3-24	110	
2023 DPAA	<u>Goal</u>	<b>Pledged</b>	Over
(as of 5/31/23)	\$79,100		

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

I Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

## 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. 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**

**JESSE TREE** – We are looking for someone to head up this year's Jesse Tree program. If you are looking for a way to serve those less fortunate and would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the parish office at 441-1352.

**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 & 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 17th was Mary Keller. Congratulations!

**WORD OF LIFE** "Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

> United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Married Love and the Gift of Life"

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Logan Holbrook, I'm a parishioner here at St. Catherine, where I've volunteered for the CCD program and sung at Sunday mass. I have exciting news about where God is calling me to serve for the upcoming year!

Along with 140 other young men and women, I will spend this upcoming school year serving as a Catholic missionary for NET Ministries. For over 40 years, NET Ministries has shared the Gospel with over 2.2 million young people, allowing them to encounter the person of Christ through evangelization and discipleship.

As a NET Missionary, I am responsible for forming a team of ministry partners who will support the work of NET Ministries with monthly or one-time gifts totaling to a minimum of \$7,000-8,000. This support helps offset expenses for my training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. With the blessing of Fr. Stef, I am asking you to partner with me this year to help me reach this minimum funding goal. All gifts are tax-deductible. You can send gifts to NET Ministries at 110 Crusader Avenue W., West Saint Paul, MN 55118-4427. Make checks payable to NET Ministries and indicate that the donation is for Logan Holbrook. You can also donate online at www.netusa.org/supportamissionary and select Logan Holbrook in the team member box.

Sincerely, Logan Holbrook

**ADVANTAGE** ARE YOU TAKING 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, 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!

# WEEDS AND WHEAT

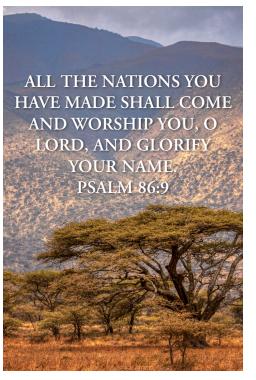
Reflection on Matthew 13:24-43

Last week, Jesus spoke of the frustrations of the sower. What with poor soil conditions, pests, weeds, and plant blight, it seems foolhardy to expect a crop. Today's parable focuses more sharply on the crop itself; the field is dotted with weeds that are crowding out the wheat, stealing its nourishment, blocking its access to the sunlight. Today's farmer would spray a herbicide, but the farmer of Jesus' day could rely only on the back-breaking method of tearing out the weeds by hand. And that, Jesus says, would do more harm than good. Better to let both grow until the harvest, when they can be sorted out more carefully.

Jesus, of course, is not giving agricultural advice, but using this image to remind us that only God can read hearts. The parable cautions us to be patient. We are not infallible in our judgments about what is wheat and what is weed.

God is the final harvester. God is the final judge, and God has not invited any of us to sit on that judgment seat with Him. The truth is, most if not all of us are a mixture of weeds and wheat. But God is faithful. God is not finished with any of us yet. God has been present throughout our growth, our struggles, our journeying with each one of us to make of us a gleaming, golden field of wheat, of goodness, justice, and kindness, a rich harvest of love for the world.

~ Fr. Jay



# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, July 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

### Monday, July 24, 2023 Weekday Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42

### Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28

### Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9

### **Thursday, July 27, 2023** *Weekday* Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 13:10-17

**Friday, July 28, 2023** *Weekday* Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday, July 29, 2023** Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Jn 11:19-27

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

# **SAINT JAMES**

Feast Day: July 25 Patron Saint of: Laborers

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—"sons of thunder"—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because He was on His way to hated Jerusalem. "When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' Jesus turned and rebuked them..." (Luke 9:54-55).

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

The way the Gospels treat the apostles is a good reminder of what holiness is all about. There is very little about their virtues as static possessions, entitling them to heavenly reward. Rather, the great emphasis is on the Kingdom, on God's giving them the power to proclaim the Good News. As far as their personal lives are concerned, there is much about Jesus' purifying them of narrowness, pettiness, fickleness.

### SIXTEENTH 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!



**VIRTUS TRAINING** – Here are the upcoming Virtus training classes:

- Wednesday, July 26th, 1:30.-4:00 p.m. Catholic Charities, Mary Moser Room, 3629 Church Street, Latonia.
- Wednesday, July 26th, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.
- Monday, July 31st, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Bishop Brossart High School, Munninghoff Family Performing Arts Center, 4 Grove Street, Alexandria.
- Thursday, August 3rd, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell.
- Monday, August 14th, 6:30-9:00 p.m., St. Barbara Church, Sterling Event Center, 4042 Turkey Foot Road, Erlanger.

The July's bulletin will be due on Monday, August 7th. The August bulletin will post on Sunday, August 6th and will be due on Tuesday, September 5th.

**SAVE THE DATE** – You are invited to a day of recollection and exploration into the interconnectedness of the mind, body and soul at St. Joseph Heights on Saturday, September 23rd. Featured speakers are Msgr. William Cleves, Spiritual Director Kathy Kramer and Health Coach Jessica Muehlenkamp. This day will be one of growth and renewal. Methods of selfcare, including Centering Prayer and SpirFit (spir-fit.com), will also be available to you on this day. The cost is \$65.00 which includes the program materials, activities, and a catered continental breakfast and lunch. If you would like to be notified once registration opens or for more information, please email holylistening24@gmail.com.

**DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD?** On Sunday, August 13th, Bishop Iffert will host a BBQ Bash for all those discerning a call to the Priesthood to get to know the Diocese's current priests and seminarians in an informal setting. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Vespers in the church, and then will move to a nearby area for BBQ, refreshments, and fun. This event is not open to the general public, so for detailed information and to secure your reservation, please email Shannon Barnes in the Vocations Office at sbarnes@covdio.org by August 1st.

**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.

ACUE COLLECTION – Next weekend, there will be a second collection to support tuition assistance at the ACUE elementary schools in our diocese.

**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.



**HEALING SERVICE AND MASS** will be held at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood on Wednesday, July 26th. The Rosary will be at 6:45 p.m., Mass at 7:15 p.m and a healing service will follow Mass. Call 513-351-9800 with any questions.

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