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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 – February 28th

8:00 a.m. Louise Roth, Special Intention

WEDNESDAY – March 1st

5:30 p.m. Bill Seiter

THURSDAY - March 2nd

8:00 a.m. George & Xuan Dhug & Family, Special Intention

FRIDAY – March 3rd

8:30 a.m. Fr. Bashista

SATURDAY - March 4th

8:00 a.m. Christine Chang Family, Special Intention

4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

SUNDAY - March 5th

9:00 a.m. Cory & Leigha Reilly, Special Intention

11:30 a.m. Patrick Studer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

March 4th & 5th

4:30 p.m. Catherine Meisenhelder, Lois Roell 9:00 a.m. Louise Roth. David Sower 11:30 a.m. Tom Kaelin, Caroline Kaelin

LECTORS March 4th & 5th

4:30 p.m. Chris Capal 9:00 a.m. Jennie Cox 11:30 a.m. Bill Sodini

SERVERS SCHEDULE February 28th-March 5th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday

Emily Kirst, Natalie Kirst

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday

Ben Fassler, Chloe Greenwell

8:00 a.m. - Thursday

Keegan Collopy, Colin Desmond

8:30 a.m. – Friday

Rachel Burkart, Tim Garlich, Alison Wagner

8:00 a.m. - Saturday

Adelise Bozeman, Josie Bozeman

4:30 p.m. – Saturday

Sadie Hess, Addie Hess, Marley Hess

9:00 a.m. - Sunday

Sam Gillen, Lucy Gillen, Alex Muench

11:30 a.m. - Sunday

Cora Hill, Owen Marx, Josie Messmer

Please Pray for Our Sick: Jack Rose, Marie Shields, Edie Hegge, Linda Brown, Judy Newberry, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Jon McSorley, 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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

2/12/2023 2/13/2022

Weekly Offering

Fiscal YTD Offerings

Fiscal YTD Budget

Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023

Number of registered families

Tuition Assistance

awarded for 2022/2023

Tuition Assistance

donations FYD

The Sunday Collection Recap for February 12 will be reported next week.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gn 12: 1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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

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.

Theology of the Body, 7:00 p.m., LIB

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Troops of St. George, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall

THURSDAY

Mass. 8:00 a.m.

Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Fish Fry, 4:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m., Church

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Confessions immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Mass, 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Lenten Pilgrimage, 1:30 p.m.

Please Pray for the Following Soldiers Serving Our County:

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 26, 2023

IN OUR PARISH

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 **7:30 p.m.** in church. (Please note change in time 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 will be 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 before Good Friday, which is when they will be distributed to the agencies.

IT'S FISH FRY SEASON! Our famous hand-breaded cod dinners with all the fixings return this year. Once again, we'll offer Dine-In and Drive-Thru service. The Parish Fish Fry had record sales last year due to our first time offering both Dine-In and Drive-Thru options. Since we're continuing this dual approach, our need for volunteers has doubled. For each Fish Fry, we're in need of 58 adults and 14 kids to cover all of the volunteer shifts. Please sign up! It's 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 service-seeking-students, there are opportunities for them as well. Use this link to sign up today! https://signup.com/go/mYEiuMq

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE – Please come for a fun and prayerful afternoon as we explore the beautiful St. Catharine Church in Cincinnati on March 5th. Built in 1903, come and learn the history of the church, meditate on the Beatitudes featured in the stain glass windows and pray the Way of the Cross. We will leave the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Please call or email the parish office to make your reservation.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of February 20th will be reported next week.

TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE – TSG is a Catholic outdoor movement for fathers and sons ages 6-18, with a mission, goals, and standards different from other scouting organizations. Our focus is on building fraternal relationships and growing in our Catholic faith using monthly outdoor events organized by the fathers and sons. The troop will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in McCrystal Hall to work on skills and faith formation with the boys and to plan for the outdoor event, which will be held on the third Saturday of the month. Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1st and our next outing will be the weekend of March 17th-19th, where we will enjoy our first camping adventure of this spring. If you are interested in joining TSG, please contact John David Kimes at tsgtroop0429@gmail.com.

NOW IS THE TIME TO TELL US WHAT'S ON YOUR HEART!

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is now live and will be open until March 27. Complete the survey online at https://portal.catholicleaders. org/d/g0kta or if you prefer a paper copy, you may get one from an usher after any weekend Mass, or stop by the parish office from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. To submit the completed paper survey, please give it to an usher at Mass or drop it off to the parish office. For the survey to provide useful information for our parish, we need as many parishioners as possible to participate! Thanks for your help in making this effort a success!

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 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!

IN OUR DIOCESE



40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN – Help Save Lives! Christians throughout the Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and surrounding areas are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from Ash Wednesday, February 22 through Palm Sunday, April 2nd. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati. Our parish will stand in prayer witness at Planned Parenthood on Tuesday, March 28th. For more information about how to take part in this, contact Linda Schuchter at 859-803-0103 or lschuchter@yahoo.com.



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Here's how to get involved to save lives!

- Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219
- Vigil hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily
- For questions contact: Mary Clark

513-365-2606

cincy40days@fuse.net

Learn more and sign up for prayer times at the website below

40daysforlife.com/cincinnati



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 26, 2023

KEEP THE CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE SAFE ONLINE – The

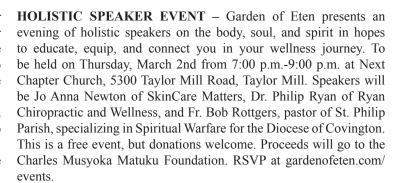
Diocese of Covington Safe Environment Office is excited to host Mr. Stephen Smith with "A Wired Family" for two upcoming presentations. Are you the parent, guardian, grandparent, teacher, coach or caregiver to children, 'tweens or teens? If so, this presentation will open your eyes to the dangers that may lurk on the other side of the screen. These presentations are FREE and open to all adults in our community who want more information and guidance on these topics. To learn more about Mr. Smith and his organization, please visit awiredfamily.org. There will be a presentation held at St. Henry District High School on Monday, February 27th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and one at Bishop Brossart High School on Tuesday, March 7th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. For more information, call 859-392-1515. *These presentations are only for those 18 and older due to the nature of the topics presented.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD – This Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Burlington. It will be offered for parents, grandparents, family members and friends of those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, abortion, illness, suicide, accident, or any other reason. All are welcome to attend. Rev. Michael Comer will be presiding.

"RISE, AND DO NOT BE AFRAID." (MATTHEW 17:7) The 2023 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal will begin the weekend of March 11 and 12. This year's theme is "Rise, and do not be afraid." (Matthew 17:7) The Bible has around 150 different variations of "Fear Not" or "Be not Afraid" throughout. As disciples of Christ, we need to remember this, we need to go beyond ourselves, and know that He will always be there for us. Can you help to reassure a neighbor that we as the Diocese of Covington are there for them? With your pledge to the DPAA, you can do just that. Ninety-two cents or more of every dollar given to the DPAA translates into ministries of service. Retired priests have a place to live and the healthcare they need. Mothers and fathers gain the skills required to be good parents. Homeless men, women, and children find shelter and a hot meal. Catholic values are instilled through our schools and Parish Religious Education Programs. Seminarians receive education and training. Mothers choose life for their babies and Parishes obtain funds to serve their members with enhanced and new ministries and programs. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can make a real difference. But one sacrifice combined with thousands of others can reach out in service and love. Individually, we can do many things, but working together and with the Lord's help, we can do so much more. Please prayerfully reflect upon God's love for you, review all the materials you receive, and listen to the DPAA messages presented at Mass. Then, come to Mass on March 11 and March 12 ready to make your pledge. We will complete our pledge forms together. God bless you for your generosity!

THE BOOK OF WISDOM BIBLE WORKSHOP – The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization is announcing the following two-part workshop presented by Father Timothy P. Schehr. Father Schehr is a retired biblical scholar and former professor at Mount St. Mary's School of Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. He has a B.A., M.Div. and an M.A. from the Athenaeum of Ohio. He also has a Ph.D. from Hebrew Union College. The workshop will be held March 18th & April 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Bishop Howard Memorial Hall, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington. Everyone is welcome to attend! The cost for the workshop is \$35.00. To register, visit https://covdio.org/oce/catholic-bible-study/ or call Isaak A. Isaak, Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, at 859-392-1529.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT - THE IDENTITY OF THE CATHOLIC

WOMAN – Knowing and understanding our dignity as beloved daughters of the Father, fashioned for spiritual and physical receptivity and modeling the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may be the most important step in knowing and receiving God's love and healing in our lives. This retreat for women of all ages is being held March 17th-18th and is based on the teachings of St. Pope John Paul II. It will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, meals and guest rooms are available – all for a donation. It is being held at Presentation Ministries' Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road Peebles, Ohio. For more information or to register, go to our website, www. presentationministries.com or call 513-373-2397.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE - All men are invited to join the Archbishop of Cincinnati at the National Catholic Men's Conference being held on Saturday, March 25th at the Cintas Center on Xavier's campus. Tickets can be purchased at NationalMensConference.com. Join men from around the country for a one-day event filled with virtue, inspirational speakers, fellowship, networking and spiritual growth. Ladies, there is no better gift you could give the men in your life than a ticket to this conference to grow in Faith. Featured speakers include: Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in The Chosen Series; Father Robert Spitzer from EWTN; His Royal Highness, the Archduke of Austria and grandson of Blessed Karl, Archduke Christian Habsburg-Lorraine. This will be his first speech EVER in the United States, so history will be made; Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Bishop Earl Fernandes from Columbus, Ohio; A LIVE panel discussion with professional Bengals football players; Jeff Schiefelbein as well as Fr. Jonathan Meyer and Fr. Ethan Moore from University of Cincinnati. Get tickets now as the best seats are selling fast.



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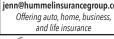


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