

# St. Catherine Siena Parish

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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 – December 27th

8:00 a.m. – Mary Ann Hausfeld

WEDNESDAY - December 28th

**5:30 p.m.** – Deceased members of Seiter & Brinkman Families

THURSDAY - December 29th

8:00 a.m. - Nancy Miller

FRIDAY - December 30th

8:30 a.m. - Joanne New

SATURDAY – December 31st

4:30 p.m. – Members of the Parish

SUNDAY – December 1st

**10:00 a.m.** – Dave Smith

# EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

December 31st & January 1st

**4:30 p.m.** – Kristen Gerrein, David Sower **10:00 a.m.** – Peggy Birkenhauer, Kim Lampe

## **LECTORS**

**December 31st & January 1st** 

**4:30 p.m**. – Chris Capal

10:00 a.m - Dennis Hicks

# **SERVERS SCHEDULE December 27-January 1st**

**TUESDAY – December 27th** 

8:00 a.m. - Reese Desmond, Grant Desmond

WEDNESDAY – December 28th

**5:30 p.m.** – Chloe Greenwell, Marley Hess

THURSDAY - December 29th

8:00 a.m. – Michael Hicks, Alison Wagner

FRIDAY – December 30th

8:30 a.m. – Natalie Kirst, Emily Kirst

SATURDAY – December 31st

**4:30 p.m.** – Marley Hess, Addie Hess, Ruby Smith, Frannie Smith

**SUNDAY – January 1st** 

**10:00 a.m.** – Max Holbrook, Alex Muench, Wren Twehues, Cameron Myers

## SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

# SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP will be reported next week

		<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Weekly Offering	\$	N/A	\$ N/A
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	N/A	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	N/A	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$	N/A	
Number of registered families		N/A	
Tuition Assistance			
awarded for 2022/2023	\$	N/A	
Tuition Assistance			
donations FYD	\$	N/A	
School Registration for 2022/2023		N/A	
CCD Registration for 2022/2023		N/A	
	Pl	edged	<b>Collected</b>

# **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

N/A \$

N/A

2022 Offertory Campaign

As of N/A

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

# THIS WEEK

#### TODAY

Merry Christmas!

## **MONDAY**

Parish Office Closed

## **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, 8:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed

# **SATURDAY**

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass, 4:30 p.m.

# **NEXT SUNDAY**

Happy New Year!

Solemnity of Mary Mass, 10:00 a.m.

# Please Pray For Our Sick

Linda Brown, Judy Newberry, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Peggy Kohrs, 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.

# 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**

## UPCOMING HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, vigil Mass, Dec. 31st - 4:30 p.m. Solemnity of Mary, January 1st - 10:00 a.m.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. STEF

There is a Christmas carol well known in Germany entitled, "Alle Jahre Wieder." The carol is short: "Every year again/Comes the Christ Child/Down to earth/Where we humans are. Calls with his blessing/A blessing at every house/Goes on all paths/With us in and out. Stands also at my side/Quiet and unrecognized/To guide me faithfully/By his dear hand." One of the things I like about the lyrics is the theme that Jesus was born for all people and for me individually (and you and you and ...), and that He is guiding me (and you).

One of the themes of the small faith group book we are reading is recognizing the will of God in our lives. Fr. Ciszek comes to see that God's will is what is in front of him in every moment. And so every moment is important. As Pope Emeritus Benedict put it, "If God exists, then there is no meaningless time, no time devoid of significance. Every moment has its value." (The Blessing of Christmas)

As you celebrate for another year the great moment when "thy all-powerful word leaped from heaven . . . into the midst of the land that was doomed (Wisdom)," may you become more aware of His leadership in all of the moments of your life.

Holding you in my heart and my prayers in this holy season, Fr. Stef

## CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR FR. STEF & OUR DEACONS - It's

not too late to contribute to a group donation for Fr. Stef as well as Deacon Barry Henry & Deacon Brian Cox. Cash donations or checks are both fine, but all checks must be made out to the individual, not St. Catherine. Please put cash/check in an envelope marked "Christmas gift" and be sure to include your family name as well as for whom the gift is intended. Donations can be turned into the Parish Office (can also be put through the mail slot) by December 27th. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at 441-1352.

WORD OF LIFE — "The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph" (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us." \*Excerpts from Patris corde, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

**LITTLE ITALY RAFFLE** – We are raffling off a trip to Italy!! The major raffle for our winter fundraiser is a trip to Tuscany, Italy. Tickets are \$50.00 and will be available from any St. Catherine school student and at the parish office.

WE NEED YOU! Our Little Italy fundraiser will be held on January 28th and we could use your help in making it a successful night for our parish. We need volunteers to help with raffle ticket sales, silent auction, basket raffle, decorations, set-up and marketing the event. Since things are always more fun in a group, consider gathering some friends together and taking on one of these tasks! Maybe your friend group could put together a basket for the basket raffle, gather items for the silent auction, take on overseeing reservations, or getting the word out to the community about the event. Any and all help is needed and greatly appreciated. Please contact Wade Smith at garrett\_wade\_smith@hotmail.com to volunteer.

END OF YEAR GIVING – If you are over age 70 1/2 and required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. Catherine by giving to St. Catherine directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. If this sounds like an option for you, consult your tax advisor for a detailed explanation.

# St. Catherine of Siena - Winter Fundraiser - Little Italy!

# Please consider being a sponsor! Please confirm by January 15th

We <u>LOVE</u> our St. Catherine sponsors! Thank you for being a supporter. Our sponsors are an important part of our fundraisers and are always celebrated at our events. Whether you are a business looking for advertising, or a just a friend of the parish or school that can do a little extra this year, we have a sponsorship level for you.

Here are some of the wonderful benefits of being a sponsor:

- Support your local parish
- Receive a tax deduction
- Bring business awareness to a large audience on social media and at the event
- Encourages others to consider being a sponsor
- Listed on our event programs and website
- Displayed on our sponsor board at the event

Sponsor levels and additional benefits to above:

•	Marco Polo Sponsors	\$250			
	<ul> <li>Includes 1 admission</li> </ul>				
•	Galileo Sponsors	\$500			
	<ul> <li>Includes 2 admissions</li> </ul>				
•	Michelangelo Sponsors	\$750			
	<ul> <li>Includes 3 admissions</li> </ul>				
•	Leonardo da Vinci Sponsors	\$1000			
	<ul> <li>Includes table signage</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Includes 4 admissions</li> </ul>				
•	Thomas Aquinas Sponsors	\$2000+			
	<ul> <li>Put your name on one of the Italian storefronts or landma</li> </ul>				

- Put your name on one of the Italian storefronts or landmarks at the event. Based on availability at time of sponsorship.
- Includes 6 admissions

If interested, please send your sponsorship check to the parish office or charge online at stcatherineofsiena.weshareonline.org **no later than January 15th**. For questions, please contact Wade Smith at garrett\_wade\_smith@hotmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Your friendly Fundraising Committee

\*\* Please confirm your sponsorship by January 15<sup>th</sup> \*\*

**VIRTUS INFORMATION** – There are two upcoming Virtus training sessions: Tuesday, January 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 12th, 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. Both sessions will be held at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington.

The December bulletin posted on Sunday, December 4th and will be due on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023. To read your bulletin, go to www.virtusonline.org, enter you user id and password. If your account is suspended, contact your primary location where you volunteer or are employed. Your primary location contact information is found under your Contact Tab.

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**

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** – Come celebrate First Friday Mass followed by a Healing Service on January 6th at St. Joseph Church, Crescent Springs, with Fr. Thomas Picchione. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. with music by the Sacred Heart Praise Band, followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of the Diocese of Covington. For more information, call Carol at 859-341-5932.

# SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED -

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. The next session will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7, 14, 21, 28 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Elementary, 235 Division Street, Bellevue. Registration is required. Visit https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/ or call 859-392-1592.

**JOB OPENINGS** – The Sisters of Notre Dame are hiring for the following openings:

**PRN Nursing Assistants** – assistants serve the sisters in the Lourdes Hall Care Facility working 8-hour shifts (6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 2:00-10:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.)). Qualified applicants will have a minimum of 1-year of experience as a Nursing Assistant or be currently enrolled in an accredited healthcare program.

**PRN Nurses** – experienced LPN/RN's are needed to care for the retired sisters. These positions work 12-hour shifts (6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). The PRN team picks up shifts as needed based on availability. Shifts can be split into two 6-hour shifts. If interested in these opportunities, please email humanresources@sndky.org or call 859-392-8101.

RESTORATION RETREAT – Join fellow Cursillo Alumni for a Restoration Retreat with "Our Father." Fr. Mike Comer and Deacon Brian Cox will reenergize your Fourth Day. The retreat will be held at the Jesuit Retreat Center, Milford, Ohio. Cost is \$155.00. Women's Retreat to be held January 20th, 5:00 p.m. – January 21st. 5:30 p.m. Men's Retreat to be held January 27th, 5:00 p.m. – January 28th, 5:30 p.m. Registration is required and applications can be found on the Covington Cursillo website: www.covingtoncursillo. org under News/Events. Application Deadline: Women's - January 6th, Men's - January 13th. Questions? Email restoration859@gmail. com or call Chris Dillon at 513-504-5638.

# **ELSEWHERE**



#### THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on January 7-9, 2023 call 513 486-6222 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE? Resolve to improve your relationship and communication in 2023? Give the gift of yourself, better communication, more romance and a weekend to be alone with your spouse. A WorldWide Marriage Encounter Experience can be that gift and help your relationship and communication in 2022. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experiences is March 3-5, 2023 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati. Apply today at https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. For more questions or more details, contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit www.esharing.org.



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