

St. Catherine of Siena Church • FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY

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Deacon Brian Cox Deacon Barry Henry

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 – September 6th

8:00 a.m. – Mary & Fred McLane, Special Intention

WEDNESDAY - September 7th

6:30 p.m. – Nancy & Chuck Miller

THURSDAY – September 8th

8:00 a.m. - Bernie Reeves

FRIDAY – September 9th

8:30 a.m. – Steve & Carol Rea

SATURDAY – September 10th

8:00 a.m. – The Poor Souls in Purgatory **4:30 p.m.** – Miriam Venable

SUNDAY - September 11th

9:00 a.m. – Members of the Parish 11:30 a.m. – Patrick Studer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 10th & 11th

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4:30 p.m. – Mark Rolf, Heather Shultz **9:00 a.m.** – Stephanie Ewald, David Sower **11:30 a.m.** – Brian Dinkelacker, Anita Morris

LECTORS

4:30 p.m. – Peggy Bertelsman **9:00 a.m**. – Bill Sodini **11:30 a.m.** – Kim Lampe

SERVERS SCHEDULE

September 6th-11th

Tuesday – September 6th

8:00 a.m. – Matilda Faust, Alex Muench

Wednesday – September 7th

6:30 p.m. – Ben Fassler, Addie Hess

Thursday – September 8th

8:00 a.m. – Tim Garlich, Morgan Kremer

Friday – September 9th

8:30 a.m. – Rachel Burkart, Natalie Kirst, Maggie West

Saturday - September 10th

8:00 a.m. – Ray Ball, Hayden Schwalbach **4:30 p.m.** – Sadie Hess, Laney Smith

Sunday – September 11th

9:00 a.m. – Adelaide Foley, Lilly Foley, Cameron Myers **11:30 a.m.** – McKenna Desmond, Grant Desmond, Hailey Fritz

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15: 1-32

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	8/21/2022	8/2	2/2021
Weekly Offering	\$ 20,253	\$	9,133
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$ 116,437		
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 143,077		
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/23	\$ 930,000		
Number of registered families 4	128		

Tuition Assistance

awarded for 2022/23 \$ 0

Tuition Assistance

donations FYD \$ 678

School Registration for 2022-23: 124 CCD Registration for 2022-23: 90

Pledged Collected 2022 Offertory Campaign \$831,535 \$611,893

From 388 parish families As of 08/21/2022

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Labor Day 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. BOCE, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m., Church

Boosters, 7:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

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. & 11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening after both Masses, Usher's Room CCD, 10:15 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Diane Detzel, 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

FR. STEF'S VACATION: Fr. Stef will be taking off September 11th-18th and going to Michigan for a vacation. We will have visiting priests to cover the Saturday evening/Sunday Masses. The daily Masses from September 13th-17th will be canceled, as will Confessions on Tuesday and Saturday morning. Please pray for safe travels and a relaxing time away for Fr. Stef.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN POTENTIALLY **BECOMING CATHOLIC?** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA) is the sacramental formation process that prepares a person to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Conversion is at the heart of the process. The initiation of adults can only take place within the context of a community of believers and is the responsibility of all the baptized. One of the most essential parts of the formation process is the identification of candidates. Ninety percent of our candidates come from referrals of parish members. Is there someone in your life who has expressed an interest in knowing more about our faith? Do you have a spouse, neighbor, coworker, or anyone who has spoken with you about this subject? If so, please call or have the potential candidate call the parish office (441-1352), or Jeanne Hicks (859) 801-1069. Classes will begin in mid-September and will be held in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Please reach out to potential candidates and encourage them to make the call or volunteer to do so for them.

BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING: Our friend Louie from the Holy Land will be visiting our parish on September 10th & 11th for the olive wood sale. He will be in the back of church after all Masses that weekend. If you would like to see some of his wood carvings before then, you can go to www.stmichaelolivewood. com.

PARISH FEST IS BACK!! After a too-long hiatus, Parish Fest is returning to St. Catherine! Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 2nd beginning at 4:30 p.m. This is a purely social event for the parish where we share a meal and just spend time together. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert and we will supply the main course and drinks.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of Marjorie Johanneman, who was buried from our parish last week. Please keep Marjorie and her family in your prayers.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING: Nurse Carly Gessner will be here next Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses to check blood pressures for anyone interested. She will be in the Usher's Room immediately following each Mass. We are very grateful for her generosity in providing this service to our parishioners.

ATTENTION, FATHERS AND SONS: This year, St. Catherine Parish will be starting a troop in the Troops of St. George (TSG). As a Catholic outdoor movement for fathers and sons ages 6-18, the mission, goals, and standards are entirely 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 Monday of each month in McCrystal Hall to work on skills with the boys (e.g. orienteering, first aid, camping) and to plan for the outdoor event, which will be held on the second Saturday of the month. If you are interested in joining TSG, please come to the information session on September 13th at 7:00 p.m. in McCrystal Hall or contact John David Kimes at tsgtroop0429@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Are you good at organizing? Do you enjoy communicating with people via phone or emails? Interested in getting more involved? Would you like to meet more parishioners? If this sounds like you, then we invite you to volunteer to help lead one of our major fundraisers. We are currently looking for volunteers to organize our winter and summer fundraisers. This year would be a shadow year for the upcoming winter fundraiser and would be helping Wade and Tina Smith who are the chairs currently. Our summer fundraiser is in need of someone to step in immediately. Our parish relies on our fundraisers to balance the budget. Please consider taking an active role to help support. For more information, please contact Wade Smith (garrett_wade_smith@hotmail.com or 859-816-2145). Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Our winter fundraiser planning will be starting soon and our theme and details will be forthcoming. The date of our winter fundraiser is Saturday, January 28th. If you would be willing to join the planning committee, please contact Wade Smith (garrett_wade_smith@hotmail.com or 859-816-2145). Our first meeting will be announced soon.



PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: The winner for the week of August 29th was Paula Miller. Congratulations!



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Questions? Contact Amanda Pompilio amandafpompilio@gmail.com or 859 441 1765 **FR. STEF'S HOMILIES:** For the past several years, most of Fr. Stef's homilies have been recorded and then put on YouTube. If you would like to listen them, you can go to our website, www. stcatherineofsiena.org, and under "Parish" you will find a "Homilies" link, or you can go straight to YouTube and search for "Fr. Stef Bankemper homilies."

ST. BERNARD PANTRY: The pantry is always in need of any nonperishable food items, (peanut butter, cereal, pasta, sauce, canned soup, beans, etc.), paper products and hygiene items for their clients. They can also use one-gallon freezer bags so that they can portion out the bulk donations they receive. Additionally, they are in need of clean, plastic grocery bags for food distribution to their clients. This is a great way to recycle those bags, also. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off in the box at the Rossford entrance or to the parish office.

IN OUR DIOCESE

VIRTUS TRAINING CLASSES: There are a few newly scheduled VIRTUS Training sessions. The dates and places: St. Philip Parish Center on Saturday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m-12:30 p.m.; the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, on Thursday, September 15th from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Thomas More University, Steigerwald Hall, Crestview Hills, on Thursday, October 13th from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. You can register for a class online at virtus.org. Click on "Begin the Registration Process," Select Covington KY (Diocese) and follow the prompts to create an account for registration. There is also paperwork you need to get from your Primary location (Parish, School or organization where you will be volunteering or working). This must be filled out and returned to your primary location. The diocese requires that all parish and/or school volunteers and employees be VIRTUS certified. The August VIRTUS bulletin posted on Sunday, August 7th and will be due on Tuesday, September 6th. The September bulletin will post on Sunday, September 4th and will be due on Tuesday, October 4th.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS WORKSHOP to be held September 10th, October 1st & 29th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium (Curia building), 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington. Saint Ambrose called the Book of Psalms a gymnasium for the soul because it is filled with reflections to help people gain strength for the journey of life. Let's read some of the Psalms together and get a good spiritual workout. The Book of Psalms is a three-part workshop. Everyone is welcome to attend! The cost for the workshop is \$35.00. To register, visit https://covdio.org/oce/catholic-bible-study/.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED: New Beginnings is a faith-based support group that provides separated and divorced individuals the opportunity for healing and growth. Participants will find a new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain courage to discover new life. Thursday evenings, Divine Mercy Parish, Charity Hall, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Registration is required. Visit covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/ or call (859) 392-1500, ext. 1592. Fall 2022 schedule is Thursdays: September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3.

SUMMIT22 IS COMING SOON! Join other Catholics aged 13-22 from across the diocese October 7th-9th at Covington Catholic High School for live music, fun, worship and dynamic preaching. Early registrants save \$10.00. Full details can be found at www.covdio.org/Summit22. This is not an overnight event. Parents must provide chaperones for minors (age 13-17). A VIRTUS-certified adult age 21 or older can chaperone up to seven minors. Two adults may register as co-chaperones, splitting hours and the fee. If you have questions, check the website or call 859-392-1542.

TUTORS NEEDED: Notre Dame Urban Education Center is seeking adult & high school volunteers to tutor children in grades K-10 for our Homework PLUS program from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Come and make a difference in the life of a child. For more information, please call NDUEC at 859-261-4487 or email Sister Maria Therese at smtherese@nduec.org. Volunteers 18 and older must be VIRTUS compliant.

ELSEWHERE

WIDOWED/DIVORCED RETREATS will be held at Presentation Ministries from September 16th-18th. There will be two separate retreats: 1. The Consolation of the Holy Spirit: Strength in the Challenge of Widowhood; "Look to him that you may be radiant with Joy" (Ps 34:6); 2. Healing the Brokenhearted: Retreat for the Divorced and Separated; "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and those who are crushed in spirit He saves." (Ps 34:19)

Retreats are held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, OH. Guest rooms available and meals provided. Cost is a freewill offering. For more information and to preregister, go to www.presentationministries.com, scroll down to Events/Retreats, click on the retreat and follow directions to register or call 513-373-2397.

SERRA CLUB GOLF OUTING: The 2022 Serra Club Golf Outing is scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd at Twin Oaks Golf Club in Latonia. A shotgun start is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and the cost to play is \$100.00 per golfer (this price includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch buffet, on-course refreshments, and door prizes). For more information, please contact Serran Mike Murray at 859-630-4228.

SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER: Are you or someone you know trying to navigate through the maze of Senior Resources? Often, it is difficult to even know where to start of what questions to ask. The Senior Resource Center is available, free of charge, to inform, educate and empower seniors and their families. If you have any questions regarding senior care, levels of care, Medicaid, Medicare, senior living options, etc. you can simply stop in or call the Senior Resource Center. Our professionals not only guide seniors through this process but, will assure that a vast array of available resources are considered. Call and ask for Margie at 859-261-0746, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 3705 Winston Avenue, Covington.



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