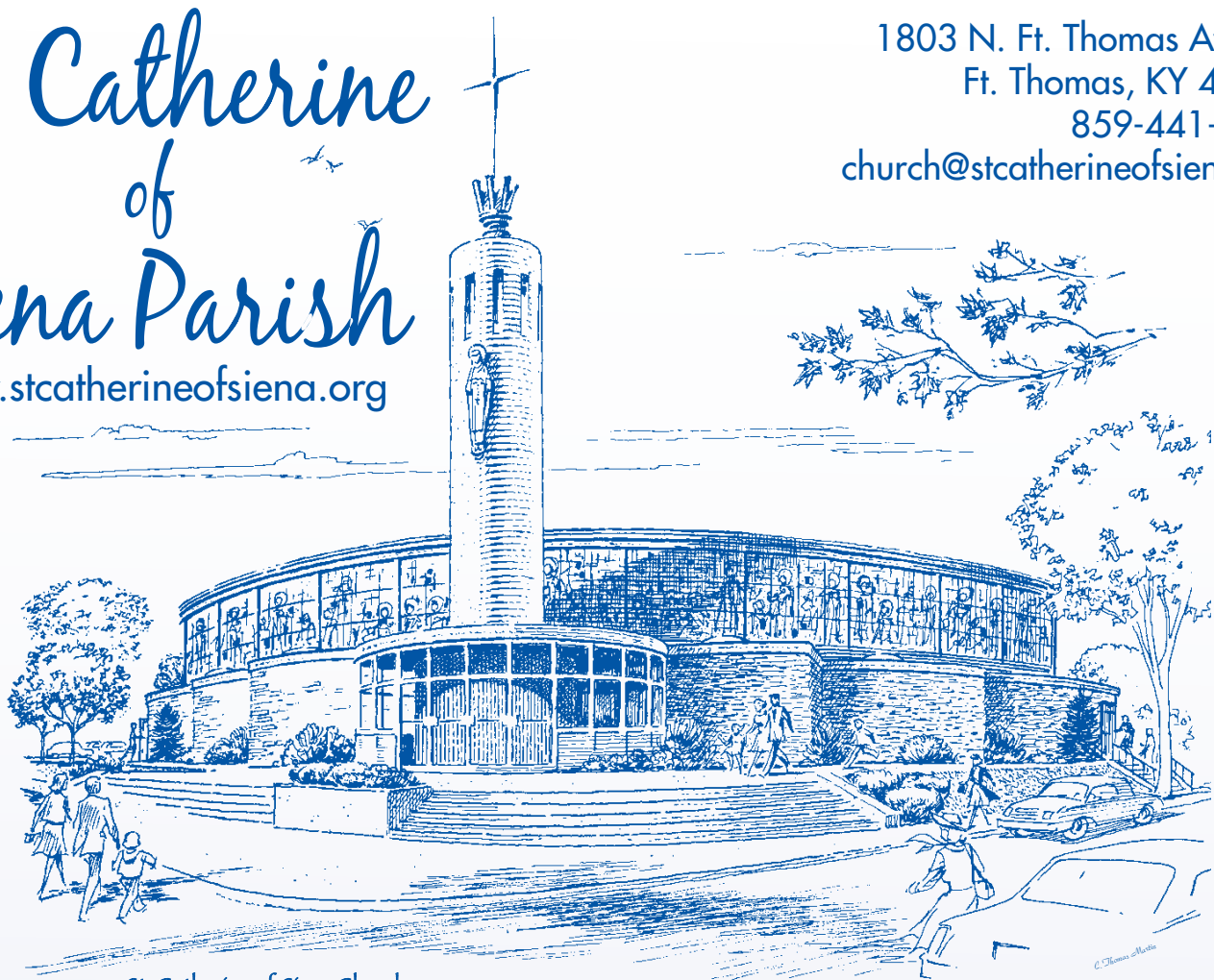


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Masses for Sunday:

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.

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.

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.

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 13th
8:00 a.m. Gilbert & Elizabeth Neff

WEDNESDAY – December 14th
5:30 p.m. Diane Detzel

THURSDAY – December 15th
8:00 a.m. Randy Bloemer

FRIDAY – December 16th
8:30 a.m. Ted Stoner

SATURDAY – December 17th
8:00 a.m. Dick McCafferty
4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

SUNDAY – December 18th
9:00 a.m. Bob, Judy & Tom Schroder
11:30 a.m. Paul Basham

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 OF HOLY COMMUNION
 December 17th & 18th**

4:30 p.m. – Gina New, Tom New
9:00 a.m. – Peggy Birkenhauer, Lois Roell
11:30 a.m. – Sharon Gettys, Heather Shultz

**LECTORS
 December 17th & 18th**

4:30 p.m. – Pete Djordjevic
9:00 a.m. – Bruce Mirrielees
11:30 a.m. – Tom Lampe

**SERVERS SCHEDULE
 December 13th-18th**

TUESDAY – December 13th
8:00 a.m. – Colin Desmond, Emily Kirst

WEDNESDAY – December 14th
5:30 p.m. – Ben Fassler, Hannah Fritz

THURSDAY – December 15th
8:00 a.m. – Natalie Kirst, Owen Marx

FRIDAY – December 16th
8:30 a.m. – Emily Hallau, Otto Hansbauer, Selma Hansbauer

SATURDAY – December 17th
8:00 a.m. – Ryan Stacey, Wren Twehues
4:30 p.m. – Tim Garlich, Sadie Hess

SUNDAY – December 18th
9:00 a.m. – Adelaide Foley, Lilly Foley, Alex Muench
11:30 a.m. – Hayden Schwalbach, Carson Schwalbach,
 Grayson Schwalbach

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>11/27/2022</u>	<u>11/28/2021</u>
Weekly Offering	\$ 9,135	\$ 11,586
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$ 333,638	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 386,308	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$ 930,000	
Number of registered families	405	
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2022/2023	\$ 0	
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$ 911	
School Registration for 2022/2023	123	
CCD Registration for 2022/2023	96	
	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Collected</u>
2022 Offertory Campaign As of 11/27/2022	\$ 840,955	\$ 840,792

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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.

Parish Council, 7:00 p.m., Parish Center Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m. (Note time change)
 Liturgy & Spiritual Life, 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.
 Children's Choir, 3:45 p.m., Church
 Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church
 St. Catherine PTO, 7:00 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.
 CCD, 10:15 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

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM – Benjamin James Deters, son of Bryan and Katie.

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – Thank you to all of those who have responded to our annual stewardship campaign. We recorded pledges from 242 of our 407 registered families (59%) for a total of \$759,821.00 toward our \$1,100,000.00 goal (69%). Although we are well short of our goal, we are ahead of our responses from this point last year. At this time last year, we had a 46% response for \$665,172.00. If you haven't responded yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you again and Happy Advent from the Stewardship Committee.

PARISH JESSE TREE PROJECT – All gifts must be returned to the Jesse Tree area by this Sunday, December 11th. Gifts will be picked up by the agencies on Monday morning. Thank you to all who participated in this program.

ADVENT PROGRAM – St. Catherine of Siena's Religious Education Office warmly welcomes EVERYONE to attend the Advent Program at St. Catherine of Siena on Sunday, December 18th in the school gymnasium. We invite you to accompany us as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and reflect upon the significance of love becoming flesh. Our program this year will be based upon the Festival of Lessons and Carols, with modifications having been made in order to best meet our needs. We will have readings and reflections from Scripture, as well as Advent hymns of joyful anticipation, followed by a potluck style social. Doors open following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, and the program will begin at 10:15 a.m. There is NO CHARGE. Please invite family and friends, and we hope to see you there!! Questions? Please contact jdkimes@stcatherineofsiena.org.

WORD OF LIFE "O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR WINTER BALL ON JANUARY 28TH! Our theme this year is "Little Italy." We will be serving up a marvelous Italian experience for you with music, dancing, silent auctions and more. Join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres early and/or stay late and enjoy live music from The Leftovers. Don't miss this wonderful event. More details to be announced as they are finalized. Spread the word and bring your friends on Saturday, January 28th, 2023 at the Ft. Thomas Mess Hall. If you would like to help in the planning/execution of this event, please contact Wade Smith at garrett_wade_smith@hotmail.com.

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – St. Joseph Parish in Cold Spring will have their 16th Annual Christmas Collage Concert on Friday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m. This will be a concert of sacred music featuring the St. Joseph Music Ministry (Cantors, Children's Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Glory Ensemble, Handbell Choir, Instrumentalists, Men's Choir, Praise Ensemble, Small Ensemble, St. Joseph Choir, and Women's Choir). This is a free event and there will also be a reception following the concert with sweets and other goodies. It is sure to get everyone in the Christmas spirit!

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of December 5th was Betsy Stegner. Congratulations!

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DCCH CENTER FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES – DCCH is now hiring Therapeutic Behavioral Specialists for second shift – Tuesdays-Fridays, 3:00-11:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or 3:00-11:00 p.m. (your choice). Learn more at DCCHCenter.org/employment.

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 sessions 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.

PARISH KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP! The Parish Kitchen is in need of new sleeping bags and new twin blankets for our guests. Many of our brothers and sisters spend these long winter nights in unheated spaces or even sleeping outdoors. Your gift of new sleeping bags and blankets will not only warm their hearts and souls, but may even save their lives. Thanks for your warm support for those in need! Donations can be dropped off at Parish Kitchen, 1561 Madison Avenue (Corner of 16th and Madison), Covington from 8:00-10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Any questions, call 859-581-7745.

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 Deadlines: Women’s – January 6th, Men’s – January 13th. Questions? Email restoration859@gmail.com or call Chris Dillon at 513-504-5638.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION – Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift today for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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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 2023. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience 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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