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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 21st

8:00 a.m. Andrew & Ariana Babey, Special Intention

WEDNESDAY - February 22nd

8:00 a.m. Betty Gerrein

7:00 p.m. Marisa Hemple, Special Intention

THURSDAY – February 23rd

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Cantalupo, Special Intention

FRIDAY - February 24th

8:30 a.m. Roland & Janet Messier, Special Intention

SATURDAY – February 25th

8:00 a.m. Marie Shields, Special Intention

4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

SUNDAY - February 26th

9:00 a.m. Bill & Mary Lynn McCarthy, Special Intention

11:30 a.m. Diane Detzel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

February 22nd, 25th & 26th

8:00 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Joliene Garlich, Louise Roth
7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Martie Iker, Kathy Woltermann
4:30 p.m. Kristen Gerrein, Heather Shultz
9:00 a.m. Jimmy Hess, Dana Ruwe
11:30 a.m. Martie Iker, Kim Lampe

LECTORS

February 22nd, 25th, 26th

8:00 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Kim Lampe
7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Raymond Schlosser
4:30 p.m. Peggy Bertelsman
9:00 a.m. Mike Ruwe
11:30 a.m. Tom Lampe

SERVERS SCHEDULE

February 21st-February 26th

8:00 a.m. - Tuesday

Joseph Hicks, Michael Hicks

8:00 a.m. - Wednesday

Adelise Bozeman, Carden Bozeman, Grant Desmond

7:00 p.m. – Wednesday

Ellery Browning, Hayden Schwalbach, Wren Twehues

8:00 a.m. – Thursday

Molly Muench, Alex Muench

8:30 a.m. – Friday

Emily Hallau, Ava Hamberg, TJ McSorley

8:00 a.m. - Saturday

Connor Stacey, Silas West

4:30 p.m. – Saturday

Adelaide Foley, Marley Hess, Nathan Kirst

9:00 a.m. – Sunday

Morgan Baldwin, Max Holbrook, Cameron Myers

11:30 a.m. - Sunday

Morgan Kremer, Hayden Schwalbach, Michael Zechella

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>2/05/2023</u>	<u>2/06/2022</u>
Weekly Offering	\$ 18,977	\$ 19,619
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$574,678	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$567,192	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$930,000	
Number of registered families	408	
Tuition Assistance		
awarded for 2022/2023	\$ 0	
Tuition Assistance		
donations FYD	\$ 1,056	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gn 2: 7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4: 1-11

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

President's Day Parish Office Closed No School

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.

Catholic Order of Foresters, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall

WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday

Mass, 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church

Finance/Parish Councils, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall

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 8am Mass Mass, 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Jack Rose, Marie Shields, Sherry Milleck, 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

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – Lent begins this **Wednesday, February 22nd.** Masses on that day will be at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. 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. 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. Next weekend, 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 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 by Holy Thursday. They will be distributed to the agencies on Good Friday morning.

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.

DESSERT DONATIONS – Our American Heritage Girl troop will once again be serving desserts at all of our Fish Frys to accompany the delicious dinners. If you either love to bake or love to support these girls, they would be grateful to accept your dessert donation. Any donations can be dropped off at the Fish Frys. If you have any questions, contact Bethany Springelmeyer at 859-628-6039. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

SPECIAL ROSARY – This Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m., we will be praying the Rosary for fellow St. Catherine parishioner, Sherry Milleck, who has been battling some serious health issues. Please join us as we come together as a parish family to pray for our sister. If you are unable to attend, please keep Sherry in your prayers.

LITTLE ITALY RESULTS – The numbers are in, and we are happy to share that we netted just about \$23,500.00 from our Little Italy Fundraiser. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in large and small ways to help us raise these critical funds for our parish. Our next major fundraiser is coming up in June. Please reach out to Ben and Natalie Messmer at natmessmer@yahoo. com to get involved.

DINE TO DONATE AT POMPILIO'S! Celebrate President's day by taking the family out to dinner and earn money for St. Catherine school in the process! Our next Dine to Donate is Monday, February 20th at Pompilio's in Newport. Dine in or Carry out from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and a portion of your purchase will be donated back to our school. Be sure to tell your server that you are there to support St. Catherine. Pompilio's accepts reservations.

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. See the insert in this bulletin for more information.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of February 13th was Rob Krieg. Congratulations!

St. Catherine of Siena Lenten Pilgrimage

When: Sunday, March 5. The bus will leave St. Catherine's parking lot at 1:30pm and return approximately at 5:00pm.

Where: St. Catharine of Siena, Cincinnati, OH.

What: Enjoy a beautiful, Holy Spirit filled afternoon as you learn about this church with the same patron saint as ours, but spelled differently. Spend time meditating on the Beatitudes featured in the stained glass windows and praying the Way of the Cross.

RSVP: Call the parish office to reserve your spot on the bus. 441-1352

WITH ONE HEART – As part of the diocesan "With One Heart" program, we will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute and we need your help. We are asking parishioners to complete a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from February 22nd-March 27th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you this week. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Stef and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, 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. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the parish office at 441-1352. Thank you for helping with this important project!

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.

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 and April 22nd from 9:00-11:30 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.

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.

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.

EVERYWHERE

HOLISTIC SPEAKER EVENT — Garden of Eten presents an evening of holistic speakers on the body, soul, and spirit in hopes to educate, equip, and connect you in your wellness journey. To be held on Thursday, March 2nd from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Next Chapter Church, 5300 Taylor Mill Road, Taylor Mill. Speakers will be Jo Anna Newton of SkinCare Matters, Dr. Philip Ryan of Ryan Chiropractic and Wellness, and Fr. Bob Rottgers, pastor of St. Philip Parish specializing in Spiritual Warfare for the Diocese of Covington. This is a free event but donations welcome. Proceeds will go to the Charles Musyoka Matuku Foundation. RSVP at gardenofeten.com/events.

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.

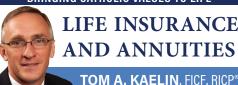
NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE – All men are invited to join the Archbishop of Cincinnati at the National Catholic Men's Conference being held on Saturday, March 25th at the Cintas Center on Xavier's campus. Tickets can be purchased at NationalMensConference.com. Join men from around the country 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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