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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 – October 10th 8:00 a.m. No Mass WEDNESDAY – October 11th 5:30 p.m. No Mass THURSDAY – October 12th 8:00 a.m. No Mass FRIDAY – October 13th 8:30 a.m. No Mass SATURDAY – October 14th 8:00 a.m. Ken & Cindy Walker 4:30 p.m. Edie Hegge SUNDAY – October 15th 9:00 a.m. Members of the Parish 11:30 a.m. Rick Merman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION October 14th & 15th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Catherine Meisenhelder, Sarah Meisenhelder, Lois Roell, Heather Shultz
Host: Diane Hamberg, Two Volunteers Needed
9:00 a.m. Cup: Peggy Birkenhauer, Dan Little, Carol Little, Nathan Myers
Host: Brian Dinkelacker, Kelly Johnson, Dana Ruwe
11:30 a.m. Cup: Kelly Hergott, Tom Kaelin, Caroline Kaelin, Jen Kirst
Host: Martie Iker, Anita Morris, Elise Rulli

LECTORS October 14th & 15th

4:30 p.m. Sarah Meisenhelder9:00 a.m. Michael Hicks11:30 a.m. Bruce Mirrielees

SERVERS SCHEDULE October 10th-15th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday No Mass 5:30 p.m. –Wednesday No Mass 8:00 a.m. – Thursday No Mass 8:30 a.m. – Friday No Mass 8:00 a.m. – Saturday Michael Hicks, George Josten 4:30 p.m. – Saturday Matilda Faust, Laney Smith, Frannie Smith 9:00 a.m. – Sunday Adelise Bozeman, Josie Bozeman, Carden Bozeman 11:30 a.m. – Sunday TJ McSorley, Wren Twehues, Michael Zechella

GREETERS SCHEDULE October 14th & 15th

4:30 p.m. Dee Macke 9:00 a.m. Chris & Kristen Gerrein & Family 11:30 a.m. Need Volunteers

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

			<u>9/24/2023</u>	<u>9/</u>	25/2022
Weekly Offering		\$	12,025	\$	13,073
Fiscal YTD Offerings		\$	176,863		
Fiscal YTD Budget		\$	296,085		
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023/2024		\$	1,260,000		
Number of registered families			370		
Tuition Assistance					
awarded for 2023/2024		\$	0		
Tuition Assistance					
donations FYD		\$	207		
School Registration for 2023-2024			115		
2023 DPAA	<u>Goal</u>		Pledged		Over!
(as of 8/31/23)	\$79,100		\$90,645		\$11,545

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

THIS WEEK

TODAY Parish Fest, 4:30 p.m., Lower Lot MONDAY Kenosis, 3:30 p.m., PCMR American Heritage Girls, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall TUESDAY Mass Canceled Exposition, 8:30 a.m. Confessions, Canceled Benediction, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m. Pro-Life Committee, 7:30 p.m., PCMR WEDNESDAY Mass Canceled **THURSDAY** Mass Canceled Choir, 6:30 p.m. Boosters, 7:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall FRIDAY Mass Canceled No School Parish Office Closed **SATURDAY** Mass, 8:00 a.m. Confessions Immediately following Mass Mass, 4:30 p.m. NEXT SUNDAY Mass, 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, 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

PARISH FEST 2023! Be sure to join your fellow parishioners for Parish Fest today, Sunday, October 8th 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. There will also be live music, as well as a bounce house and games for the kiddos! Hope to see you there!

PRIEST RETREAT – The priests of our diocese will be going on their annual retreat October 9th-13th. There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that week, nor will there be Confessions on Tuesday. We will still, however, have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please pray that our priests have a fruitful retreat.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE – Our Pro-Life Committee will be meeting this Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Meeting Room. October is Respect Life Month, so what better time to attend and see how you can help our parish to further the Culture of Life!

ROSARY RALLY – On Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 noon on the front steps and plaza area in front of church. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, and one of over 22,000 being held, will be a public act of reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please take just a short time from your busy Saturday and join us in prayer. Feel free to bring a chair.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT – "An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

> - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM – June Marie Desmond, daughter of Pat and Katie. **USHERS NEEDED** – Looking for a way to serve our parish? Consider being an Usher at one of the weekend Masses. (Ushers can be men or women.) We are currently in need of two Ushers for the 9:00 a.m. Mass, but could use people at the other two Masses as well. If you can't commit to every Sunday, consider being a sub. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or Mike Iker at miker0814@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR MORE GREETERS – We've had several families/individuals sign up to be Greeters, but we could use more in order to cover all of our weekend Masses. If you would like to volunteer for this either on your own, with your family, your spouse or a friend, please contact the parish office at church@stcatherineofsiena.org or 859-441-1352.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE OFFER BOTH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS? Our middle school group, "Kenosis," will typically meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. However, due to play practice, from August-October, we are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Students may begin arriving directly after school. High School Youth Group is meeting on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Thomas in the Youth Room (located in the parish office). Both Youth Groups are open to all students regardless of what school they attend. Hope you'll join us! Questions? Contact John David Kimes at jdkimes@stcatherineofsiena.org or visit: www.stcatherineofsiena.org/youth-ministry.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of October 2nd was Martin Tinkler. Congratulations!

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!

radical solidarity

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: "*I give you a new commandment: love one another*. *As I have loved you, so you also should love one another*" (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: "Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."¹ As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for "to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it."²

Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and

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persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."³

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: "*In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women.* … The only honest stance, in these cases, *is that of radical solidarity with the woman*. It is not right to leave her alone."⁴

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, "she is even capable of heroism."⁵ Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their

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preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own. Radical solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*."⁶ A culture of radical solidarity "gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others."⁷ We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, "What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?"

Inspired by Christ's own example of love, may we "enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep."⁸ May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit **respectlife.org/radical-solidarity**.



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1 Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 274.

2 Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in veritate (Charity in Truth), no. 7.

3 Pope John Paul II, Sollicitudo rei socialis (On Social Concern), no. 38.

4 Pope John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 207.

5 Pope John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 207. 6 Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 188. 7 Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 24. 8 Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 269.

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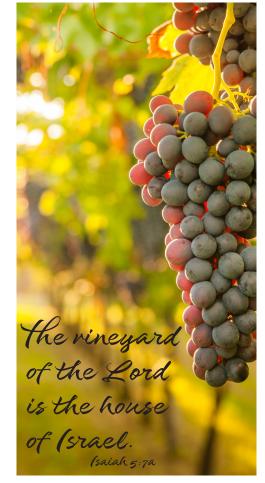
STEWARDSHIP

Reflection on Matthew 21:33-43

Whether the image is that of a vineyard planted by the Owner, or the paradise of the Garden of Eden planted by the Owner, the underlying truth is the same: God (the Owner) created the universe in all its glory, and we are the tenants given the responsibility of caring for all creation, of bearing fruit for the Kingdom.

Perhaps the most challenging difficulty that we face in our care of the vineyard – which involves living in right relationship with God, ourselves, others, and all of created reality – is our selfish ego. We begin to think it all belongs to us, and we want more, and spend our energy protecting what we have.

The truth flowing from this Gospel parable is that everything we are, and everything we have, belongs not to us, but to the Owner, God. We are stewards, caretakers, of the gifts of creation. Bearing fruit for the Kingdom will never become an integral part of our way of life, of our very being, unless we first and last embrace stewardship. ~ Fr. Jav



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

Monday, October 9, 2023

Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs Jon 1:1–2:1-2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Weekday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Saint John XXIII, Pope Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Weekday Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 13, 2023 *Weekday* Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 14, 2023 Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr JI 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

> Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Feast Day: October 12

Born in London and raised in Milan, Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his First Communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models, including Bernadette Soubirous, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Dominic Savio.

At school Carlo tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope – Benedict XVI – and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

As he had wished, Carlo was buried in Assisi at St. Mary Major's "Chapel of the Stripping," where Francis had returned his clothes to his father and began a more radical following of the Gospel.

Among the thousands present for Carlo's beatification at Assisi's Basilica of St. Francis were many of his childhood friends. Presiding at the beatification service, Cardinal Agostino Vallini praised Carlo as an example of how young people can use technology to spread the Gospel "to reach as many people as possible and help them know the beauty of friendship with the Lord."

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OUR 11TH ANNUAL PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE! Here's how this easy fundraiser works. Each family is asked to purchase or sell at least five tickets at a cost of \$20.00 each. Order forms for tickets have been sent out to all parish families. Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office or put in the collection basket at Mass. (Purchased ticket stubs will not be mailed out unless requested.) Tickets may also be purchased in the parish office. Drawings will be held each Tuesday from November 7, 2023 through October 29, 2024. Any tickets purchased after noon on November 7th will be entered for the remaining weekly drawings. Each week, there will be one winner drawn for a prize of \$100.00. A check will be mailed directly to the winner, and their winning ticket GOES BACK IN the drawing. That's right! Each ticket is eligible to win each week! For less than \$.40 a week, you could win \$100.00 each week! You can also ask your friends, extended family and coworkers if they would like to purchase tickets.

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 and 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 the 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!

IN OUR DIOCESE

DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD? Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue is hosting the next Sacred Heart Discernment Dinner on Sunday, October 15th. Vespers will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the church and a casual dinner will follow. Fr. Conor Kunath will be available to answer questions and concerns, as will current seminarians. Parents are welcome to attend with their sons! Please RSVP to sbarnes@covdio.org to reserve your place.

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS – Bishop John C. Iffert requests the honor of your presence at the annual Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Mass on Tuesday, October 17th. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. Reverend Baiju Kidaagen, V.C., pastor of St. Pius X Parish will be the homilist. Please join us as we celebrate the sanctity of LIFE.

MORNING OF REFLECTION Father Conor Kunath will be discussing "Confession" at the next Morning of Reflection on Saturday, October 21st. The morning will begin in the Parish Hall downstairs at All Saints Church in Walton at 9:00 a.m. Mass and Adoration will follow in the Church at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Kunath will also be offering the Sacrament of Confession during Adoration. Everyone is welcome!

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED – In May of this year, the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office and the Northern Kentucky Pregnancy Care Network hosted a free baby shower in Covington for women and families in need. This shower was a huge success, and it was discovered that this outreach in our community is greatly needed. Participants not only receive free items, they also receive valuable resources and information on maternity and infant care, car seat safety, safe sleeping and educational assistance. They are planning to reach out to outlying communities with this service and have planned the next event in Boone County, at St. Paul Parish Center on Thursday, October 19th. This ministry serves some of the most vulnerable in our community, and they are asking parishes to assist in providing the following items.

Diapers – Sizes 1-4	Baby Wipes
Baby Bath Supplies	New Onesies
Sleep Sacks	Sleepers

They can also use new, larger items such as highchairs that attach to regular table chairs, wagon strollers, infant seats and portable infant beds. Items can be dropped off at the Pro-Life Office by Monday, October 16th. Arrangement for pickup can also be made. Please contact Faye Roch at 859-392-1500 if you have any questions.

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING CLASSES – Below are the upcoming Virtus training sessions. Individuals can register for a class on the homescreen of their Virtus.org account.

Thursday, October 12th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., St. Therese School, Cafeteria, 2516 Alexandria Pike, Southgate

Thursday, October 12th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thomas More University, Building 62, 365 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills.

The following sessions will be held at the Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington.

Tuesday, October 17th, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

- Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 28th, 2023, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 28th, 2023, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

The October bulletin posted on Sunday, October 1st and will be due on Tuesday, November 7th.



