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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 6th
8:00 a.m. – Jim Doepker, Sr.
WEDNESDAY – December 7th
5:30 p.m. – Julie Harrison
THURSDAY – December 8th
8:00 a.m. – Paul Basham
7:00 p.m. – Ed Gerrein
FRIDAY – December 9th
8:30 a.m. – Joey Wagner
SATURDAY – December 10th
8:00 a.m. – The Giesting Family
4:30 p.m. – Members of the Parish
SUNDAY – December 11th
9:00 a.m. – Jim & Joyce Rolf
11:30 a.m. – Rick Beiting

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

December 8th, 10th & 11th

8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception – Jeanne Hicks, Louise Roth
7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception – Pat Desmond, Lois Roell
4:30 p.m. – Cathy Halloran, Sarah Meisenhelder
9:00 a.m. – Judy Rose, Jack Rose
11:30 a.m. – Betsy Stegner, Sub Requested

LECTORS

December 8th, 10th & 11th

8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception – Kim Lampe
7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception – Debbie Rolf
4:30 p.m. – Peggy Bertelsman
9:00 a.m. – Jennie Cox
11:30 a.m. – Bill Sodini

SERVERS SCHEDULE December 6th-11th

TUESDAY – December 6th

8:00 a.m. – Rachel Burkart, Morgan Kremer WEDNESDAY – December 7th

5:30 p.m. – Marley Hess, Max Holbrook **THURSDAY** – **December 8th**

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8:00 a.m. – Lucy Gillen, Carden Bozeman, Michael Hicks, Joseph Hicks

7:00 p.m. – Grant Desmond, McKenna Desmond, Wren Twehues, Emily Kirst

FRIDAY - December 9th

8:30 a.m. – Tommy Burkart, Matilda Faust, Tim Garlich

SATURDAY – December 10th

8:00 a.m. – Hayden Schwalbach, Connor Stacy 4:30 p.m. – Cora Hill, Laney Smith SUNDAY – December 11th

9:00 a.m. – Morgan Baldwin, Josie Messmer, Maggie West 11:30 a.m. – Hailey Fritz, Morgan Kremer, Michael Zechella

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

| | 11/20/2022 11/21/2021 |
|---|-----------------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$ 16,414 \$ 18,118 |
| Fiscal YTD Offerings | \$324,503 |
| Fiscal YTD Budget | \$369,615 |
| Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/2023 | \$930,000 |
| Number of registered families | 407 |
| Tuition Assistance awarded for 2022/2023 | \$ 0 |
| Tuition Assistance | |
| donations FYD | \$ 911 |
| School Registration for 2022/2023 | 123 |
| CCD Registration for 2022/2023 | 96 |
| | Pledged Collected |
| 2022 Offertory Campaign As of 11/20/2022 | \$840,955 \$817,785 |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Troops of St. George, 7:00 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.
Board of Catholic Education, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m. (Note time change)

THURSDAY

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Parish Office Closed

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

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



The Wednesday Mass time has changed from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign has officially ended. If you haven't yet returned your pledge card or responded on the St. Catherine website, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can serve our parish through the gifts of time, talent and treasure and respond accordingly. Your participation in this campaign is much needed and appreciated.

GIFT BEARERS AND GREETERS: If you and/or your family would like to take up the gifts at Mass, please let one of the ushers know before Mass starts. Or, if one of the ushers asks you to take up the gifts, please consider saying yes. Regarding Greeters, we only had a couple responses, so we won't be scheduling Greeters at this time. However, if you arrive for Mass early and would like to greet people, please feel free to do so!

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE – IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Our 10th annual Parish Weekly Raffle began Tuesday, November 1st and goes through October 31, 2023. 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 so each ticket is eligible to win each week. If every parish family purchases five tickets, the parish will make over \$36,000.00! Get your tickets in now to be included in the remaining drawings!

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: The winner for the week of November 21st was Lois Roell. The winner for the week of November 28th was Finn McDonald. Congratulations!

PARISH JESSE TREE PROJECT - A traditional Jesse Tree depicts the genealogy of Jesus from the days of Jesse through specially created ornaments hung from its branches. Our parish Jesse Tree expands upon the idea that the lineage of Jesse gave us Jesus, the greatest gift to mankind, by giving parishioners the opportunity to donate gifts to those in need in our community. We are called as Catholics to serve our neighbors in their spiritual and bodily necessities through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The purple ornaments list items needed by the agencies. The white ornaments on the tree are the spiritual needs of the organizations we serve and will help to realize the spiritual works of mercy. We are recommending that parishioners adopt these spiritual needs for the year. You may decide as a family to attend a weekday Mass, say a weekly Rosary or Novena, perform regular sacrifices, or include the intention in your family's regular prayer routine. The website is included on the ornaments for the organization so you can become more familiar with their mission and those that they serve. The tree will be located in the church's prayer/ meditation space and ornaments will also be along the ledge in the back of church. We will again be offering a virtual option that won't require the physical tags. Our hope is that all families will participate in this project. All gifts must be returned to the Jesse Tree area by Sunday, December 11th. Gifts will be picked up by the agencies on that Monday.

ATTENTION, FATHERS AND SONS: This year, St. Catherine Parish has started 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 contact John David Kimes at tsgtroop0429@gmail.com. Our next outing will be on Saturday, December 10th.

WORD OF LIFE – "Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ... The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

Excerpt from Evangelium vitae



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, sauce, canned soup, beans, etc.), paper products and hygiene items for their clients. Currently, they are in particular need of peanut butter and toilet paper. 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. If each family donated just one item per month, what a difference we could make!



DIOCESAN BAMBINELLI AND CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING – Join Bishop John Iffert on Saturday, December 10th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Park (Cathedral Square, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington) for blessings, hot chocolate, homemade cookies, live Christmas choirs and more! Bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home nativity scene for a special blessing by Bishop Iffert and be part of a Catholic Advent tradition! Please RSVP by Monday, December 5th with the number attending at https://forms.office.com/r/UgPPRYM2sY. Hope to see you there!



On Saturday, December 10th, Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue will have a Rorate Mass, followed by breakfast and set-up of their outdoor nativity scene. This will be a candlelight, Advent Mass at dawn in honor of Our Lady, celebrated at Mary's altar. There will be a candlelight Rosary at 7:10 a.m., followed by a candlelight Mass at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be offered afterward in Charity Hall but will be limited to the first 80 people who RSVP by Monday, December 5th. Please RSVP to dmsb.cindy@gmail.com or by calling 859-261-6172. We are also expecting a visit from St. Nick during the breakfast. After breakfast, everyone is invited to join in setting up the outdoor nativity scene. There will be a freewill offering taken up for the breakfast. Feel free to bring the whole family.

NEWCATH THEATRE DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT

"NOISES OFF": The Newport Central Catholic Theatre Department is proud to present "Noises Off" in its Ciafardini Family Blackbox Theatre on December 9, 10 and 11. "Noises Off" is a slapstick farce about actors rehearsing for their upcoming play, "Nothing On." It is full of doors slamming, on and off-stage intrigue, and several plates of sardines that figure into the plot of this hilarious and classically comedic play. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and may be purchased on GoFan or at the door. Showtimes are:

Friday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m.;

Saturday, December 10th, 2:00 p.m.;

Saturday, December 10th, 7:00 p.m.;

Sunday, December 11th, 5:00 p.m.

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!

THE LAST MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR

2022 will be at St. Timothy Parish, 10272 Hwy. 42, Union on Saturday, December 17th from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you have been meaning to come to Father Kunath's Mornings of Reflection, now is the time! This is the last session for 2022, and the number of mornings offered in 2023 will be changing; so, mark your calendar and join us! We will have a new Presentation, Mass, Holy Hour, and Confession will be available. Whether to the Priesthood, Married Life, Diaconate, Religious Life, or Single Life, God has a plan for all of us and is calling each of us to be holy in one of these Vocations. Whatever your age, sex, or current path, you are welcome! As always, the event is OPEN TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE, there is absolutely NO CHARGE for this Morning of Reflection, and NO SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED! See you there!



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 p.m.-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 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.



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 may even be 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 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The drive began on November 1st and ends on November 30th. Any questions? Call 859-581-7745.

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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 program beginning with a weekend on January 7-9, 2023, call 513-486-6222 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



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