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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 - August 1st

8:00 a.m. Peter Morano, Special Intention

WEDNESDAY – August 2nd

5:30 p.m. Patrick Studer

THURSDAY – August 3rd

8:00 a.m. Vern Grothaus

FRIDAY - August 4th

8:00 a.m. The Collopy Family

SATURDAY - August 5th

8:00 a.m. The Charles Schroder Family

4:30 p.m. Dave Barth

SUNDAY – August 6th

9:00 a.m. Bill McCarthy

11:30 a.m. Members of the Parish

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION August 5th & 6th

4:30 p.m. Kristen Gerrein (cup), Catherine Meisenhelder (cup), Brian Dinkelacker (host), Sarah Meisenhelder (host) 9:00 a.m. Dan Little (cup), Carol Little (cup), Peggy Birkenhauer (host), Jim Hess (host) 11:30 a.m. Jen Kirst (cup), Anita Morris (cup), Kelly Hergott (host), Martie Iker (host)

LECTORS August 5th & 6th

4:30 p.m. Sarah Meisenhelder 9:00 a.m. Mary Margaret Spica 11:30 a.m. Bill Sodini

SERVERS SCHEDULE August 1st-6th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday

Morgan Baldwin, Adelise Bozeman

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday

Ava Hamberg, Marley Hess

8:00 a.m. – Thursday

Silas West, Maggie West

8:00 a.m. – Friday

Keegan Collopy, Reese Desmond

8:00 a.m. – Saturday

Chloe Greenwell, Alison Wagner

4:30 p.m. – Saturday

Alex Muench, Molly Muench, Michael Zechella

9:00 a.m. - Sunday

Greta Hansbauer, Selma Hansbauer, Otto Hansbauer

11:30 a.m. - Sunday

Nathan Kirst, Wren Twehues, Edie Twehues

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>(</u>	07/16/2023	07/17/2022
Weekly Offering	\$	16,110	\$ 11,497
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$	45,518	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	55,090	
Fiscal Annual Budget 2023	3/2024 \$	1,260,000	
Number of registered famil	lies	386	
Tuition Assistance			
awarded for 2022/2023	\$	0	
Tuition Assistance			
donations FYD	\$	65	
School Registration for 2023-2024		110	
2023 DPAA	<u>Goal</u>	Pledged	<u>Over</u>
(as of 5/31/23)	\$79,100	\$83,400	\$4,300

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Confessions Immediately following Mass Mass, 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Mass,11:30 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Tom Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Marie Shields, 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



SUMMER FESTIVAL RESULTS – The final numbers are in and we made just over \$32,000.00 at our SummerFest! Thank you to all who supported the event either as a sponsor, donor, worker or attendee. Also, special thanks to Ben and Natalie Messmer, Monica Hess and Alison Schwalbach for all of their hard work in planning and implementing the event.

JESSE TREE – We are looking for someone to head up this year's Jesse Tree program. If you are looking for a way to serve those less fortunate and would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the parish office at 441-1352.

CUSTODIAN/ MAINTENANCE NEEDED – We have a full-time position open in our maintenance department. This is a first shift position and duties include light maintenance and general cleaning duties associated with school and church. Virtus certification required. Great work environment and competitive compensation with retirement benefits and paid medical insurance. Please send resume/inquiries to dgrothaus@stcatherineofsiena.org.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER – The winner for the week of July 24th was Teresa Shaefer. Congratulations!

WORD OF LIFE "A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Called to Serve Moms in Need" Dear Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Logan Holbrook, I'm a parishioner here at St. Catherine, where I've volunteered for the CCD program and sung at Sunday mass. I have exciting news about where God is calling me to serve for the upcoming year!

Along with 140 other young men and women, I will spend this upcoming school year serving as a Catholic missionary for NET Ministries. For over 40 years, NET Ministries has shared the Gospel with over 2.2 million young people, allowing them to encounter the person of Christ through evangelization and discipleship.

As a NET Missionary, I am responsible for forming a team of ministry partners who will support the work of NET Ministries with monthly or one-time gifts totaling to a minimum of \$7,000-8,000. This support helps offset expenses for my training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. With the blessing of Fr. Stef, I am asking you to partner with me this year to help me reach this minimum funding goal. All gifts are tax-deductible. You can send gifts to NET Ministries at 110 Crusader Avenue W., West Saint Paul, MN 55118-4427. Make checks payable to NET Ministries and indicate that the donation is for Logan Holbrook. You can also donate online at www.netusa.org/supportamissionary and select Logan Holbrook in the team member box.

Sincerely, Logan Holbrook

CATHOLIC RESOURCE? Our parish still has a subscription to FORMED, a website that is filled with Catholic programs for adults & 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!

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS WONDERFUL

ENCOUNTERING GOD

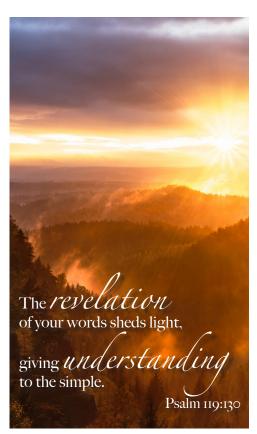
Reflection on Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like... a treasure buried in a field... a merchant searching for fine pearls... a net thrown into the sea..." With these compelling metaphors Jesus teaches us about the Kingdom – the presence and power of God's transforming love in human life.

How does God's love break into human life? How does God choose to come to us, to reveal Himself, to gift us with the Kingdom? The answer is: However God wants to! This is what strikes me about these parables. A search for a pearl, a hidden treasure in a field, a fishing net in the sea – all of these seem rather unlikely places to find God. But I think that is the point. Since the incarnation, God is likely to be found in all the most unlikely, surprising places. In fact, there is really no place in our human experience where, when we gaze closely, we will not find God present.

Thankfully, our Church gives us the privileged places and moments where we encounter God, especially in His Word (Scripture) and in the Sacraments. And gratefully, God surprises us with popping up in other places and moments – in creation, in smiles, in a book read, in a friendship, in everyday events, and in pearls, treasures, and nets.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

Monday, July 31, 2023

Saint Ignatius of Loyola Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bisop and Doctor of the Church Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Weekday Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Weekday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 4, 2023

Saint John Vianney, Priest Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Weekday Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

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

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Feast Day: August 1

Patron Saint of: Theologians, Vocations

At the University of Naples, Alphonsus received a doctorate in both canon and civil law by acclamation, at the age of 16, but he soon gave up the practice of law for apostolic activity. He was ordained a priest, and concentrated his pastoral efforts on popular parish missions, hearing Confessions, and forming Christian groups.

He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. Alphonsus' great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity, and the rigorism of Jansenism with kindness.

His greatest sorrow came toward the end of his life. The Redemptorists, precariously continuing after the suppression of the Jesuits in 1773, had difficulty in getting their Rule approved by the Kingdom of Naples. Alphonsus acceded to the condition that they possess no property in common, but with the connivance of a high Redemptorist official, a royal official changed the Rule substantially. Alphonsus, old, crippled and with very bad sight, signed the document, unaware that he had been betrayed. The Redemptorists in the Papal States then put themselves under the pope, who withdrew those in Naples from the jurisdiction of Alphonsus. It was only after his death that the branches were united.

Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. His *Glories of Mary* is one of the great works on that subject, and his book *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament* went through 40 editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church.

Read the full article: "Saint Alphonsus Liguori" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-alphonsus-liguori/. (Accessed July 10, 2023).

UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION – Does our parish database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year for our annual Guide Book & Directory. Have you changed your phone number or email address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? If you have not already informed the parish office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the next Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please notify the parish office at 441-1352 or church@stcatherineofsiena.org with any changes to your record.

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

VIRTUS TRAINING – Here are the upcoming Virtus training classes:

- Monday, July 31st, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Bishop Brossart High School, Munninghoff Family Performing Arts Center, 4 Grove Street, Alexandria.
- Thursday, August 3rd, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell.
- Monday, August 14th, 6:30-9:00 p.m., St. Barbara Church, Sterling Event Center, 4042 Turkey Foot Road, Erlanger.

The July bulletin will be due on Monday, August 7th. The August bulletin will post on Sunday, August 6th and will be due on Tuesday, September 5th.

SAVE THE DATE – You are invited to a day of recollection and exploration into the interconnectedness of the mind, body and soul at St. Joseph Heights on Saturday, September 23rd. Featured speakers are Msgr. William Cleves, Spiritual Director Kathy Kramer and Health Coach Jessica Muehlenkamp. This day will be one of growth and renewal. Methods of self-care, including Centering Prayer and SpirFit (spir-fit.com), will also be available to you on this day. The cost is \$65.00 which includes the program materials, activities, and a catered continental breakfast and lunch. If you would like to be notified once registration opens or for more information, please email holylistening24@gmail.com.

DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD? On Sunday, August 13th, Bishop Iffert will host a BBQ Bash for all those discerning a call to the Priesthood to get to know the Diocese's current priests and seminarians in an informal setting. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Vespers in the church, and then will move to a nearby area for BBQ, refreshments, and fun. This event is not open to the general public, so for detailed information and to secure your reservation, please email Shannon Barnes in the Vocations Office at sbarnes@covdio.org by August 1st.

CAFETERIA DIOCESE POSITIONS OF COVINGTON SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - The School Lunch Program is currently seeking dedicated individuals to join our team in various positions within our school cafeterias. These important roles contribute to the successful operation of our school lunch program, ensuring the provision of nutritious meals to our students. Positions available are Cafeteria Manager, Food Prep, Server, and Dishwasher. These positions are available at various schools within the Diocese of Covington. We offer competitive compensation and benefits packages for eligible employees. Exact details will be discussed during the interview process. To apply, please go to www.covdio.org/employment, School Related Openings, Employment Application, Non-Teacher. Send completed application to: Diocese of Covington, ATTN: Laura Hatfield, SLP Director, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011.

40 HOURS DEVOTION – St. Augustine Parish in Covington will host "40 Hours Devotion" to celebrate her patronal feast day from 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25th through 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27th. All the faithful are invited to join the parish in spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The closing of "40 Hours" will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, followed by a meal at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up for a period of Adoration and RSVP for dinner at www.staugustines.net.

NEW BEGINNINGS – 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. Registration is required. Visit https://covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/ or call 859-392-1500, ext.1592. The next session will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, August 29th through October 17th from 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity Elementary School, Bellevue.



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