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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 11th** 

**8:00 a.m.** – No Mass

WEDNESDAY - October 12th

**6:30 p.m.** – No Mass

THURSDAY - October 13th

**8:00 a.m.** – No Mass

FRIDAY – October 14th

8:30 a.m. – No Mass

SATURDAY – October 15th

8:00 a.m. – Jim Doepker

**4:30 p.m.** – Bill Venable

SUNDAY - October 16th

9:00 a.m. – Bob, Judy & Tom Schroder

11:30 a.m. – Members of the Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 15th & 16th

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**4:30 p.m.** – Barb Beck, Sarah Meisenhelder **9:00 a.m.** – Kelly Johnson, Kim Lampe

11:30 a.m. – Anita Morris, Elise Rulli

**LECTORS** 

**4:30 p.m.** – Peggy Bertelsman

9:00 a.m. - Dennis Hicks

11:30 a.m. - Kim Lampe

SERVERS SCHEDULE

October 11th-16th

**TUESDAY – October 11th** 

**8:00 a.m.** – No Mass

WEDNESDAY-October 12th

**6:30 p.m.** – No Mass

THURSDAY - October 13th

8:00 a.m. – No Mass

FRIDAY - October 14th

8:30 a.m. – No Mass

SATURDAY - October 15th

8:00 a.m. – Connor Stacey, Ryan Stacey

**4:30 p.m.** – Laney Smith, Frannie Smith

**SUNDAY – October 16th** 

**9:00 a.m.** – Joseph Hicks, Michael Hicks, Cameron Myers **11:30 a.m.** – Emily Kirst, Carson and Grayson Schwalbach

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	9/25/2022		9/26/2021	_
Weekly Offering	\$ 1	3,073	\$ 12,081	
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$ 18	0,192		
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 23	2,500		
Fiscal Annual Budget 2022/23	\$ 93	0,000		
Number of registered families		412		
Tuition Assistance				
awarded for 2022/23	\$	0		
Tuition Assistance				
donations FYD	\$	826		
School Registration for 2022/2023		123		
CCD Registration for 2022/2023		98		
	Ple	edged	Collected	
2022 Offertory Campaign As of 9/25/2022		_	\$ 689,980	

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

#### THIS WEEK

**TODAY** 

No CCD

MONDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

Mass, Canceled

**THURSDAY** 

Mass, Canceled

Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m., Church

RCIA, 7:00 p.m., LIB

Boosters, 7:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

FRIDAY

Mass, Canceled

No School

**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.

Mass, 11:30 a.m.

CCD, 10:15 a.m.

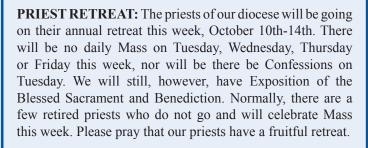
# Please Pray For Our Sick

Diane Detzel, 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**



**SPECIAL ROSARY:** This Tuesday, October 11th, we will be praying a special Rosary for parishioner Jack Rose, who is having some serious health issues. We will begin at 7:00 p.m., following Benediction. This is an opportunity to come together as a parish family to pray for our brother in Christ. If you are not able to join us in person, please remember Jack in your prayers.

**LOOKING FOR GREETERS:** Those of you who have been in the parish for more than a few years will remember that we used to have greeters at each of the church entrances for all three weekend Masses. When we had our parish summit meeting over the summer, it was discussed that we start back up with this ministry, so that is what we are going to do. The way it works is that you (either a single person, couple or a family) would volunteer to be a greeter at one of the weekend Masses and you would commit to this Mass the same week every month. For example, you would greet people at the 4:30 Mass the first Saturday of every month. Typically, greeters will arrive about 20 minutes before Mass begins, simply stand outside one of the entrances and open the door and greet people as they arrive for Mass. At the end of Mass, you would go back to same door and hand out bulletins/hold the door as people exit church. While it may sound like a small thing, it really makes a difference to those coming to Mass. 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.

ROSARY RALLY: Our parish will be taking part in a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15th at noon We will gather on the steps and plaza area in front of church. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be a public act of reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join us in prayer. You are welcome to bring a chair if you wish.

#### CALLTOACTION FOR OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISERS:

A call to action is being requested by the Major Fundraising chairs. All parishioners are invited to join us for an informational meeting Monday, October 17th. The goal of the meeting is to share details for our major fundraisers, the various tasks that are involved and to request volunteers to help support our future events. Snacks and Drinks will be provided at the meeting. Please join us to learn more about our major fundraisers and how you can help to make them successful.

MEDICARE 101: Turning 65? Retiring soon? Have questions? Join George Josten (St. Catherine parishioner), your guide to Medicare, for a no cost Medicare 101 educational session. You worked hard. Medicare should be easy! There will be a session held on Wednesday, October 19th from 7:15-8:15 p.m. in McCrystal Hall. Whether you're looking to enroll in Medicare for the first time or need to update your plan, this educational session will help you. If you cannot attend a live presentation, please contact George directly for a private session. He can be reached by call/text at 859-414-6591 or by email at george@jchealthinsurance.com.

**FR. STEF'S HOMLIES:** For the past several years, most of Fr. Stef's homilies have been recorded and put on Youtube. If you would like to listen to them, you can go to our website, www.stcatherineofsiena.org and under "Parish," you will find a "Homilies" link. You can also go straight to YouTube and search for "Fr. Stef Bankemper homilies."

# The Truth About **Abortion**en's lives & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

**Abortion** is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

**Abortion is never medically necessary.** It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

# Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

# Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child. In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has *already died*.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a *living* child with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

# Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.** 

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and *never* to intentionally harm her unborn child.

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Ectopic pregnancies**

result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.<sup>2</sup>

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit **www.hopeafterabortion.org** for more information.

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1 Buskmiller, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature". The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269.
2 For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," <a href="https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-ezgx2">https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-ezgx2</a>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," <a href="https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-v-Fact\_v5.pdf">https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-v-Fact\_v5.pdf</a>.

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 the weekend of November 11th -13th.

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. They can also use 1-gallon freezer bags so that they can portion out the bulk donations they receive. 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.

#### **IN OUR DIOCESE**

SACRED HEART DISCERNMENT DINNER: Men from 14 to 40 years of age and their parents are invited to meet Bishop Iffert and Father Kunath, Vocations Promoter, to discuss a possible vocation to the Priesthood. The event starts at 5:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer, followed by a casual dinner. Bishop Iffert and Fr. Kunath will speak to those attending about the Priesthood, discernment, Seminary, and will answer questions. This event is free of charge. The Sacred Heart Discernment Dinner is on SUNDAY, October 16th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, Memorial Hall, 4011 Alexandria Pk., Cold Spring. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 11th to Ms. Shannon Barnes at SBarnes@covdio.org or 859-392-1587 if you would like to attend.

VIRTUS TRAINING CLASSES: There are three upcoming Virtus Training sessions being held. Thomas More University, Steigerwald Hall, Crestview Hills, on Thursday, October 13th from 6:30-9:00 p.m.; Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Tuesday, October 25th from 6:00-8:30 p.m.; St. Catherine of Siena, McCrystal Hall on Thursday, October 27th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. You can register for a class online at virtus. org. Click on Begin the Registration Process, Select Covington KY (Diocese) and follow the prompts to create an account for registration. There is also paperwork you need to get from your Primary location (Parish, School or organization where you will be volunteering or working). This must be filled out and returned to your primary location. The diocese requires that all parish and/or school volunteers and employees be Virtus certified. The October bulletin was posted on Sunday, October 2nd and is due on Tuesday, November 1st.

**OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY:** Join the Covington Diocesan Division, World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, Our Lady's Blue Army on **Thursday, October 13th** at Our Lady's Farm, 5820 HWY 159 N. Falmouth, to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun that occurred in Fatima, Portugal. Rosary begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a Procession of Our Lady of Fatima with Mass at 11:30 a.m. For any questions, contact jmgeiman7@gmail.com.

**FISH FRY:** St. Joseph Camp Springs Parish will hold its annual Oktoberfish Fish Fries on October 14th and 21st from 4:00-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Menu items include fried cod and catfish dinners, fried shrimp, crab cakes, salmon, baked fish with seasonings, beer and other refreshments, and homemade desserts. Dine-in (including outdoor shelter seating) or carry-outs are available by calling 859-635-2491.

2022 SEMINARY BALL: The 2022 Seminary Ball will take place on Friday, October 21st at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. The evening begins with a reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m., then music and dancing from 9:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The cost to attend the 2022 Seminary Ball is \$90.00 per person, with sponsorship opportunities beginning at the \$300.00 level for non-attendees and at the \$1,200.00-and-above level for those wishing to attend. For more information on this year's event, please contact the Diocesan Stewardship Office by email at stewardship@covdio.org or by phone at (859) 392-1500.

PAL "PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES" is a free support group for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Covington, KY 41015. PAL provides continuing education and support, at no charge and no judgement. Just come! For more information, contact Tina or Tony Garera at 859-760-0954 or hope4kypals@gmail.com.

## **ELSEWHERE**



YES FOR LIFE AMENDMENT: Diocesan parishes and schools are allowed to promote the Yes for Life Amendment!

This is considered a lobbying activity, as opposed to political campaigns, under federal law. The proposed amendment does not create any new restrictions on abortion. It simply establishes that nothing in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky can be interpreted to include a right to an abortion. In other words, it prevents a judge from imposing a statewide version of *Roe v. Wade on the citizens of Kentucky. It provides that issues about abortion* and the sanctity of human life will be decided in the state legislature and at the ballot box, not by a judge or court. It is our responsibility as Catholics to protect the sanctity of life. This is not a political stance, but a fundamental and moral foundation.

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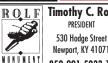
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