

“And the
Word
became flesh and
dwelt
among us.”

- John 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Tuesday, December 31st**

Mary, Mother of God Vigil
4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

Wednesday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m. † Bev Stegman

Thursday, January 2nd

Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
8:00 a.m. † Mary Beiting Goldschmidt

Friday, January 3rd

Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. The Desmond Family

Saturday, January 4th

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 a.m. † Mary Clare Gerhardstein
4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

Sunday, January 5th

Epiphany of the Lord
10:00 a.m. † Ruth Beck

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

December 31st, January 1st, 4th & 5th

December 31 Host: Joliene Garlich, Kelly Hergott,
Noah Shaefer

Cup: Anita Morris, Tom Kaelin, Caroline Kaelin,
Helena Kaelin

January 1st Host: Elise Rulli, Lois Roell, Martie Iker,
Pat Desmond

Cup: Karen Little, 2 volunteers needed

4:30 p.m. Host: Lois Roell

Cup: Judy Rose, Heather Shultz, Kelly Hergott

10:00 a.m. Host: Brooke Holbrook, Nathan Holbrook,
Caroline Kaelin

Cup: Tom Kaelin, Karen Little, Nathan Myers, Doug Powrie,
Noah Shaefer

LECTORS

December 31st, January 1st, 4th & 5th

December 31st Peggy Bertlesman

January 1st Joe Fischer

4:30 p.m. Raymond Schlosser

10:00 a.m. Dennis Hicks

GREETER SCHEDULE

January 4th & 5th

4:30 p.m. Volunteers Needed

10:00 a.m. Mike & Carol Desmond, Rick & Anita Morris

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**SERVER SCHEDULE
December 31st-January 5th****4:30 p.m. – Tuesday – December 31st**

Tim Garlich, Ryan Garlich, 2 Volunteers Needed

10:00 a.m. – Wednesday – January 1st

Ava Youngquist, McKenna Desmond, Grant Desmond,
Reese Desmond

8:00 a.m. – Thursday

Ryan Garlich, Tim Garlich

8:30 a.m. – Friday

Matilda Faust, Alison Wagner

8:00 a.m. – Saturday

Joseph Hicks, Maria Hicks

4:30 p.m. – Saturday

Adelaide Foley, Lillian Foley, Marley Hess, Edie Twehues

10:00 a.m. – Sunday

Greta Hansbauer, Otto Hansbauer, Selma Hansbauer,
Tommy Burkart

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>12/15/2024</u>	<u>12/17/2023</u>
Weekly Offering	\$27,168	\$25,940
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$353,521	\$372,673
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$429,327	\$585,271
Fiscal Annual Budget 2024/25	\$950,000	\$1,260,000
Number of registered families	334	371
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2024/25	\$0	\$0
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$331	\$277
School Registration for 2024-25	106	
School Registration for 2023-24		116
DPAA 2024	Goal	Pledged
	\$71,000	\$91,290
		Over
		\$20,290

THIS WEEK**TUESDAY**

Parish Office Closed

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Happy New Year!

Solemnity of Mary Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Confessions immediately following Mass

Mass 4:30 p.m.

Please Pray for Our Sick

Doug Powrie, Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Larry Beiting, David Garner & Gabby Thomas. Also, remember all 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

William Pikar, Luke Norman, Jay Blinn, Michael Beiting, Joe Fitzgerald, Brian Clayton, 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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CANCELED

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Confessions, nor Rosary on December 31st.

NEW FROM IGNITING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH!

By now you should have received the 2025 Stewardship pledge card asking you to consider how you can support the parish financially with a commitment of your treasure. In conjunction with the financial campaign, we have also developed a survey to focus on how you give your time and talent. The survey displays all the ways to be involved in our parish and allows parishioners to indicate both current involvement and areas of interest in 2025. We ask all parishioners to complete both the Stewardship Commitment pledge card and the Time & Talent survey by January 10, 2025. Please complete one survey per adult member of your household. You can submit your pledge card, as well as the time and talent survey online at our website, www.stcky.org. If you prefer a paper copy, they will be available at the back of church or in the Parish Office.

1 Peter 4:10 *“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”*

BUSINESS MANAGER OPENING – Our current Business Manager, Dennis Hicks, has decided to retire for a second time. He will continue in the role until a replacement is on board. We are grateful for the work he’s done and for his commitment to ensuring a smooth transition. This part-time position (approximately 20 hours) reports to the pastor regarding all financial and other business-related activities of the parish. Candidates will have at least a high school diploma or equivalent, have previous accounting/bookkeeping/business experience, preferably in a Catholic parish or school. Must be skilled in current software and online applications, be organized, and able to work without direct supervision. Must pass a background check. Candidates need not be Roman Catholic, but must be living a life consistent with Catholic values and be supportive of the Catholic mission. Interested candidates should send a résumé to Fr. Stef at sbankemper@stcky.org.



SMALL FAITH GROUPS EVENT!

As most of you know, St. Catherine has the tradition of hosting small faith groups where small groups of 4 to 10 or 12 adults read, watch or listen to something pertaining to an aspect of our faith, then come together for a discussion. These small faith groups offer adults an opportunity to form lasting relationships with other parishioners, grow and learn about our rich and beautiful Catholic faith, and deepen their spiritual life.

Whether you are currently in a small faith group or would just like to find out more about them, we ask you to join us at our January 12th social to enjoy some light refreshments, learn more about the topic for the next session and, if needed, find a group to join. In the meantime, look around at Mass or during school drop-off/pickup for others you could ask to join you.

You need not be a theologian to facilitate or join a group! The intention is to grow and learn together; hearing God speak to you through others is a powerful way to strengthen your faith life!

Let the Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire within small groups as we gather in Faith, Share in Hope and Grow in Love.

WORD OF LIFE “Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”

– USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life
(www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)



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**Parent Panel Q & A
12:00 & 1:00**

**Sunday, January 12, 2025
11:30-1:30**



JOIN US FOR SHAKEN NOT STIRRED...

AN EVENING OF MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE!

The event will be held at the Fort Thomas Mess Hall on Saturday, January 25th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. and will take you on a trip down memory lane, celebrating 50 years of James Bond, and includes a catered buffet dinner, martini-themed bars, live jazz music and top-secret games. The major raffle Grand Prize is a vacation package for two. This seven-day adventure includes six-nights lodging with visits to Bond movie locations including Amsterdam, Rome, and London. Also provided are James Bond tours in each city and airfare! Second Prize is admission for two to the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., along with a \$500.00 Marriott Hotels gift card. Third Prize is our "Casino Royal Package," including a poker chip and card set, a poker table-top cover, and a martini cocktail service set, along with starter supplies. Other separate raffle items will include an assortment of bourbons, an assortment of martini spirits, and the full collection of James Bond movies on Blu-Ray. There will also be a silent auction, featuring a variety of gift baskets. We encourage individuals and/or any parish groups to consider donating baskets/prize packages. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in doing this. Tickets for the dinner party are \$70.00 per guest and Raffle Tickets are \$50.00 each. Both can be purchased online on our website or in the Parish Office.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of December 23rd will be reported next week.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, it's not too late! Stop by the Parish Office and get in on the chance to win \$100.00 a week!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR PARISH MISSION! Be sure to mark your calendars for the evenings of February 2nd, 3rd and 4th for our Parish Mission. Fr. Kevin Scalf from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be our presenter. More information about the event will follow, but for now, mark those dates and plan to attend!

END-OF-YEAR GIVING – If you are over age 70 ½ and required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. Catherine by giving to St. Catherine directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. If this sounds like an option for you, consult your tax advisor for a detailed explanation.

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

MEN'S STAG – Newport Central Catholic is hosting a Men's Stag on Saturday, January 11th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. in the school gym. The cost is \$20.00, \$10.00 Seniors (65+) cash at the door. Come enjoy the fellowship while watching the NFL Wild Card game and UK basketball game on the big screens. Admission will include beer, soft drinks and coney. There will be split-the-pot, a bourbon raffle and other raffle items. We hope you can join us.

ELSEWHERE

IRENA'S VOW – Catholic Culture AT The Aronoff! Step into the shadows of Nazi-occupied Poland and witness the gripping, true story of Irena Gut Opdyke, a young Catholic housemaid who risked her life to shelter over a dozen Jews in the home of a German officer. Presented by The Angelico Project, this is more than theater – it's a chance to support local Catholic culture and invite friends and family to encounter Truth, Goodness, and Beauty! Learn more by visiting AngelicoProject.org. Showtimes are Friday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 18th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Location: Jarson-Kaplan Theater, Aronoff Center. Tickets: CincinnatiArts.ORG or call 513-621-2787 (ARTS)

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