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Masses for Sunday: Saturday: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 10:00 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-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Closed Friday

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, February 18th** 8:00 a.m. † Bill McCarthy

Wednesday, February 19th 5:30 p.m. † Bill Seiter

**Thursday, February 20th** 8:00 a.m. † Bev Stegman

Friday, February 21st St. Peter Damian 8:30 a.m. Desmond Family

Saturday, February 22nd Chair of St. Peter 8:00 a.m. † Betty Gerrein 4:30 p.m. † Gail Schultz Jenkins

**Sunday, February 23rd** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION February 22nd & 23rd

**4:30 p.m. Host:** Diane Hamberg **Cup:** Sarah Meisenhelder, Gina New, Tom New

10:00 a.m. Host: Caroline Kaelin, Tom Kaelin, Karen Little Cup: Nathan Myers, Doug Powrie, Noah Shaefer, David Sower

LECTORS February 22nd & 23rd 4:30 p.m. Bill Sodini 10:00 a.m. Mary Margaret Spica

#### SERVERS SCHEDULE February 18th-23rd

**8:00 a.m. – Tuesday** George Josten, James Josten

**5:30 p.m. – Wednesday** Ryan Stacey, Ava Youngquist

**8:00 a.m. – Thursday** Matilda Faust, Molly Muench

8:30 a.m. – Friday Reese Desmond, Josh McSorley, Alison Wagner

> **8:00 a.m. - Saturday** Frannie Smith, Adelise Bozeman

**4:30 p.m. – Saturday** Edie Twehues, Addie Hess, Wren Twehues

**10:00 a.m. – Sunday** Grant Desmond, McKenna Desmond, Josie Messmer

#### GREETERS SCHEDULE February 22nd & 23rd

**4:30 p.m.** Kenny & Jenny Collopy & Family **10:00 a.m.** George & Megan Josten & Family, Betsy Stegner

# SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

		2/2/2025	2/4/2024
Weekly Offering	\$18,149	\$38,978	
<b>Fiscal YTD Offering</b>	\$557,052	\$545,242	
<b>Fiscal YTD Budget</b>	\$553,297	\$753,977	
<b>Fiscal Annual Budge</b>	\$950,000	\$1,260,000	
Number of registered	334	371	
Tuition Assistance av	\$0		
<b>Tuition Assistance de</b>	\$347		
School Registration			
DPAA 2024	Goal	Pledged	Over
	\$71,000	\$92,415	\$21,415

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

## THIS WEEK

MONDAY Presidents' Day Parish Office Closed No School

#### TUESDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 a.m. Confessions, 5:30 p.m. Benediction, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Church

> WEDNESDAY Mass, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Mass, 8:00 a.m. Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church

> FRIDAY Mass, 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Confessions immediately following Mass Mass 4:30 p.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Mass, 10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation Retreat, 1:00 p.m., Church

# Please Pray for Our Sick

Grace Kuhnhein, 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**

#### **RMD DONATION**

We have recently received a check from Fidelity Investments donating the RMD of someone to St. Catherine, however, there was no name on the check. If you are a Fidelity customer and recently requested that your RMD be sent to St. Catherine, please contact the parish office.

#### WINE TASTING PARTY

There are still a few openings for the Wine Tasting Party that was part of our Shaken Not Stirred event, so it's not too late to get in on the fun! More information is below. Contact the parish office to sign up.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA Wine Tasting Event SATURDAY COST DETAILS May 10 \$50 Full details of the event will be emailed PER PERSON to each participant 7:00-10:00рм

Join us for an evening of fine wine, hors d'oeuvres and great company at our wine tasting party! Savor a selection of reds, whites, and sparkling wines as we explore unique flavors from around the world.

Whether you're a wine connoisseur or a casual enthusiast, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out raise a glass and celebrate with us!

> **TO SIGN UP:** Call the Parish Office • 859-441-1352

HOSTED BY: Deacon Brian & Jennie Cox • Dave & Kelley Glaser Bob & Nancy Hassman • Tom & Caroline Kaelin

## PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of February 10th was Dennis Hicks. Congratulations!

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, they are available online or in the parish office, so you can still get in on the chance to win \$100.00 a week!

#### WORD OF LIFE

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and His Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

#### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### Lenten Pilgrimage

This year's parish Lenten Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, March 23rd.

We will be going to the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, a designated pilgrimage site for the Jubilee year, which means you can receive a plenary indulgence.

#### Middle School Event

Join us for REVIVE on April 12th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. A night of fellowship, music, and Adoration for grades 6–8. More details coming soon – spread the word!

#### St. Catherine of Siena Fest

This annual parish event celebrating our patroness will be held on Sunday, April 27th.

Watch future bulletins and parish emails for more details on all these events.

#### **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**

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL GAME AT NCC

You won't want to miss the heartwarming return of this memorable tradition. Join us on Thursday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. for a basketball game highlighting the Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky's "Orange Crush" team as they take on the NCC High School Intramural basketball team in the spirit of love and friendly competition. The game will take place at NCC and admission is free. Donations are welcome and all proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics of NKY.

#### SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MARCH

Two upcoming Spiritual Enrichment Opportunities for Teachers, Catechists, and All in Church Ministry! Come to one or both! Encountering the Person of Jesus will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium at the Diocesan Curia Office. Behold Your Mother will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at Covington Latin School. National speaker Deacon Gerard-Marie Anthony from the Diocese of Arlington will present both days. Registration for both events is due by Sunday, February 23, 2025, at https://www.covdio.org/schools/.

**THE KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE** has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 26th. There are buses reserved for transportation to Frankfort. If you would like to attend, please contact the Pro-Life Office at ppiccola@covdio.org.

### 2025 JUBILEE WINTER PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN

Bishop John Iffert will be leading a regional pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guerin in Saint Mary-Of-The-Woods, Indiana, on Saturday, March 1st. This is the first of four quarterly regional pilgrimages that Bishop John will be leading. Transportation and meals are provided. Sign-ups are available now at www.covdio. org/jubilee. To learn more about St. Mother Theodore Guerin and the Shrine, visit https://spsmw.org/about/saint-mother-theodore-guerin/.

#### 2025 WORKSHOPS ON THE OLD TESTAMENT

Father Timothy P. Schehr is a retired biblical scholar and former professor at Mount St. Mary's School of Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. He has a B.A., M.Div., and an M.A. from the Athenaeum, as well as a Ph.D. from Hebrew Union College.

Workshops are all held Saturday mornings, 9:00-11:30 a.m., at the Diocesan Curia (1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011).

> 2025 Workshops Deuteronomy: March 8 Joshua: March 15 Judges: March 22 Ruth: May 17 1 & 2 Samuel: May 24

Everyone is welcome to attend! The cost for each workshop is \$35.00. For more information and to register, visit https:// covdio.org/bible-workshops.

#### MADE FOR HEAVEN

Join us for a Lenten Women's Retreat Saturday, March 22nd, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Undercroft, 2409 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. There will be an opportunity for Mass and Confession. Early bird cost is \$45.00 before March 9th, \$50.00 after March 9th. Register at <u>http://rcohiovalley.org/womens-lenten-retreatmar25</u>. Open to all. Sponsored by the Women of Regnum Christi. Questions? Contact Robin Welch at rmwelch99@gmail.com.

#### **ST. BERNARD 100 DAY RAFFLE**

St. Bernard Church will be once again having our 100 Day Raffle selling 1,100 tickets for \$20.00 each for a chance to win \$100.00 for 100 days. If your name is drawn, it will automatically go back in for the next drawings. Please call Carol Buemi for your ticket 859-581-0487 or email: carol4travel@fuse.net. The first drawing is March 7, 2025.



#### RETROUVAILLE

HOPE for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on April 4-6, 2025, call 513-486-6222 or visit www. HelpOurMarriage.org.

#### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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SOLS SOCK DRIVE

Help Us Help Others Have Happy Feet! The St. Catherine Foresters are collecting new socks to benefit local homeless shelters.

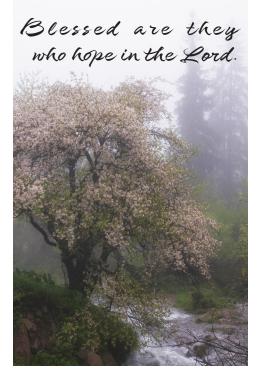
We're accepting socks of all kinds: Babies • Kids • Men • Women

Drop off your donations at St. Catherine Parish or School Office

# February 10-28

Thank you for helping us spread warmth and make Happy Feet!

# **SPONSORED BY ST. CATHERINE FORESTERS #2514**



# SAINT PETER DAMIAN

Saints of the Day: February 21; Patron Saint of Faenza and Font-Avellano, Italy Peter Damian escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Peter was strict with himself. He fasted and spent many hours in prayer. He decided to give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When not praying, he studied the Bible.

The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living.

He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven biographies that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin.

He asked often to be allowed to retire, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. Peter once again became just a monk, but also served as a papal legate. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

