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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, January 28th St. Thomas Aquinas 8:00 a.m. † Peggy Sue Brennan

Wednesday, January 29th 5:30 p.m. † Vicki Sinclair

Thursday, January 30th 8:00 a.m. Our Lady of the Angels Monastery

> Friday, January 31st St. John Bosco 8:30 a.m. † Mary Vieth

Saturday, February 1st 8:00 a.m. – Mass – canceled 4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

> **Sunday, February 2nd** Presentation of the Lord 10:00 a.m. † Ruth Beck

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION February 1st & 2nd

4:30 p.m. Host: Diane Hamberg Cup: Judy Rose, Heather Shultz, Kelly Hergott
10:00 a.m. Host: Anita Morris, Kristen Gerrein, Doug Powrie Cup: Noah Shaefer, David Sower, Betsy Stegner, Kathy Woltermann

LECTORS February 1st & 2nd

4:30 p.m. Sarah Meisenhelder **10:00 a.m.** Josie Bozeman

SERVERS SCHEDULE January 28th-February 2nd

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Maria Hicks, Michael Hicks 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Caroline Holbrook, Ava Youngquist 8:00 a.m. – Thursday McKenzie Collopy, Keegan Collopy 8:30 a.m. – Friday Matilda Faust, Molly Muench, Reese Desmond 8:00 a.m. – Saturday No Mass 4:30 p.m. – Saturday Edie Twehues, Addie Hess, Graham Gillen 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Grayson Schwalbach, Hayden Schwalbach, Tommy Burkart

GREETERS SCHEDULE February 1st & 2nd

4:30 p.m. Volunteers Needed **10:00 a.m.** Mike & Carol Desmond, Rick & Anita Morris

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

Will be reported next week.

DPAA 2024

GoalPledged\$71,000.00\$92,415.00

<u>Over</u> \$21,415.00

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

THIS WEEK

TODAY Mass, 10:00 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Kickoff

MONDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

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. Pro-Life Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., PCMR

WEDNESDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30 p.m. Mass, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30 p.m. Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church **FRIDAY** Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Burning of the Greens, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Canceled Confessions – Canceled Visitation for Mary Hoffman, 10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Mary Hoffman, 11:00 a.m. Mass 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mass, 10:00 a.m. Parish Mission, 6:30 p.m., Church

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 in your prayers all our parishioners in nursing homes as well as those confined to their homes.

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

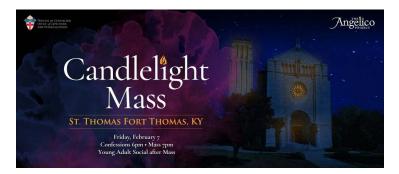
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO JOIN THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT? Join our parish Pro-Life Committee on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Meeting Room to see how you can help further this important cause. We would love to have you there! If you have any questions about our Pro-Life Committee, contact Carol Desmond at <u>desmondca@gmail.com</u>.

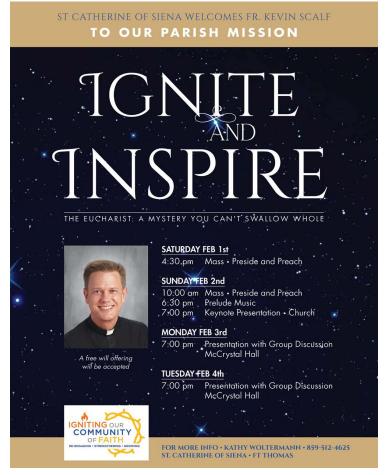
MEMORIAL MASS There will be a Memorial Mass for Mary Hoffman (who passed away in December) on Saturday, February 1st at 11:00 a.m. There will also be a visitation in church at 10:00 a.m. Because of this, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass nor Confessions that morning.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER The winner for the week of January 20th will be reported next week. 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!

BURNING OF THE GREENS 2025! A family-friendly celebration of Candlemas, sponsored by the St. Catherine Men's Group will be held this Friday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m., next door to the Parish Center in Boden's sand volleyball court. Offered that night will be heated tailgate treats, roasted marshmallows, warm apple cider, hot chocolate, not-hot beverages, toasty and tasty snacks and lots and lots of burning, flaming, and blazing Christmas trees! Everyone is welcome to come!

IGNITE AND INSPIRE: A SPIRITUAL RETREAT Come join your fellow parishioners and Fr. Kevin Scalf as he leads us on a personal and communal journey of unlocking the mysteries of the Eucharist. Fr. Kevin is an energetic and charismatic speaker who will entertain our minds and engage our souls. The purpose of this mission is to give us the spiritual tools to IGNITE the flame of Christ within us personally and utilize the power of the Eucharist to INSPIRE our parish community.





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 resume to Fr. Stef at sbankemper@stcky.org.

St. Catherine Parishioners,

My name is Logan Holbrook, a fellow parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena parish and current freshmen at West Virginia University (Go Mountaineers!). If you remember last year, I was given the opportunity to serve the Lord as a missionary with NET Ministries. Through your prayers and donations, God made an instrument out of me and my work, so thank you! While at WVU, however, I have encountered a missionary organization on campus called FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. This spring, I have a wonderful opportunity to spend my spring break in Lima, Peru on a FOCUS mission trip. 28-30 college students, FOCUS missionaries, and a priest will accompany me to serve, work, and evangelize to the locals. We will be directly ministering to their material and spiritual needs as well as simply visiting people in their homes.

To serve God's people, however, I need to fundraise \$3,100.00 before February 14th. You can join me on this mission in two ways: with your prayers and with a financial gift. I ask that you prayerfully consider joining me as a financial partner as I serve in Lima, Peru, if it aligns with your goals for giving. There are no minimums or maximums, and all gifts are truly appreciated! If you would like to join my mission support team, simply go online and donate by credit card or bank transfer at https://tinyurl.com/mr3a5ymx or

use the QR code. All gifts are tax-deductible, charitable gifts. Feel free to donate as soon as you are able. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and know that all of you are in my prayers as well!



WORD OF LIFE Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

UPCOMING PARISH EVENT Be sure to save the date of April 27th for our Annual St. Catherine of Siena Fest, held to celebrate the patron saint of our parish! More details will follow, but for now, mark your calendars!

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!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER & MASS FOR

CONSECRATED LIFE The Diocese of Covington will honor our men and women religious with a special Mass on Saturday, February 1st, 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral. Bishop John Iffert will be the main celebrant. A reception will follow in Bishop Howard Memorial Hall. All people are cordially invited to attend. The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is Sunday, February 2, 2025, which is also the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The celebration of this day of prayer is February 1 and 2, to allow parishes to highlight the gift of religious life and pray for those discerning a religious vocation. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK





MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SAVE THE DATE! JOIN US AT THE KENTUCKY STATE CAPITOL TO WALK WITH PURPOSE AND HOPE FOR LIFE

2025 KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE

TOGETHER FOR LIFE: WALKING IN HOPE, INSPIRING CHANGE, SAVING LIVES

BEBRUARY 12TH, 2025

EXPERIENCE A DAY OF PRAYER, MUSIC, WITNESS, AND UNITY AT THE HEART OF KENTUCKY'S CAPITOL.

REGISTRATION OPENS ON DECEMBER 1ST

FOLLOW US ON OUR WEBSITE: KYRIGHTTOLIFE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL OUR OFFICE AT 502-895-5959





CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. CATHERINE 25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Saint of the Day: January 28

Patron Saint of Catholic Colleges, Teachers, Philosophers, Students

Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans and joined the Dominicans to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home.

Once free, he went to Paris and Cologne, finished his studies with Albert the Great, held two professorships in Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith, of reason and human knowledge, pervades his work. One might expect him to be an ardent defender of revealed truth, but he was able to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The Summa Theologiae, his uncompleted last work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. He said, "I cannot go on... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

