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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. † Bill Venable & Mark Lehmkuhl

### Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. † Cliff Perkins

### Thursday, December 26th St. Stephen

8:00 a.m. † Don Hamberg

## Friday, December 27th

St. John the Apostle & Evangelist

8:30 a.m. Mass Canceled

### Saturday, December 28th

Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. † Bev Stegman

4:30 p.m. † Gail Schultz Jenkins

### Sunday, December 29th

The Holy Family

10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

# EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION December 24th, 25th, 28th & 29th

Christmas Eve Host: Joliene Garlich, Noah Shaefer,

Natalie Messmer

Cup: Kathy Woltermann, Elise Rulli, Brooke Holbrook, Tom Kaelin

Christmas Day Host: Elise Rulli, Lois Roell

Cup: Pat Desmond, Anita Morris, Jeanne Hicks, Martie Iker

4:30 p.m. Host: Diane Hamberg

Cup: Kelly Hergott, Sarah Meisenhelder, Gina New, Tom New 10:00 a.m. Host: Jen Kirst, Peggy Birkenhauer, Pat Desmond Cup: Brian Dinkelacker, Kristen Gerrein, Jeanne Hicks, Martie Iker

### LECTORS

December 24th, 25th, 28th & 29th

Christmas Eve Mary Margaret Spica Christmas Day Pete Djordjevic

4:30 p.m. Jennie Cox

**10:00 a.m.** Mike Ruwe

## SERVER SCHEDULE December 24th-29th

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4:30 p.m. – Tuesday – Christmas Eve

Josie Bozeman, Carden Bozeman, Tim Garlich, Max Holbrook

10:00 a.m. – Wednesday – Christmas Day

Reese Desmond, Grant Desmond, Maria Hicks, Joseph Hicks

8:00 a.m. - Thursday

Brooklyn Burkart, Rachel Burkart

8:30 a.m. - Friday

Mass Canceled

8:00 a.m. – Saturday

Adelise Bozeman, Carden Bozeman

4:30 p.m. - Saturday

Alex Muench, Molly Muench, Matilda Faust, Sub Needed

10:00 a.m. - Sunday

Emily Kirst, Natalie Kirst, Grayson Schwalbach, Hayden Schwalbach

## GREETER SCHEDULE December 24th, 25th, 28th & 29th

Christmas Eve Bob & Elise Rulli, Barb Venable
Christmas Day Volunteers Needed
4:30 p.m. Kenny & Jenny Collopy & Family
10:00 a.m. Mike & Jen Desmond & Family

### SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

	<u>12/8/2024</u>	<u>12/10/2023</u>
Weekly Offering	\$11,706	\$15,165
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$326,353	\$346,732
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$407,227	\$561,169
Fiscal Annual Budget 2024/25	\$950,000	\$1,260,000
Number of registered families	334	371
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2024/25	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>Tuition Assistance donations FYD</b>	\$331	\$277
School Registration for 2024-25	106	
School Registration for 2023-24	116	

DPAA 2024 <u>Goal</u> <u>Pledged</u> <u>Over</u> \$71,000 \$91,290 \$20,290

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

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

### THIS WEEK

### **TODAY**

Christmas Caroling, 5:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

### **MONDAY**

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

### TUESDAY

Christmas Eve Mass, 4:30 p.m. Parish Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY

Merry Christmas! Mass, 10:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed

### THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Parish Office Closed

# **FRIDAY**

Mass, 8:30 a.m. – Canceled Memorial Mass for Howard Bezold, 10:00 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**

### UPCOMING HOLY DAYS/HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24th – 4:30 p.m. Christmas Day, December 25th – 10:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Vigil Mass, December 31st – 4:30 p.m. Solemnity of Mary, January 1st – 10:00 a.m.



### LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SPREAD JOY THIS CHRISTMAS?

We still need greeters for our Christmas Day Mass. It's the perfect opportunity to wish many of your fellow parishioners, as well as a good number of visitors, a Merry Christmas. If you are interested in being a Christmas greeter or if you would like to be a greeter at the weekly Sunday Masses, please contact the Parish Office by tomorrow, December 23rd.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CANCELED

Due to the upcoming Holy Days, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction or Confessions on December 24th or December 31st.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR FR. STEF & DEACON BARRY - It's

not too late to donate to a group gift for Fr. Stef and Deacon Barry Henry. Cash donations or checks are both fine, but all checks must be made out to the individual, not St. Catherine. Please put cash/check in an envelope marked "Christmas gift" and be sure to include your family name, as well as for whom the gift is intended. Donations can be turned into the Parish Office (can also be put through the mail slot) through December 27th. If you have any questions, contact the Parish Office at 441-1352.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** – We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Paul Kohrs, whose funeral was held last week; Mary Hoffman, whose Memorial Mass will be held here on February 1st; and Howard Bezold, whose Memorial Mass will be held here on December 27th. Howard was one of the founding members of our parish, so we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts in establishing St. Catherine of Siena. Please pray for all our deceased members and their families.

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.



# SMALL FAITH GROUPS EVENT!

As most of you know, St. Catherine has the tradition of hosting small faith groups where small groups of four 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.





Meet our teachers and staff

Student guided tours of the school

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 topsecret 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 DC, 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 winners for the week of December 16th were Tim & Mimi Reynolds. Congratulations!

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 70½ 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!

**WORD OF LIFE** "O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
 Prayer for Radical Solidarity

# **IN OUR DIOCESE**

**JUBILEE 2025** – Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year. Occurring every 25 years, Jubilee Years are special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. The theme of this jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope." The Holy Father has decreed that every diocesan bishop is to open the year with a celebration in the Diocesan Cathedral of Holy Mass on Sunday, December 29th. Bishop Iffert will celebrate that Mass at 2:00 p.m. at our Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

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 coneys. There will be split-the-pot, a bourbon raffle and other raffle items. We hope you can join us.

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