

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH 2025
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Prayer for a New School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the
wonder of our being; for
mind, body, and spirit. Be
with our children as they
begin a new school year.
Please bless all students,
teachers, and staff, that all
may grow in love of God,
love of neighbor, and love of
learning. Give wisdom and
knowledge to their minds as
they search for
understanding; and peace
and zeal to their hearts.
Above all, help each person
from our entire parish and
school community to grow
as a disciple of Jesus Christ,
through whom we make this
prayer, for he is Lord forever
and ever. Amen.



**Registration for Family of Faith and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
now open! See inside for more details and registration details.**



**Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 26th
12:00pm-6:00pm**



Welcome to St. Catharine

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Parish Office: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm • Fri 8:30am-12pm



We're so glad to see you! God loves you, and He has a great plan for your life! If you are new to St. Catharine, we want to thank you for coming and we look forward to worshipping God in Word and in Sacrament together today. Please remember to mute your cell phones and to observe sacred silence in the Church. Restrooms are located in the Undercroft and the Parish Center. If you need any assistance or have any questions, just find someone with a green lanyard. We hope to see you again!

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN... May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room and video-feed in the Parish Hall Gallery available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. But please do come back! Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH... The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour
Saturdays at 3:00pm



Confession

Wednesday 6:30pm
Saturday 9:00am

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ADORE Night

✙ Every Wednesday at 6:30pm ✙

A candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, August 24th: *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am Holy Mass (Joseph Gillilan)
9:30am St. Vincent de Paul
11:00am Holy Mass (John Conner)
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of the Parish) 🕯

Monday, August 25th

8:00am Holy Mass (Mary McGinty Bourke)
6:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, August 26th

8:00am Holy Mass (Joel Snyder)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Wednesday, August 27th: *Memorial of Saint Monica*

12p-2p Parish Office Closed
5:00pm Protecting God's Children Class & Fingerprinting
6:00pm Holy Mass (Dick Hinterschied and Friends)
6:30pm ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)

Thursday, August 28th: *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:30am Men's Rosary
8:00am Holy Mass (Mary McGinty Bourke)

Friday, August 29th: *Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

8:00am Holy Mass (Dennis Lyons)

Saturday, August 30th

7:30am Men's Group Gospel Reflection
8:30am Holy Mass (Harry Nester)
9:00am Confessions

Sunday, August 31st: *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
9:30am St. Vincent de Paul
11:00am Holy Mass (George Rushman) 🕯
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm Holy Mass (Msgr. David V. Sorohan)

Offering and Attendance

Thank you for your presence and your generosity!

August 10th

Envelope	\$ 2,886.00
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EFT	\$ 11,184.95
Total	\$ 15,390.95
Diocesan Tax	\$ 1,539.10
Net	\$ 13,851.86

August 17th Attendance

8:30am	371
11:00am	299
5:00pm	244
Total	914

SCAN TO GIVE



May They Rest in Peace

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

James R. Wood
Dennis J. Lyons
George F. Rushman
Mary McGinty Bourke

Oke Mora
Patricia Strominger
Patricia J. Gibboney
Jerome R. Bahlmann



Paulette Ann Bennett

February 19, 1938 - August 15, 2025

St. Catharine extends our heartfelt prayers for the eternal soul of Paulette, and we extend our deepest sympathies to all of her family and friends.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 4 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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Dan
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Barb

Peggy
Patti
Brooke
Michelle
Molly
Annette



St. Joseph, defender of life,
pray for us!

Welcome Maggie Cook!

Faith, Family, and a Good Cup of Coffee

Hello St. Catharine! Welcome back to school, back to Faith Formation, and to my first bulletin article!



I am excited to join this parish as the Director of Family Catechesis. As an alumna of St. Catharine School (2017) and Bishop Hartley High School (2021), it's a blessing to return to the area and to this welcoming community. In just a short time here, I already feel like the Lord has been giving us such an abundance of grace through the friendships and experiences my husband and I have had. When I'm not in the office, I'm likely tending to my unruly flock of chickens, thoroughly lost in a good book, or exploring Columbus's newest coffee shops and breweries.

Besides introducing myself to the parish community, I also want to share what's going on with our youth and family ministry this upcoming year!

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation is a program for our students who do not attend Catholic school, grades PreK-8th. As the name suggests, it's a time for the whole family to be formed and grow together in their walk with Christ. Our faith is based on relationship, and so it makes sense that we are built up and become holier in relationships as well. Time and time again we have seen that the best way for faith to be passed down to children is through the influence of their parents. Faith is not a grade or a transaction - it is a living, breathing, abundant life!

Faith Formation this year looks similar to last year. We will have monthly at-church meetings (depending on your pathway) and an at-home box of resources to encourage conversations and questions. If you're interested in joining our Faith Formation team, please let me know. There are discounts for all volunteers this year.

Lumen High School Youth Group

Introducing *Lumen*, our new High School Youth Group! When I was praying about what this youth group would look like, I felt the Lord highlight a Scripture verse to me: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). *Lumen* is Latin for "light." The Lord wants to be the light of your life, and of these high schoolers' lives!

Lumen will be a monthly program held on Sunday evenings, from 6:00-8:00pm and we kick off on Sunday, September 14th. Picture chaotic games, tasty food, encouraging talks, and prayer!

For more information on either of these ministries, check visit www.stcatharine.com or follow along on Instagram @saintcatharineyouth

Contact me for any questions, and please keep these ministries in your prayers!

Maggie Cook

Director of Family Faith Formation
maggie@stcatharine.com

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IT'S TIME FOR FAMILY OF FAITH

Share an adventure of faith with the entire family!



Family of Faith begins on Sunday, September 14th

*On campus gatherings will happen once per month
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For students K-8 and their families



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Questions? Maggie Cook • maggie@stcatharine.com

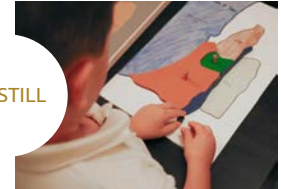


"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

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- Working with these materials allows the child to enter more deeply into meditation, nurturing their relationship with the Good Shepherd.

*To find out more about registering your child:
www.stcatharine.com/cgs*



SACRAMENT PARENT MEETING



**FOR THE PARENTS OF ALL STUDENTS
RECEIVING CONFIRMATION OR FIRST
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Infant Baptism

St. Catharine offers a new family-centered Baptism prep program to deepen understanding and connection to Jesus. It includes two sessions held on the 1st Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass. **Expectant parents are encouraged to attend even before your little one is born!** Learn more or register at www.stcatharine.com/baptism.

Questions? Fr. Brown • frbrown@stcatharine.com



Becoming Catholic and Adult Baptism

Discover the salvation, beauty and spirituality of the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ more than 2,000 years ago.

The Becoming Catholic journey is beginning again! If you think you are ready to begin the process of becoming Catholic, or if you have **any other questions about God and the Church**, just scan the QR code or send us an email.

Questions? Fr. Brown • frbrown@stcatharine.com



Holy Matrimony

A wedding is just one day, but marriage is for a lifetime

Congratulations on your engagement! We want to be of assistance to you to ensure that your wedding day will be a prayerful and joyful celebration. As soon as you have made the decision to marry, and at least six months or more prior to the anticipated wedding date, you should contact the Pastor in order to begin the various steps of the Marriage Preparation Program.

Questions? Fr. Bob • frbob@stcatharine.com



St. Catharine Men

Men's Group Gospel Reflections

Saturdays at 7:30am in the Parish Center

During the summer we take a break from *That Man Is You* videos but we still meet for **Men's Group Gospel Reflection** as we break open the upcoming Scriptures for Sunday Mass. All are welcome!

Questions? Paul Wills • pkawills7@gmail.com



2nd Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall



As a brotherhood of Catholic men, we are committed to practicing and promoting the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. We welcome all Catholic men who share our values to join us in our mission of service and faith-based fellowship

Questions? Ed Stange • Deputy@koc11354.org

Men's Rosary

**Last Thursdays of the Month
7:30am in the Church**

St. Catharine Women



1st Saturdays at 6:30am in the Parish Center

Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee, prayer, and small groups. Bring Jesus your heart and allow Jesus to fill you with His love.

Questions? Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com



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Is 66:18-21 | Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Lk 13:22-30

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever felt as though God is punishing you? Throughout the course of our lives, we experience what might seem like a barrage of hardships. This battering down of our interior and exterior fortresses over time can test our faith and weaken our resolve. If you find yourself in this position, read today's passage from Hebrews again: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord," St. Paul reminds us, "for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." In our human nature, we may find these "disciplines" painful (and rightfully so). But Paul urges us to shift our mindset, recognizing that just as a good father disciplines his children for their greater good, so our heavenly Father does the same for us. Paul goes on to explain that we may consider every trial we endure in this sense, as a loving "discipline" — a sign of the Lord's attention and desire for our sanctity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Modern society loves the concept of a God who is soft, inviting, sweet, and tender. Of course, our Lord in his goodness and mercy can be described by those adjectives. But today's Gospel reminds us of an equally important characteristic of the Lord: He is the supreme and final judge, and at the final judgment we will be held accountable for our lives. In the end, we will stand before the Lord, and he will put all things in proper order. Will it be glorious, loving, and merciful? Yes. Painful and piercing? Perhaps. Our Lord's love knows no bounds, and he withholds his mercy from no one. It is precisely from this place of perfect love and profound mercy that rightful judgment emerges. May we live a life worthy of welcome when we meet him face to face.

REFLECT

In addition to accepting the discipline that the Lord sends our way, we can engage in voluntary practices to strengthen our spiritual lives. These practices are necessary, as Jesus tells us that many "will not be strong enough" to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Our second reading exhorts us to "strengthen [our] drooping hands and [our] weak knees." What spiritual disciplines have you found helpful to foster your growth in holiness? What areas are weak or need strengthening?

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Sun, August 31st 8:30am	Jeff Gardner	Tracey D'Alessandro (1) Emily Kalush (2)	Pam Rice - North Kasey VanBuskirk - North Cheryl Rushman - South Mark Savino - South	Sawyer Thompson	Francesco Allwein Leona Doenges John Duran	Rebecca Jackson - West Nathan Murphy - West Ed Stange - North Rick Walsh - South Tina Allwein - SE *1 Needed*	Group 1 Elyse Salisbury
Sun, August 31st 11:00am	Chuck Burkhardt	*2 Needed*	Gary Allwein, Jan Strominger, David Isaacs *1 Needed* Beth Henney, Grant Roberts, Jane Isaacs, Bobbi Snyder	Patrick Henney	Isaac Reeb Allie Roscoe Joseph Snyder	Bob Mauk - West Nancy Connor - North Christy Schlosser - South Giana Coleman - NE *1 Needed*	Group 2 Russell Johnston
Sun, August 31st 5:00pm	*1 Needed*	*2 Needed*	Barbara Murphy - North *3 Needed*	Thomas Sweeney	Sophia Berndt Kateri Fouts Laura Harris	Betsy Butler - West Scott Remeis - North Johnean Goodwin - NE Mark Savino - SE *1 Needed*	Bickford *1 Needed*

LIFE

Our Sign of Hope



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."¹ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring."² Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."³

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."⁴

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."⁵

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death."⁶ Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."⁷

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² *Ibid.*, 1.

³ Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

⁴ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 3.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 20.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 6.

MASS FOR LIFE

Friday, October 3 at 9:00 am

St. Joseph Cathedral
Columbus, OH

*OHIO MARCH for LIFE
to follow at 11:00 am*

