



THE MONTH OF JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Important and Exciting Pastor's Letter Inside!

Please see inside for an important pastor's letter from Fr. Bob detailing several updates on what has been happening recently at St. Catharine:

- Daily Mass and Confession Schedule Change Begins in August
- Two New Parish Staff Members
- Athletic Fields and Gymnaisum Usage
- Much more!



Dear Parish Family,

Here are several important and exciting updates on what has been happening recently at St. Catharine:

Changes to Weekday Mass and Adore schedule

In recent weeks you have been seeing an announcement for weekday Mass and Adoration changes in the bulletin. I want to share with you the reasoning for this change.

Fr. Brown and I are committed to always being available for Confession and usually both of us are present whenever the sacrament is offered. Last week we heard around 100 confessions over three sessions, so we know that this sacrament is important to you too – God be praised for His mercy! However, one of the problems the current arrangement creates is that it makes it difficult for us to be available for other things on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. These are often days of the week when we could be visiting parishioners in their homes, taking appointments in our offices or attending meetings. The current arrangement makes that either impossible or means we rush dinner (because of early appointments) or work late (because of late appointments). The new arrangement will still allow us to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation twice a week (on Wednesday evening and Saturday morning) and both of us will normally be there until the last confession is heard. If one of us is not able to be present we will arrange for another priest to cover if possible.

When school is in session the **School Mass will still take place at 9:00am on Wednesdays** and parishioners who normally attend are still welcome to do so. However, in the interests of security there will be two changes:

- First, everyone will need to enter via the entrance doors in front of the Adoration Chapel. The other doors will be locked (but usable in an exit emergency) so that we maintain a safe environment for the school children during Mass. By having only one entrance for Mass we increase security in the building overall and can monitor the School Mass better. The church doors will be unlocked after the 9:00am Mass.
- Second, the day and time of the School Mass will not be advertised in the parish bulletin or on the website or social media. Technically, this will be a private School Mass though parishioners are welcome to attend. Again, this enhances security overall, and there will be a public **Evening Mass at 6:00pm on Wednesdays that people can still attend, followed by Adore and Confessions.**

My prayer is that this arrangement will bring glory to God and blessings to all of us. Fr. Brown and I are always willing to hear Confessions by appointment as well and will be more available to you at other times. We always welcome visits to your homes too!

Emergency Line for Sacramental Emergencies

At present we use an answering service for sacramental emergencies, but this has not proved to be consistent over the last year. As a result, we sometimes miss these emergencies as the company fails to call our cell phones and instead sends emails that we don't see until the next day. We are in the process of moving away from this method to having a dedicated cell phone for sacramental emergencies that each priest will take turns to carry. Once this line is set up we will notify you and will provide the details that you need to reach us. This number will not be publicized on social media as that would open us up to multiple other non-sacramental emergency calls.

Athletic Fields and School Gymnasium

I have agreed to a policy change regarding the use of the school gym and field for athletics. All groups, including any sports teams, will need to book time for use of the field or gym through Ms. Cavello at the school. Once a day/time has been approved, the details will be uploaded to the Parish Master calendar so that everyone can see who has permission to use our facilities during this time. Outside of athletic bookings families are welcome to use the field for

their children to let off steam, so long as they are supervised by an adult, in accordance with diocesan policy. The gym is only available to adults and other groups with the permission of the principal, who has final say on the use of this part of the school building.

New Parish Staff

I am happy to be able to inform you that we have rounded out the parish staff and are set to move forward together.

New Director of Facilities

Mike Gill, who is coming to us from St. Brendan the Navigator, has wide experience in both a parish and school setting and will be a valuable member of our team. Mike will oversee all maintenance and custodial work in both the parish and the school. Once he has had time to settle in, I have tasked him with starting a parish Facilities committee that will work on a five-year plan for our campus so that we are aware of projects that will need addressing in that time, and a ten-year plan so that we are more aware of what is on the horizon. This will help us to be good stewards of the resources that you give us and allow us to begin work on a Master Plan for the campus. The new Parish center and adoration chapel are wonderful, but we still need to have a master plan that helps us see how everything fits together and other projects we may want to address together in the future.

New Director of Family Faith Catechesis

John Haemmerle has accepted a teaching position at Fisher Catholic High School. John's desire has always been to teach, and his excellent work here helped him to discern that he would like to teach older students and adults. We are grateful to John for having shared his gifts and talents with us.

Maggie (Agra) Cook grew up at St Catharine's and went to school here. She has a great love of this parish, and we are delighted to welcome her back to serve in leadership here. Most recently, Maggie served at St Brendan the Navigator in Faith Formation. She is experienced in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as well as the Family of Faith model that we now operate here. Maggie will continue to develop the Family Faith model of catechesis and will also be establishing a monthly High School Youth Ministry evening for our high school teens. This will allow us to gauge interest among our families for a High School Youth Ministry going forward as well as offering existing teens and their friends an opportunity to gather and celebrate our Faith.

Both Maggie and Mike will start work on July 14th – be prepared to welcome them!

The new team and changes to office hours:

This now rounds out our team on the parish side. We have:

- Fr Brown and I
- Dan Davis, Business Manager
- Kate Fyffe Administrative assistant
- Mike Gill Director of Facilities
- Maggie Cook Director of Family Faith Catechesis
- Brendan O'Rourke, Director of Communications and Associate Music Director
- Mike Hammond, Director of Music
- Maddie Schafhausen Facilities assistant and Parish Hall Bookings Manager

To help our new team gel and develop new ways of improving communication with YOU, we will be **closing the office on Wednesdays from Noon to 2:00pm** to allow the staff to have lunch together and meet as a team. Teamwork and supporting one another are essential to us serving you well—and with so many new faces this is an important step for us.

Thank you for your patience with all these changes. They are designed to help our priests and staff serve you well and to increase the level of service that we can offer you.

God bless, Fr Bob, Pastor

Welcome to St. Catharine

www.stcatharine.com info@stcatharine • 614-231-4509 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

Tuesday Thursday Saturday 7:00pm 7:00pm 9:00am





Every Thursday at 7:00pm

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

This Week

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Sunday, July 1	3th: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
11:00am	Holy Mass (Geno Gasbarro) 👋
12:00pm	Baptisms
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Joseph Gillilan)
Monday, July 1	4th: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
8:00am	Holy Mass (Sylvia Tilson)
6:30pm	Scouts
Tuesday, July 1	5th: St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00pm	Holy Mass (Joe Ghiloni)
7:30pm	Confessions
Wednesday, Ju	ıly 16th
9:00am	Holy Mass (Camillus Musselman)
7:00pm	Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
Thursday, July	17th
8:00am	Holy Mass (Mary McGinty Bourke)
7:00pm	ADORE Night
7:30pm	Collars & Car Seats with Fr. Michael Haemmerle
Friday, July 18	th
8:00am	Holy Mass (Mary McGinty Bourke)
Saturday, July	19th
7:30am	Men's Group Gospel Reflection
8:30am	Holy Mass (James Ankowski)
9:00am	Confessions
Sunday, July 20	0th: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	Holy Mass (George Rushman)
9:30am	Coffee and Donuts
11:00am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
12:00pm	Coffee and Donuts
12:00pm	Baptisms
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Mary McGinty Bourke) 🐣

Offering and Attendance

Sunday, June 22nd Thank you for your presence and your generosity!

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Envelope	\$5,561.00
Loose	\$3,144.00
EFT	\$10,179.05
Total	\$18,884.05
Diocesan Tax	\$1,888.40
Net	\$16,995.65

Attendance

Attenuance	
8:30am	285
11:00am	290
5:00pm	225
Total	800



Baptisms

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

> Vivian Gail Krivicich Dominic Anthony Cavello Nicole Danielle Sergakis Lucas Alexander Sergakis Isla Mae Mausar Camila Simone Gwin Matthias Joseph Kebe

May They Rest in Peace



Patricia J. Gibboney August 16, 1936 - June 24, 2025 St. Catharine extends our heartfelt prayers for the eternal soul of Patricia, and we extend our deepest sympathies to all of her family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto Patricia, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.

Lee	Susan	Maria	Paulette
Luke	Mikha	Leena	Sylvia
Irina	Christopher	Ann	Spencer
Annette	Stephanie	Joan	Kayla
Luke	Kaycee	Charmonique	Patti
Gary	ÁJ	Anne	Katie
Margo	Andrew	Steve	Joe
Tish	Nora	Joan	Meg

Daily Mass and Confession Schedule Change Coming in August

Tuesday

- New Time: 8:00am Mass
- No 7:00pm evening Mass or Confessions

Wednesday

- New Time: 6:00pm Mass
- New Day & Time: 6:30pm ADORE and Confessions

Thursday

- ADORE Night & Confessions move to Wednesday

All other Mass and Confessions times remain unchanged

Deacon's Digest

Faith, Water, and a Good Swim

I hope you're enjoying your Summer! I've really been enjoying mine—this has been one of the most beautiful summers! In my case, I spend a lot of early mornings in the water, swimming laps at the

JCC. Swimming is a real love for me, and I need to get the good cardio workout that it offers. And the water is so refreshing!

When I swim the crawl stroke, I really work on my breathing technique. When my face is in the water I blow out and when I turn



my head I breathe air in—constantly emptying and refilling my lungs with fresh air. These lungs keep me alive and moving forward.

Catholic teachings are in praise of water - Water is praised from the beginning of creation. St. Peter preached that, like Baptism, it was through water that Noah and his family were saved, not just through the Ark. We're told of the River Jordan, the Red Sea and the river that flowed through the City of God in the eternal Jerusalem. We praise the water that flowed from the side of Christ.

For Catholics, ordinary things like water open us up to His extraordinary presence. Water is ordinary but seen through the eyes of faith and love, water becomes transparent. It is a means of divine washing. The divine Spirit washes, cleanses, heals and restores us to a community of believers. We believe ordinary things become extraordinary. And we do so because of faith.

You may know the Latin hymn we typically sing at Eucharistic Adoration: Tantum Ergo sacramentum, Praestet fides supplementum sensum defectui. Translated it means: "Faith will tell us Christ is present when our human senses fail." Perhaps we could say "Let faith supply where our senses are inadequate."

In the eyes of faith, ordinary things are transformed to something extraordinary. When we enter into the baptismal water we enter with faith. Faith is surrender! In this powerful sacrament the waters of Baptism bring us new life. Jesus explained, "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. (Jn 3:5) We emerge from the water as a CHILD OF GOD.

Last weekend I baptized Aziza and Ekene Mora and Mathias Joseph Kebe. In Baptism, the sacrament of initiation, we are reborn to a life in Christ! We are entrusting these children to the power of God's love. When we see through the eyes of faith, everything is new!

How can we practice the presence of God daily? We need four things: Prayer, learning, belonging and mission. Our mission is of great importance! Jesus told the apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) What greater gift can we bring to the hurting world around us?

Let us strive to develop our eyes of faith. In our daily interactions, love the other guy! Keep our faith alive! Give breath to life! Jesus says, "Be my witnesses." Practice the presence of God! See you at the pool!

Deacon Chris Reis • Permanent Deacon

July Food Pantry Need CANNED VEGETABLES



Please leave donations at wooden boxes near Church entrances.

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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Pending state licensing approval

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In our accredited programs, your child will:

- · Be safe and sound with our industry-leading health and safety practices
- · Laugh and play with friends-which is something kids are craving after this year of isolation
- · Strengthen STEM learning skills that kids need to succeed in the classroom and community
- · Explore independent curiosities and collaborate on group projects
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- · Get homework help so they can focus on family (or have downtime) when they get home

Program	Hours	Part Time (1-2 days per week)	Full Time (3-5 days per week)
Before School	6:30am - School Start	\$30.00	\$50.00
After School	School Dismissal - 6:00pm	\$60.00	\$95.00

* Pending licensing approval, Champions can accept childcare assistance from state & local agencies leaving little to no out-of-pocket costs to families.

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MEN'S NIGHT COLLARS & CAR SEATS

LIVING THE MISSION OF FATHERHOOD IN THE CHURCH AND THE HOME

What Does It Really Mean to Be Called "Father"? Whether you're a dad in the pews or a priest at the altar, the title Father carries deep meaning—and even deeper responsibility. In this powerful and thoughtprovoking talk, **Fr. Michael Hammerle**, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Columbus, explores how fatherhood in the home and fatherhood in the Church aren't just parallel—they're mutually enriching.

Priests and dads both strive to lead with love, serve with sacrifice, and point others toward Christ. When these two vocations speak to each other, both grow stronger. Whether you're a young dad, a spiritual father, or just curious about how men are called to lead, this talk will offer insight, encouragement, and connection.

Join us for an evening of inspiration, reflection, and authentic conversation about what it means to live out the calling of fatherhood in all its forms.



Fr. Michael Haemmerle Diocesan Vocations Director

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THURS, JULY 17TH 7:30PM



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