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# Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022

## **Mass/Liturgy Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

(Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend,

NO 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass)

Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m., & Livestreamed, Monday through Wednesday, and Friday. (Yearly)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Monday from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Or by appointment, please call the parish office.

## **Baptisms and Baptismal Preparation:**

Please call the parish office at 860 658 1642

## **Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:**

Please call the parish office at 860 658 1642 at least 6 months in advance

## **Choir Practices:**

Adult—Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Youth—Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Contemporary Music Group—Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

## **Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 10:00 a.m.**

### **Website News: email to:**

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish-West Simsbury CT

# WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors who are celebrating with us today. As is our custom at St. Catherine of Siena, please remain in your pew for the singing of the first and last designated verses of the recessional hymn.

**Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.**

*The St. Catherine Parish Legacy Fund is committed to ensuring the long-term stability of our parish and its ministries. Please consider a gift in lieu of flowers upon a loved one's passing as a way to ensure our community will thrive well into the future.*

**Pastor:** Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Administrative Assistant-Parish Office**

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### **Director of Youth Ministry**

#### **Youth Ministry Office**

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Mrs. Colleen Langlais, 860-508-0487

Mr. Robert Hensley, 860-916-5057

Thanks for worshipping with us.

If you would like to join our parish family, fill out a yellow membership form found in the vestibule or atrium and mail it to us, drop it in the collection basket or call us at 658 1642.

## *We Welcome You to Our Family of Faith!*

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- **Saturday, August 27th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *the intentions of Justine Donlon & Adam Jeschke*, requested by Anita & Colby Thresher;
- **Sunday, August 28th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Donna Lee Eisley*, requested by the Gorecki Family;
- **Sunday, August 28th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Lori Bambino*, requested by Rose Cirafici;
- **Monday, August 29th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Michael Thomas Feeheley*, requested by the Rohrs Family;
- **Tuesday, August 30th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Shannon Elizabeth Jacobson*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- **Tuesday, August 30th @ 9 a.m.** *NO Adoration*;
- **Wednesday, August 31st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Paul Bouchard*, requested by Mark & Carol McGrath;
- **Wednesday, August 31st @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary*;
- **Friday, September 2nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Suzanne Thomson Monahan*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- **Saturday, September 3rd @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Frederick Eugene DePorter*, requested by Katie Farley;
- **Sunday, September 4th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Mary & Antonio Zebzda*, requested by Deb Nasuta; and
- **Sunday, September 4th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *John Hayes, 3rd anniversary*, requested by his family.

## Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

### August

- Sat, 27th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 28th—St. Eliz. House, prkng lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon, 29th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 30th—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 31st—Rosary, Meditation room, 9 a.m.

### September

- Fri, 2nd —Bereavement Ministry, MR, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 3rd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 5th—LABOR DAY—Office closed,  
NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 6th—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 10th—Confirmation I Enrollment Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sat, 10th—Conf. Parent Meeting, Church, 6 p.m.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Thank you for your financial support of our parish! In these uncertain times, it is my hope that our parish provides to you both spiritual support and practical support—*Catholic Action*—by feeding our neighbors, investing in our children and youth, and keeping all of our parish's stakeholders in the 'Spiritual Loop', if you will! We are able to livestream the Masses, provide unique and creative Faith Formation, Youth Ministry; we are able to continue our 6 ministries which feed, care and provide assistance to our neighbors in need—because of your generous and continuous financial support. Without it, our doors would close and our programs would be reduced.

*Thank you for parishioners like you!  
Thank you for using both our online Faith Direct  
services or for mailing your envelope to:  
Post Office Box 184, West Simsbury, Conn. 06092*

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks:	\$ 5,230.10
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,209.15
Total:	\$ 9,439.25

### Other Generous Giving

Assumption	\$ 66.00
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 35.00

**This week's second collection is for the Mission of the Diocese of Pathanamthitta.**

**For those who would like to use on-line giving with Faith Direct, please use this code:**



## Sanctuary Lamp Memorial



*For Bill Adams, 1st anniversary,  
requested by  
Craig, Nancy & Ryan Taylor.*

## **Letting Go of Status**

### **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This weekend we hear two parable stories that illustrate that there were “issues” in the infant Church just as there are “issues” in our contemporary Catholic Church—I guess the old saying “the more things change, the more they stay the same” is true.

These two stories are part of a teaching by Jesus known as Table Fellowship, and it speaks to the rank of an individual’s social status based upon where they are seated at a social function, i. e., a wedding reception banquet such as in today’s Gospel.

This Sunday the Lord wants us to know that rather than “announcing our own social importance” by claiming the best seat at a banquet or any other socially important setting, we should enter into the “reception” with humility. Humility is a quality—a virtue—that enables one to recognize who they are and who they are not; to know the self and who we are to become in this life if they choose Christ, His Will and His Way. To prioritize what God commands of us—to search for the excellence of the other(s) and know that we are not always called to be “the first, but rather the last” and help build up the Kingdom of God.

The meaning questions how are we preparing to enter into the Kingdom of God? Will we put our needs always first—or will we compromise for the other? In marriage do we make decisions based on our needs or on the need of the whole family?

Humility demands that we not only think of others but at times think of them first. As we look one day to the Kingdom Of God as our true home, we should prepare for entering into those Gates dressed in a lifetime of the virtue of Humility.

## **New Leadership in Faith Formation**

Zachary Wood has accepted the leadership position in our Faith Formation program and I am very encouraged and pleased. Zach has a broad background in Faith Formation programs, Confirmation and youth ministry. A deeply spiritual man who has a passion for communicating the Catholic Faith to all, especially our younger parishioners and young adults, Zach will oversee our K-8 faith formation, Confirmation program and the continuum of faith development in our parish including but not limited to young adults, family based faith formation and senior adult formation.

Zach and I will work in-and-through the results of our successful Forward with Faith campaign, which was instituted to support new and ongoing faith development in our parish.

I am very excited to welcome Zach to our parish team and look forward to great successes, built off the wonderful work of Kathi Bonner, our catechists and our current youth ministry program. We’ve done great work already—and I promise there’s more to come!

**Welcome Zach!**

## **Mass Schedule Update**

The “summer Mass schedule,” which is: Saturday Vigil at 5 p.m., Sunday Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., will remain in effect until October 30, 2022 as a review of our schedule and it’s impact on the liturgy and ministry needs is thoroughly discussed.

**2nd Collection**—Just a reminder that this week’s second collection is for the Mission of the Diocese of Pathanamthitta, in the southernmost part of India.

**Classes begin on September 18th! If you haven't already registered your children, please do so now!**



**First Day of Classes—Sunday, September 18th, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at HJMS.**  
Parent Meeting will be held in the cafeteria at 9:30 a.m.



***To everyone that donated to  
the Back To School Supply Drive!***

**It was another successful year and the students are well supplied and prepared to return to school. Your continued generosity continues to positively impact our children in need.**



**“Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life.”**

(Is 55:3 NABRE)

**Each day we let either the world or God's Word shape our life.**

## Who is influencing your life?

## Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?

*Join the Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School to make sure Jesus is your greatest influencer. Enrollment in online and in-person classes is open until August 31, 2022. Please call (860) 242-5573 for more information or visit our website*

<https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-biblical-school/prospective-students> to apply!



# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Register for 2022-2023 Youth Ministry, and get a FREE T-SHIRT at our KICKOFF MEETING. Details below. Use this link to register now: <https://forms.gle/b2fNwDVSRXfjQhYx8>

**SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY PICNIC AND BACKYARD CARNIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**  
**11 a.m.-4 p.m. Rain or Shine**

Join us for a day of fun and games, food, prizes, live music and so more, and it is all FREE.

There will be a BBQ lunch, ice cream and fried dough trucks, obstacle course and bounce house inflatables, train rides, Carnival games and prizes, prizes, prizes.

**TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help run the games and crafts. If you and your family or friends are able to help, sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/3K5x859>  
Confirmation service hours available.

## SENIOR HIGH

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th– FALL KICKOFF MEETING-6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. FREE T-SHIRT night** for all teens that have registered. Everyone is welcome! Join the fun and bring a friend too for food, games, fun, faith and friendships. **To register, please sign up using this link:** <https://bit.ly/3SCqbMN> Pizza will be served. Please register in advance for all meetings using the sign up link.

## JUNIOR HIGH

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th-FALL KICKOFF MEETING-6:30-8 p.m. in Russell Hall.** Everyone is welcome! Join us for this fun-filled evenings of games, fun, friendship, faith, and so much more. Invite a friend too! **Pizza will be served. FREE T-SHIRT night** for all teens that have registered. **To register, please sign up using this link:** <https://bit.ly/3p8uwcU>

*St. Catherine of Siena Youth Ministry Mission Statement: “Foster a group of compassionately engaged teenagers who are energized for service, open to spiritual growth, willing to build a community in the context of faith, friendship and fun.”*

Check us out and follow us on Instagram at [st\\_catherine\\_youthministry](#)

## YOUTH MINISTRY CLOTHING COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued support of the Youth Ministry clothing and sneaker collection for the homeless. With fall just around the corner, please consider donating men’s **new or gently used white t-shirts, sweatshirts and fleece jackets, and sneakers.** Donations can be placed outside the YM office door in the boxes.

## Back to School = Back to Choir

**Adult Choir** – All singers of high school age and up are invited to join our Adult Choir that sings at the 11 a.m. Masses throughout the school year. We rehearse on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:45 p.m. in Russell Hall and arrive on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. It is a fun and welcoming group that enjoys singing in harmony. We look forward to seeing all our returning singers and encourage anyone interested in joining to come to our first rehearsals on Sept. 6th & 13th to give it a try. If you have any questions, contact Susan Zybert: [susanzybert@comcast.net](mailto:susanzybert@comcast.net).

**Children's Choir** – We are excited to restart our Children's Choir program at St. Catherine of Siena! If you have children who like to sing and are in grades 2-8, I strongly encourage your family to join this choir. Singing at Mass during these formative years is a wonderful way to grow as a musician and to grow in faith. Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:20 p.m. in Russell Hall and sings twice a month at Masses. This year we will join the Adult Choir once a month at 11 a.m. to sing at the Faith Formation Mass and then sing once a month at the Vigil Mass. Our first rehearsal will be **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:20 p.m.** in Russell Hall. If your family is interested, please contact Susan Zybert: [susanzybert@comcast.net](mailto:susanzybert@comcast.net).

## Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

### St. Elizabeth House

We are now able to return to in-person meal service for the residents at St. Elizabeth House in Hartford. All volunteers MUST be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. For those not fully vaccinated, we appreciate your service in the form of purchasing or preparing food to serve.

Our next service date is **THIS WEEKEND,**

**Sunday, August 28th**

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth25>

## CARNIVAL BAKERS NEEDED

Baked goods are needed for our **Family Picnic/Backyard Carnival on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** for one of our children's Carnival games – **our Cake/Bake Walk**. The baked items will be a prize for the kids, so let's have fun with this and be creative!

Whatever you like to bake, they will like to eat! Bake your favorite or easiest recipe for cupcakes, brownies, cookies and cookie bars, cakes. Kids love frosting, gummy bears, sprinkles, m&ms, you name it, they like it. If you are able to bake, please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3Cczayy> More details can be found on the sign up on how to package the baked goods and when to drop off on the sign up.

## PIE BAKERS NEEDED

We are looking for bakers to make pies for our pie tent to serve at lunch during our **Family Picnic/Backyard Carnival scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 pm**. We are looking for apple pies, pumpkin pies, or if you have a favorite, bake whatever that may be. If you are able to bake a pie, please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3PypLUP> More details can be found on the sign up on how to package the baked goods and when to drop off on the sign up.

## CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Family Picnic/Backyard Carnival will be on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 pm, RAIN OR SHINE**. There are games and activities for all ages from 1-101 years old, including Carnival games, bingo, inflatables and prizes galore.

In order to run this parish-wide event, your help is needed! Two types of volunteers are currently needed:

General game volunteers

Adult supervisors on Inflatables

Please use this sign up genius link for more information and to sign up for a shift to help:

<https://bit.ly/3K5x859>

## "LIFESONG" MOBILE MINISTRY

The *Lifesong* Ministry is seeking donations of gently used or new long-sleeved t-shirts, zip-up hoodies, fall/fleece jackets in all sizes. Donations can be placed in the box outside the Youth Ministry office located in the vestibule.