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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19 2023

Mass/Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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. in Russell Hall.

Youth—Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

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.

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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, February 18th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Susan Caldwell, birthday remembrance & Hugh Jack Caldwell*, requested by their family;
- Sunday, February 19th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Tom Moore*, requested by Margaret Kuhns;
- Sunday, February 19th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *John Eichner, birthday remembrance*, requested by the Eichner & Bulger Families;
- Monday, February 20th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Jeremy, Karen & Baby Boy Boehne*, requested by Claire Hayes;
- Tuesday, February 21st @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Dick Hopkins*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;
- Tuesday, February 21st @ 9 a.m. *Adoration*;

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ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22nd

- 7:00 a.m.-*Liturgy of the Word with Ashes*;
- 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Tom Moore*, requested by the Reilly Family;
- 9:00 a.m. *Rosary*;
- 12 p.m.-*Liturgy of the Word with Ashes*;
- 3:00 p.m.-*Liturgy of the Word with Ashes*;
- 6:00 p.m. Mass for *Eileen Adams*, 7th anniversary, requested by Craig, Nancy & Ryan Taylor;

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- Friday, February 24th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass in *Msgr. Charles W. Daly*, 7th anniversary, requested by the Pabich Family;
- Friday, February 24th @ 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*;
- Saturday, February 25th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Anne Millham*, requested by Colby & Anita Thresher;
- Sunday, February 26th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *James Moore*, requested by the DiMaio Family; and,
- Sunday, February 26th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for

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 continuing 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:	\$ 5,316.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,183.77
Total:	\$ 9,499.77

Other Generous Giving

Youth Mission Trip	\$ 375.00 (add'l)
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 2,322.33

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

February

- Sat, 18th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 18th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 am.
- Sat, 18—Street Sandwich Weekend-Mon, 20th
- Sat, 18th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 19th—No Faith Formation Classes.
- Sun, 19th—Children's Lit. the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 20th—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 20th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 21st—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 21st—NO Children's Choir, NO Adult Choir
- Tues, 21st—RCIA, RH-A, 7 p.m.
- Wed, 22nd—ASH WEDNESDAY, Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Liturgies of the Word, 7 a.m., 12 p.m. & 3 p.m.; Soup & Bread, 7 p.m. in RH.
- Wed, 22nd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 24th—Stations of the Cross, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 24th—Teen Stations of the Cross, Church, 7 p.m.
- Sat, 25th—Men's Club, RH, 8:30 a.m.
- Sat, 25th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 26th—Faith Formation, K-8, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 26th—Children's Lit. the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 26th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Sun, 26th—Confirmation, all rooms, 6 p.m.
- Sun, 26th—Conf. Parent Meeting, Church, 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of
Kevin Brimmer,
birthday remembrance,
requested by his family.



Lead Usher Meeting on March 1st, 7 p.m. in the church. Father Whyte will hold a meeting for all Lead Ushers and any men and women interested in becoming a Lead Usher. At the meeting procedures will be reviewed for current Lead Ushers; this is a great opportunity for anyone interested in joining as a Lead Usher to attend. A complete description of the Ushers duties can be found at stcatherine.info.

Any questions please contact Steve Cerchia, fscerchia@gmail.com or 860 478 9560 or Eileen Landi at (860) 490-5472 or eileenlandi@gmail.com.





**Unlocking the Power of
Praying the Psalms**

Lenten Scripture Retreat:
Saturday, March 25th 8:45-2:15pm

For More Information and to Register:



**You are cordially invited to attend Celebrate Northwest!, March 25, 2023,
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on the Northwest Catholic High School campus.**

**This year's theme: Elite 8.
Adult beverages & heavy appetizers
Silent & Live Auctions
Fund-a-Need
NCAA Game Watch Party and more!**

Auction items and Business Sponsorships gratefully accepted.

**Please visit *NorthwestCatholic.org/CelebrateNWC* for more details, tickets and
donation forms.**

**Questions? Michelle Kiley, Associate Director of Advancement
860-236-4221 x139 mkiley@nwcath.org**

**Your support of Northwest Catholic High and all Catholic schools in the
Archdiocese of Hartford is appreciated.**

St. Catherine of Siena
Faith Formation Class Calendar 2022-2023
Zach Wood, Director; zwood@stcsimsbury.org; 860-658-4737.

Feb 19th-No Faith Formation class.

Feb 26th- Faith Formation K-10, Confirmation II Parent meeting.

March 10th- 8th Grade Living Stations.

March 17th- 3rd Grade Stations of the Cross.

Confirmation Ceremony-The confirmation ceremony is scheduled as follows: Sunday, April 23rd, 2022, Time: 2:00 p.m., Place: Cathedral of Saint Joseph 140 Farmington Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06105

Confirmation Interviews- Interviews will be held on April 2nd at 7:15 p.m. in Russell Hall.

Saturday Morning Men's Club Ministry Gathering.... Coffee and conversation.

All are invited. **Saturday morning February 25, Russell Hall.** Coffee and bagels start at 8:30 a.m.

Short devotional followed by a brief meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: The dates for the Men's Retreat at Holy Family are rapidly approaching. Our Parish's dates are **March 17th-19th**. This year's theme is *Come away and rest awhile/A Missing Peace*. Details of the cost, retreat details and registration information are on the website: www.holyfamilyretreat.org under themed retreats. If you have any questions please contact Steve Cerchia, fscerchia@gmail.com, 860-478-9560 or Tom Lonergan, txlone@cox.net, 860-817-2921.

St Catherine's Women's Ministry is growing! All women of the parish are invited to participate and attend any of the gatherings and events. Save the Dates for....

Faith & Fellowship Gatherings

1. March 2nd -The Four Women Doctors of the Church. A discussion based on the book "*Women of Hope*" by Terry Polakovic.

Service Ministry

Please join us for any or all of the following:

1. March 7th from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at The Residence at Brookside in Avon for singing with the residence. Remember the good ol' songs like "Take me out to the ballgame"? Come sing along. Please sing up with the sign up genius. <http://bit.ly/3Rsk90X>

2. March 28th for a day out to Lourdes of Litchfield. We will leave from the church parking lot at 9:15 a.m., attend a 10:30 Mass, follow the Way of the Cross, then have lunch out in Litchfield center.

For first timers, Lourdes is a replica of the Grotto Lourdes in France, the Shrine was built so that individuals, families, and groups can come to pray, to reflect on their own lives, and to imitate Mary's life of faithful discipleship. Interested? Please sign up at <http://bit.ly/3kULVHf> For more information, please contact Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241 or e-mail at whittemorediane@yahoo.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Senior High

TEENS NEEDED THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th—Father Michael invites Youth Ministry (Senior and Junior High) to help lead the **TEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**. Sign up to read, hold a cross, hold a candle, or to attend. Immediately following, join for our **DESSERT BAR, AND GAME NIGHT WITH PRIZES** in Russell Hall. Please plan to arrive at 6 p.m. to practice the stations. Pick up is 8:45 p.m. To sign up, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3iOn0Ex>

SUNDAY MARCH 5th—**IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE** in Russell Hall from 6-8 p.m. Join us this evening and be prepared to test what kinds of things only take a minute! In fact, be prepared for anything. Pizza will be served. We will also be preparing **EASTER BASKETS** for children. **PLEASE BRING donations for Easter Baskets** for children—see sign up for donation suggestions. **Confirmation Service Hours available.** Please register for this evening using this link: <http://bit.ly/3lwTW5D>
INVITE A FRIEND TOO.

Junior High

TEENS NEEDED THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th—Father Michael invites Youth Ministry (Senior and Junior High) to help lead the **TEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**. Sign up to read, hold a cross, hold a candle, or to attend. Immediately following, join for our **DESSERT BAR, AND GAME NIGHT WITH PRIZES** in Russell Hall. Please plan to arrive at 6 p.m. to practice the stations. Pick up is 8:45 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3iOn0Ex>

MONDAY MARCH 6th—**IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE** in Russell Hall from 6:30-8 p.m. Join us this evening to be prepared to test what kinds of things only take a minute! In fact, be prepared for anything. Light refreshments will be served. We will also be preparing **EASTER BASKETS** for children. **PLEASE BRING donations for Easter Baskets** for children—see sign up for donation suggestions. **INVITE A FRIEND TOO!** Please register for this evening using this link: <http://bit.ly/40Q5f99>

Follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/stcatherine_youthministry)

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22ND.

The evening Mass (6 p.m.) will be followed by **SOUP & BREAD** in Russell Hall. Please mark your calendars and use the sign up genius bit.ly/3HUIA2J to indicated how many people will attend and which item(s) you will bring.



Prayer Shawl Ministry—Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20th at 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. We will meet in Russell Hall-B. All are welcome!



Have you wanted to join this service-based ministry, but don't know how to knit or crochet? No worries! We will be hosting two sessions on how to knit or crochet. The meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 1st and March 15th at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Russell Hall-B. Perhaps this could be your Lenten project this year! For more information and

to register, please contact Kathy Oaks at 860-614-2773, ktoaks@gmail.com.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

LENTEN MERCY PROJECT 2023

With the arrival of Lent, St Catherine of Siena will once again partake in the annual Lenten Mercy Project. During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the St Catherine's Church Lenten Mercy Project gives us the opportunity to participate by supporting a variety of organizations that embody the Corporal Works of Mercy. Each weekend during Lent, beginning February 25/26 and continuing through April 1/2, we ask that you consider supporting the identified charity through monetary contributions and/or donation of gift cards (note we will not be asking for donations of goods this year, as most charities now prefer cash and gift cards for logistical reasons). Please consider gift cards from grocery stores, Walmart, Target, etc. The six charities will be listed in the bulletin and on the parish website. Donation boxes will be in the atrium and vestibule for both monetary and gift card contributions. You may also make monetary contributions through Faith Direct.

Our first week will be dedicated to Gifts of Love. Our extraordinary St Catherine community has supported these fine organizations for many years through this project, and we hope in this Lenten season you will once again participate in this tradition of helping those in need.

THIS WEEKEND STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our Street Sandwich collection is this weekend, **Saturday, February 18th, Sunday, February 19th, and Monday, February 20th.** Sandwiches can be dropped off Saturday and Monday mornings from 8-9:30 a.m., and Sunday from 9-6 p.m. on this weekend. A sign up quantity of 1 means 12 sandwiches, or 1 dozen. A sign up of 12 means 144 sandwiches.

Sandwiches of any kind are needed-sub rolls, bread, pita bread, wraps, filled with deli meats/cheese of any kind, tuna salad, chicken salad, or any kind of protein such as PB&J. Please **NO CONDIMENTS OR LETTUCE.**

Please deliver individually wrapped sandwiches (foil, baggies, or cellophane) to the kitchen **using the outside kitchen entrance (near the garage/shed).** If you are able to help make sandwiches, please use this sign up genius link:

<https://bit.ly/3H784tw>

Confirmation hours available.

Pantry Partners-Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with Saturday's food distribution. Through the generosity of our parishioners and partnership with Super Foodtown in New Hartford, we are able to provide fresh food to over 20 families in the community. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Feb 18th.

There are 3 ways to help:
1. We need 4 volunteers to prepare a hot dish. We'll supply the ingredients for you to make a hot dish at home for us to bring to Hartford. Pick up the ingredients on Thursday, Feb 16th at Fitzgerald's and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, Feb 18th between 8:30-9:30 a.m. We'll contact you ahead of time with recipe information if you haven't done this before.

2. Serve Lunch In-Person: We will carpool from St. Catherine's at 9:45 a.m. to St. Elizabeth's House in Hartford. We need 4 volunteers to prepare and serve lunch. At the shelter we will serve a meal for residents as well as for other food insecure guests. We should be done by 1:00 p.m. and will return to Simsbury afterwards.

3. Make sandwiches: Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up to make sandwiches that we will bring to Hartford for this visit. Sign Up at

<https://bit.ly/FTHLunchFeb18>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-694, richsickinger@gmail.com

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE THE COVID-19 VACCINATION. We serve a vulnerable population and our priority is to protect them and our volunteers as well.

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 Sunday, February 26th.

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth31>