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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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, March 4th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Judy & John Champa*, requested by *Rosann & Phil DiMartino*;
- **Sunday, March 5th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Deceased members of the Able Family*, requested by the *Shanley Family*;
- **Sunday, March 5th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Eileen & Bill Adams, birthday remembrance*, requested by the *Taylor Family*;
- **Monday, March 6th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Doreen Cunningham*, requested by the *Kaliden Family*;
- **Tuesday, March 7th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Bill Bitterli*, requested by *Myles & Julia McCabe*;
- **Tuesday, March 7th @ 9 a.m.** *Adoration*;
- **Wednesday, March 8th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Carole Webber*, requested by *Pat McAlindin*;
- **Wednesday, March 8th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Rosary*;
- **Friday, March 10th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *The Unborn and their families*;
- **Friday, March 10th @ 9 a.m.** *Stations of the Cross*;
- **Friday, March 10th @ 7 p.m.** *Grade 8 Living Stations of the Cross*;
- **Saturday, March 11th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Mary Gersbacher*, requested by *Mary Lou Gallagher*;
- **Sunday, March 12th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Jennifer Horn, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family; and,
- **Sunday, March 12th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Dorothy Ianzito, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family.

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:	\$ 4,562.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,188.00
Total:	\$ 8,750.00

Other Generous Giving

Various	\$ 30.00
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 55.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events March

- Sat, 4th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 5th—*Faith Formation, K-8, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 5th—Children's Lit. the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 5th—*Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.*
- Sun, 5th—Sr. High YM, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 6th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 6th—Jr. High YM, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 7th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 7th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 7th—RCIA, RH-A, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 7th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 8th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 8th—Bible Study, RH, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs, 9th—Rehearsal Liv. Stations, Church, 7 p.m.
- Fri, 10th—Stations of the Cross, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 10th—Gr. 8 Living Stations, Church, 7:00 p.m.
- Sat, 11th—Street Sandwich Weekend-Mon, 13th
- Sat, 11th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 11th—Bible Study, RH, 9:00 a.m.
- Sat, 11th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 12th—*Faith Formation, K-8, 9:30 a.m.*
- Sun, 12th—Mission Trip Meeting, RH, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 12th—Children's Lit. the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 12th—Confirmation, all rooms, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of
Jim Sparkowski,
5th anniversary,
requested by his family.



Lenten Mercy Project

St Catherine of Siena's Lenten Mercy Project (LMP) provides assistance in various forms to a number of local charities in-and-through the themes of Lent: Give drink to the thirsty, Give food to the hungry, and more.

In the Season of Lent we are called to recognize the needs of others and to respond with a generous "Yes," making Justice happen in particular situations. As we come to Mass each Sunday and gaze upon Christ being made real in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we also see the "backdrop" of the Beatitudes on the wall, THE blueprint of our Christian lives, summed up in one word, "Action." We are each called to "do something."

Week Two of the LMP is "Give drink to the thirsty," and our beneficiary is the Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield at St Joseph's Residence, a nursing care facility mainly for the poor. In years past, we'd see our atrium and vestibule packed sky-high with tea, coffee, juices, soda, water and so much more. The Little Sisters of the Poor (LSP) would always be overwhelmed with the stockpiles of goodies our parish would provide. It was an impressive thing to see, an outpouring of support for the needy for sure, but also I believe, an outpouring of respect and an admiration of all that the LSP do in the world. And certainly each week and each charity we support receive similar donations but there is something special about the LSP!

A NEW TWIST. This year—due to shortages of specific supplies in the grocery stores and a lack of storage at some of our LMP beneficiaries, we are trying something new, a twist to our LMP. Rather than buying and delivering actual supplies—coffee, tea, and other items during the LMP, we are instead asking our parishioners to help in two ways: (1) simply make a donation to St. Catherine Parish and write on the check or cash envelope for which week you are donating, and then the parish will transmit the funds at the end of the LMP to each charity so they can purchase what items they need at a given time, or (2) purchase a gift card at a grocery store, Walmart or other store and place either the money or the card in the box at the LMP station in the church.

I hope that this enables us to continue to help out each charity as well as make their work easier and more efficient, as they seek to support the elderly poor, families in need, local veterans and so many more.

As we enter this second Lenten week, let us give thanks to God for our blessings—our families, health, our wherewithal to buy and do, and our Faith—and ask Him for the Courage and Wisdom to be His Light, Compassion and Love in the world around us; and, to know that the "world around us" might just be an elderly person in a nursing home room in Enfield, a veteran at the Newington Veteran's hospital, or a mom or dad struggling to buy food for their children. It's not just technology that makes the world a "smaller place", it is God who created us as one family in the world, making our world very local.

Thank you and bless (+) you all who participate in our parish's Lenten Mercy Project.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY.**

**DON'T FORGET TO
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!**

St. Catherine of Siena

Faith Formation Class Calendar 2022-2023

Zach Wood, Director; zwood@stcsimsbury.org; 860-658-4737.

Mar. 5th	K-8
Mar. 9th	Rehearsal for Living Stations/Church
Mar. 10 th	Grade 8 Living Stations of the Cross/Church
Mar. 12 th	K-8 & Confirmation I & II
Mar. 17 th	Grade 3 Stations of the Cross/Church
Mar. 19 th	K-6, & 8, <i>Grade 7 Class Mass, Grade 7 Class in RH.</i>
Mar. 26 th	K-8 & Confirmation I & II
Apr. 1 st	First Communion Family Day
Apr. 2 nd	K-8, Confirmation Interviews
Apr. 23 rd	<i>Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, 2 p.m.</i>
May 6 th	First Holy Communion, 11 a.m.



Prayer Shawl Ministry-Would you like to learn how to knit and join the Prayer Shawl Ministry? Come to a lesson on Wednesday, March 15th, 6:30 p.m. in Russell Hall –B. All are welcome and please, bring a friend!

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, March 20th at 3 p.m. New members can join anytime.

Do you know someone who is ill, grieving or just in need? Please contact Kathy Oaks at ktoaks@gmail.com or 860-614-2773 for a knitted or crocheted prayer shawl.



The Bible Blueprint A Lenten Study

Do you ever wish you had a “hearing aid” to clarify God’s voice speaking in your heart? It’s been said that when we pray, we are talking with God BUT when we read the scriptures it is God talking with us.

The Bible is God’s Word, and we can encounter God’s voice more clearly in the Bible by engaging the tools of Scripture through study and prayer.

Join me, Lou Daniels this Lenten Season as we walk through how to better understand and embrace God’s word and better understand His book!

Wednesday’s @ 9:30 AM Russell Hall – 3/8, 3/15 & 3/22

OR

Saturday’s @ 9:00 AM Russell Hall – 3/11, 3/18 & 3/25

*****Bring your Bible or a Bible will be provided***

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Senior High

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall for IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE—Join us for a relaxing evening out with friends, and **BEWARE!** This challenge may only last a minute! Pizza will be served. We will also be assembling **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.**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th, 9:30 a.m. in Russell Hall—BOSTON MISSION TRIP TEAM—Pre-Trip Meeting followed by 11 a.m. Mass. Please arrive on time so that we can begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION - FRIDAY, MARCH 24th at St. Mary's Parish Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m., 942 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury. Even if you have never played, please join us. Let's **Bring on the Madness for our Youth Ministry Dodgeball Tournament.** Help us battle it out for the coveted dodgeball trophy! Pizza and refreshments will be served! **Wear your green youth ministry t-shirts** and invite a friend to join us too! Don't want to play, come on out anyway and help cheer our team on to victory!

Please select the correct parish team that you will be joining when you sign up: <http://bit.ly/3Yao0BD>
PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED too.

Junior High

THIS MONDAY MARCH 6th—IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE in Russell Hall from 6:30-8 p.m.. Join us for a relaxing evening out with friends, and **BEWARE!** This challenge may only last a minute! 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> Confirmation Service Hours available.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th—COOK AND BAKE from 6:15-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. Tonight we will cook full course dinners for local families that are food insecure or in need. **NO COOKING EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.** We provide the recipes, the ingredients and the step-by-step instructions. **Invite a friend too! PARENT VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED!** Light refreshments will be served. **Confirmation service hours available. To sign up, please use this link: <http://bit.ly/3EHBfcv>**

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



WARM HANDS, WARM FEET A YOUTH MINISTRY COLLECTION

Youth ministry is collecting new socks, gloves and new or gently used sweatshirts/hoodies to distribute to the homeless on our Boston Mission Trip. If you are able to help, please leave your donations in the boxes in either the Atrium or the Vestibule. **Donations can be dropped off until Monday, March 13th.**
Thank you in advance for your support.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our Street Sandwich collection is early this month due to the timing of the YM Boston Mission Trip. This month, our collection is scheduled for **Saturday, March 11th, Sunday, March 12th, and Monday, March 13th**. Sandwiches can be dropped off Saturday and Sunday from 9-6 p.m., and Monday mornings from 8-9:30 a.m. 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 be sure all sandwiches are individually wrapped (foil, baggies, or cellophane) and deliver 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:

<http://bit.ly/3KsRPdh>

Confirmation hours available.

YES YOU "CAN"

Located in St. Catherine's kitchen

Thank you for your continued support. Needs of local families are on the increase, and we hope you will consider donating any of the following items to our kitchen pantry: **Coffee, tea, bags of rice, pancake mix and maple syrup, toilet paper, canned pasta meals, boxes of crackers, and kid-friendly foods.** All donations can be delivered using the kitchen entrance. Our pantry is open to all from 9 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., but not available during Mass.

Women's Service Ministry—Please join us : March 7th from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at The Residence at Brookside in Avon for singing with the residents. Remember the good ol' songs like "Take me out to the ballgame"? Come sing along. Please sign up with the sign up genius:

<http://bit.ly/3Rsk90X>

FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch

Service on March 11th. Please sign up by **Weds, March 8th.** We've shared every ounce of hot food we've prepared and gave away every sandwich in our last 2 visits. Can you volunteer? There are 3 ways to help:

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

2. 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, March 9th at Fitzgerald's and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, March 11th between 8:30-9:30 a.m. We'll contact you ahead of time with recipe information if you haven't done this before.

3. Make sandwiches: Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up. Sign Up at:

<https://bit.ly/FTHLunchMar11>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940. richsickinger@gmail.com

Pantry Partners!

The next distribution date for Pantry Partners will be **March 18th**. This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables and protein to over 20 families in the community. Thank you so much for your continued support!

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, March 26th.

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth32>