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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 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.

Pastor: Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

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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, June 24th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Carol Hay, 4th anniversary*, requested by Steve & Lisa Cerchia;
- Sunday, June 25th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Henri Briotet*, requested by his family;
- Sunday, June 25th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Albert Gabrielle*, requested by David & Maryellen Bailey;
- Monday, June 26th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Tommy Tanski, 12th anniversary*, requested by his family;
- Tuesday, June 27th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Corrine Hann*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;
- Tuesday, June 27th @ 9 a.m. *NO Adoration*;
- Wednesday, June 28th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Sanford Clee*, requested by Nancy O'Connell;
- June 28th @ 9:00 a.m. *NO Rosary*;
- Friday, June 30th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Corrine Hann*, requested by the Renew Group;
- Friday, June 30th @ 9:00 a.m. *NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- Saturday, July 1st @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Eric Van Rooy*, requested by Bill & Gloria Farrell;
- Sunday, July 2nd @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Ingrid Clee*, requested by Nancy O'Connell; and,
- Sunday, July 2nd @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Joanne Brookman*, requested by Mary Lou Cobb.

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:	\$ 7,199.25
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,144.54
Total:	\$ 11,343.79
Other Generous Giving	
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 2,270.00
Various	\$ 45.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

June

- Sat, 24th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 25th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon, 26th-Fri, 30th—Vacation Bible School;
No Adoration, No Rosary, No Chaplet
- Mon, 26th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 27th—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 28th—NO Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 30th—NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.

July

- Sat, 1st—Confession, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 2nd—Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.
- Mon, 3rd—NO Confession, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 4th—Independence Day—Office Closed.
- Tues, 4th—NO Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 5th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 7th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 8th—Confession, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 10th—Confession, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 11th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 12th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 12th—Carnival Meeting, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, 13th—Bereavement, RH, 10 a.m.
- Fri, 14th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 14th—Youth Ministry, RH, 5 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of

The 54th
Wedding Anniversary
for
Robert and Theresa Bellacosa.



Fr. Tad, as he is known, spoke here at St Catherine of Siena during the second term of the Obama Administration on the issue of universal healthcare. He was part of a 3-person panel.

Fr. Tad is a well respected Catholic educator and I found the article interesting in that 'blame' is not heaped on the parents or the children, but on society, which used to hold to traditions and accountability—all seeking the excellence of the common good. Enjoy the common sense, which Mark Twain noted was "...very uncommon."

—Fr. Michael

When I was recently visiting with friends, a group of young girls was playing in a neighboring yard. Every few minutes, for more than an hour, one of them would scream at the very top of her lungs. A woman in our group finally commented, "When I was a kid, if I ever screamed like that, Mom would have pulled me aside and said, 'Don't you dare raise your voice like that in public!'"

In another episode more recently, I saw two young people, maybe 16 years old, rush out of a home. A girl with pink hair and tattoos was following a guy, yelling at him and saying, "Don't get into that car! Don't even think of leaving!" As he got into the car and started to back up, she began pounding her fists on the driver side window, letting out a series of expletives. Next, she placed herself right in front of the car and began to beat the hood. Then she got up onto the hood and started to pummel the windshield, screaming a barrage of profanities. By this time, other vehicles had stopped. When the girl stepped aside from the car for a moment, the driver sped off. She took off after him, running down the road, waving her arms and yelling hysterically. In a middle-class residential family neighborhood, I was surprised to witness such an occurrence. In discussing it with a couple of bystanders, one offered, "I guess you just chalk it up to their being teenagers." Another countered, "When I was growing up, even teens knew they couldn't engage in a spectacle like that."

Seeing it firsthand made me wonder where the parents were, and whether as a society, we are trending more and more towards "lowest common denominator" standards and behaviors. How concerned should we be when indignation, rage, and narcissism replace civility and a common moral code? Not only are young people caught up in these concerns, but society itself seems to be grappling with them ever more broadly.

R.J. Snell gets it right when he says that we shouldn't be "complaining about kids these days, since it's not the kids who are the root of the problem: it is the duty of a coherent society, coherent religion, and coherent family structure to provide a moral horizon. This is the fault of the adults, those who refused the grave obligation to offer tradition to the young."

How is it that we sometimes fail to set a moral vision for the next generation? Kids are endowed with some of the finest hypocrisy-detecting systems in the world, and when Catholic parents, to pick a relevant example, drop off their children at the parish for Catechism, but do not themselves attend weekly Mass, the children cannot fail to notice the disconnect. Similarly, when a Catholic parent continues to live in an irregular marital situation, or picks and chooses from among the Lord's teachings, the mixed messaging pops up quickly on children's moral radar. Consistency and coherence are key parental traits for transmitting robust values to children.

Another is parental fortitude. As children are pulled sideways by schools, false ideologies, and other societal forces that undermine family life and sound parenting, setting a moral vision for one's children can be a Herculean task requiring enormous dedication. I often think back to the strength and determination of my parents as I was growing up, battling not only me as a willful teen, but also pushing back against many of these broader currents and challenges around them.

While parents may sometimes deserve blame for the shortcomings of their children, many times they do not. Parenting is no easy endeavor and parents are oftentimes unsung heroes.

When young people witness their parents standing firm and practicing their faith by serving the Lord and others, they are more likely to take their own spiritual and religious identities seriously, becoming empowered to make significant sacrifices for others. They also are strengthened to be able to make intentional moral decisions and to direct their behaviors in ordered ways.

Parents who set a moral vision for themselves and their children build up the life of the family. As kids experience the joys of a family life not governed by the insatiable demands of their own desires, they can contribute to building a neighborhood and a world where narcissism and the "lowest common denominator" are replaced by goodness, generosity, right order, and peace of heart.

Source: The Pilot, Boston Archdiocese, news periodical; OPINION, June 16, 2023.

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

FAITH FORMATION Registration has begun. Please use this link to register by June 30th: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=3fb7036f-1436-4110-97cc-76a32183eb88>

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Saturday, September 16th, 2023

CARNIVAL HELP NEEDED – Teen and adult volunteers are needed. This is a great way for individuals of all ages and families to get involved with our parish! All are welcome and invited to join us! Young children must be supervised. **Earn Confirmation service hours while having fun with your family and friends.**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th - 6:30 p.m. behind Russell Hall. Come ready to paint, assemble, sand, glue, build, and test games. If you are able to help this evening (or other dates during the summer), please use this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/425opHz>.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed to help run games at the Carnival, and other activities. Choose from games/activities such as the Porkchop Speedway, Monsters Inc, Football Toss, Bucket Golf, Lucky Key face painting, face painting, fairy dusting, Leap Frog and so much more. Use this sign up genius link to sign up to help with your family or friends. Sign up for one shift or for all day! There is something for everyone. <https://bit.ly/430dDU5>

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

REGISTER NOW FOR 2023-2024. Free t-shirt at our KICKOFF meeting if you are registered. Please use this link to register by August 1st. If you have registered in prior years, we ask that you register again to update any information. We welcome ALL middle and high school teens! Sign up using this link: forms.gle/BSSZDAMuArYuH4c88 for junior or senior high. Come see what YM is all about!

Senior High

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th at 6:30 p.m.—CARNIVAL help. Join us this evening to help paint, build and test games. There is lots to do to get the games ready, and we could use both teen and parent help. Please join us in work clothes behind Russell Hall to help! **Confirmation Service Hours available.** To sign up to help, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/425opHz>

FRIDAY, JULY 14th - 6-8 pm for our Summer BBQ, games, and more! Be prepared for anything! Rising Freshmen, come see what Senior High Youth Ministry is all about. Rain or Shine. Please use this sign up genius link to register yourself and a friend in advance so that we can order enough food: <https://bit.ly/42lecGS> Invite a friend to join us too!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Junior High

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th at 6:30 p.m.—CARNIVAL help. Join us this evening to help paint, build and test games. There is lots to do to get the games ready, and we could use both teen and parent help. Please join us in work clothes behind Russell Hall to help! **Confirmation Service Hours available.** To sign up to help, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/425opHz>

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, July 28th—6:00—7:30 p.m. for our Summer BBQ, games and more! We look forward to seeing you there! Be prepared for anything. Rain or Shine.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please use this link to register yourself and a friend in advance so that we can order enough food: <https://bit.ly/43L6MhW>

Follow us on Instagram at stcatherine_youthministry and check out our pictures.

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

St. Elizabeth House service date is June 25th.

Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth35>

PANTRY PARTNERS

The next food distribution for Pantry Partners will be July 15th. Thank you for the continued support of this ministry which provides fresh food to families in need. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our Street Sandwich Ministry collection is schedule for the weekend of **Saturday, July 15th, Sunday, July 16th, and Monday, July 17th**. Sandwiches can be dropped off **Saturday and Monday mornings from 8-9:30 a.m., and Sunday from 9-6 p.m. 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, including egg salad, tuna salad, chicken salad, or any kind of protein. Please **NO CONDIMENTS OR LETTUCE**. **Please be sure all sandwiches are individually wrapped.**

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/46p4W8f>**

Confirmation service hours available.

YES YOU "CAN"

Located in St. Catherine's kitchen

There continues to be a great need for help for local families and those that are food insecure, and we need help restocking our shelves.

This month, we are looking for donations of **cold cereal, pasta and tomato sauce, canned meats such as tuna, chicken and spam, rice, and peanut butter and jelly**. 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.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our St. Catherine food pantry.