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Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

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, August 19th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Sandra Bowe*, requested by Ed & Pat Pabich;
- Sunday, August 20th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Tim Sotis*, requested by Jan Pell;
- Sunday, August 20th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Lucia (Santoro) Canu*, requested by the Knapp/Cinquegrana Family;
- Monday, August 21st @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Billy Timson*, requested by the Colgan Family;
- Tuesday, August 22nd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Teresa Laskowski*, birthday remembrance, requested by her son & daughter;
- Tuesday, August 22nd @ 9 a.m. Adoration;
- Wednesday, August 23rd @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *John Philip Monahan*, requested by the O'Bryan Family;
- Wednesday, August 23rd @ 9:00 a.m. Rosary;
- Friday, August 25th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Dick Gallagher*, 1st anniversary, requested by his family;
- Friday, August 25th @ 9:00 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- Saturday, August 26th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Sylvia, Leslie & Kevin Brimmer*, requested by their family;
- Sunday, August 27th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Patricia Ann Hergott*, requested by the Kostelni Family; and,
- Sunday, August 27th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Martin Hollis*, requested by Terri & 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:	\$ 4,955.01
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,151.46
Total:	\$ 9,106.47
Other Generous Giving	
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 2,129.00

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

August

- Sat. 19th—Carnival Meeting, RH, 9 .m.
- Sat, 19th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 19th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 19th-Mon, 21st—Street Sandwich Weekend.
- Sat, 19th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 21st—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 21st—NO Confession, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 21st—Prayer Shawl, RH-B, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 22nd—NO Adoration
- Wed, 23rd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 24th—Movie Night, outside, 6:45 p.m.
- Fri, 25th— Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 26th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun 27th—St. Elizabeth House, prkng lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon, 28th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 29th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 30th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.

September

- Fri, 1st— Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 2nd—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 4th—Labor Day, Office Closed, NO Confession.
- Tues, 5th— Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Wed, 6th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 8th— Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9 a.m.

Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of

*Andy Potoczny,
13th anniversary,*

requested by his wife & family.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 15: 21-28

Pity, condemnation, or just persevering petitions.

Could you imagine Jesus saying these words in 21st century USA: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." *Cancel culture would be on Him 'like white-on-rice'!* Now while I am not much of an animal person, this statement is not about humans versus animals. What Christ is speaking about for us today—the application of our faith in this modern world—is not about “us vs. them; it is about inclusion—in the scriptural and religious understanding and not in the cultural, political way; and, it is also a lesson in persistence in our faith.

Christ wants us to see each other as one family of humanity. He does not wish us to see ourselves as a “specific kind” (white, black, American, Chinese, Middle Eastern) of person—all the adjectives that the world loves to use today, which in reality actually serve to separate us rather than unite us. Christ calls us to see His face in each other; to see our oneness of family—His Face—in one another.

At first, Christ and His apostles appear to be “separatists”: *“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”* Then the Lord listens to the Canaanite woman’s plea, He sees her persistence and sees in her face her deep faith (Him)—hope and trust in the Lord.

It is also a lesson in persistence. For we know from St. Thomas Aquinas, it is the *habitus—or practice of our faith that leads us to Christ.* The Church tells us that Prayer is an essential part of the Christian life, and the essential part of prayer is that of adoration and thanksgiving—not just “I want, I need... Christ Himself has told us to ask Him for our needs—“ask and you shall receive.” The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel account is an example of that deep faith that the Lord wanted to see. It was not about making this pagan woman beg but rather it is to see in her perseverance that her faith would not waiver. She would stand firm in her trust in the Lord.

We can all learn from this mother, who’s love for her child made her ready to undergo a transformation—to undergo a hardship and to learn how to Trust in the Lord. The mother answered what appeared to be the Lord’s refusal to help her with another statement of faith, which illustrated that her request did not impede the Lord’s destiny to fulfill the Will of God by coming to His Chosen people.

In this connection, we see the first lesson again: our prayers for others does not negatively affect our own petitions to God or God’s power to grant blessings to others. It is never an “either/or” but always “and all.” We are called to pray for the final good of others, even when that final good may not seem to be what we want.

For many, the phrase “it’s a mystery” is the easy-out-answer to tough Catholic questions. However, in reality, our faith is a great Mystery. In addition, it is only when we get to heaven—and that is the purpose of this life—that we shall know how God answered our sincere and persevering prayers. When we attain the Beatific Vision, knowing His Wisdom, will be the answer to this Great Mystery! Amen!

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

Please use this link to register your children for our upcoming faith formation classes as soon as possible:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=3fb7036f-1436-4110-97cc-76a32183eb88>

Faith Formation is seeking additional teachers for a variety of grades. Please contact Zach Wood at the number above if you are interested in joining this important ministry!

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, September 16th, 2023

CARNIVAL HELP NEEDED—Teen and adult volunteers are needed to help run our Carnival games. 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! Earn Confirmation service hours while having fun with your family and friends.



TEENS AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS SATURDAY, August 19th from 9-11 a.m. to help paint, test and put final touches on our carnival games. If you are able to help, please use this sign up genius link: <https://bit.ly/425opHz>. Confirmation service hours available!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - TEEN AND ADULT GAME VOLUNTEERS are needed to help run games at the Carnival. Sign up for one shift or all day with your family or friends. Use this sign up genius link to sign up to help! There is something for everyone. <https://bit.ly/430dDU5>

CARNIVAL LUNCH SIGN UP

Join us for lunch at our Carnival on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th from 11-3:30 p.m.** **FREE lunch** will be served from 12-2 and includes hamburgers/cheeseburgers, hot dogs, veggie burger (you must sign up for this), chicken, macaroni and cheese and potato salad. Sign up for lunch now so that food orders can be placed. <https://bit.ly/3DDefnA>

CARNIVAL BAKERS NEEDED

Baked goods are needed for our Family Picnic/ Backyard Carnival on Saturday, September 16th 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/44DE6HC> 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY 2023-2024. Free t-shirt at our FALL KICKOFF meeting if you have registered. Please use this link to register and/or to update any information. We welcome ALL middle and high school teens!

Register using this link: forms.gle/BSSZDAMuArYuH4c88 for junior or senior high. Come see what YM is all about!

Senior High and Junior High SAVE THE DATES:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH—SENIOR HIGH KICK OFF MEETING 5:30-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH—JUNIOR HIGH KICK OFF MEETING 6-7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH—CARNIVAL—11-3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH—CAR WASH—12-2 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH—COLOR WARS—2:30—4 p.m.

CARNIVAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 2023-11 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed for short shifts to help run the games and more at our CARNIVAL. If you and your family or friends are able to help, sign up using this link:

<https://bit.ly/430dDU5> CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th, 9-11 a.m. (Russell Hall) - TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed put the final touches on our Carnival games. We are almost done, can you help get us to the final stretch? If you are able to help, please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/425opHz>.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

LOOKING FOR CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS? In addition to working our Carnival and helping to prepare games, we are looking for teens that can work from home or the church to prepare some upcoming projects for youth ministry. Something for everyone, and you can earn 1-10 hours. If you are able to help, please email Mrs. Hanshaw (Director of Youth Ministry) at Manuelahanshawym@gmail.com.

Check out our pictures and follow us on Instagram at [stcatherine_youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/stcatherine_youthministry).

Frozen 2, Family Movie Night, Thursday, August 24th at 6:45pm



A feel-good, sing along movie everyone is sure to enjoy! Bring your favorite blanket, pillow and/or chair! Popcorn and water will be provided. This is an outdoor event to be moved inside if weather does not permit.

Sign up via the sign-up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084EAF6A2FA64-family>

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our Street Sandwich Ministry collection is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, August 19th, Sunday, August 20th, and Monday, August 21st**. Sandwiches can be dropped off **Saturday and Monday mornings from 8-9:30 am, and Sunday from 9-6 pm 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/3KfduoG>

Confirmation service hours available.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Lunch Service on Aug 19th

Please sign up by **Weds., Aug 16th**.

We're serving those in need! Can you volunteer? There are 3 ways to help:

1. **Serve Lunch In-Person:** Carpool from St. Catherine 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 cold salad.** Make your favorite macaroni or potato salad to serve 10-12 people. Deliver your dish in a disposable container to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, Aug 19th between 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchAug19>

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

August 27th is the next service date for

St. Elizabeth House. Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth37>

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"

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Our August meeting will be held on Monday, August 21 at 3:00 and at 6:30 in Russell Hall - B. **New members are welcome to join!**

YES YOU "CAN" TAKE WHAT YOU NEED/LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

Located in St. Catherine's kitchen

THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity and support in helping to keep our food pantry stocked this summer! You are helping local families that are food insecure, and please know that they are grateful and appreciative for everything you do.

This month, we continue to look for donations of **canned tomatoes, peanut butter and jelly, sugar flour, other baking goods, pasta sauce, fruit juices, canned meals, dry beans**. 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.

PLEASE - NO EXPIRED FOODS OR OPENED CONTAINERS.

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