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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 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, November 4th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Carole Gibboni*, requested by *Carmen & Teri Mascaro*;
- **Sunday, November 5th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Tony Drapelick*, 7th anniversary, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, November 5th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Diane Ostrow*, birthday remembrance, requested by her family;
- **Monday, November 6th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Ronald J. Buttrazzi*, requested by *Kate Stewart*;
- **Tuesday, November 7th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Lucille Donohue*, requested by *Mary Ellen Bailey*;
- **Tuesday, November 7th @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, November 8th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Kelley Brimmer Flynn*, requested by *Jean McNulty & family*;
- **Wednesday, November 8th @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Friday, November 10th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Andrew Jagla*, birthday remembrance;
- **Friday, November 10th @ 9:00 a.m.** Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- **Saturday, November 11th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Ronald Dudley*, requested by his wife & son;
- **Sunday, November 12th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Francis Hoffman*, requested by *Myles & Julia McCabe*; and,
- **Sunday, November 12th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Michael Cirafici*, 5th anniversary, requested by his wife.



Sanctuary Lamp
*For Peace in
the Middle East.*



**Davlight
Savings
Time ends on
November 5th.**

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:	\$ 7,312.80
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,094.54
Total:	\$ 11,417.34

Other Generous Giving

Various	\$ 385.00
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 75.00

*Next week's second collection
is for Repair & Refurbishment.*

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

November

- Sat, 4th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 5th—NO Faith Formation.
- Sun, 5th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 5th—Homebound Communion
- Mon, 6th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 7th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 7th—Children's Choir, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 7th—OCIA, RH, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 7th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 8th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 9th—Bereavement, Rooney-A & B, 10 a.m.
- Thurs, 9th—Women's Ministry, RH, 7 p.m.
- Fri, 10th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 11st-Mon, 13th—Street Sandwich Weekend
- Sat, 11th—Feed the Hungry,
- Sat, 11th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 12th—Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 12th—Children's Lit. of the Word, RH, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 12th—Confirmation, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 13th—NO Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 13th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney A, 3:00 p.m.
- Tues, 14th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 14th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 7th—Children's Choir, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 7th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.

Our Parish's All Souls' Day Celebration

This Sunday, November 5 at our 11 a.m. Mass, our parish will remember the Faithfully Departed—all those who were buried from our parish from November 2022 through October 2023—in a brief ceremony following the homily. We will read the names of the faithfully departed, toll a bell, and incense the Book of the Dead placed upon our altar.

The purpose of this liturgy is two-fold: First, to pray for the deceased. We pray for those who might be in Purgatory for the purification of their souls and their entrance into Heaven—so that every sin may be forgiven and every tear wiped away. In addition, second, we pray for their intercessory prayers on our behalf, that they who are closer to God (in His Presence in Heaven) are in fact not “dead” but are more alive than when they walked the face of the earth.

It is good that we pray for our faithfully departed—all of them, those who's funeral Masses we celebrated and others whom we loved who lived in other towns but are remembered in our liturgical celebrations. That is why we celebrate all the faithfully departed during the month of November.

Notice the glass bowl in front of our altar filled with All Souls' Day envelopes. These envelopes provided by our parishioners and listed with the names of their family and friends on the back shall be prayed for collectively at all our Masses this November and, will also be prayed for name specific during my morning and evening prayers each day during the month.

In doing so, we help the deceased in their preparation to meet God; and, then in our prayers to them, they assist us in our practiced and lived-experience of the faith in our day-to-day activities.

I hope our parish will turn out for this brief but beautiful and spiritually significant event as we remember the dead and offer our prayers both for the purification of the souls in Purgatory as well as for the spiritual guidance of those who are already in the Kingdom of God. Something good we can all do for everyone whom we remember this November.

Called to imitate Christ's Leadership style.

Our gospel this weekend, from Matthew (23:1-12) ends with the following statement, *“The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”*

The gospel's ending asks us to consider the style of leadership that Jesus employed during His earthly life. He came not as a royal king, not as a powerful, long-entrenched politician nor as one possessing privilege and generational wealth. He did not teach in the Ivy League institutions, nor before packed stadiums, or from the Hollywood screen or Broadway stage.

He was humble. He walked with the poor and the ignorant. He taught in the market places and in the synagogues as well as along the riverbanks, the seashore and upon the mountaintops. He healed lepers, the blind and the deaf, raised the dead to new life, sat with the unwashed and even slept in a manger. He did not associate with the \$10,000-a-plate crowd at the fanciest hotels.

Jesus' style of leadership is that of servant leadership. It is humble, and one that seeks the excellence of the other—meaning that He put others before Himself, and desired to lead those He to Truth. He spoke only Truth, there was no weasel-wording, no follow-up statements after the press conference to clarify His statement, and no advance team to plant the seed or see what would be acceptable to the crowds. He was, is and will always be Truth. And, while His Truth may not be accepted by all, that does not make it “less true” or “only His Truth,” as if two opposing concerns can be true at the same time, e.g., life is a gift from God and sacred, or that life is nothing but a collection of cells and disposable. Jesus' leadership is one that seeks only the excellence of all and stands for Truth, a Truth that will set us free—as the song says—not a truth of shades or levels of truth depending on the emotional setting. His Truth is for all and is what shall lead us to be whom He created us to be.

The goal in our faith lives is to know Christ's Will in our lives, and then by living His Will out in-and-through our daily activities, inspired and directed by faith, we can become humble disciples shining His Light to others; sharing His Truth for anyone who is open and chooses to follow Him. Humble leadership inspiring a response of Free Will. What a gift!

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St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation

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

Sun, Nov. 5th—NO CLASSES.

Sun, Nov. 12— K-8 & Confirmation 1 & 2

Sun, Nov. 19th—K-8

Nov. 26th— NO CLASSES, Thanksgiving Weekend.

Women's Ministry

-Thur., Nov. 9th, 7 p.m.- **Faith & Fellowship Gathering.** *ELIZABETH and GRACE and ME: The story of a girl from Queens, a New York debutante and a journey shared.* A presentation by parishioner Theresa Bellacosa on Saint Elizabeth Seton and the Sisters of Charity in Russell Hall.

-Thurs., Nov. 16th, 9:30 a.m.- **Warm Me Up Service Project** in Russell Hall. Come make no-sew fleece blankets and hats for shelter residents. Details will follow.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Next Monday, November 13th at 3:00 p.m. & Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding this month's meetings. Mark your calendars! If you have any questions or wish to request a prayer shawl, please contact Kathy Oaks at 860-614-2773 or ktoaks@gmail.com.

Fr. Michael continued...

A Teaching Mass

Over the next few months, I will use three Specific Masses to teach the finer points of the Mass: *what are we saying at Mass, what is the meaning and purpose of the words of the Mass, and what is actually happening at specific points of the Mass.*

These three Masses—one Saturday Vigil, one 8 a.m. Mass, and one 11 a.m. Mass—which have been slated as Faith Formation class Masses, will be offered so that we all have a better understanding of just what we are doing at the Mass. You know the saying, "The more you know...the more you participate. The teaching of the Catholic Church, illustrates the Mass as a participatory event, and the better we understand what we are actually doing the more we will take away from the Mass—thus the more the Mass will guide and inspire us to be better disciples of Christ.

For your spiritual benefit, the following dates are our "teaching Faith Formation class Masses:

November 4th, 5 p.m.;

January 21st, 8 a.m. and March 3rd, 11 a.m.



St. Joseph's Residence Presents

Christmas Bazaar

10th November 2pm - 6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Raffles● Baked Goods● Christmas Sales● Games & More!	11th November 10am - 3pm
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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Senior High

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th—Our all time favorite night—APPLE PIE NIGHT! From 5:30-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. Join the youth ministry annual tradition of making apple pies for local soup kitchens and shelters. ! Invite a friend to join us too as we bake apple pies for local area shelters. **WHAT TO BRING:** Large bag of apples, an apple peeler, a paring knife and a cutting board. Everything else will be supplied. **Confirmation service hours available. ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Teens and parents can sign up here using this link: <https://bit.ly/3FEjEvW>

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th—BOSTON MISSION TRIP ZOOM INFORMATIONAL MEETING at 7 p.m. Come learn about our plans for this year's Boston Mission Trip scheduled for the spring. All high school teens are invited. **Please plan to attend with a parent if you will be applying for the Mission Trip to Boston this year.**

Junior High

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th—COOK AND BAKE from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. Please join us this evening as we prepare a full course dinner for local families in need. **Invite a friend to join us too. NO COOKING EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** <https://bit.ly/3tL0Msb>

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th—TURKEY TALK—LET'S TALK TURKEY from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. Tonight is all about compassion. Enjoy some refreshments while we assemble compassion gifts for others and bake for the homeless. See what surprises are in store for you. Bring a friend too. **Parent Volunteers Needed!** <https://bit.ly/477TEVi>

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



DRIVERS NEEDED TO HELP DELIVER PIES

Youth Ministry is looking for 4 drivers to help deliver apple pies to local area shelters in Hartford on **Monday, November 20th at 9:30 am.** If you are able to help, please use this sign up genius link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/45WzWe2> **Thank you in advance for your help!**



Calling all kids! Halloween is filled with treats. Share the fun and donate a portion of your Halloween candy to give treats to *Feed the Hungry*. All treats will be distributed by The Feed the Hungry at the November visit to Saint Elizabeth House. **Donations may be dropped off in the candy boxes in the Atrium and Vestibule.**

Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

LIFESONG ministry is seeking volunteers to help sort and hang clothing on Monday morning, November 13th, 10 a.m. at Shepard of the Hills church in the north end of town. Any help is appreciated. Please call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0242.

Give the Gift of Warmth-The next Women's ministry Service activity will be on Thursday, November 16th beginning at 930 a.m. We will be making no sew fleece blankets for the children living in Hartford shelters. Refreshments will be served. Come join us for a creative morning of conversation and compassion. Please sign up using this sign up genius: <https://bit.ly/3QqkYau>
Questions, feel free to contact Diane Whittemore.

Calling All Bakers— There are 2 opportunities to bake!

1. For the **Little Sisters of the Poor's** Bazaar/Fundraiser next weekend. Please deliver them to the **St. Catherine kitchen on Thursday, November 9th**. They will be delivered early Friday morning, November 10th. Thank you for your generosity.
2. For **LIFESONG** to be delivered to our neighbors in need. Would you like to bake a cake, cookies or pie to share? If so, please sign up <https://bit.ly/3s6EFfl> then drop off your **Non-refrigerated baked goods in Russell Hall on Sunday November 12th or Monday the 13th**. If your goodies need to be refrigerated, please drop off after 9 a.m. Monday. Thank you in advance for being a generous neighbor. Diane Whittemore, 860-913-0241.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Lunch Service on Sat, Nov 11th.

Please sign up by Weds, Nov 8th.

Special early Thanksgiving meal will be served.

There are 2 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 an early Thanksgiving meal for residents as well as for other food insecure guests. We will be done by 1:00 p.m.

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

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchNov11>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at

860-558-6940. richsickinger@gmail.com

November 18th is the next distribution date for Pantry Partners. 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-November 26th

Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth28>

NOVEMBER STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our November Street Sandwich Ministry collection will take place early in November – NEXT WEEKEND - due to the Thanksgiving holiday. **Sandwiches are needed for Saturday, November 11th, Sunday, November 12th, and Monday, November 13th.** Sandwiches can be dropped off Saturday and Monday mornings from 8-9:30 a.m., and Sunday from 9-6 p.m. on that 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.**

Also, if making PB&J, please spread PB on both slices of bread and then put the jelly in between. This provides extra protein and prevents the jelly from seeping into the bread.

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/3SbfAKL>

Confirmation hours available.