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Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 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.

Pastor: Reverend Michael Whyte, 860 658 1642

PARISH STAFF

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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 18th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Sandy Zele, 20th anniversary*, requested by the Hammond Family;
- **Sunday, November 19th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Anna Koch, birthday remembrance*, requested by Manuela Hanshaw;
- **Sunday, November 19th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Richard Girardin, 1st anniversary*, requested by the Chait Family;
- **Monday, November 20th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *George Van Wormer, 2nd anniversary*, requested by his wife;
- **Tuesday, November 21st @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Ronald J. Buttrazzi*, requested by Kate Stewart;
- **Tuesday, November 21st @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;
- **Wednesday, November 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Alcide Tacy*;
- **Wednesday, November 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.** Rosary;
- **Thursday, November 23rd @ 9 a.m.** Mass for *Dick Hopkins, 1st anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Friday, November 24th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Olga Veronese*;
- **Friday, November 24th @ 9:00 a.m.** *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*;
- **Saturday, November 25th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Dick Hopkins, 1st anniversary*, requested by the Kathi & John Karp;
- **Sunday, November 26th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Anthony & Lucia Brancato*, requested by their family; and,
- **Sunday, November 26th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *John & Katie McNamara*, requested by Terri Hollis.



Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of
Dick Hopkins, 1st anniversary,
requested by his family.

Sign up for our Parish Directory!
After all the Masses, December 2nd & 3rd.
Tables will be in the atrium.
More info to follow.

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:	\$ 8,522.50
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,094.54
Total:	\$ 12,617.04

Other Generous Giving

Various	\$ 181.00
Repair & Refurbishment	\$ 4,916.00

*This week's second collection is
for Campaign for Human Development.*

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

November

- Sat, 18th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sun, 19th—Coffee & Donuts, Atrium, 9 a.m.
- Sun, 19th—Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
- Sun, 19th—Children's Liturgy, RH-B, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 19th—Coffee & Donuts, Atrium, 12 noon
- Sun, 19th—Gable Brigade dist, Vestibule, 3 p.m.
- Sun, 19th—YM Apple Pie making, RH, 5:30 p.m.
- Mon, 20th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 20th—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 21st—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 21st—Bereavement, Rooney A & B, 10 a.m.
- Tues, 21st—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m..
- Tues, 21st—Adult Choir, Church 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 22nd—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
- Thurs, 23rd—Mass at 9 a.m. for Thanksgiving.
- Thurs, 23rd & Fri, 24th—Office Closed.
- Fri, 24th—Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Church, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 25th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 26th—St. Elizabeth House, prkg lot, 3:45 p.m.
- Mon, 27th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 27th—Adult Faith Formation, RH, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 28th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 28th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 28th—OCIA/Rooney-A, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 28th—Adult Choir, Church 7:30 p.m.

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 5th-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. Enjoy some refreshments and our **Famous Face Competition.** We will also bake breads for Thanksgiving for the homeless, and so much more. 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).

NOTICE to all parishioners

If you ever receive an EMAIL or TEXT message from me asking for financial assistance or for gift cards, PLEASE DO NOT act on this.

It is a scam!

Please know that when I need to reach out to an individual parishioner or group of parishioners for financial assistance, I will call you personally or speak to you in person. ☐

These evil people who do these scams and hacking should put their efforts toward something worthwhile and good. Amen!

Thank you, -Fr. Michael



Kerygma Series-Adult Faith Formation

Who is Mary and What do we know about her? What is the Immaculate Conception? Do we Worship Mary? Do you want to know more about the Mother of God and what we believe as Catholics?

Come Join us on November 27th in Russell Hall from 6:30-8 p.m. for the second session of our Kerygma Series!

RSVP here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ACAC2DABFDC70-46010240-kerygma>

St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation

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

Sun, Nov. 19th—K-8

Nov. 26th— NO CLASSES, Thanksgiving Weekend.

Dec. 3th— K-8 & Confirmation 1 & 2.

Dec. 10th-K-8

Dec. 16th-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 2 p.m.: Christmas Pageant at 4 p.m. in the Church

Dec. 17th— K-8 & Confirmation, 1 & 2.

St. Elizabeth House-November 26th

Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-stelizabeth40#/>

We're looking for 2 more
Christmas cards helpers for Wed,
Nov. 29th at 9 a.m. Please contact the
office, 860-658-1642 or email stecathy@comcast.net.
Refreshments will be provided.

**Begin preparations for Jesus' birth with
Advent Wreath Making! Sunday,
December 3rd, following the 11:00 AM
Mass in Russell Hall.** We'll supply the
materials and you build your own Advent wreath
with greens. Light refreshments provided. Please
sign up using the sheet in the atrium so that we
have enough materials for everyone. Any
questions, please email Mary or Scott Sirianni,
marysirianni3@gmail.com.



Santa's Birthday Party for Jesus Friday, December 1st

St. Catherine families are
invited to join Santa Claus as we
kick off the Advent and Christmas
seasons to celebrate the birth of

Jesus! We will have cupcakes and hot cocoa available
as you listen to a Christmas story and write your letter to
Santa. A photographer will be available to snap a photo
of your family with Santa, and as you leave the birthday
party you'll get a goody bag with a take-home craft,
some reindeer food and slips of paper to write acts of
kindness on to soften Jesus' manger. Throughout
Advent, every family can perform acts of kindness
which you can write down on the paper (piece of hay) to
add to the manger that will be in the Atrium of the
Church. Instead of a birthday present for Jesus, we ask
that you bring a non-perishable food item for our food
pantry.

RSVPs to the party: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BAEA629A0F49-46183685-santas>

Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BAEA629A0F49-46150155-volunteer>

Confirmation service hours available.

LIFESONG

A huge thank you to all the wonderful ladies
that helped sort and hang clothing. What a sweet
bunch! The next LIFESONG set up will be Monday
December 11, 10 am at Shepard of the Hills Church,
7 Wescott Rd Simsbury.

Thank you for all the wonderful donations collected.
**Interested in helping for an hour, call Diane at
860-913-0241, whitemore Diane@yahoo.com.**

Thank you for donating our delicious fresh baked
goods to our neighbors in need. Your donations
brought so much joy and your kindness is
appreciated.

**Our next Women's Ministry Service
project will be: Cut, Stitch and Stuff a Stocking
on both Wednesday evening 12/6, 7 p.m. and
Thursday, 12/7, 9:30 am.**

Please join us for this fun activity. Please bring small
fun items for children ages 5-10 to fill your
stocking. Friends are always welcome. No sewing
experience needed. **Please RSVP to Diane
Whittemore.**