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# Saint Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Church

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

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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Mrs. Kathleen Mangiafico, 860 869 8468

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### **Parish Legacy Fund Chairman**

Mr. Peter Pabich, 860 810 5069

### **Parish Lay Trustees**

Mrs. Colleen Langlais, 860-508-0487

Mr. Robert Hensley, 860-916-5057

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, February 10th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *John Eichner, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, February 11th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *James Salerno, 8th anniversary*, requested by his family;
- **Sunday, February 11th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Frank Cerchia, 10th anniversary*, requested by his family;

- **Monday, February 12th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Noreen Murray*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;

- **Tuesday, February 13th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for *Pat Hatch, 4th anniversary*, requested by the Reilley Family;

- **Tuesday, February 13th @ 9 a.m.** Adoration;

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**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14th**

- Liturgy of the Word with Ashes, 7:00 a.m.;
- Mass for @ 8:30 a.m. for Alice Barry, requested by Ann & Bill Hurley;
- Rosary @ 9:00 a.m.;
- Liturgy of the Word with Ashes, 12:00 p.m.;
- Liturgy of the Word with Ashes, 3:00 p.m.;
- Mass Pro Populo at 6:00 p.m.

followed by Soup & Bread in Russell Hall;

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- **Friday, February 16th @ 8:30 a.m.** Mass for Deceased parishioners, requested by Ann & Hill Hurley;

- **Friday, February 16th @ 7:00 p.m.** *Stations of the Cross*;

- **Saturday, February 17th @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass for *Susan Caldwell, birthday remembrance*, & *Hugh Jack Caldwell*, requested by their family;

- **Sunday, February 18th @ 8:00 a.m.** Mass for *Special Intention*, requested by the Cranmore Family; and,

- **Sunday, February 18th @ 11:00 a.m.** Mass for *Harry Nasuti, for health*, requested by the Kostelni 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:	\$12,710.00
Faith Direct weekly giving:	\$ 4,143.38
Total:	\$ 16,853.38

Other Generous Giving	
Youth Ministry Collection	\$ 4,722.75
Various	\$ 1,070.00

## Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events February

- Sat. 10th—Speaker, Michael Ruzicki/RH, 3:30 p.m.
- Sat, 10th—NO Confession, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 11th—Coffee & Donuts, RH, 9 a.m. & 12 noon.
- Sun, 11th—*Faith Formation, HJMS*.
- Sun, 11th—Children's Liturgy, RH, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 12th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 13th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
- Tues, 13th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 13th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 14th—ASH WEDNESDAY, schedule, page 3.
- Fri, 16th—Stations of the Cross, Church 7 p.m.
- Sat, 17th—Feed the Hungry
- Sat, 17th—Pantry Partners, Vestibule, 9 a.m.
- Sat, 17th—Mon, 19th—Street Sandwiches
- Sat, 17th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
- Mon, 19th—Prayer Shawl, Rooney-A, 3 p.m.
- Mon, 19th—NO Confession (President's Day)
- Tues, 20th—Prayer Shawl, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 20th—OCIA, Rooney-A, 7 p.m.
- Wed, 21st—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Wed, 21st—Nurturing Seedlings, Rooney-A, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, 22nd—Bereavement, RH, 10 a.m.
- Thurs, 22nd—Men's Min. Bible Feud, RH, 7 p.m.
- Fri, 23rd—Stations of the Cross, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- Fri, 23rd—Youth Min. Game Night, RH, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, 24th—Confirmation Retreat at Holy Family.

The Lenten Mercy Project  
begins next weekend.

Please see the bulletin insert for details.

## Advent Giving Tree Update



Many, many thanks to our parishioners who participated in the **2023 Advent Giving Tree collection**. Our total collected was \$72,031.00; and our parishioners directed their donations in the following manner:

\$35,018.50 towards the Malta House of Care,  
\$36,912.50 toward our parish's Neighbors in Need fund,  
\$ 100 was undedicated and that has been directed to Malta.

This is an amazing outcome, especially in light of the difficult economic conditions and rising costs of everyday items.

The faith of our parishioners is a tribute and witness to the blessings they have received from God and their answer to His call to discipleship to share with others in need.

Because of your faith, people we do not know will receive the healthcare they need complete with dignity and compassion; local neighbors in need will be fed, have heat and light in their homes, copays for prescriptions will be met, and human dignity will be restored in the midst of hardships and afflictions.

While "thank you" truly is not enough, I shall pray for God's loving Blessings—which certainly are enough—and may He abundantly bless you and those you love with His Providential care. Amen!

### ***ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE, FEBRUARY 14TH***

- Liturgy of the Word with Ashes, 7:00 a.m.; 12 noon & 3:00 p.m.
- Mass at 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.\*

(\*followed by Soup & Bread in Russell Hall. Sign up below.)

- Rosary at 9:00 a.m.

### **Lenten Soup and Bread Info.**

We will have a simple Soup and Bread meal together as a parish community following the 6 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday.

There are a few different ways to participate in this evening... Please sign up if you are able to attend and include the number of individuals in your family so we know how many people we can expect. If you are able to bring a meatless soup, bread or beverage to share, please use the available slots. Please drop off your hot soup in a crockpot, bread or juice using the outside kitchen door (not through the Atrium) anytime in the afternoon on the 14th or before the 6pm mass. Finally, if you are able to stay a few extra minutes to help with the clean up at the end of the evening, your assistance would be greatly appreciated! **sign up here:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A4AD22A7F94-47560461-lenten>

**"The Passion of Christ" film will be shown on Wednesday March 20th at 6 p.m. in Russell Hall.** Please join us for coffee and dessert at 6 p.m., the movie will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. **This movie is a powerful piece of cinema and is recommended only for older teens and adults.** An experience not to be forgotten. This is a version of Christ's crucifixion, based on the New Testament. For further information, feel free to contact Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241.

### **Women's Service Ministry**

**A huge thank you to all the wonderful ladies that helped make our Senior Breakfast a success!!** So thankful for all of your help! God bless you all.

**Help needed!** Would you like to help sort 40 bags of clothing for the LIFESONG ministry? I would really appreciate your help on Thursday, Feb. 29th at 9:15 a.m., Russell Hall. Coffee and Danish. If interested, call Diane Whittemore at 860-913-0241.



# **St. Catherine of Siena Faith Formation**

**Zach Wood, Director; [zwood@stcsimsbury.org](mailto:zwood@stcsimsbury.org); 860-658-4737.**

**Feb. 11th— K-8, Souper Bowl Can Drive**

**Feb. 18th—No Class, President's Day**

**Feb. 25th— K-8, Confirmation 1 & 2**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION RESCHEDULE DATE: March 3rd, 3 p.m.**

**CONFIRMATION DATE: May 11th, 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral**

## **LENTEN MERCY PROJECT 2024**

With the arrival of Lent, St Catherine's of Siena will once again partake in the annual Lenten Mercy Project. During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the St Catherine Church Lenten Mercy Project gives us the opportunity to participate by supporting a variety of organizations that embody the Corporal Works of Mercy. Each weekend during Lent, beginning February 17/18 and continuing through March 23/24, we ask that you consider supporting the identified charity through monetary contributions and/or donation of gift cards (similar to last year, we will not be asking for donations of goods this year, as most charities now prefer cash and gift cards for logistical reasons). Please consider gift cards from grocery stores, Walmart, Target, etc. The six charities will be listed in the Bulletin and on the parish website.

Donation boxes will be in the atrium and vestibule for both monetary and gift card contributions. Note that you may make monetary contributions through Faith Direct. **Our first week will be dedicated to Gifts of Love.**

Our extraordinary St Catherine's community has supported these fine organizations for many years through this project, and we hope in this Lenten season you will once again participate in this tradition of helping those in need.



A poster titled "Undercover Operation" with a "TOP SECRET" stamp and a magnifying glass over the dates "Feb. 14 to March 3". The text reads: "YOUR MISSION: To help the Youth Ministry with their Lenten Collection, AKA: Report to duty and consider purchasing NEW M-XXXL Underwear and Sports Bras to be donated to a Women's Shelter on their Boston Mission Trip." There are also footprints leading towards the magnifying glass.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The February meeting dates are Monday, 19th, 3:00 p.m. in Rooney-A and Tuesday, the 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

There is an open invitation to anyone who would like to join this ministry. Don't know how to knit or crochet? No worries; we can teach you. All beginning supplies are ready for you! Any questions, please contact Kathy Oaks at [ktoaks@gmail.com](mailto:ktoaks@gmail.com) or 860-614-2773.

## **Men's Club Ministry Meeting– BIBLE FEUD**

**Thursday, February 22nd, 6:30 p.m. for Pizza and Beverage; 7:00 p.m. Game Time!**

We will make teams of 5 and test your Bible knowledge. All Men of St. Catherine are invited. New to the Church please join us! Fun night of Fellowship. RSVP helpful but not necessary for food count. Please contact Lou Daniels, [imdaniels57@gmail.com](mailto:imdaniels57@gmail.com) or 860-916-3577.

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## Senior High



**THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>—LET'S GO SKATING AT SIMSBURY FARMS from 2:15-4:15 p.m.—bring the whole family or invite a friend.**

**WHAT TO BRING: \$5 Admission.**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Father Michael invites ALL teens to participate in the Teen Stations of the Cross. Teens are asked to hold a candle, hold the cross, read a station, hand out programs, or just attend.**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING, join us in Russell Hall for a DESSERT BAR and TRIVIA NIGHT and other games and prizes. Please sign up to volunteer using this link: <https://bit.ly/3U1V5RZ>**



Teens needed to help deliver Valentine's Day gifts to our most senior parishioners. Deliveries can be made at your convenience between Saturday, February 10-Saturday, February 17th. Won't you help make their day with a small gift and a big smile? Please use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3SSdXAL>

## Junior High



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**WHAT TO BRING: \$5 Admission**



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup>—COOK AND BAKE from 6-8 p.m. in Russell Hall. Join us tonight as we cook meals for local families in need. We provide the recipes, ingredients and instructions. NO COOKING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3Sto5Rd> Parent Volunteers Needed.**



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## Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News

*Thank you for your support of the Youth Ministry...*

### **BOSTON MISSION TRIP SILENT AUCTION AND BAKE SALE**

How do we thank you for your amazing generosity and support? It is because of you, our parishioners, that Youth Ministry teens have this opportunity to work with the hungry, the homeless and the underserved. Our hope is for our teens to grow compassion for others and the desire to help and serve those less fortunate. Last weekend, our bake sale raised over \$2000! We are still calculating our Silent Auction at this time, and if your bid was the highest bid, you should expect a letter in the mail detailing how to receive your auction item. If you were unprepared last weekend, we would welcome your donation this weekend. Thank you again for your generosity, and know that the 2024 Boston Mission Team will pray for both the St. Catherine of Siena and St. Mary's community while we are away. We hope you will pray for the Mission Team as well.

### **FEED THE HUNGRY Lunch Service on Sat, Feb 17th. Please sign up by Weds, Feb 14th. There are 4 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.
- 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, 2/15 at Fitzgeralds and drop off the hot meal to Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, 2/17 between 8:30-9:30 a.m. We'll contact you ahead of time with recipe and more information if you haven't done this before.
- 3. NEW - Make Cupcakes:** Let's add some winter cheer. Make 12 festive cupcakes and drop off on Sat, 2/17 to Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30-9:30 am.
- 4. Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchFeb17>

Questions? Contact Rich Sickinger at 860-558-6940. [richsickinger@gmail.com](mailto:richsickinger@gmail.com).

### **NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY**

Our February Street Sandwich Ministry collection will take place **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**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/3uk8Rok>

**Confirmation service hours available.**

**Pantry Partners—The next distribution date for Pantry Partners will be February 17th.** 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**, run by Mercy Housing and Shelter of Hartford, is a transitional housing program for previously homeless adults who are looking to change their lives. They must meet certain criteria when applying for the program. Residents learn vocational skills, maintain jobs, and perform house chores while staying at St. Elizabeth house. Our church has been privileged to serve this community and support the philanthropic efforts of Mercy Housing and Shelter for over 25 years. Please join me in preparing and serving a meal to the residents at St. Elizabeth House. They love our visits, and the food and desserts our wonderful cooks and bakers share! Thank you for your service!

**Next visit is February 25th. Please sign up at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ADAD2DA64-47732646-stelizabeth>