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Livestream our 11 am
Mass at
stcatherine.info



Saint Catherine

Roman Catholic Church of Siena

The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2026

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. (Livestreamed)

Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m., 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.

Choirs accompany the 11 a.m. Mass.

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.

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 worshiping with us.

If you would like to join our parishfamily, fill out a yellow membership foirm found in the vestibule or atrium and mail it to us, drop it in the collection basket or call us at 860-658-1642.

**We Welcome You to Our
Family of Faith!**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, October 3rd @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Rob & Mike Larose, 4th & 3rd anniversaries*, requested by their family;
- Sunday, October 4th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Mickey Barlow, 16th anniversary*, requested by Lyn Brucker;
- Sunday, October 4th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *John Donahue, 7th anniversary*, requested by his family;
- Monday, October 5th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Gayle & Michael Murphy, 30th wedding anniversary blessings*;
- Tuesday, October 6th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Andrew Hobson, birthday remembrance*, requested by his family;
- Wednesday, October 7th @ 8:30 a.m., Mass *William Dionesotes, 4th anniversary*, requested by Steve Sennott;
- Friday, October 9th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Michael Homes, birthday remembrance*;
- Saturday, October 10th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Fred Pera*;
- Sunday, October 11th @ 8:00 a.m. Mass for *Joan Klem, birthday blessings*;
- Sunday, October 11th @ 11:00 a.m. Mass for *Claire Palmer, birthday remembrance*, requested by the Hiscoe Family.

Wedding Banns II

Kathleen Kuzmin & Mitchell Glasgow
October 17, 2026

Sanctuary Lamp

For

A Special Intention



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Our Sunday Collections constitute the operating funds for the parish. You make it possible for us to continue serving you each week. Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you always. Thank you for parishioners like you!

Please use either our online giving company, Parish Soft, the collection basket or mail your envelope to:
Post Office Box 184, West Simsbury, CT, 06092

Weekly Loose Cash/Checks: \$ 4,408.00
Parish Soft: \$ 7,285.43
Total: \$ 11,693.43

Haiti Collection: \$ 1,886.10
Various: \$ 350.00

For those who are interested in online giving, you may use this link:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-1077>.

If you are currently receiving church envelopes please call the office so that we may discontinue them. Thank you.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

October

- Sat, 3rd-Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
 - Sun, 4th—Faith Formation, HJMS, 9:30 a.m.
 - Sun, 4th—Homebound Communion, 12:30 p.m.
 - Sun, 4th—Sr. High YM Kick-off, RH, 6 p.m.
 - Mon, 5th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
 - Mon, 5th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
 - Mon, 5th—Adoration, Church, 6:30 p.m.
 - Tues, 6th—Adoration, Church, 9 a.m.
 - Tues, 6th—Children's Choir, MR, 6:30 p.m.
 - Tues, 6th—Adult Choir, Church, 7:30 p.m.
 - Wed, 7th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
 - Wed, 7th—Prayer Workshop, RH, 10 a.m.
 - Wed, 7th—Jr. High YM, Church, 6 p.m.
 - Fri, 9th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
 - Sat, 10th—Confession, Church, 4 p.m.
 - Sat, 10th—Prayer Workshop, RH, 6:15 p.m.
 - Sun, 11th—Coffee & Donuts, 9 a.m. & 12 noon
 - Sun, 11th—NO Faith Formation, HJMS
 - Sun, 11th—NO Children's Lit. of the Word
 - Sun, 11th—CAR WASH, 12 noon.
 - Sun, 11th—St. Elizabeth House, prkg lot, 3:30 p.m.
 - Mon, 12th—Rosary, Church, 9 a.m.
 - Mon, 12th—Office Closed (Columbus Day)
- NO Confession/NO Adoration**

Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

On October 10, 2026 at Holy Cross Catholic High School in Waterbury, the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference will "Bring together Catholic men, renewing their faith in Christ in an inspiring, motivational, prayerful atmosphere. The result will be stronger men fulfilling their mission as husbands, fathers, and brothers in Christ who renew their parishes (and families) through apostolic work."

Keynote 2026 speakers are: Dr. Karlo Broussard, Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR, Jeanne Mancini, and Fr. Declan Gibson. Tickets cost (includes lunch): \$45 for adults; \$30 for teens (13-19 years of age). For more information, contact: <https://www.ctcatholicmen.org/purchase-tickets> or call 860-484-7950.

Reminder: Annulment Talk on Who, What, and How

Long-time parishioner, lawyer-by-trade, and Catholic Tribunal Advocate, John Ginnetti will speak at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Tuesday, October 19th at 7 pm on the Catholic Annulment Process. Come and learn what an annulment is; who can receive one; what comprises the process; what is an impediment to marriage and what is a "defect" in the marriage? Do annulments make your children "illegitimate," or does an annulment excommunicate you from the Church; and, does your former spouse have to agree to an annulment—and much, much more. Come, learn, and begin the healing process. Whether you are civilly divorced—and remarried, or your child was married in the Church and is now divorced and looking to remarry... come and learn the truth about the meaning and purpose of the Catholic Annulment. All are welcome. Register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-66170682-thinking>. Brought to you by our Forward with Faith campaign.

Adoration & Confession: Healing & Hope

St. Catherine of Siena Parish provides many different opportunities to commune with the Lord, receive His Mercy and Forgiveness, and to come before the Lord—Face to face—in adoration and prayer. **Confessions are offered** on Monday evenings, from 6-7 pm and on Saturday afternoon from 4-4:30 pm as well as by appointment by calling the parish office at 658-1642. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is offered on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm, Tuesday mornings from 9-9:30 am, and for teens on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We also offer the **Holy Rosary**, following the daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. And the church is open every day from 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. for private prayer.

Responsibility & Stewardship

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time provides us with the gospel parable of the Tenants, also known as the parable of the Wicked Husbandmen, in which Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants. When harvest time comes, the landowner sends servants to collect the fruit, but the tenants mistreat and kill the servants. Finally, the landowner sends his son whom the tenants also kill. This parable concludes with Jesus telling the people of Israel that He will take away the Kingdom God from those who do not produce fruit and give it to those who will. What is this saying to us today?

This is a gospel (Matthew 21:33-43) about many things: God as landowner; Rejection of God's Messengers; The Son and Jesus' Role; Responsibility and Stewardship; Judgment and Accountability; the Kingdom Given to Others; and, Call to Faithfulness—but today I wish to focus on: **Responsibility and Stewardship**: We—each one of us—have been given a great gift from God, our faith. Baptized as Catholics, God has a plan for each of us (we say this at every Mass in our prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood).

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Fr. Michael continued...

In God's plan for you and for me, we are given abundant grace by God—in each of the seven Sacraments—to accomplish our role in the plan for salvation. And there is a great reward if we fulfill His Plan for our lives, but no “gift receipt” if we don't fulfill it...He will just take it away and give it to someone who will use the gift and fulfill His Plan. It is called **Responsibility and Stewardship**. The tenants in this parable represent the religious leaders and the people of Israel who were entrusted with God's covenant and teachings. They had a responsibility to bear fruit, meaning to live life faithfully and justly; to pass on that gift of faith to others—their children and neighbors. It is the same for us today. In Baptism we are entrusted with God's teachings and His covenant of Love. Are we going to unwrap this great gift and “wear” it, or will we open it and just put in on the shelf? Responsibility means to understand (know, study) His gift and assess its value, and then realizing it's worth, invest it in others and grow it to salvation.

I can only say one thing about God's gift to us—His love, His Church, His teachings: fits you well. Wear it proudly.



Faith Formation News

***Helen Treacy, Director of Faith Formation
(860) 658-4737, helentreacyff@gmail.com***

Sunday, October 4th: K-6, Confirmation I & II & Grades 7-8

Sunday, October 11th: NO CLASSES (Columbus Day)

Saturday, October 17th: Grade 7 Mass at 5PM (Vigil)

***Sunday, October 18th: Grade 8 CONFIRMATION RETREAT
at St. Catherine of Siena Church (8AM – 12PM). Lunch is provided.
(NOT mandatory for 7th Grade)***

Sunday, October 18th: K-6, 9th & 10th Classes ONLY @ HJMS



Women's Ministry Events:

Praying in Color: An Evening of Prayer & Creativity

All women are invited to join the Women's Ministry on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM for a peaceful and inspiring evening of prayer expressed through painting. Diane Whittemore will guide us in Praying in Color, an opportunity to slow down, listen to God, and allow creativity to become a form of prayer.

No artistic experience is needed—just come with an open heart! Come pray, create, and enjoy fellowship with other women of faith. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3PiG91X>

Morning Bible Study: “Women in the Old Testament”.

Join us on 5 consecutive Wednesday mornings beginning October 21st from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. We will encounter God and His people through the lives of the earliest women of salvation history. No Bible study experience? No problem! All are welcome. Because of space considerations, the number of participants may be limited. To ensure your place, you must register by e-mailing Judy Manza at jmanza@verizon.net. Details about book purchase and the first class will be given upon registration.

Teen Fireside Rosary

An evening of reflection & faith
Wednesday 10/7 6-7PM



SCAN TO SIGN UP

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Saint Catherine of Siena

Youth Ministry

is excited to bring you

Steubenville Speaker Tanner Kalina!

Thursday November 5, 6:00-7:15PM

Russell Hall



COME LISTEN AS TANNER
DIVES INTO HOW TO
ENCOUNTER
GOD IN YOUR
DAILY LIFE AS A
CATHOLIC TEEN!



SCAN TO SIGN UP!

STUEBENVILLE
CONFERENCES

Senior High Youth Ministry

FLASHLIGHT CORN MAZE

AT BROWN'S HARVEST

Friday October 30
7:00PM-9:00PM



SIGN UP HERE!

Free Car Wash

STC
YOUTH
MINISTRY

SUNDAY 10/11
12:00-2:00PM



EARN
CONFIRMATION
SERVICE HOURS!

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

SAINT CATHERINE OF
SIENA PARKING LOT



SIGN UP HERE

NOURISH

With

Hope

IT'S SO EASY!!!

How will you donate to St. Elizabeth House this month?

It's as easy as buying some fruit or bread! Or maybe make a veggie side or a salad?

St. Catherine of Siena provides dinner once a month to residents at the

St. Elizabeth House in Hartford. Consider signing up to make a food donation or donating your time! Next date is Sunday October 11, 2026! Contact Beth Bouchard with questions~ 860.402.5096

For more information or to sign up, follow the link below,

scan the QR code or see paper sign up in the Atrium!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BAFAE2BA3F85-64535118-saint#



Feed The Hungry Lunch Service on Saturday, October 17th.

Please sign up by Wed., October 14thth.

- 1. Serve Lunch In Person:** Carpool from St. Catherine at 9:45 a.m. to St. Elizabeth 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 cold salad:** Please prepare your favorite macaroni or potato salad to feed 10-12 people. Deliver your dish in a disposable container to the Russell Hall kitchen on Saturday, October 17th between 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- 3. Make some sweet treats:** Make 24 cookies to drop off on Sat, 10/17 to the Russell Hall kitchen between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.
- 4. Make sandwiches:** Please see the weekly bulletin "Street Sandwich Ministry" section to sign-up.

Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/FTHLunchOct17>

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

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY-Oct. 17th-20th.

October sandwiches for our Street Sandwich Ministry will be collected Sat., Oct. 17th from

8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.; Sun., Oct. 18th, from 9-6 p.m.; and Mon., Oct. 20th; from 8-9:30 a.m.

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. If making PB&J, please spread peanut butter on both pieces of bread so that the jelly does not seep through the bread. Please be sure all sandwiches are individually wrapped (foil, baggies, wax paper or cellophane). Once they are wrapped, you can load them back into the bread bag and deliver to the kitchen using the outside kitchen entrance (near the garage/shed). Confirmation service hours available. Please use this link to sign up to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA92EA5F49-65431600-september>

Questions? Please contact Nancy Kostal, nancymkostal@comcast.net

Pantry Partner's next distribution will be on October 17th.

This ministry provides fresh fruit, vegetables, and protein to over 30 local families.

Thank you for your continued support!