

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

April 2026



Our April Saint



St. Catherine of Siena (1347–1380) was an Italian mystic, philosopher, and Dominican tertiary who became one of the most influential spiritual leaders in the Catholic Church. Known for her visions and activism, she famously persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return the papacy to Rome from Avignon and was later named a Doctor of the Church.

Feast Day: April 29

Key Aspects of Her Life

Early Life & Vocation: Born in Siena, Italy, as the 24th of 25 children, Catherine experienced mystical visions from a young age and vowed her virginity to Christ at age six.

Dominican Tertiary: She joined the Sisters of Penitence of St. Dominic (Mantellate), living a life of intense prayer, fasting, and charity in her family home rather than a convent.

Political Activism & Influence: During a time of church corruption and political chaos, she mediated between city-states and corresponded with leaders across Europe, advocating for peace.

Papal Return: She is credited with playing a pivotal role in persuading Pope Gregory XI to return the papal seat from Avignon back to Rome, ending a ~70-year period of French influence.

Theology & Legacy: She authored *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*, a major mystical work. She was canonized in 1461 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

Death & Attributes: Catherine died at age 33 in Rome. She is often depicted with a heart, lily, and stigmata.

If **YOU** are *what you*
should be,
you will set THE
WHOLE WORLD ablaze!
~Saint Catherine of Siena

April Events

Sunday 12 Divine Mercy Sunday 2:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Stringtown

Saturday 18 Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Olney

Sunday 26 First Communion Practice
Holy Cross Wendelin (*after Mass*)

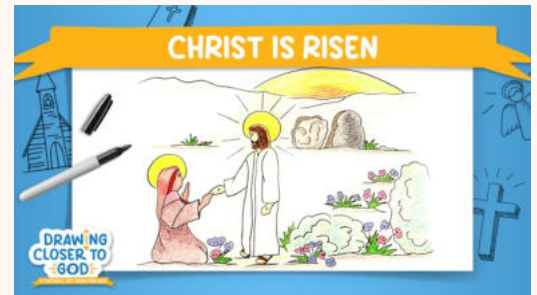


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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

**Final Family Gathering
“Following in the Footsteps of the Saints”**

This will be a Carry In Meal:

A-F Side Dishes

G-P Salads

Q-Z Desserts

**The Team will provide the Meat, Potatoes,
Paper Products, Drinks, and Fun!**

Upcoming May Events Holy Cross Wendelin

3- Sunday-May Crowning & First Communion

6 -Wed. LAST Family Gathering Holy Cross 6:30
p.m. Carry In Meal, Year-End Wrap Up
with lots of Saint surprises
and Family fun.

26-29 VBS at Holy Cross during the evening

*Reminder to bring Saint Binder.

