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Saturday: 4:00 PM &  
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Sunday—8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
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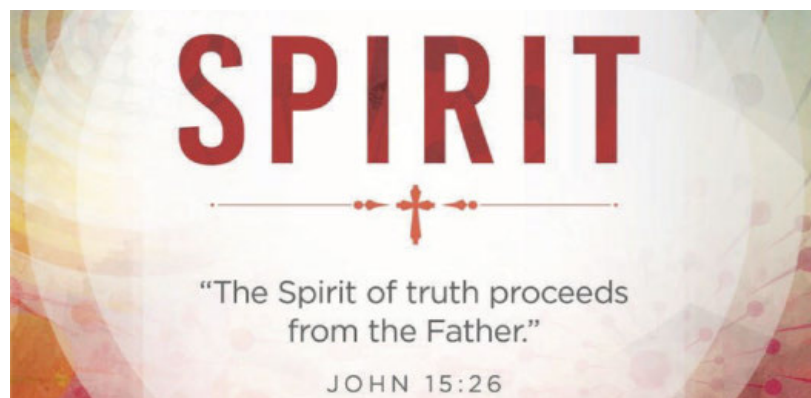
**DAILY MASS**  
Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM

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## PENTECOST



Pentecost is the feast of the visible mission of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, to the Church, to each Christian family, and to each individual soul. By virtue of His death on the cross, the Lord has merited the grace of the sending of the Holy Spirit. Now that He is in heaven He prays for and effects the coming of the Holy Spirit, that we may grow in grace and holiness, that we may be strong and firm in faith, that we may reach perfection and share in the inheritance of Christ our head.

The feast of Pentecost is a day of thanksgiving for the foundation of the Church, in which are contained all the treasures of supernatural riches, and through which all grace and redemption are given to men. Pentecost is a day of thanksgiving for the coming of the Holy Spirit and for the establishment of the sacrament of confirmation. It is a day on which we place a joyful and grateful trust in the operation of the Holy Spirit within us, and thank Him for His inspiration and guidance. On this day we again place ourselves in the hands of the Holy Spirit with complete confidence. He should be the soul of our souls; He should reign in us, amid the ruins of our own fallen nature. Pentecost is a day of petition, a day on which we should implore the Holy Spirit for a full measure of His graces and gifts

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and of Christianity, the beginning of the New Dispensation. Man, having been touched by the Spirit, no longer lives according to the flesh, according to the principles and ideals of fallen human nature; he lives in the Spirit. He is filled with the light of truth and is guided by the Spirit of truth Himself, the Holy Spirit. The new generation of men now sees all things in their proper place in the plan of divine providence and in their relationship to eternity. In the spirit of truth and love the new generation is called to act for good and upright motives, to do only what is pleasing to the Father. It is a generation of spiritual men. Since they "live in the spirit," they must also "walk in the spirit" (Gal 5:25). They belong to Christ, and with Him they are not envious of one another, but practice mildness, patience, and charity (Gal. 5:26f.). "The fruit of the spirit is charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity" (Gal 5:22f).

Pentecost is the complement and the completion of Easter. Easter gives us the beginning of supernatural life and incorporation in Christ. But this new life must unfold; it must be strengthened and enkindled into a burning fire which can resist all things; it must be imbued with a love which is stronger than death, so that we are prepared to suffer all things Christ, even the sacrifice of our life. This strengthening of our spirit is brought about by our baptism with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The spirit of Pentecost is the spirit that makes the confessors and martyrs. It gives light, power, and unconquerable strength. This effect is visible in the apostles, who "went from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were accounted worthy to suffer reproach for the name of Jesus" (Acts 5:41).

We must ask for the Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us like He did at Pentecost, to give us the gifts we need in order to guide those around us to encounter God. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at our Baptism and Confirmation—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and the fear of the Lord—we have the ability to listen to the Holy Spirit and be obedient to His will in our lives. When we live with recognition of this reality, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us and our actions, we can live as witnesses like the Apostles did after Pentecost, carrying Christ's Spirit in us at all times, allowing Him to breathe His life and love into those we encounter.

*"The Holy Spirit, if we let Him, "inspires, helps and supports us" in this effort, so that "our moments of struggle can turn into occasions of growth, healthy crises from which we can emerge better, stronger, and capable of loving others with greater freedom."*

—Pope Francis

**Pope Leo XIV Celebrates Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly**

Families are the cradle of the future of humanity, Pope Leo XIV said during a Mass concluding the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly. "Today's world needs the marriage covenant in order to know and accept God's love and to defeat, thanks to its unifying and reconciling power, the forces that break down relationships and societies," he said in his homily at the Mass celebrated June 1 in St. Peter's Square.

The day also marked World Communications Day, and in remarks after the Mass Pope Leo thanked all "media workers who, by taking care of the ethical quality of messages, help families in their role as educators." In the family, he said in his homily, faith "is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always."

Speaking to all married couples, the pope said that "marriage is not an ideal but the measure of true love between a man and a woman: a love that is total, faithful and fruitful," and enables them, "in the image of God, to bestow the gift of life." "I encourage you, then, to be examples of integrity to your children, acting as you want them to act, educating them in freedom through obedience, always seeing the good in them and finding ways to nurture it," he told married couples.

"And you, dear children, show gratitude to your parents. To say, 'thank you' each day for the gift of life and for all that comes with it is the first way to honor your father and your mother," Pope Leo said. Speaking to grandparents and elderly people, he asked that they "watch over your loved ones with wisdom and compassion, and with the humility and patience that come with age."

The pope focused his homily on "The Prayer of Jesus" in the day's Gospel reading (John 17:20-26) in which Jesus prays to the Father that all of Christ's disciples not only follow him but also seek to be in union with the Father. He re-read portions of the Gospel to emphasize God's plan of unity for all of humanity, particularly: "I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me."

"Jesus is telling us that God loves us as he loves him. The Father does not love us any less than he loves his only begotten Son. In other words, with an infinite love," Pope Leo said. "In his mercy, God has always desired to draw all people to himself. It is his life, bestowed upon us in Christ, that makes us one, uniting us with one another," he said, connecting the Gospel reflection to how it relates to celebrating the Jubilee of families.

Jesus' prayer "makes fully meaningful our experience of love for one another as parents, grandparents, sons and daughters," he said. "That is what we want to proclaim to the world: We are here to be 'one' as the Lord wants us to be 'one,' in our families and in those places where we live, work and study. Different, yet one; many, yet one; always, in every situation and at every stage of life," the pope said.

"If we love one another in this way, grounded in Christ," he said, "we will be a sign of peace for everyone in society and the world. Let us not forget: Families are the cradle of the future of humanity." No one chose to be born, he said, but someone was there to offer care. "All of us are alive today thanks to a relationship, a free and freeing relationship of human kindness and mutual care." However, "that human kindness is sometimes betrayed. As for example, whenever freedom is invoked not to give life, but to take it away, not to help, but to hurt," he said.

Nonetheless, the pope said, "even in the face of the evil that opposes and takes life, Jesus continues to pray to the Father for us. His prayer acts as a balm for our wounds; it speaks to us of forgiveness and reconciliation." More than 70,000 people from 131 countries gathered in the square after three days of jubilee events in Rome. Families of every age and size were present in the square; some were holding banners or flags, wearing matching hats or seeking shelter under umbrellas from the hot morning sun.





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**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14, Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7, Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22, Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580), Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6, Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14, Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15, Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18, Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31, Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a), Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15



**ADORATION**  
of the  
**BLESSED**  
**SACRAMENT**

*Every Friday from  
8:30 to 11:45 AM  
in the Chapel*

**WELCOME TO ST. CATHERINE PARISH**

We invite you to register with us or if you have changed any of your contact information, please fill out this form.

Visit the Parish Office during open hours.

- Mail the Parish Registration or Update Form to the Parish Office.
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**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

- ( ) New Registration  
( ) Moving out of the Parish  
( ) Up-date information  
( ) Need contribution envelopes

**Pentecost Sunday****Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY June 7th**

- 4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley  
EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan  
TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

**SUNDAY June 8th**

- 8:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José  
10:00 AM JACK & BETTY COXE & JOHN COXE † The Coxe Family  
ELIZABETH ANN PADEN BARINA † Richard M. Barina

**MONDAY June 9th**

- 8:00 AM Ruby Ardieta (Health) Daughter

**TUESDAY June 10th**

- 8:00 AM Maria Elena Diaz (Health) — Dulce Diaz

**WEDNESDAY June 11th**

- 8:00 AM For our Prish Family — Fr. Fr. José

**THURSDAY June 12th**

- 8:00 AM ROBERT JOHN MARQUARDT † Marlene G. Marquardt  
MARGARO RODRIGUEZ † Jose Rodriguez

**FRIDAY June 13th**

- 8:00 AM OLIVA ACEVEDO † Familia Alba  
VICENTE ALBA † Familia Alba  
ANTOINETTE BIANCHI † Jerry & Jean Lesniak

**SATURDAY June 14th**

- 4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Fathers

**SUNDAY June 15th**

- 8:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Fathers — Fr. José  
10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Fathers — Fr. José

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mass Intentions forms** are available at the Parish Office or online, at

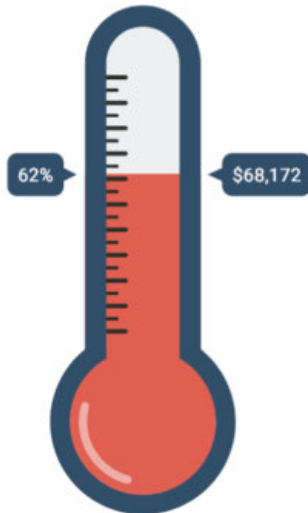
<https://web4ucorp.com/massintentions/catherinesebring>

Return Mass Intention forms at Parish Office or drop it in the weekend collection. The usual donation is \$10.

Please specify whether the person is living or deceased. *Mass Intentions must be made a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of the intention.*



**HOLY SPIRIT**

**BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER****OFFERINGS****Second Collections****This Week: Youth Group****Next Week: Charity Fund****June 1st****Regular Collection: \$ 7,684.00****Second Collection:****Catholic Communication Campaign: \$1,060.00****Weekly Online Giving: \$1,170.00****For Online Giving instructions visit****<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>****May Flocknote Giving: \$2,339.12****For Online Flocknote Giving visit****<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/fundit/give>****Thank you for your help with insurance bill****GOAL: \$110,000****CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2025****Our assessment for 2025 is \$115.00.00****We have received: \$79,328.00**

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**Tax Smart Giving****Fulfill Your Required Minimum Distribution**

If you reached age 73 in 2024, your second Required Minimum Distribution is due by December 31, 2025, based on your account balance on December 31, 2024.

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Please check with your professional advisors for more information on this beneficial giving option.

St. Catherine Catholic Church does not provide legal tax, or financial advice. When considering gifting options, seek the advice of your own legal and/or financial professionals.

**Summer Hours**

**Youth Group will continue to meet on  
Fridays during the month of June.**

**6:30pm-8:00pm****Last Day: June 27**

For more information please contact:  
Jose Rodriguez (863)245-7597 or Leyda Calvillo (863)  
245-3237.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

This week we served 27 visitors/shoppers with a total of 77 family members. 14 volunteers/Vincentsians operated the food pantry. We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 6 patients and their family at the hospital.



We invite anyone interested in joining or learning more about our efforts to join us in the food pantry at 10 am every Tuesday.

We thank you for your generosity and support. For more information call 863-835-0571.



## ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

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## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Women of our parish, come join us and see how St. Catherine's Council of Catholic Women can enrich your life. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 4:30 P.M. with a social time starting at 4:00 P.M. Meeting is at building S200 Hickory Street. For more information please call Mrs. Jennifer Lindsey at (618) 521-8730 or email jcsolindsey@yahoo.com.

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP**

For more information please contact (863) 385-0049

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Council Member Business Meetings** are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM in Building S200 on Hickory Street with the Rosary being said starting at 6:30 PM. **Fourth Degree Assembly Meetings** are held on the first Monday of **every other Month** at 7:00 PM in Building S200. **New Members and Transfers are ALWAYS welcome!** Any questions please contact Grand Knight Donald Israel (239)691-4777. Thank You!

**LEGION OF MARY**

Meetings are Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall, Room #17. For more information please contact Mary Ann Buckley (863)385-1386.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

For questions or more information please call Claudia Spradlin at (863)991-3271 or email [claudia@stcathe.org](mailto:claudia@stcathe.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

For First Communion, Confirmation classes or more information please call (863)385-0049.

**ROSARY**

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 AM each Sunday in the Chapel.

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