

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

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— LUKE 10:2 —

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Letter to Congress Regarding Budget Reconciliation,
June 26, 2025

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/letter-congress-regarding-budget-reconciliation-june-26-2025>

Dear Senator:

On January 13, we wrote to offer principles we hoped would shape budget reconciliation. On May 20, we wrote to offer a comprehensive analysis of the House version of the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act.” In advance of the Senate’s consideration of this package, we write to offer our perspective on how this bill impacts the common good.

We are grateful for provisions that promote the dignity of human life and support parental choice in education. These are commendable provisions that have long been sought by the Church. However, we must also urge you to make drastic changes to the provisions that will harm the poor and vulnerable. This bill raises taxes on the working poor while simultaneously giving large tax cuts to the wealthiest. Because of this, millions of poor families will not be able to afford life-saving healthcare and will struggle to buy food for their children. Some rural hospitals will likely close. Cuts will also result in harming our environment.

Furthermore, the Senate proposal continues to promote an enforcement-only approach to immigration that is unjust and fiscally unsustainable. The bill would erode access to legal processes, including life- saving humanitarian protections, while paving the way for families and children to become the focus of unmitigated enforcement efforts. We implore Congress to rectify these aspects of the bill before moving it forward, and to keep in mind the following principles:

Protect human life and dignity. Fundamental to all of the priorities expressed in this letter is the sacredness of every human life, and the intrinsic dignity of the human person, created male and female, and made in the image and likeness of God. We therefore strongly support ending taxpayer subsidization of major abortion and “gender transition” providers such as Planned Parenthood.

Care for the poor. The Senate bill contains several identical tax provisions as the House bill that, according to the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), will raise taxes on the working poor while giving a large tax cut to the wealthy. According to the CBO, the bottom 10% will lose \$1,600, while the top 10% stand to gain, on average, \$12,000.

The bill cuts Medicaid and SNAP and fails to renew ACA premium tax credits. The CBO found that the House bill, combined with recent ACA marketplace changes, will cause more than 16 million people to lose their health insurance. The Senate bill goes even further. The changes to SNAP will cause millions of people to go hungry. These provisions are unconscionable and unacceptable.

Family formation and strengthening. Families will modestly benefit from “Trump accounts”, a refundable adoption tax credit, paid leave incentives for employers, and childcare support provisions in the bill. However, because refundability remains the same, the small expansion of the Child Tax Credit will only help middle- and high-income families, leaving behind the lowest-income children. The continued elimination of the personal exemption will mean tax incentives will not favor larger families the way they did pre-2018.

Adequate revenue for the sake of the common good and avoiding future cuts to poverty programs. Although the CBO has not yet scored the Senate bill at the time of this writing, the CBO assessed that the House package will result in a nearly \$3 trillion deficit over ten years – twice the cost of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which it seeks to extend. The CBO indicated that increased interest rates due to inflation caused by the House bill would outpace revenue gains. Even assuming possible economic benefits, the poor should not be the ones to finance these changes, now or in the future.

Progressivity of the tax code. This bill raises taxes on the working poor while simultaneously providing tax breaks to the highest-income taxpayers. In the JCT's preliminary analysis of the Senate bill, nearly \$1.6 trillion of the deficit is from the continued virtual elimination of the Alternative.

Minimum Tax (AMT), which was designed to prevent high-income earners from avoiding tax liability through excessive use of credits and loopholes, and the raising of estate tax thresholds to \$15 million. These benefits will go almost exclusively to the highest income households. Nearly all, if not all, of the cuts to Medicaid and SNAP could be eliminated by simply allowing the AMT and the estate tax to return to 2017 levels. The bill should be improved so that the risks taken fall on those who stand to benefit most rather than on those on the margins of society.

Incentivize charitable giving and development. The inclusion of a \$1000 "above-the-line" charitable deduction in the Senate bill is a very positive step in the right direction. Please continue to find ways to expand participation to help reverse the decline in charitable giving.

Support parental choice in education. We are very grateful for inclusion of *permanent* scholarship tax credit legislation in budget reconciliation. USCCB's Committee on Catholic Education has long supported legislation that would provide families in all fifty states access to the education of their choice. We urge some important technical changes (see appendix) to ensure these provisions deliver transformative benefits for children and parents across the country for generations.

Inclusion of immigrant and mixed-status families. As provided, the unprecedented increase in funding for immigration enforcement and detention would disproportionately impact immigrant and mixed-status families with strong ties to American communities. Attempts to offset this funding with punitive fees, including those that prevent children from reunifying with their family, are counterproductive and undermine the integrity of our legal immigration system. As a nation owing much of its past, present, and future prosperity to the enduring contributions of immigrants, we can and must do better to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate these members of our society.

Energy and environment. The nearly \$500 billion cut to clean energy incentives and the repeal of environmental programs and energy efficient loans create significant barriers to accessing clean energy, especially for rural, urban poor, and middle-income families. Cuts will also lead to increased pollution that harms children and the unborn, stifles economic opportunity, and decreases resilience against extreme weather. These changes will also discourage clean energy companies from investing in or continuing operations.

In the attached appendix, we provide additional feedback according to these moral considerations. We urge you to remain consistent in protecting human life and dignity by pursuing a better way forward that protects rather than harms poor and vulnerable people. Before advancing this bill, we ask you to think and act with courage and creativity to preserve human dignity and uphold the common good and to change the provisions that undermine these fundamental values. Sincerely,

Most Reverend Borys Gudziak Archbishop of Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development

Most Reverend Robert E. Barron Bishop of Winona-Rochester
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Registration are for Pre-Communion, First Communion, Post Communion and Confirmation. For more information please call (863)385-0049.

SACRAMENTS**RECONCILIATION**

This sacrament is available every Saturday from 3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment with a Priest.

Anointing of the sick, Baptism & Marriage

For questions or more information (863)385-0049 or e-mail at office@stcathe.org.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a, Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab, Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33, Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15, Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a, Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19, Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5, Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30, Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40, Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a, Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14, Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33), Col 1:15-20, Lk 10:25-37



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of the
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*Every Friday from
8:30 to 11:45 AM
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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.
- Drop the Parish Registration or Update Form into the weekend collection basket.
- Register online at www.stcathe.org

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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

☐ New Registration

☐ Moving out of the Parish

☐ Up-date information

☐ Need contribution envelopes

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY July 5th**

4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

SUNDAY July 6th

8:00 AM ELIZABETH ANN PADEN BARINA † Richard M. Barina

10:00 AM ELIZABETH (Betsy) HULSEBOSCH † Charles Hulsebosch

ASTOR SANGALANG ASIS † B. Walters

Rosemarie Joyner (for health) — Kathy & Dennis Berard

MONDAY July 7th

8:00 AM ANNA CONNELLY † Kathleen Collura

ANTONIO LUMBAB † Pacita Powell

TUESDAY July 8th

8:00 AM GLORIA VAZQUEZ † Sonia Martinez

In Thanksgiving for Health — Hannah Henneberry

WEDNESDAY July 9th

8:00 AM HOLY SOULS OF PURGATORY † Kim Torres

JUAN LOPEZ VAZQUEZ † Daughters and Sons

THURSDAY July 10th

8:00 AM MARGARO RODRIGUEZ † Jose Rodriguez

FRIDAY July 11th

8:00 AM OLIVA ACEVEDO † Familia Alba

VICENTE ALBA † Familia Alba

SATURDAY July 12th

4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY July 13th

8:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

10:00 AM DAVID JACKSON † Jim & Eileen Jackson

EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

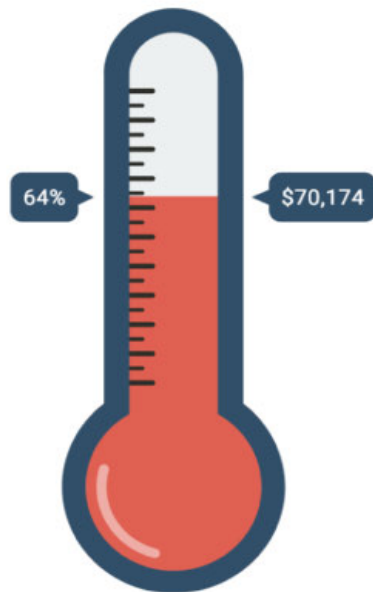
MASS INTENTIONS

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.*

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER**OFFERINGS****Second Collections****This Week: Youth Group****Next Week: Solidarity Fund for
the Church in Africa****June 29th****Will be reported in the next Bulletin****For Online Giving instructions visit****<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>****Flocknote June: \$3,021.00****For Online Flocknote Giving visit****<https://stcatherineofseeb.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: \$84,890.00**

Please make checks payable to CFA and in the Memo write "St. Catherine".

Thank you for your generous support to St. Catherine's and the CFA. To contribute online go to **<https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/>**To watch the video go to **<https://vimeo.com/1052376784>****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.

Did you know that you can direct your Required Minimum Distribution to St. Catherine Catholic Church and avoid increasing your taxable income by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution? You can request your IRA Administrator to send a check payable to St. Catherine Catholic Church to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution.

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering.

Please visit the **[Diocese of Venice website](#)** for further information.**RED MEMORIAL CANDLES**

Are in the back of the church adjacent to the Chapel. A Memorial Candle is lit and remains lighted at all times for one year in memory of a person who has passed away. You may commemorate a loved one by lighting a candle for one year with a donation of \$150.

Please come to the Parish Office (863)385-0049 to make arrangements for a Memorial Candle which will be accompanied by a small plaque with the name of the person.

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Council Member Business Meetings are held on the first Wednesday 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!

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

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For questions or more information please call Claudia Spradlin at (863)991-3271 or email 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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To help us achieve our goal of \$100,000 to pay the cost of our insurance, we offer you the opportunity to participate in a raffle with your donation of \$10. The raffle will take place November 16 in the Parish Hall. For \$100 you can receive 11 tickets (\$10 each, ONE FREE) to win any of the following prizes.

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