

**St. Catherine of Siena
Catholic Church
820 Hickory Street
Sebring, FL 33870**



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

CLERGY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 4:00 PM

& 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday—8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

12:00 Noon (Spanish)

DAILY MASS

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM

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The beginning of the school year: Making all things new (Back to school)

It's that time of year, again, the hallways are lined with bookbags full of binders still blank of the doodles of summer boredom and the good old marble-covered notebooks, yet unsullied. Pencils have been sharpened, erasers are not yet lost, and sandwiches and snacks are tucked into their reliable spots. The kids are going back to school in their uniforms.

If Christmas is heralded as the “most wonderful time of the year,” these first days of a new school year might be called the most “bracing” — and it all brings with its feelings of such hope and possibility, tempered with just a little fear: What new challenges are before us, and how we will meet them?

Many of us benefited from a Catholic education. Now we focus here on the work of our St. Catherine Catholic School. There are so many success stories and hard-working teachers and parents who believe in the Good News of Catholic education and struggle to find fresh, creative ways to keep our School alive and flourishing!

Certainly not every young person can or does enjoy their Catholic education — every generation has its malcontents (and they are usually, and reliably, unhappy about all schools, in general). Yet despite tales of uniforms and “strict teachers” and “prayers before everything” St. Catherine Catholic School has been and continues to be valuable; our School offers sound, affordable alternatives to families whose children are trapped in failing, or even dangerous, other schools.

It is true that our Parish relies on the school for great faith formation and youth ministry programs — from pre-school through 8th grade. It is a dynamic tool of evangelization within the church itself.

But for a number of non-Catholic students, our school is becoming an invaluable source of public formation, training up a thoughtful, able citizenry capable of thinking critically and within broad perspectives, throughout the country.

Our memories of catholic schools are still vivid and warm. Part of that memory is attending Mass. May processions, what seemed never-ending recitations of the rosary during May, a tight and warm community and, of course, the good teachers and staff.

Many things have changed over the years. Still, the mission of a Catholic school is the same as that of the church: to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, and to help us to live out the Gospels in our families and our communities.

Any school will reflect something of the society in which we are all part — a society that is often restless, hurt, living without hope. We live in a world that believes if we increase our income or have lots of toys, the truth of who we are will be made clear. And yet, we Catholics know that is not true — that the man-made material things do not matter. And our Catholic school understands that the God-hewn human mind, when taught to wonder (even amid scholastic disciplines), can transcend our worldly concerns and assist the Lord in healing and helping to make “all things new.”

Please pray for all the educators and parents who dedicate themselves to preserving and adapting Catholic schools for our time and for the future. Pray for our School to be built by the generosity of those who know their lifelong impact. And as the new school year begins, may God bless and keep us all.

A Prayer for the School Year

Loving God,

Our creator, our savior, our companion,
bless this journey of a new school year that we undertake today.

Refresh our souls and renew our spirits
as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to.

We welcome those who are new to this community and
ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of students to this school,
and may you guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name,
Amen

Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School,

Welcome back students! We enjoyed having our young men and women in our classrooms, hallways, and on our playgrounds this week. Things are looking a little different this year as we added more Catholic artwork, painted the halls with our school colors, and debuted our new, more traditional, Catholic School Uniforms.



We are still searching for a music teacher and a PE teacher. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact me, cullipher@stcatheschool.org. Either position can be part-time or full-time and we can assist with the necessary qualifications. Please pray that the Holy Spirit moves someone's heart to join our purpose of guiding our students to sainthood.

We will have our first fundraiser of the year on August 16 & 17 at Caliber Car Wash on US 27. This will also be an opportunity for middle school students and families to earn service hours. Please stop by Caliber Car Wash on those dates and tell the attendant that you are supporting St. Catherine Catholic School. Caliber Car Wash offers a very generous portion of proceeds to the school. Please stop by for a wash and tell them that you're there to support St. Catherine Catholic School. Thank you for your support.

I ask that you keep St. Catherine Catholic School, including our students and teachers, in your prayers. I invite you to join our Guardian Angels in supporting our mission of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the world. More information can be found on our website www.stcatheschool.org and clicking on the Giving/Guardian Angel tab at the top of the page. You can also contact our advancement associate, Toni Joyce at 863-385-7300 if you have any questions.

May God Bless You and God Bless St. Catherine Catholic School.

St. Catherine of Sienna, Pray for Us!

Mr. Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.
Principal

COME & SERVE THE LORD**ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar Servers must have received First Communion to serve. These young people serve at weekend Masses, and other liturgical celebrations.

LECTORS

Lectors proclaim the readings from the Scriptures during the celebration of the Mass and other liturgies, and read the pulpit announcements and prayers of the faithful.

SACRISTANS

Sacristans are "humble servants" of Christ who serve by preparing the altar and sanctuary for Mass, and arranging and managing the liturgical books, sacred vessels, bread, and wine.

USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers and greeters do much more than just seat people, take up the collection, stand watch in case of emergency, and greet people. They are the "Open Doors" to fellow worshipers, and hence serve as the face of the Church! They welcome each new arrival, make them feel at home, and point them towards Christ.

YOUTH GROUP**VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP**

Join us every Friday from 6:30 - 8:00PM for Youth Group!
We will start September 5th and will be meeting at the white house located next to the church. Grades 9 - 12 are invited!

**For more information feel free to contact youth group coordinator:
Jose Rodriguez (863) 245 - 7597**

FOLLOW US!



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**"But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength. They will
soar on wings like eagles; they will
run and not grow weary; they will
walk and not be faint."**

Isaiah 40:31

**OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2025—2026
BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 10TH**

REGISTRATIONS WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27 AT 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Registration are for Pre-Communion, First Communion, Post Communion and Confirmation. Registrations are available in the Church vestibule. You also may complete the paperwork at the Church office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM—3:00 PM. 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: Jgs 2:11-19, Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44, Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a, Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14, Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15, Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a, Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10, Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17, Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21, Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15), Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30



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.
- Drop the Parish Registration or Update Form into the weekend collection basket.
- Register online at www.stcathe.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

☐ New Registration

☐ Moving out of the Parish

☐ Up-date information

☐ Need contribution envelopes

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY August 16th**

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

SUNDAY August 17th

8:00 AM DONALD ROWE † Rose H.

10:00 AM ESPERANZA RODRIGUEZ (b'day in heaven) †
Marité Ford

EDD and TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim &
Susan

MONDAY August 18th

8:00 AM VICENTE ALBA † Alicia Alba

TUESDAY August 19th

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving — Anonymous

WEDNESDAY August 20th

8:00 AM JEANNE LESNIAK † Jerry

DENISE MORALES † Mother

THURSDAY August 21st

8:00 AM EDDYE S. PIPIA † Dan Parnassa

FRIDAY August 22nd

8:00 AM NORMA MARTINEZ RENNER † Olivia Rowe

SATURDAY August 23rd

4:00 PM DAVID NUTTER † Mary Nutter

TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

Joe & Marge Rafferty 62nd Wedding Anniversary —
Joe & Marge Rafferty

SUNDAY August 24th

8:00 AM ELENA ZAMORA † Joseph Curiel

10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

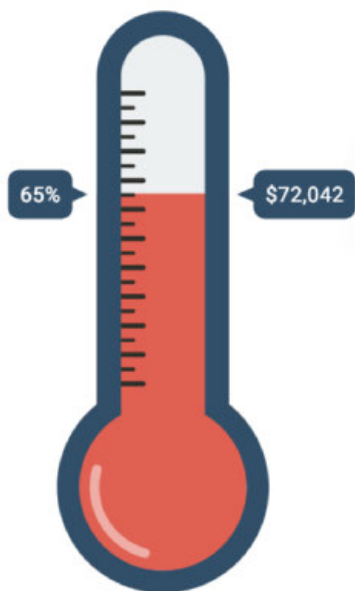
MASS INTENTIONS

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.*

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER**OFFERINGS****Second Collections****This Week: Insurance****Next Week: Charity Fund****August 10th****Regular Collection: \$6,017.00****Florida Catholic: \$1,412.00****Weekly Online Giving: \$2,734.00****For Online Giving instructions visit****<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>****Flocknote July: \$2,493.00****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: \$116,887.00**

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

This week we served 20 visitors/shoppers with a total of 51 family members. 10 volunteers operated the food pantry. We received 3 donations from Parish families.

We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 7 patients and their family members at the hospital.

We are looking for a couple of Bilingual volunteers to help at the Pantry on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.

We invite anyone interested in joining or learning more about our efforts to join us in the food pantry at 10:00 AM every Tuesday.

We thank you for your generosity and support. For more information, please call 863-835-0571. Our next meeting is Tuesday August 19th at 11:00 AM in room 13 at the Parish hall.

**Food Pantry****For the Needy & Poor**806 Hickory Street
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(white house adjacent to St. Catherine Catholic Church)

Open
Tuesdays
10 am -
11 am**Despensa de Alimentos**Para las Necesitados
Los Martes**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](https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/)** for further information.

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.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP:

For more information please call (863) 385-0049.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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!

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.

ROSARY

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

Raffle: You Can't Win if You Don't Play

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 16th in the Parish Hall. For \$100 you can receive 11 tickets (\$10 each, ONE FREE) to win any of the following prizes.

1st Prize : \$3,000 2nd Prize: \$1,500 3rd Prize: \$500

The proceeds will go to help the Parish offset the price of our Insurance Premiums.
Time to move the thermometer!

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW: <https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/give/33806> and we will send your tickets by regular mail.

For those who wish to enter personally (rather than electronically) raffle tickets will also be available:

- At the Parish Office
- After Masses



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