



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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Priesthood Sunday

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Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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Very Reverend José González, V.F.
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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
Friday: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 9:00 AM

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

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NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

The Catholic Church in the United States will observe [National Migration Week](#) from September 22 to 28. This year, as the Universal Church marks its jubilee year, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be observed on October 4–5, coinciding with the [Jubilee of Migrants](#).*

For 45 years, the U.S. Catholic Church has celebrated National Migration Week by reflecting on its history as an immigrant Church and the ways in which the country has been enriched by generations of immigrants, including the many Catholics who have adopted this land as their own. It is also an opportunity to grow in appreciation of the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, both in the United States and beyond, and to express solidarity through prayer, accompaniment, and advocacy. Pope Francis had chosen “Migrants, missionaries of hope” as the theme for this year’s commemoration, underscoring a key hallmark of his pontificate and in recognition of the courage and resilience of migrants and refugees who bear daily witness to hope despite hardship.

The U.S. bishops have consistently [expressed solidarity](#) with immigrants amid the fear and anxiety prompted by current immigration enforcement efforts. The bishops have [called for, and continue to press for](#), “a more humane system of immigration, one that protects our communities while safeguarding the dignity of all.” This includes [encouraging bipartisan collaboration](#) among policymakers.

In his [message](#) for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Leo XIV has continued to emphasize the dignity of migrants, saying, “In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes.”

National Migration Week invites Catholics across the country to reflect on how hope can shape and inform our collective response to migration. Catholic dioceses, parishes, schools, and organizations nationwide are encouraged to mark this observance with prayer services, educational programs, community outreach, and support for migration-related ministries. The [Justice for Immigrants website](#) offers a comprehensive 2025 National Migration Week toolkit, including resources to help communities prepare spiritually and pastorally.

*Typically, NMW culminates in the [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) on the last Sunday in September.

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy,
we approach you in gratitude for your holy
ordained priesthood.

You have called these men to be set apart
and to shepherd your people,
as you shepherd your entire Church.
We pray for them in their daily work.

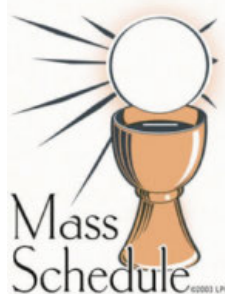
Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace,
so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation
and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they confer
that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your Church never lose sight of these,
your special sons, and may we, the Body of Christ, never
fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which
they have freely given to you and your Holy Church.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

Amen.



FRIDAYS THE 12:00 NOON

**MASSES WILL
BEGIN OCTOBER 3**

SATURDAYS THE 9:00AM

**MASSES WILL BEGIN
OCTOBER 4**

**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**



**BLESSING
OF THE ANIMALS
at 9:30 AM & 5:00 PM**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will be Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30 PM and Sundays from 10:00—11:45 AM in the Parish Hall. For registration or more information please call (863)385-0049.

VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP

Join us every Friday from 6:30—8:00 PM for Youth Group! 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.



**Eucharistic
Rosary
Congresses**

Our **Rosary Congress** will take place October 3-4. It begins with the celebration of the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, October 3 and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. Adoration in the Chapel will be for 24 hours until the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday, October 4. Five decades of the Rosary are being prayed aloud by the Faithful every hour.

To reserve your hour please call Edward and Cheryl DeCastro (863)264-5720 or (315)264-4153.

WHAT IS A ROSARY CONGRESS?

The Rosary Congress begins with the celebration of daily Mass and ends with Mass at the same time the next day. During these designated 24 hours, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for perpetual Adoration, and the five decades of the Rosary are prayed by the faithful every hour, on the hour.

This year's Rosary Congress theme, *My soul magnifies the Lord* (Lk. 1:46), is the beginning of the Blessed Virgin Mary's hymn of praise at the Visitation commonly known as the Magnificat. Mary, pregnant with the Incarnate Word of God, Jesus, is prompted by the inspired greeting of her cousin, Elizabeth, who is herself pregnant with a son, later to be known as John the Baptist, the "Forerunner of the Lord." This exultant joy of the Blessed Mother for the tremendous favor bestowed on her by the Triune God is an example to us as we meditate, through the Rosary, on the mysteries of Christ's life and the salvation He won for us!

Participating in the Rosary Congress is a tremendous opportunity to grow in grace. Join us!

GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

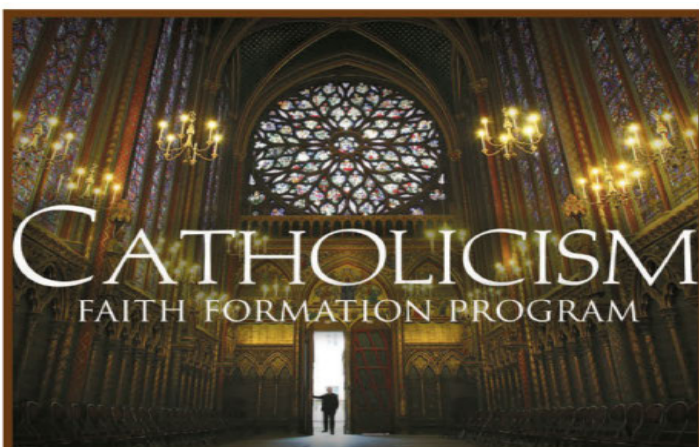
Join us every Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm for Middle School Youth Group! Clases will be on the "White House" located next to the Church. Grades 7th and 8th and their parents/guardians are invited!

For more information feel free to contact middle school youth group coordinators: Kathy (863) 452-7679 or Ken Bruce (863) 273-6822

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA process is now called OCIA, reflecting a closer translation of the process by which adults are initiated into the Catholic faith, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

These classes will be Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Building S300. For more information, or to register for classes, please call Juana at (863)385-0049.

**JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH**

**Join us as we watch and discuss
Bishop Robert Barron's
CATHOLICISM VIDEO SERIES**

**Every Thursday at 6:00 PM
From Sept. 18 to Nov. 20**

Building S200 (corner of Hickory & Lakeview)

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Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School,

Last weekend, we had our first Fun-Raiser of the school year. Fun-raisers are activities that we do to promote family engagement and give our kids a chance to just have some fun. We were fortunate to have Red Easel On The Go (thank you Miss Susan!) provide an afternoon of painting for our students and families. Attendees were able to choose from a variety of stencils to create world-class masterpieces. What an outstanding way to spend a Saturday afternoon!



Last weekend I also had the opportunity to speak at Our Lady of Grace in Avon Park and St. Michael's in Wauchula about the importance of Catholic education and to laud the virtue of having St. Catherine Catholic School as a partner in preparing the next generation of pious leaders. As I often tell our students, "In a few years, I will be in the old teacher's home, and you will be in charge." It is our duty as educators, parents, and community members to prepare these children to make this world the place God means for it to be.

While you may not have school-aged children, I ask you to look at the world we are leaving for their generation, a world beset with division, hatred, and violence. We, as the Catholic Church Community, at least owe them the education, love, and support needed to overcome this evil. It is no longer enough to bring our children up as Catholics for their own salvation, we must prepare them to be the light that shines through the darkness. 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.

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.

I ask that you keep St. Catherine Catholic School, especially our students and teachers, in your prayers.

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

Mr. Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.
Principal

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: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab,

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5, Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23, Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7,

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8, Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6,

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458), Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22, Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9,

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29, Ps 69:33-35, 36-37, Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8),

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14, Lk 17:5-10



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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions of the Week
SATURDAY September 27th

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

SUNDAY September 28th

8:00 AM FRANCIS SEMENTILLI † Geraldine Sementilli
FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim Torres

10:00 AM CHRISTOPHER CONRAD † Craig & Mary Beth Jones

FR. SEAN MULCAHY † Nora Schmidt

MONDAY September 29th

8:00 AM MARGARET MERCURE † MTY

VILMA WASHBURN † MTY

TUESDAY September 30th

8:00 AM MARGARET MERCURE † Marge Rafferty
SALVADOR MORA † Imelda Cata

WEDNESDAY October 1st

8:00 AM YVONNE MORAN † B. Walters

JOE RAFFERTY † Rita Vowels

THURSDAY October 2nd

8:00 AM FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † MTY

FRIDAY October 3rd

8:00 AM Amparo Alba (Birthday) — Alcira Alba

SATURDAY October 4th

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong
Pablo Morales Jr. (Birthday) — Mother

4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

SUNDAY October 5th

8:00 AM HERÁCLIA FUENTES & MARIA BRAVO † Maria Von Drewitz

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: Youth Group

Next Week: Respect Life Sunday

September 21st

Regular Collection: \$5,663.00

Insurance: \$1,341.00

Special Collection to assist
with humanitarian aid in Gaza: \$1,141.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,831.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

<https://www.osvhub.com/stcath/funds>

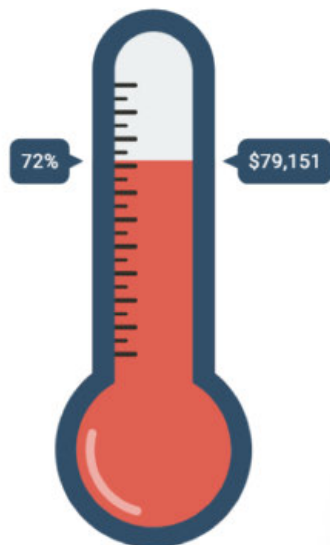
Flocknote August: \$2,900.00

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: \$141,261.00

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>

St. Catherine Parish - Sebring

Statement of Financial Position

	June 30, 2025
ASSETS	
Cash	58,023.72
Prepaid Expenses	140,716.83
Fixed Assets	1,737,210.68
TOTAL ASSETS	1,935,951.23
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable	14,580.82
Operating Loans Payable	1,333,738.74
Property Loans Payable	497,808.43
Total Liabilities	1,846,127.99
Total Net Assets (Equity)	89,823.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	1,935,951.23
Statement of Activities	
	Year Ended
	June 30, 2025
INCOME	
Offertory Collections	508,654.04
Special Collections	1,900.00
Gifts & Donations	24,231.46
Other Income	204,015.89
Total Income	738,801.39
EXPENSES	
Personnel	598,294.83
Facilities	198,507.12
School	(7,751.95)
All Other	132,882.62
Total Expenses	921,932.62
Net Income	(183,131.23)

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week we served 33 visitors/shoppers with a total of 112 family members.

12 Vincentians/Volunteers operated the food pantry. We received donations from 4 Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of canned vegetables and meat.

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


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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
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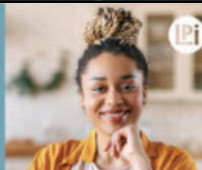
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