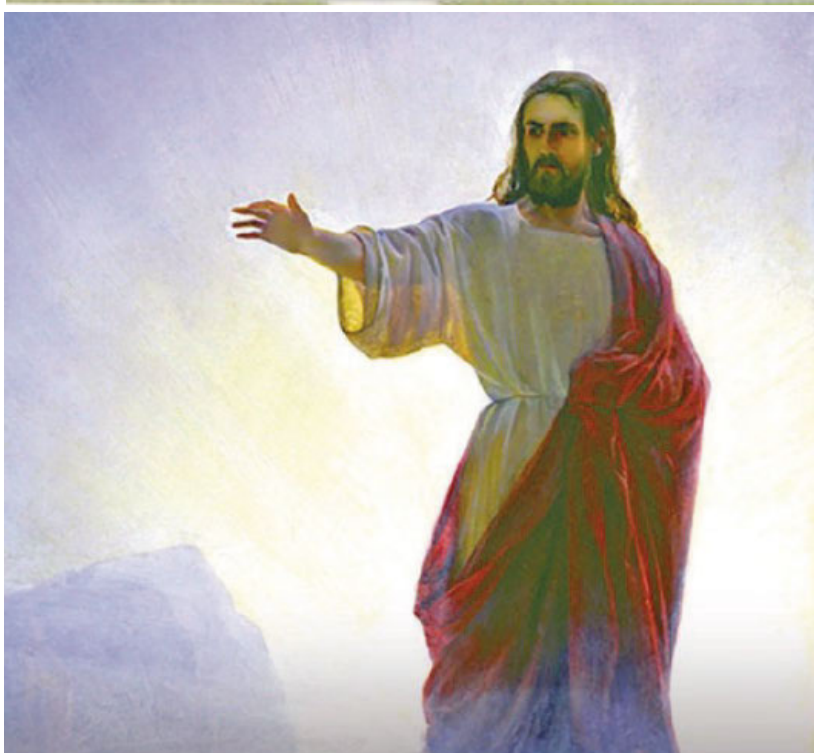




29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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Saturday: 4:00 PM
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Sunday—8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
12:00 Noon (Spanish)

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Friday: 12:00 Noon
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Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM

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APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION DILEXI TE



Pope Leo XIV signed his first major document, an apostolic exhortation called “Dilexi te” (“I have loved you”), which will focus on love for the poor.

The title of the exhortation comes from Revelation 3:9, the last book of the Bible. It can be seen as a companion document to “Dilexit nos” (“He loved us”), the fourth and final encyclical issued by Pope Francis on “the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ,” published in Oct. 24, 2024. While that encyclical called believers to focus on the love of Jesus, this new document, begun under Francis and completed by Leo, emphasizes the call to believers to

love the poor as Jesus did.

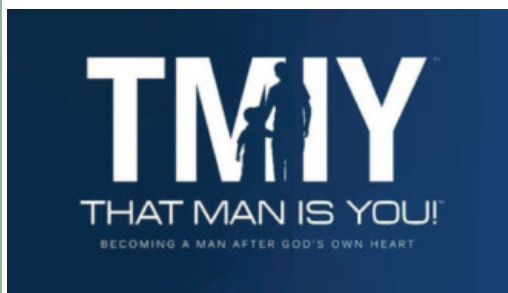
It is hardly surprising that Pope Leo should devote his first major document to the poor. Since his ordination in 1982, he has spent almost half of his priestly life, some 20 years, working as a missionary among the poor in Peru. Moreover, the fact that an early draft of the exhortation had been prepared during the last part of Francis’ pontificate opened the path for Leo to complete it. Pope Francis also completed a document begun by his predecessor, Benedict XVI: “Lumen Fidei” was published on June 29, 2013.

Leo’s exhortation is expected to show his continuity with Francis in relation to the poor and the reality of poverty in today’s world. The first Jesuit pope had time and again emphasized that “the poor are at the heart of the Gospel,” and he showed not just in words but in multiple concrete ways his love for the poor, including ensuring that people in need were present at his funeral.

Leo, his Augustinian successor, has built on that original draft to produce his first apostolic exhortation. The document is about 40 pages (some 20,000 words) and is rooted in what Scripture and church teaching say about the poor, and highlights the need for justice in today’s world.

You can read the Apostolic Exhortation by clicking: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html

What is "That Man Is You!"?



"TMIY" is a **Catholic men’s program** built to transform men and **form authentic leaders** capable of transforming their families and society. It also forms bonds of friendship and fellowship that strengthen the parish community. We listen to great talks by some incredible guest speakers like Dr. Scott Hahn, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Dr. John Bergsma, Dr. Peter Kreeft, and other Catholic men who bring to life the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! We also have honest discussions about the challenges and temptations we face in our modern culture, especially those relating to our

roles as husbands and fathers.

Who is it for? YOU! (If you're a **man** over the age of 18).

How much does it cost? It's **FREE!**

When do we meet? We gather every Saturday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Coffee and snacks are provided.

Do I have to sign up? No registration is required, just come every Saturday. For more information call Edward DeCastro 315-260-4153 (decastroem70@gmail.com)

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our Church has selected Universal Church Directories to help us with our new Church Directory. Universal is widely known for top quality directories and photography. It is FREE to take the picture!

You have two options to schedule your appointment. One is filling out the form located in the vestibule of the Church, or in the Parish Office. Please leave them in the basket located in the vestibule of the Church or bring them to the Parish Office.

Another option is going online to the website www.ucdir.com, click in the box to the right that says "photography appointment scheduling login", enter **FL1043** in the Church Code field and enter **Photos** in the Church Password Code field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.



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, please call Juana at (863)385-0049.

GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

Join us every Thursday 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

VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP



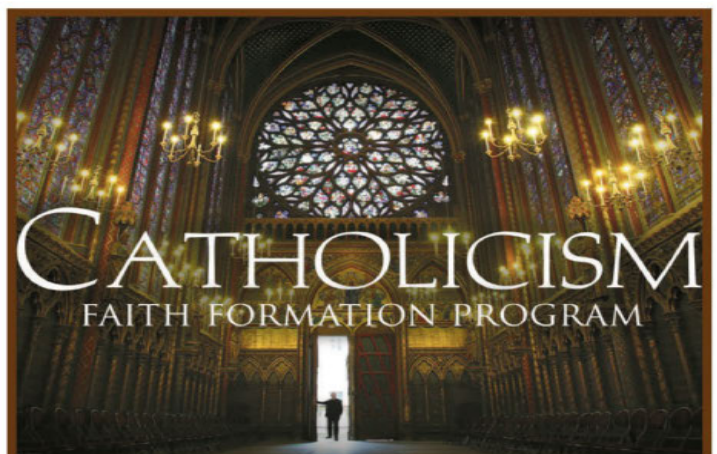
Join us every Friday from 6:30—8:00 PM for Youth Group! Will be meeting at the white House located next to the Church. Grades 9 -12 are invited!.

For more information feel free to contact Youth Group coordinator: Jose Rodriguez (863)245-7597.

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.



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Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School,

We will be having a planning meeting for the 2026 Annual Marlen Martinez Memorial Gala on October 20 at 4:30 in the Parish Hall. Please join us if you would like to be part of an exciting team that creates our largest fundraiser of the year.

There will be a PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30 in the school library. All supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School are welcome.

We will be attending the inaugural meeting of Advisory School Board Members in the Diocese of Venice. We will gather on Thursday, October 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Port Charlotte. The purpose of the meeting is to learn about our diocesan schools, to share best practices, and network with fellow school board members from around the diocese. All school board members are encouraged to attend. If you need transportation, Contact Mr. Cullipher, cullipher@stcatheschool.org.

Our middle school honors students (with no demerits) will be visiting Mary, Queen of the Universe Basilica on October 29. This will be their second visit to a Jubilee site this school year.

Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year

We will be opening re-enrollment for existing families on November 1 this year. Families that re-enroll before December 31 receive a discounted registration fee. Reserve your child's seat early! Tuition will be increased for the 2026-27 school year; however, we will continue to provide substantial financial assistance to those in need.

Robotics

Our robotics team has begun preparing for this year's competitions. The first order of business is to prepare the Lego board where students will design and build Lego robots to complete missions.

In the **UNEARTHED™** challenge, **FIRST® LEGO®** League teams will uncover the past to discover the future. Every artifact we uncover holds a story. Each tool, each innovation, each work of art connects us to the people and ideas that came before us. Using STEM skills and teamwork, today we can dig deeper into discoveries than ever before.



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.

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: Rom 4:20-25, Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75, Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21, Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17, Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18, Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/, Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a, Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94, Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11, Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18, Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a), 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18, Lk 18:9-14



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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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- 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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY October 18th**

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong

4:00 PM JOE RAFFERTY † Rita Vowels

CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams

JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY October 19th

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

10:00 AM ELIZABETH ANN PADEN BARINA † Richard M. Barina

EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

MONDAY October 20th

8:00 AM DENISE MORALES † Mother

TUESDAY October 21st

8:00 AM CHARLIE KIRK † Denny & Sharon Bledsoe

JOE RAFFERTY † Kathy & Dennis Berard

WEDNESDAY October 22nd

8:00 AM JOY RANDAZZO † Becky Johnson

THURSDAY October 23rd

8:00 AM RUBY MARSHETTI † Denny & Sharon Bledsoe

CONNIE MATESIC † Shirley Funkowser (cousin)

FRIDAY October 24th

8:00 AM OLIVA ACEVEDO † Familia Alba

VICENTE ALBA † Familia Alba

ANTONIO CAPULONG † MTY

12:00 PM The Hall Family — Mom

SATURDAY October 25th

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong

For a Greater Respect for All Human Life — Fr. José

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

SUNDAY October 26th

8:00 AM CARLOS BRAVO † Maria Von Drewitz

ALFREDO PAZMINO † Maria Von Drewitz

Anita & Perry Brown (50th Wedding Anniversary) — Perry Brown

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

FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim Torres

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

OFFERINGS

Second Collections

This Week: Word Mission Sunday

Next Week: Charity Fund

October 12th

Regular Collection: \$6,724.00

Insurance: \$1,932.00

Oct. 5th

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,166.00

Oct. 12th

Weekly Online Giving: \$909.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

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

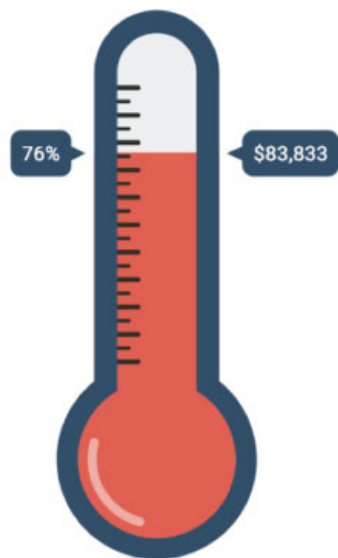
Flocknote September: \$2,900.00

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<https://stcatherineofseeb.flocknote.com/fundit/give>

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GOAL: \$110,000



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2025

Our assessment for 2025 is \$115.00.00

We have received: \$144,958.00

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 37 visitors/ shoppers with a total of 136 family members.

9 Vincentians and 3 students operated the food pantry.

We received 4 donations from Parish families.

We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 3 patients and their family at the hospital.

We would appreciate donations of Dried Beans and Cereal.

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Please visit the [Diocese of Venice website](https://www.dioceseofvenice.org/) for further information.

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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 jcsjlindsey@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 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 9:00 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.

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