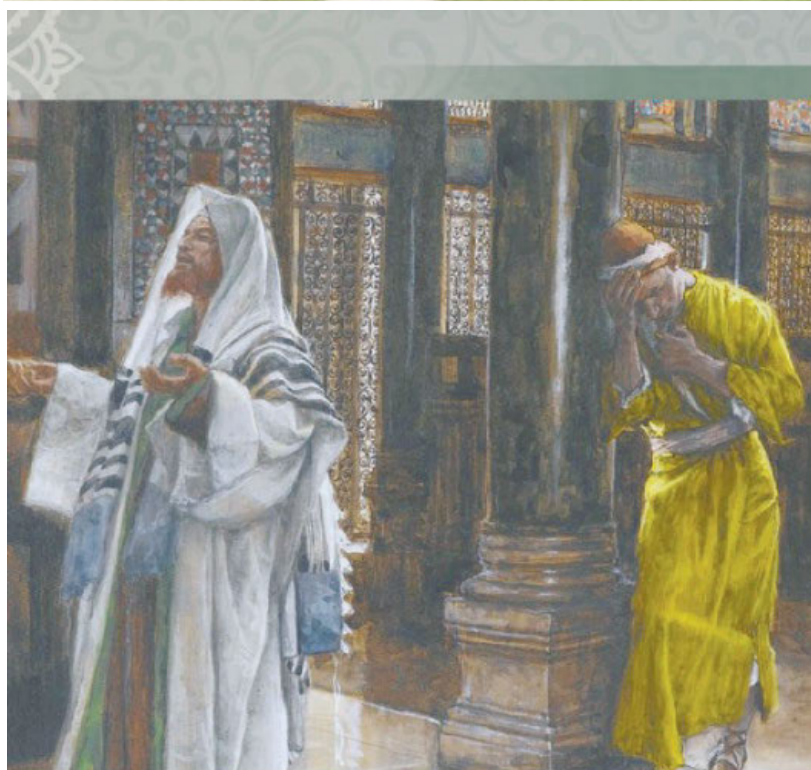




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30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" - Lk 18:13

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
ENDS**

NOVEMBER 2nd



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Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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Very Reverend José González, V.F.
frjose@stcathe.org

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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CATHOLIC CREMATION

The Catholic Church now permits cremation, provided that it is not chosen for reasons that contradict Christian teachings—such as denying belief in the resurrection or the sacredness of the body. The Church continues to express a preference for traditional burial, seeing it as the fullest expression of faith in bodily resurrection, but recognizes that cremation may be chosen due to financial, space, or practical considerations.

Key Guidelines for Catholic Cremation

- Cremation is allowed, but the cremated remains must be treated with respect, kept intact, and placed in a sacred place such as a cemetery or columbarium.
- Ashes may not be scattered, divided among family members, kept at home, or incorporated into jewelry or mementos.
- The full Catholic funeral rites are still available for those who choose cremation. The Church prefers that, when possible, the body be present at the Funeral Mass and cremated afterward; however, if this is not possible, funeral liturgies with the ashes present are allowed.
- Catholics believe that cremation does not impede the soul's immortality or the resurrection of the body at the end of time. The essential requirement is to maintain reverence for the deceased in faith and hope.

Pastoral Support and Doctrinal Emphasis

- The Church's acceptance of cremation is rooted in pastoral sensitivity, aiming to accompany families in their grief while ensuring the integrity of Catholic belief about the body and resurrection.
- Catholic teaching firmly rejects practices associated with pantheism, naturalism, or expressing death as mere dissolution into the universe, and insists on clear Christian hope in the face of death.

The Catholic Church's rules for the treatment of cremated remains are precise and meant to uphold the dignity of the deceased and express hope in the resurrection.

Key Rules for Cremated Remains

- **Respect and Integrity:** Cremated remains must be treated with the same respect as a full body. Ashes should remain intact, not divided among family or friends, and must not be placed in jewelry, art, or keepsakes.
- **Sacred Placement:** Ashes must be interred in a sacred place, such as a Catholic cemetery, mausoleum, or columbarium. Scattering ashes in nature or keeping them at home is not allowed, except in rare exceptional cases with special permission from Church authority.
- **No Scattering or Splitting:** Scattering ashes by air, water, or on land, and dividing remains among relatives, are forbidden. Cremains should not be mingled with other people's ashes or with objects.
- **Worthy Vessel:** The ashes should be placed in a suitable, worthy container or vessel and handled with dignity during transport and committal.
- **Catholic Funeral Liturgy:** Full Catholic funeral rites are permitted for those who are cremated. The Church prefers the body be present at the funeral, but if not, the ashes may be present in a proper container.

Rationale and Spiritual Emphasis

- These rules reflect the Church's belief in the resurrection of the body, the sacredness of the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and ensure that the remains are not subjected to practices incompatible with Christian faith.

Proper treatment of cremated remains is seen as a public witness of faith in Christ and hope in the resurrection.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES



Envelopes are available in the Church vestibule. Please pick one up, fill it out, enclose your donation and drop it in the collection basket. These envelopes will remain on the Altar through November.

A Novena of Masses will be offered for the intentions of those included in the envelopes. The nine days will begin on Sunday, November 2 and end on Monday, November 10.

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

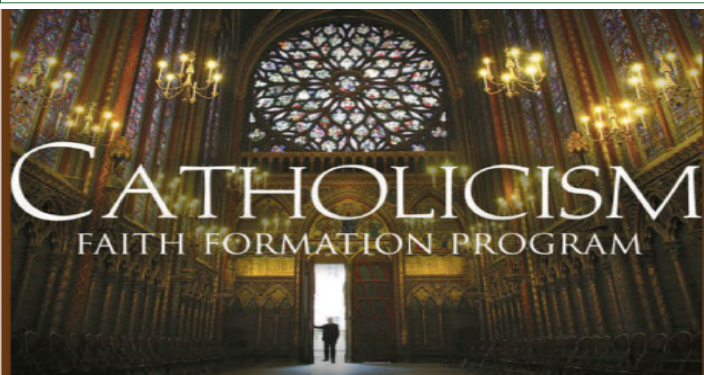
VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP



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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Contact:

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jms817@gmail.com

Jennifer Lindsey
618-521-8730
jcsojlindsey@yahoo.com

Our CCW is conducting its Annual Membership Drive after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday October 26th. Join us in **Building S300** to see what the CCW has to offer you.

Share your talents through CCW's spirituality, service and leadership commissions. We hope to see you there!

Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School,

Our New Bus Has Arrived!



We have received our new 30 passenger bus. This will increase our capacity for students from Lake Placid as well as providing a more economical method of doing class field trips. Thanks to Bishop Dewane for providing the funds for the bus!

Security Update

We have new cameras installed in the preschool. This is one of the many security upgrades we have been working on for our school. We have also purchased an E3 emergency alert system which will allow any employee to alert coworkers, administration, and even law enforcement directly of any threats or concerns anywhere on the campus. We are awaiting bids on replacing the fence around the preschool with block walls.



Fall Festival

Many of our families and friends joined us for our first SCCS Fall Festival. There were hot dogs, popcorn, and other treats as well as games for kids of all ages and face painting. Pelican's Snowballs was there to cool off the students.

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.

We're Hiring!

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.

We're also looking for a substitute bus driver.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit moves someone's heart to join our purpose of guiding our students to sainthood.

WE WANT YOUR NAME ON OUR FENCE!

Many have asked how to get a banner for display on the fence at St. Catherine Catholic School. The answer is simple. ***By purchasing a Premier Sponsorship for our 2026 Gala, the Marlen Martinez Memorial***, you too can be a proud supporter. Just fill out the sponsorship brochure below and send it to Toni Joyce, Advancement Office, toni.joyce@stcatheschool.org or you can call 863-385-7300 ext. 231.

Banners go up beginning January 1, 2026 and remain on the fence for one year.

Thank you for your support of 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 8:12-17, Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21, Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22, Ps 19:2-3, 4-5, Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30, Ps 13:4-5, 6, Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39, Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31, Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9, Jn 6:37-40



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*Every Friday from 8:30
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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: _____

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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Mass Intentions of the Week****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

MONDAY October 27th

8:00 AM Richard and Cassie Weber (for marriage) — Laura
Weber

TUESDAY October 28th

8:00 AM IMELDA SANDINO † Imelda Cata
Maverick Leal (Special Intentions) — Roxana Santos

WEDNESDAY October 29th

8:00 AM JOE RAFFERTY † Rita Vowels

THURSDAY October 30th

8:00 AM MARGARET MERCURE † Marianne Cecere
JOE RAFFERTY † Marianne Cecere

FRIDAY October 31st

8:00 AM JOE RAFFERTY † Venyse Moss
GIOVANI RODRIGUEZ † Jose and Zoraida

12:00 PM FLORDELUNA MANALILI † Flor Black

DONALD ROWE † Marianne Cecere

VILMA WASHBURN † Marianne Cecere

SATURDAY November 1st

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong

JOEL SANICO MANALILI † Flor Black

4:00 PM JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

SUNDAY November 2nd

8:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

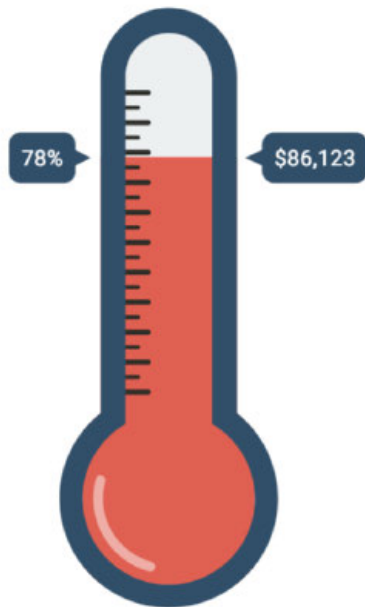
10:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

You may also call the Parish office at (863)385-0049

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER**OFFERINGS****Second Collections****This Week: Charity Fund****Next Week: Youth Group****October 19th****Regular Collection: \$6,694****World Mission Sunday: \$1,172****Weekly Online Giving: \$1,936.00****For Online Giving instructions visit
<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>****Flocknote September: \$2,900.00****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: \$145,388.00**

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 43 visitor/ shoppers with a total of 157 family members. 13 Vincentians /Volunteers operated the food pantry with 2 students. We received 4 food donations from Parish families.

We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 4 patients and their family at the hospital.

This week we would appreciate donations of Pasta and Sauce. We invite anyone interested in joining us or learning more about our efforts to join us in the food pantry every Tuesday at 10:00 am.

Our next formal meeting is Tuesday November 11th at 11:00 am. in room 13 at the Parish Hall.

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

**Food Pantry***For the Needy & Poor*806 Hickory Street
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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) 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.

GRIEF SHARE 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.

"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's **FREE!**

We gather every Saturday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. No registration is required, just come every Saturday. For more information call Edward DeCastro 315-260-4153 (decastroem70@gmail.com)

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://stcatherineofseeb.flocknote.com/give/33806> and we will send your tickets by regular mail.

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