



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40



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Office Hours Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

CLERGY

Pastor 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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What is All Souls Day?

On November 2nd of each year, Catholics observe The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day. We are encouraged to pray for the dead and to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Our prayers for these souls assist in expediting the "process of purification." The Church recognizes that few people achieve perfection in this life (after all, we are human!), and therefore, go to the grave with remaining traces of sinfulness; a period of purification is necessary to prepare the soul to join God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." This is called Purgatory. It is important to recognize that Purgatory is not a state of punishment, but rather a cleansing very much like our Baptism. Think of it this way: Purgatory makes the soul perfect forever! Our prayers for the deceased put their souls in the HOV lane to complete purification and unity with God—awesome!

In remembering our deceased loved ones on All Souls Day, it is common for people to visit cemeteries and decorate gravesites. Some people religiously honor and pray for the dead by visiting the cemetery of relatives and planting flowers, placing wreaths or palms. They are keeping the tradition of visiting the cemetery and decorating the grave -sites of all their loved ones several times throughout the year. It is an invitation to make an effort to join them at least once a year to pay tribute to relatives and to follow the example of acknowledging those who have gone before us.

As time is approaching to our departure and we find solace with the Lord, this year, we will be praying for all of our deceased loved ones, but we will be thinking especially of one with great hope.

Be sure to reflect on the memories of your loved ones. If you can, make some time to visit a cemetery, light a candle and offer a Mass intention for them.



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.

MISSION COOPERATIVE WEEKEND – November 8-9, 2025 St. Bonaventure Girls' Secondary Vocational School Ngara, Tanzania



The Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette of Lourdes is a Diocesan Congregation of Sisters located in Diocese of Rulenge- Ngara in Tanzania. We are asking for your prayers and financial support for our project: St. Bonaventure Girls' Secondary Vocational School in Ngara, Tanzania. We started this initiative after many girls came to our Convent seeking refuge from abuse or early forced marriage due to poverty. Ngara, which borders Rwanda and Burundi, hosts many refugees who fled war and still live in camps. These communities face extreme poverty, food insecurity, poor sanitation, and frequent disease outbreaks.

Many girls come to the convent seeking our help to escape early marriage, often driven by families desperate to get dowries for survival. Moved by the urgent needs of these girls and guided by our mission and charisma to support the poor in our society, our sisters thought of building a boarding high school and vocational school. This school will provide education, vocational training, life skills in a safe environment for girls at risk in Ngara.

Please be generous in supporting our school initiative.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's no too late! please register for the pictures that are being taken this week. Ther is no cost to take the picture and you will receive a free 8x10 portrait picture and the Church Directory.

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 INTIATION 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:

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

VOCATIONS



The Diocese of Venice, with the full support of Bishop Dewane, is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 16-30) who demonstrate lives of virtue and faith, and hearts of service, and who may be open to the priesthood.

To submit names, please visit <u>www.venicevocations.org</u>. Those whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Dewane, invitation to discernment events, and support from the Vocations Office. Thank you for participating in this important initiative.

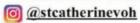
GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

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

FOLLOW US



Join us every Friday from 6:30—8:00 PM for Youth Group! Will be meeting at the white House located next to the

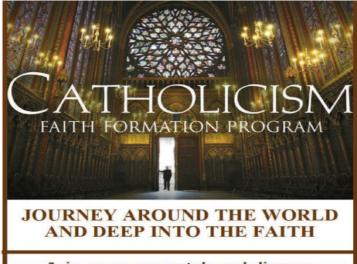
Church. Grades 9 -12 are invited!.

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.



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)

Contact:

Jonathan Spence 508-333-0483 jms817@gmail.com Jennifer Lindsey 618-521-8730 jcsojlindsey@yahoo.com Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School,

Mary Queen of the Universe Basilica

This week our middle school honor students (those with a 3.0 GPA and no demerits in Q1) took a field trip to the basilica in Orlando. The basilica is a holy door site in this jubilee year. Many students have already had the opportunity to visit St. Paul Catholic Church in Arcadia, which is also a holy door site. Each visit to a holy door site provides these students with a plenary indulgence.

Ag-Venture

This week our third graders will be making the annual trip to Ag-Venture. Ag-Venture is a program which provides a great opportunity for third grade students to gain experience, understanding, and appreciation of our local agriculture.

- All public, private, and home schooled third grade students are included in the program.
- ♦ Upon arrival at Ag-Venture, each student receives a brightly colored cowboy hat to distinguish their group. These hats set the mood and gets them ready for their Ag-Venture.
- Each student participates in 7 of the 14 hands-on learning stations.
- ♦ The 14 stations are placed in 2 different tracts with balance of animal and plant science in each.
- ♦ Agriculture commodity groups and local farmers are recruited to conduct workshops at each learning station. The learning materials for these stations are provided jointly by donations and commodity groups.
- ♦ Volunteers are recruited to help with hands-on activities, and to be bus greeters, timers, cooks, or servers for the volunteer lunches. Middle and high school FFA members volunteer as group leaders.
- ♦ Teachers receive curriculum and pre/post test that relate to the 7 stations in their tract and meet Sunshine State Standards.

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, <u>cullipher@stcatheschool.org</u>. 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 a sponsorship brochure 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 11:29-36, Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36,

Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b, Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3,

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10, Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9,

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12, Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14,

Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4,

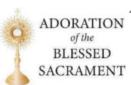
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,

10-11, Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9,

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17, Jn 2:13-22



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

The Commemoration of all the Faithfull Departed (All Soul's Day)

Mass Intentions of the Week

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

MONDAY November 3rd

8:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

TUESDAY November 4th

8:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

WEDNESDAY November 5th

8:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

THURSDAY November 6th

8:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

FRIDAY November 7th

8:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

12:00 PM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

SATURDAY November 8th

9:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

4:00 PM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

SUNDAY November 9th

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 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

<u>Second Collections</u> This Week: Youth Group

Next Week: Mission Cooperative

October 26th

Regular Collection: \$6,934.00 Charity Fund: \$1,801.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,661.00

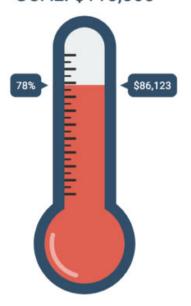
For Online Giving instructions visit https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds

Flocknote October: \$2,935.00

For Online Flocknote Giving visit https://steatherineofseb.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 51 visitors/shoppers with a total of 179 family members.

We received two food donations from Parish families. Twelve Vincentians operated the food pantry.

We shared Holy Communion and prayer with Three patients in the hospital.

This week we would appreciate donations of Dried Beans and Cereal.

We thank you for your generosity and support.

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

The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday at 10 am. If you have need, or are interested in our efforts please stop by.

For more information please 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 <u>Diocese of Venice website</u> for further information.

ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

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 jcsojlindsey@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.

<u>"That Man Is You!"</u> "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 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in Building S300. 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://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 or After Masses







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