



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



**THE DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA**

To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:16-17

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OUR VETERANS!**

NOVEMBER 11

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CLERGY

Pastor

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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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.

DRAWING NEW MAPS OF HOPE

Amid contemporary challenges to schools and universities — hyper-digitalization, social insecurity, and the crisis of relationships — a Catholic education should courageously teach the whole human person, Pope Leo XIV writes in a new apostolic letter.

In [“Drawing New Maps of Hope.”](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_letters/documents/20251027-disegnare-nuove-mappe.html) (https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_letters/documents/20251027-disegnare-nuove-mappe.html) Leo reflects on the role of a Catholic education 60 years after the Oct. 28, 1965, proclamation of *Gravissimum Educationis*, the Second Vatican Council’s declaration on Christian education.

“The Church celebrates a fruitful educational history but also faces the imperative to update its proposals in light of the signs of the times,”

the pope writes in the letter, on Oct. 28.

“We are aware of the difficulties: hyper-digitalization can fragment attention; the crisis of relationships can wound the psyche; social insecurity and inequalities can extinguish desire,” he says. “Yet, it is precisely here that Catholic education can be a beacon: not a nostalgic refuge but a laboratory of discernment, pedagogical innovation, and prophetic witness.”

In the eight-page document, the pontiff identifies three priorities for the educational community: cultivation of an interior life through space for silence, discernment, and dialogue with one’s conscience and with God; formation in a wise use of technology and artificial intelligence that puts the human person first; and education in language that is peace-building, nonviolent, and open to others.

He also notes the importance of making Catholic education financially accessible.

“Where access to education remains a privilege, the Church must push open doors and invent new paths, because ‘losing the poor’ is equivalent to losing the school itself,” he writes.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025



CATHOLIC MASS ON VETERANS DAY

STARTS AT 2:45 P.M.
AMPLE PARKING
PLENTY OF SEATING

Sarasota National Cemetery
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Contact Rachel Powers at powers@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-486-4716 for more information.

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 www.venicevocations.org. 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.

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:

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

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

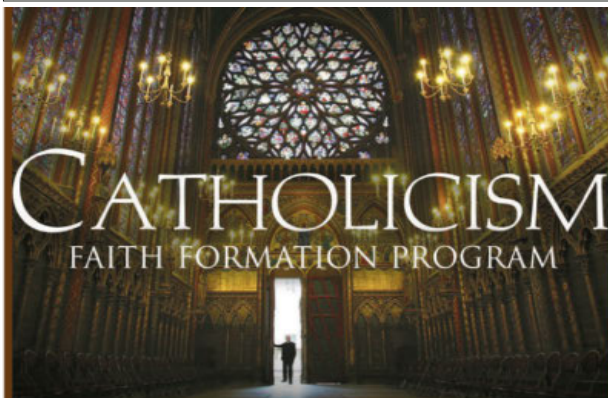
VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP

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 more information please call (863) 385-0049.



CATHOLICISM
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

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,



Bishop Dewane celebrated the Mass with St. Catherine Catholic School on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. After the Mass, he spoke privately with our 8th graders in the chapel.

The 8th graders were able to ask him questions about anything. And they did a great job! The students asked him about his experience being called to the vocation of the priesthood. Then they asked how he became a bishop. The bishop talked about vocations and answering the call of God in their lives, whether they are called to religious life or married life. They asked about his favorite Bible verse and book, how many popes he met. He shared that he's met all popes since Pope St. John Paul II. He's even met St. Mother Theresa. One student even asked the bishop, if there was one thing

they could do as young people to make a difference in the world, and he said not to fall into moral relativism. If something is adherently wrong, it is wrong in every situation. He told them to always do what was right, no matter what. It's always a special treat to have Bishop celebrate the Mass with us.

Security Measures

We have solicited bids to harden the security at our School campuses. The preschool campus is very exposed and near the street, particularly Franklin St. The proposal is to replace the 3 ft. chain link fences with a 6 ft. high block wall as well as renovating building S300 to serve as the office/entry for the preschool. The renovation will also include replacing the large glass windows in the doors of the main campus with impact windows, fortifying the entry, and replacing the exterior glass doors with steel doors. The cost of this project will be around \$150,000. We will be starting a "Buy a Block" fundraiser in the next few weeks to pay for this unforeseen expense. In addition to this renovation, we need to expand our camera capabilities at the main campus. We currently have cameras in all interior spaces but few on the exterior. We have a proposal to add cameras similar to the ones recently installed at the preschool and are exploring funding options for this purchase.

Playground Equipment

The original playground equipment that came with the purchase of the Kenilworth Campus has reached the end of its useful life. The large playground had a piece break off and fall with a child on it. Fortunately, the student was not seriously injured.

We will be applying for grants as well as starting a fundraiser for the cost of replacing the playground equipment in the next few weeks as well. The cost of this project is approximately \$150,000.

Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year

We opened 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.

Thank you for your support of St. Catherine Catholic School!

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: Wis 1:1-7, Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9, Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11, Ps 82:3-4, 6-7, Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1, Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175, Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9, Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18, Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9, Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43, Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9), 2 Thes 3:7-12, Lk 21:5-19



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

**The Dedication of the of the Lateran Basilica
Mass Intentions of the Week**
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

MONDAY November 10th

8:00 AM ALL SOULS NOVENA † Fr. José

TUESDAY November 11th

8:00 AM MARGARET GOYETTE † Fr. José

EZEQUIEL RAMOS † Magdalena Animas Ruiz

Myrna Ty (special intentions) — Merali Ruiz

WEDNESDAY November 12th

8:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF MARY † Rosaleen Marlow

FOR ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE

TRISANO FAMILY † Fiorella Trisano

Thanksgiving — Jeanifer Niles

THURSDAY November 13th

8:00 AM LISSI Galsky † Fiorella Trisano

MARIA PALACIOS † Anonymous

FRIDAY November 14th

8:00 AM JOE RAFFERTY † Ruth Biggs

ASTOR SANGALANG ASIS † Asis Family

12:00 PM Becky Johnson (for health) — Kathy Berard

SATURDAY November 15th

9:00 AM Bob & Sandy Matthys (60th Wedding Anniversary) — Bob & Pat Hubler

Msgr. Mark (in thanksgiving) — Denny & Sharon Bledsoe

4:00 PM CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams

JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY November 16th

8:00 AM ELIZABETH ANN PADEN BARINA † Richard M. Barina

FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim Torres

10:00 AM FR. SEAN MULCAHY † Nora Schmidt

JOANN WALZ † Marge Rafferty

Linda Lucas (for health) — Kathy & Dennis Berard

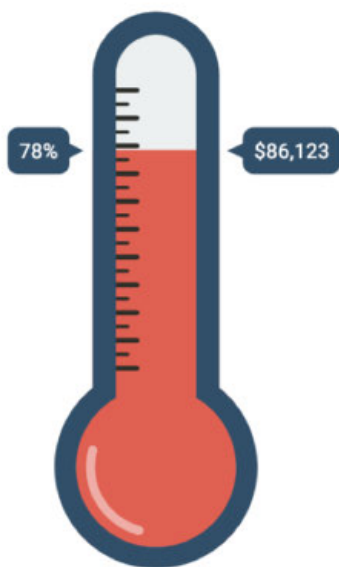
MASS INTENTIONS

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: Mission Cooperative****Next Week: Insurance****November 2nd****Regular Collection: \$7,653.00****Youth Group: \$2,059.00****Weekly Online Giving: \$756.00****For Online Giving instructions visit
<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>****Flocknote October: \$2,935.00****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: \$150,758.00**

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 50 visitors/shoppers with a total of 170 family members.

We received 5 food donations from Parish families. Fourteen Vincentians operated the food pantry. We shared Holy Communion and prayer with five patients in the hospital.

This week we would appreciate donations of Pasta and Sauce.

We thank you for your generosity and support.

Our next formal meeting is Tuesday November 11th. The location has been moved to 806 Hickory St.

The food pantry is open every Tuesday at 10 am. If you have a need, or are interested in our efforts please stop by. For more information please call 863-835-0571

**Food Pantry***For the Needy & Poor*806 Hickory Street
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11 am**Despensa de Alimentos***Para los 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/) 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 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 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)

Remember St. Catherine's in Your Will

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the St. Catherine Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries. The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

"I bequeath the greater of \$____ or ____% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, **"For the benefit of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, in Sebring, FL."**

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney. If you have any questions or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, please contact Fr. José González at (863)385-0049.

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