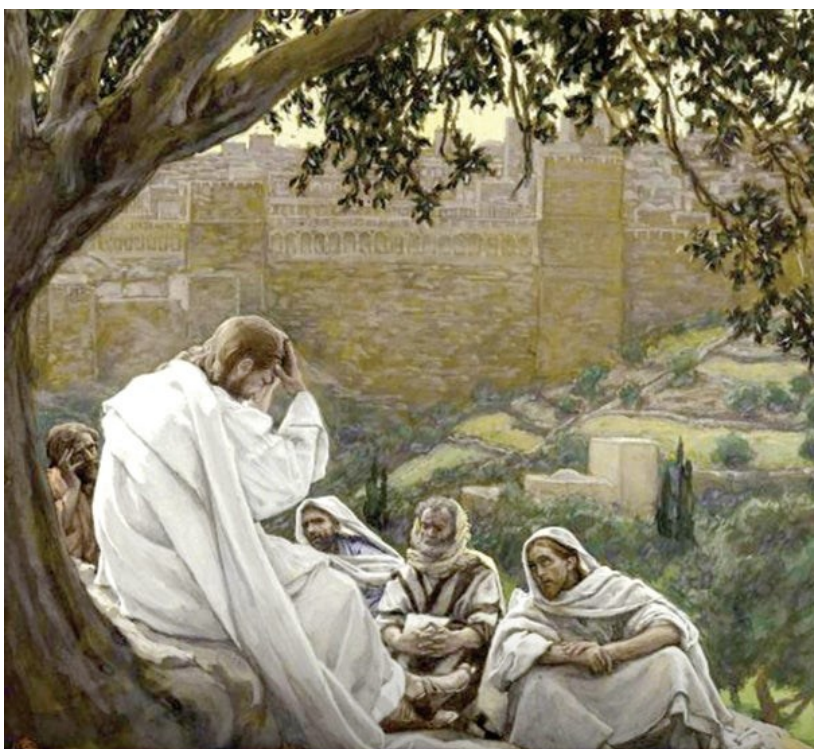




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**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend**

**Saturday: 4:00 PM**

**& 6:00 PM (Spanish)**

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**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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October 29, 2025

Dear Pastors/Administrators/Parochial Vicars,

As the Church anticipates the great liturgical celebrations of All Saints Day and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, it is my hope that these days will be grace-filled.

With this letter, I wish to inform you of the "*Called By Name*" campaign, which the Diocese of Venice will begin at the Sunday Masses of November 15-16. This special campaign is intended to identify young men from within the Diocese of Venice whom God could be calling to the priesthood.


In a recent article, the Wall Street Journal identified a growing problem within the Catholic Church, which is a decline in the number of men coming forward to become priests. Within our own Diocese, there is certainly a need for more men to answer the call to serve in the vineyard of the Lord. It is essential for future priestly vocations to come from our parishes and schools, and the assistance of the whole Church is needed to identify these vocations. *Called by Name* has recently been carried out by several other Dioceses with great success, and the same positive result can occur in the Diocese of Venice with the strong collaboration of our own parishes.

Included with this letter is a campaign overview, which will show how parishes can roll out the campaign, in addition to sample bulletin blurbs, Prayers of the Faithful, pulpit announcements, and homily prompts, which can be for the Sunday Masses of November 15-16. It is also encouraged for priests to share their own vocational story and the joy of the priesthood during the homily. It is often stated that the joyful witness of a priest, and especially the personal invitation of a priest, is a significant factor for a young man in hearing God's call to the priesthood.

- The witness you give to the priesthood of Jesus Christ and your efforts taken to carry out this important campaign for the Diocese of Venice is greatly appreciated.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida

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Enclosures



**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

On November 1st and 2nd, St. Catherine's Catholic Church hosted a retreat for the students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2026.

Throughout the weekend, our youth reflected on meaningful topics such as parent-child relationships, mental health, the influence of social media, and the importance of living a life of purity and virtue.

They also deepened their understanding of the saints, the Holy Eucharist in the Mass and Adoration, and the grace of Reconciliation—growing in their personal relationship with

Jesus Christ as they continue their faith journey toward Confirmation.

Please continue to keep these young men and women in your prayers as they prepare to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and their parents/guardians are invited!

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

**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.

**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 contact Youth Group coordinator: Jose Rodriguez (863)245-7597.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

These classes will be Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Building S300.

For more information please call Juana at (863)385-0049.

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Every Thursday at 6:00 PM until November 20th in the Building S200 (corner of Hickory & Lakeview).

Contact;

Jonathan Spence 508-333-0483 [jm817@gmail.com](mailto:jm817@gmail.com)

Jennifer Lindsey 618-521-8730 [jcsjindsey@yahoo.com](mailto:jcsjindsey@yahoo.com)

Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School,

### Veteran's Day



This week we had the privilege to honor the veterans of our parish community at the student Mass on Tuesday, followed by serving these heroes breakfast in the parish hall. Thank you to Ms. Gloria and Ms. Nancy for preparing the food and Mrs. Greene for decorating. The biggest thank you goes to those who serve(d) our nation. We can never repay you but do want you to know how grateful we are. Thank you for sharing your experience with our students and teaching them the importance of service to

others, as Christ calls us to do.



### Parish Hall

You might have noticed in the pictures above that the parish hall looks a little different. Thanks to the Schmitz family, Anthony Fontaines, and all the other volunteers for the fresh coat of paint in the hall. It looks amazing!

### Campo San Jose



Starting last spring, we have been using Campo San Jose for retreats for our middle school students. Campo San Jose was beautifully renovated a few years ago and we are blessed to have access to such a wonderful facility to enhance our quest to lead our students to sainthood. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders have chosen as their legacy project to decorate Campo San Jose to emphasize its religious purpose. They took a short field trip to Campo San Jose where they were joined by parishioner and artist Tony Rosa who helped them organize their ideas and create a plan to accomplish their goals.

Tony also donated a beautiful painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the school, which now adorns our hallway.



### 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. 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.

If you are interested, please apply at <https://myjobs.adp.com/dioceseofvenicecareers>.

We 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](mailto:office@stcathe.org).

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63, Ps

119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158, Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31, Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31, Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15, Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29, Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15, Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59, 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd, Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13, Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19, Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1), Col 1:12-20, Lk 23:35-43



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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](http://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

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mass Intentions of the Week**
**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

Paul Cook (return to good health) — Denny & Sharon Bledsoe

10:00 AM FR. SEAN MULCAHY † Nora Schmidt

JOANN WALZ † Marge Rafferty

Linda Lucas (for health) — Kathy & Dennis Berard

**MONDAY November 17th**

8:00 AM ELIZABETH POIRIER † Donna

LINDA RANDOLPH † Donna

**TUESDAY November 18th**

8:00 AM JOE RAFFERTY † Rita Vowels

**WEDNESDAY November 19th**

8:00 AM ERNA KAPPER † Donna

RUTH WRIGHT † Donna

**THURSDAY November 20th**

8:00 AM FRANK & DAVID BAILEY † Ann Bailey

DENISE MORALES † Mother

**FRIDAY November 21st**

8:00 AM OLIVA ACEVEDO † Familia Alba

VICENTE ALBA † Familia Alba

12:00 PM MAUREEN & SAM GRIFFIN † Rosaleen Marlow

**SATURDAY November 22nd**

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong

4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

**SUNDAY November 23rd**

8:00 AM GERALD HERNANDEZ † Olivia Rowe

RUTH WRIGHT † Mary Galloway

10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José



## BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

## OFFERINGS

Second Collections

This Week: Insurance

Next Week: Diocese of Venice

Elderly Care Collection

November 9th

Regular Collection: \$7,257.00

Mission Cooperative Plan: \$4869.50

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,144.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

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

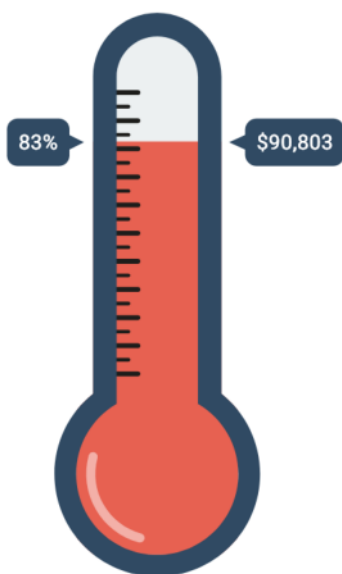
Flocknote October: \$2,935.00

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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: \$152,183.00

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 45 visitor/shoppers with 137 family members.

We received seven food donations from Parish families. 14 Vincentians/ Volunteers operated the food pantry with 2 students.

We visited five patients and their family in the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

We would appreciate donations of Cereal. We thank you for your generosity and support.

If you would like to join us or have a need we are open every Tuesday at 10 am.



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## 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://www.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](mailto: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](mailto:decastroem70@gmail.com))

**THANKSGIVING BULLETIN DEADLINE**

**For the bulletin November 30th is Thursday, November 19th**

**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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