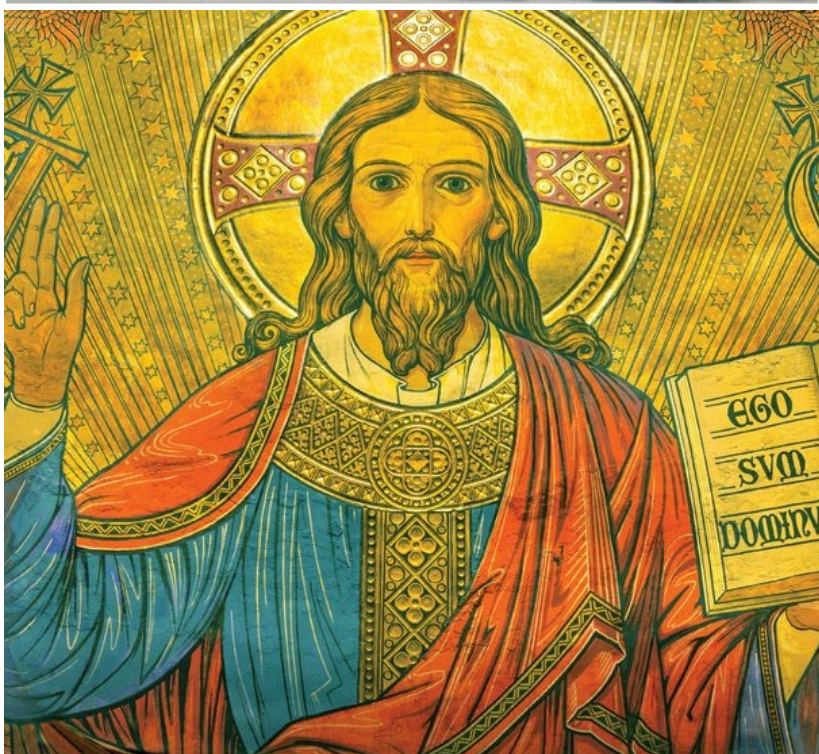




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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
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He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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U.S. Bishops Issue a “Special Message”

U.S. Bishops Issue a “Special Message” on Immigration from Plenary Assembly in Baltimore. The bishops have issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marks the first time in 12 years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The full text of the bishops’ Special Pastoral Message follows here:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation’s immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church’s teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God’s compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church’s concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord’s command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34). To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

"As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint!" (cf. Romans 5:5) May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.



*From the Priests, School Principal,
Teachers and Employees
of St. Catherine Church
and St. Catherine School*



**Additional Confession
during Advent**

Sundays: 9:00 to 9:45 AM



**We invite you to celebrate Mass on
Thanksgiving Thursday, November
27th at 9:00 AM**

**Please bring your non-perishable
food items directly to your pew and
place them on the altar at time of
the offering.**



The Giving Tree will be located in the Church vestibule on Thanksgiving weekend. It will have tags for the needy children. We ask that you purchase gift cards for the children.

Please select a tag, purchase a gift card, bring it in an envelope with the tag visible on the outside of the envelope and place it in a box under the tree. Gift cards make shopping easier for you and will allow the children and parents to choose what is best for them.



We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the invaluable help with the Parish Directory, to our **Volunteers: Jennifer Lindsey, Sharon Bledsoe, Carol DeArmitt, Lynn Bartley, Marge Rafferty, Judy Reger, Zoraida Rodriguez, Chris Galimidi, Ana Fernandez, Carmen and Herminio Villanueva, Marilyn Feliciano, Kathy Berard, Donna Needleman, Tony Joyce and Barbara Lawler.** Your dedication, time, and enthusiasm have made a real difference, and this project would not be possible without your efforts. Your spirit of collaboration and generosity truly reflects the best of our community. We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to continuing this journey together.

We had 120 families already in our Parish Directory! If you haven't registered yet, we will have another Photo Session on January 15, 16 and 17 of 2026. Just let us know!

GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

NO MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

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

VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP

NO MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INTIATION OF ADULTS

NO CLASS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

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

Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School,

As the weather cools and the mornings are a little crisper, we find ourselves once again in the beautiful season of Thanksgiving. This simple yet profound holiday invites us to pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for the countless blessings He has poured into our lives—blessings we so often take for granted in the busyness of daily life.

In our school, we have spent these past weeks talking with our students about gratitude—not just as a feeling, but as a way of life rooted in faith. We’ve shared the story of the ten lepers in Luke’s Gospel, where only one returned to give thanks to Jesus. This story prompts thoughtful questions: “Why didn’t the other nine come back?” “How often do we forget to say thank you to God?” These conversations remind us that gratitude is a discipline, a habit of the heart that we must teach and model for the next generation.

This year, amid horrible and heartbreaking news from around the world of school children being the targets of murderers, Christian persecution, and other works of Satan that pit mankind against one another and against God, we are blessed to have a thriving Catholic school where the hand of God is visible every day. From the loving care of our faculty and staff, to those moments of revelation when we see a child experience the Holy Spirit and come to know God in an intimate way, we are grateful to God for sharing his glory with us in our Catholic school.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving break, I invite each family to make gratitude a centerpiece of your celebration. Consider going around the table and naming one blessing from the past year. Light a candle and offer a prayer of thanksgiving together. Perhaps adopt the tradition of a “Thanksgiving tree,” where family members write notes of gratitude on paper leaves and hang them throughout the week.

We are deeply grateful for you—our faithful school families—who partner with us in raising children who know they are loved by God and called to love others. Your trust, your prayers, and your sacrifices make this sacred work possible.

May the God who provides our daily bread fill your hearts and homes with peace and joy this Thanksgiving. May we, like the one leper who returned, fall at the feet of Jesus and give Him thanks—for He is good, and His mercy endures forever.

Wishing you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving,

May God Bless You and God Bless St. Catherine Catholic School.

Mr. Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.
Principal



St. Catherine Catholic Church Youth Rally 2025

We have no words to fully express what we experienced with our 100 youth and chaperons during this incredible day. It was truly a wonderful event, overflowing with God’s love, joy, faith, and hope. We are deeply grateful to everyone who collaborated in making this Youth Rally possible, our volunteers, leaders and St. Catherine School. Your dedication and service made this gathering a true blessing. We trust that the fruits of this experience will continue to grow in our youth and shine forth in St. Catherine in the months ahead. May God keep igniting in all of us the call to ARISE!

SACRAMENTS**RECONCILIATION**

This sacrament is available every Saturday from 3:00—3:45 PM and Advent Sundays from 9:00—9:45 AM 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: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20, Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45, Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61, Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28, Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27, Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Rom 13:11-14, Mt 24:37-44



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of the
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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

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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

☐ New Registration

☐ Moving out of the Parish

☐ Up-date information

☐ Need contribution envelopes

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Kin of Universe
Mass Intentions of the Week**
SATURDAY November 22nd

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong
Hope Carlson — Anthony Fontanes

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

MONDAY November 24th

8:00 AM Thanksgiving — Anonymous

TUESDAY November 25th

8:00 AM NORMA SALCEDO † Candida Reyes

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

WEDNESDAY November 26th

8:00 AM LARRY HOLLOWAY † Mark & Barbara Walczak

Ellen & Ernestine Sullivan (good health) — Rosaleen Marlow

THURSDAY November 27th

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings — Fr. José

FRIDAY November 28th

8:00 AM JOSEPHINE DRAMKO † Gary Vizioli & Susan Mize
PALMIRA RIVERA † Candida Reyes

12:00 PM DOROTHY MEYERHOFER † Daughter

SATURDAY November 29th

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong
NANCY SPENCE † Jonathan Spence

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

SUNDAY November 30th

8:00 AM FRANK & JULIANA WALCZAK † Mark & Barbara Walczak

FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim Torres
Deceased Members of the Kielar & Zitelli Families — Gladys Zitelli

10:00 AM SADIE & JERRY ABAGNALO † Anthony Abagnalo
and Kathleen Collura
VILMA WASHBURN † Kathy & Dennis Berard

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: Elderly Care Collection

Next Week: Charity Fund

November 16th

Will be reported in the next Bulletin

Weekly Online Giving: Next Bulletin

For Online Giving instructions visit

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

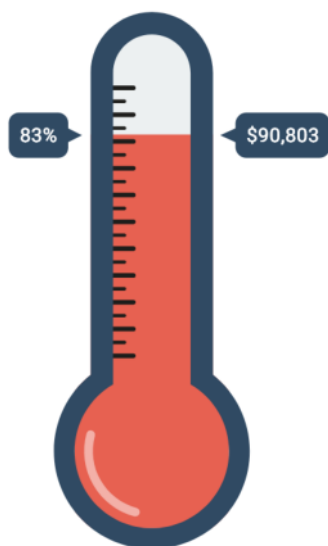
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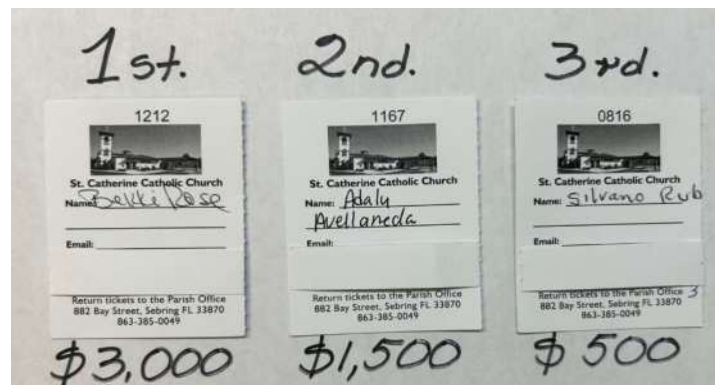
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GOAL: \$110,000



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MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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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.

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DEADLINES****HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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For the bulletin December 14th is Thursday, December 4th

For the bulletin December 21st is Wednesday December 10th

For the bulletin December 28th is Thursday, December 18th

For the bulletin January 4th 2026; Thursday, December 23rd

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