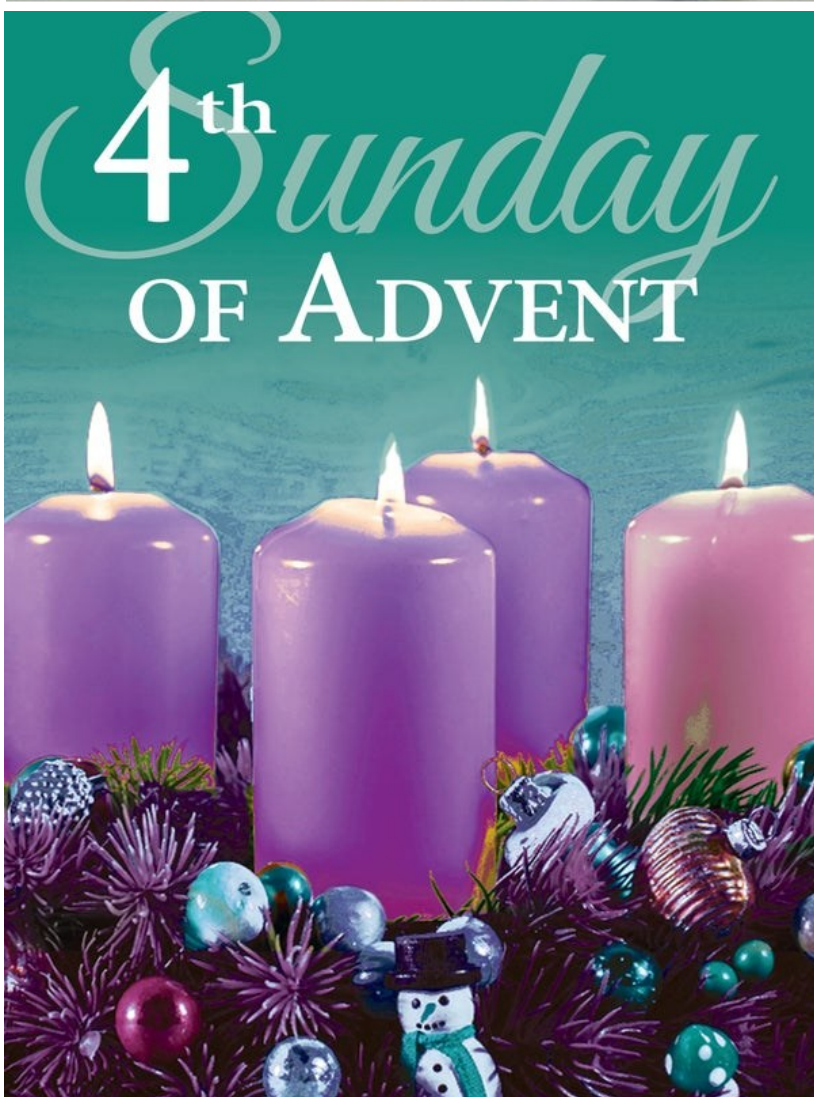




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MASS SCHEDULE

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 & 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM

Sunday: 9:00—9:45 AM

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CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24th
Eve Mass 4:00 PM
Mid-Night Mass 9:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25th
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the mystery of Christmas, we contemplate the God who “emptied himself” and came among us as a vulnerable Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. In a world that prizes image, success, and self-promotion, the crib of Bethlehem quietly proclaims a very different way: the way of humility, self-gift, and attentive love of others.

The infancy narratives show us a pattern of life. Mary does not grasp at status but receives God’s initiative with a humble “let it be done,” placing her body, her plans, and her reputation at the service of His saving will. Joseph renounces control and quietly protects the Child and his Mother, putting their safety ahead of his own comfort or expectations. The shepherds and Magi do not seek to be admired; they hasten simply to see, to adore, and to offer what they have. Around the manger, no one is asking, “How do I look?” or “What do I get?” Everyone is asking, “Where is the Child?” and “What can I give?”

This Christmas, every parish and every home can become more like that first stable: simple, honest, and full of attentive love. Concrete choices help make time to really listen to a family member or neighbor instead of needing to win the conversation; quietly helping someone who cannot repay us; stepping back from the need to be praised; asking forgiveness where we have used others or treated them as props in our own story. Perhaps the most countercultural act is simply to pray each day, “Lord Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto yours,” and then allow him to show us where our ego still resists his grace.

Be assured of prayers for you and your loved ones at the altar during this holy season. May the Child of Bethlehem free us from the prison of self, heal every wound in our families and in the Church, and lead us into the true joy that comes only from self-giving love. A blessed and holy Christmas to you all.

In Christ,

Fr. José González
Pastor of St. Catherine Church

**The priests, and staff of St. Catherine Church
and St Catherine School wish you a Blessed Christmas!**

**The Office will be closed
Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25
& Friday December 26**



Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all families.
Let Mary’s openness to your wondrous ways
be an inspiration to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph’s courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus’ life ignite all families
with a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircles the Holy Family
widen to embrace all families.
For this we pray.
Amen.



ANOINTING MASS



Anointing the sick

parishioners.

Tuesday, December 23 during a 10:00 AM Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for our homebound and sick

Through the Sacrament of Anointing, Christ strengthens the faithful who are afflicted by illness, providing them with the strongest means of support. Jesus showed great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick and commanded his followers to do the same. The celebration of this sacrament is an opportunity for the deepening of the faith of the community who are able to witness the faith and devotion of those being anointed.

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.

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

GALA RAFFLE



Members of the 2026 Gala Planning Committee will be selling raffle tickets for a Queen size quilt, donated by our Parishioner, DeeDee Bedard. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Please contact Toni Joyce at St. Catherine Catholic School to: ni.joyce@stcatheschool.org (863) 385-7300 ext. 231 if you would like to purchase tickets.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO Classes Wednesday December 24th and Sunday December 28th.

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

OCIA

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

PARISH DIRECTORY

We're excited to continue with our new Parish Directory, and we need your help! The directory will be a wonderful way to connect with one another and build a stronger sense of community.

We invite all parishioners to take part by having your photo included. Whether you're a long-time member or newer to the parish, we want you in the directory!

- **When:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Friday, January 16, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- **Where:** Parish Hall
- **How:** You have to options to schedule your appointment

By participating, you'll not only be a part of the directory, but you'll also help others get to know you better. If you have a family, feel free to bring everyone for a group photo

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach Claudia Spradlin at 863-385-0049

We look forward to seeing your smile!

Church Directory Photography
Schedule your appointment today!



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!



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3rd Annual Gala

March 7th, 2026 at 5:30pm
St. Catherine Catholic School
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☐ Other _____

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All sponsor levels will be featured on all printed material at the event if received by 12/31/2025.

More Information Contact:

Toni Joyce
(863) 385-7300
Ext. 231

Please make checks payable to St Catherine Catholic School & Mail with this page to:
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This is a ticketed event for which individual tickets will be sold in advance for \$125.00 starting 1/5/2026. | St. Catherine Catholic School is a tax exempt, non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

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: 1 Sm 1:24-28, 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd, Lk 1:46-56
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14, Lk 1:57-66
 Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, Lk 1:67-79
 Thursday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5, Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a), Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6, Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11), *Day*: Is 52:7-10, Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c), Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17, Mt 10:17-22
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1), Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

***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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Mass Intentions of the Week**
SATURDAY December 20th

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong
 Danielle Eggebrecht (special intentions) — Dave & Kelli Eggebrecht
 DENISE MORALES † Mother & Brother
 4:00 PM CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams
 JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY December 21st

8:00 AM WILLIAM & MADALYN PLESKOVIC † Mark & Barbara Walczak
 THOMAS TIRDIL † Katherine Tirdil
 10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

MONDAY December 22nd

8:00 AM ANTONIO ANIMAS ARGÜELLES † Magdalena Animas Ruiz
 Mackie Boone (Special Intentions) — Gary & Rose Marlow
 12:00 PM VINCENT CIMINO † Carol Gibson-Farley
 JOSEPH La GEORGE † Carol Gibson-Farley

TUESDAY December 23rd

8:00 AM For all homeless people — Fr. José
 12:00 PM John Hargaden (Special Intention) — Kelly Hargaden

WEDNESDAY December 24th

8:00 AM FRANK & DAVID BAILEY † Ann Bailey
 MAUREEN HELMS † Friends
 12:00 PM For all homeless people — Fr. José
 4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José
 9:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

THURSDAY December 25th

8:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José
 10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

FRIDAY December 26th

8:00 AM JOE RAFFERTY † Marge Rafferty
 TOM RAFFERTY † Marge Rafferty
 12:00 PM DAVID BAILEY † Ann Bailey
 FRANK BAILEY † Ann Bailey

SATURDAY December 27th

9:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY † Sol Capulong
 4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

SUNDAY December 28th

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim Torres
 DONALE ROWE † Kathy Berard
 10:00 AM MARGARET MERCURE † Rosaleen Marlow

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

OFFERINGS

Second Collections

This Week: Retirement for Religious
Next Week: Youth Group

December 7th Collections

Regular Collection: \$8,479.00
2nd Collection: Insurance: \$2,187.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,266.00
Immaculate Conception: \$ 1,256.00

December 14th

Will be reported in the next Bulletin

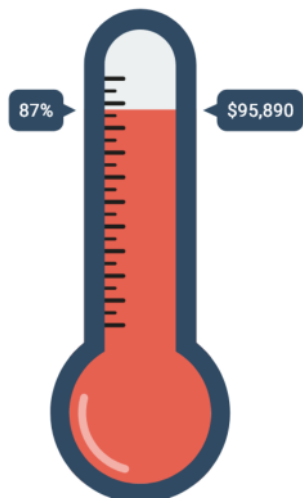
For Online Giving instructions visit
<https://www.osvhub.com/stcath/funds>

Flocknote November: \$2,965.00

For Online Flocknote Giving visit
<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/fundit/give>

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GOAL: \$110,000



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2025

Our assessment for 2025 is \$115.00.00

We have received: \$159,888.33

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>

🎄 Giving Tree Online Donations Now Open! 🎄

This holiday season, we're collecting **Christmas gifts for children** through our annual **Giving Tree** program. Your generosity helps bring joy and comfort to kids in our community who need it most.

If you'd like to donate but **prefer not to visit the stores**, no problem — **you can participate online!** Simply go to Flocknote at

<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/give/44923>

or click in the QR

Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for helping us make this Christmas a little brighter!



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week we served 43 visitors/shoppers with 133 family members.

We received ten donations from Parish families. Your generosity continues to restore hope.

Twelve Vincentians/ Volunteers operated the food pantry.

We visited nine patients and their family members at the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

If you're interested our efforts join us every Tuesday at 10:00 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.

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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)

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

**HOLIDAY
DEADLINES**

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

Articles have to be submitted to carmen@stcathe.org. Any question please call 863-385-0049.

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