



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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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

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## Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

The 2026 theme “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community” highlights why Catholic schools are vital today: they form young people as disciples of Jesus, serve families and parishes, and offer a distinctly faith-filled alternative to a secular culture.

#### ## 2026 theme and focus

- The national theme through 2026 is \*\*“Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community,”\*\* stressing that Catholic schools are communities of faith, not just academic institutions.

- The theme underlines that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education and that schools, families, and parishes are united in one mission of evangelization and formation.

#### ## Why Catholic schools matter

- Vatican II teaches that a Catholic school creates a Gospel-centered atmosphere of freedom and charity, orders all learning to the message of salvation, and helps students grow fully as baptized sons and daughters of God.

- The Church describes Catholic schools as a “privileged environment” for integral formation of the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—so that faith illuminates every subject, relationship, and decision.

#### ## Mission: evangelization and salvation

- Church teaching states that Catholic schools are part of the Church’s saving mission, helping students come to know, love, and follow Christ in a way they will not encounter in the same way elsewhere.

- A recent USCCB statement says the goal of Catholic education is the flourishing of each person and ultimately their salvation, forming students in humility, wisdom, and virtue for a life of service to God and others.

#### ## Partnership with parents and parish

- The Church consistently affirms parents as the first and primary educators; Catholic schools exist to assist them, not replace them, by drawing families deeply into the life of the Church.

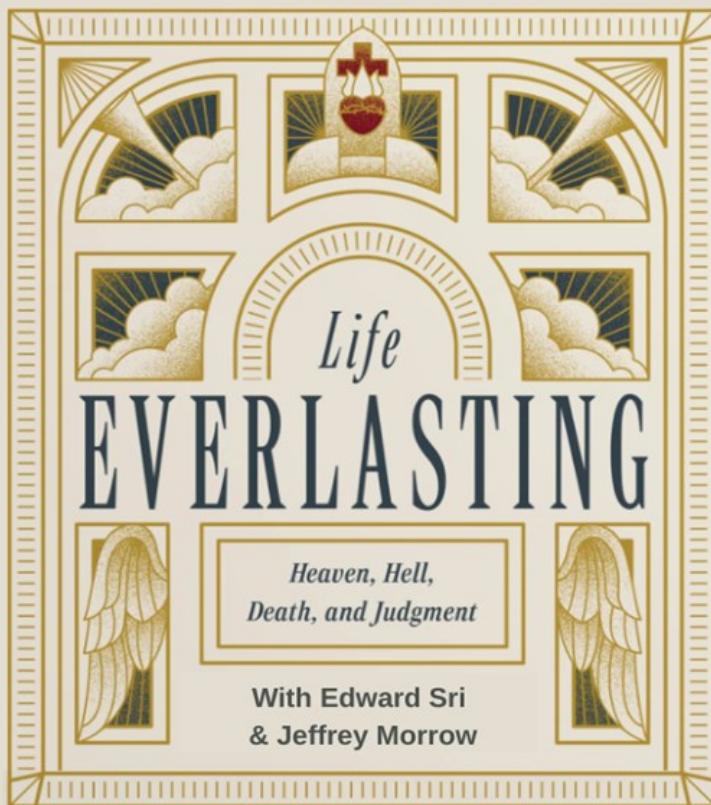
- Catholic Schools Week explicitly highlights daily themes such as “Celebrating Your Parish” and “Celebrating Your Community,” making visible the bond between school, parish, and wider community.

#### ## Witness in a secular culture

- Historically, Catholic schools arose to protect and hand on the faith amid pressures that could lead young people away from the Church; today they play a similar role in the face of aggressive secularism.

- The US bishops emphasize that Catholic schools transmit a unique vision of life in Jesus Christ, form good citizens for society, and provide a “ladder” for the poor and marginalized through high-quality education.

***St. Catherine Catholic School provides a Christ centered education and a strong Catholic foundation where children can strengthen their relationship with God and prepare for life's challenges and their service to others.***



### Video Series & Discussion

Join us Thursdays at 6:00 PM

January 8 - February 5

Building S200 (corner of Hickory & Lakeview)

Next meeting on January 22

#### Contact:

Jennifer Lindsey 618-521-8730 (voice/text)

Jonathan Spence 508-333-0483 (voice/text)



### Something New for the New Year

Break open the Word of God every Tuesday at 12:30 PM for the following Sunday's Gospels. Prepare your heart for the Sunday readings and learn how Lectio Divina can help you to a deeper relationship with God. No need to register, just come to the church. If you have questions, contact Janet Patterson at [gracesmop@yahoo.com](mailto:gracesmop@yahoo.com) or by calling 260-452-6012.

### GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

Every Thursday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm for Middle School Youth Group! Classes 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 Wednesday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM. 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.

### VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP

Meeting every Friday from 6:30—8:00 PM 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.



St. Catherine Catholic Parish utilizes a system called "Flocknote" to keep in touch with members. By signing up for this service at

<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com>, you will receive text messages for any urgent information (such as weather cancellations or last-minute event details). You can also send the text message STCATHE to 84576 to automatically sign up for your Flocknote. Don't worry, we're not going to send you spam.

When you register, you will be able to choose whether you would like to receive notes by email, text, or both, and the ministries you would like to join. To make changes, you can access your account at any time by using your email or phone. You can receive the weekly bulletin, the schedule of Masses, daily Gospel reflections, emergency information about the Parish... You can also join different ministries in the Parish and receive information from them.

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Dear Friends and Families of St. Catherine Catholic School,

I am proud to announce that we are once again celebrating **National Catholic Schools Week** from **January 25 through January 31, 2026**. This annual celebration, sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), gives us a focused opportunity to reflect on the gift of Catholic education and to give thanks for the unique mission we share here at St. Catherine Catholic School.

This year's theme, "**Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community**," beautifully captures the heart of who we are. Catholic schools play an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. At the center of our work is the goal of forming saints—young people who grow in holiness while developing their minds, bodies, and spirits. What truly unites us is our shared Christian vision: that **Christ is the foundation** of everything we teach and do. This common faith binds together students, teachers, staff, families, and our parish community into one body, nourished by the Word of Christ, the sacraments, Scripture, service, and prayer.

In our school, we see this unity lived out every day. Students learn not only academic excellence but also compassion, integrity, and a commitment to serving others. Faculty and staff model discipleship through their dedication and care. Parents remain the primary educators of their children, partnering with us to nurture faith at home and school. Our parish supports us with sacramental life, prayer, gifts, and encouragement. Together, we form a true **community of faith**—not just a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and one another for the good of the human family.

During this week, we will highlight different aspects of our community through special liturgies, student-led activities, service projects, and moments of celebration. I invite each of you to participate in whatever ways you can—attend our Masses, join us for events, share stories of how Catholic education has touched your family, and pray for the continued strength of our mission.

Let us rejoice in the privilege of Catholic education and recommit ourselves to being **united in faith and community**. May God continue to bless our school, our families, and all who make this sacred work possible.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.  
Principal

P.S.: The gates of the school will be closed at 8 am each day this week as we hold students let prayer service around our new statue of The Blessed Mother in the front parking lot. The front gate will be reopened around 8:30 after the conclusion of our service.

#### CAR RAFFLE

St. Catherine Catholic Church Inc. will be holding a \*\*Car Raffle\*\* to pay the insurance necessary to maintain our ministries and ongoing needs of the parish.

Tickets are available now at the parish office and after all weekend Masses; all proceeds will benefit St. Catherine Catholic Church Inc., and its charitable works.

Please note: The grand prize winner is responsible for all fees associated with licensing, registration, insurance, and taxes (including income tax, luxury tax, special taxes, shipping, and all title and sales taxes). The grand prize winner may, alternatively, elect to receive a cash prize in the amount of \$15,000.00.

The raffle regulations are posted on our website, at the entrance of the Church and the Parish Hall.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Catherine Catholic Church Inc., through this fundraiser that helps sustain our worship, formation, and outreach.



**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: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26, Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19, Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10, Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17, Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30, Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29, Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14, Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11, Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17, Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13, Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 5:1-12a



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**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)

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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- ( ) New Registration  
 ( ) Moving out of the Parish  
 ( ) Up-date information  
 ( ) Need contribution envelopes

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY January 24th**

9:00 AM For Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José

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

**SUNDAY January 25th**

8:00 AM CHAD PICKLO † Mark & Barbara Walczak

10:00 AM WILLIAM ZITELLI † Gladys Zitelli

**MONDAY January 26th**

8:00 AM MARGIE MARLOW † Mackie Boone

12:00 PM For our Catholic School — Fr. José

**TUESDAY January 27th**

8:00 AM EUSEBIA CABRERA † Rosa Ramirez

12:00 PM For our Teachers and our students — Fr. José

**WEDNESDAY January 28th**

8:00 AM FRANK & DAVID BAILEY † Ann Bailey

12:00 PM LIGIA SANCHEZ de ROBAYO † GLORIA LOPEZ

**THURSDAY January 29th**

8:00 AM Narcisa Guillen (for health) — Mackie Boone

12:00 PM For our parishioners and their families — Fr. José

**FRIDAY January 30th**

8:00 AM FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim Torres

12:00 PM For peace in our hearts — Fr. José

**SATURDAY February 31st**

9:00 AM For Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José

4:00 PM FRANCIS & SUSAN PLESKOVIC † Mark & Barbara Walczak

CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHHEY † Madonna Williams

**SUNDAY February 2nd**

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

10:00 AM NANCY BRZUSZEK † Gerald Brzuszek

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mass Intentions forms** are available at the Parish Office or online, at

<https://web4ucorp.com/massintentions/catherinesbrng>

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*

## BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

## OFFERINGS

Second Collections

This Week: School Support

Next Week: Charity Fund

January 18th

Regular: \$7,906.00

Church in Latin America: \$1,651.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,541.00

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

Flocknote December: \$1,775.00

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

## INSURANCE FUND 2026

St Catherine Church is responsible each year for a significant insurance premium that protects our church buildings, parish hall, offices, and all who worship and serve here.

To meet this obligation without cutting ministries, a special Insurance Fund has been established, and parishioners are invited to help as they are able. If you can make an extra gift to the "Insurance Fund" (by envelope or online), your sacrifice will directly help the parish meet this essential stewardship responsibility. Thank you for your continued generosity and for the many ways you care for our parish family.

GOAL: \$110,000



Parishioners who wish to receive a statement of financial contributions to St. Catherine in **2025** for tax purposes are asked to fill in the information below and deposit it with the weekend collection or return it to the Parish Office.

Those of you that contributed to the Catholic Faith Appeal will receive their statement of contributions directly from the Diocese.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we served 26 visitor/ shoppers with 73 family members.

We received 2 food donations from Parish families. 16 Vincentians/volunteers operated the food pantry with 2 students.

We visited 9 patients in the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

We would appreciate donations of Cereal. If you would like to make a monetary donation you can write a check payable to St. Vincent de Paul and place it in the Poor Box at the Church Entrance.

We thank you for your generosity and support.

If you would like to join us or have a need we are open every Thursday at 10:00 AM.

Our phone number is 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 [Diocese of Venice website](#) 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 jcsoljindsey@yahoo.com.

**GRIEFSHARE GROUP**

Many of us have recently lost a loved one, life continues; for those of us who grieve, the hurt stays with us. God doesn't intend us to grieve on our own. We might be tempted to keep our pain inside and not share it with others in our Church family, but God's Word says that the healing comes in community, within the Church. Romans 12 says: "We're one body and we belong to one another."

Beginning on February 1st at 2:00 PM in the Building S200, together, we will pray, share and support one another in our grief. Continuing the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM. For information text or call Marge Rafferty (863)214-3312.

**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 Steve Ashley 863-414-4169. 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!**

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