

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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**World
Marriage Day**
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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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World Marriage Day



The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 8) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Our theme for 2026 is **“Man and Woman He Created Them: Together With Purpose.”**

World Marriage Day is an offshoot of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, an apostolate with the mission to help couples enjoy blissful and happy marriages. At its core, the day celebrates the husband and wife as the foundation of the family and sees the family as the basic unit of society. Further, World Marriage Day honors the beauty of nuptial faithfulness, devotion, sacrifice, commitment, and joy.

For the Catholic Church, married life is more than the union of two individuals. Rather, it is the foundation of humanity and the cradle of civilization. The day urges the community to carry out their married lives with joy and faith and make family life the biggest priority of their lives.

OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Mark your calendars February 22-26 in the church



Our speaker is Deacon Roger Filip who was ordained and is serving in the Archdiocese of Omaha. His special charisms are preaching and teaching, speaking and writing, all to help make heaven crowded. He believes that if listeners are only entertained or amused, he is wasting his time. Every talk tries to bring the listener closer to God. Recognized as a gifted speaker with a commanding presence, Deacon Filip teaches the timeless truths of the Catholic church that many people never learned or have forgotten.

Deacon Filip is the author of “Pearls of the Universal Church; the Catholic faith in a nutshell” His book is the best explanation of the Catholic faith available. It is written in an easy-to-understand way and is completely faithful to the church with his archbishop’s imprimatur. Deacon learned how to explain the faith clearly by teaching the catechism to 7th and 8th grade students for 15 years. He has also done adult faith education and bible study, marriage and baptism prep. He is a diocesan annulment sponsor and is a leader in his local parish and community. He is a popular mission and conference speaker. He is also a proud husband, father, and grandfather.

With an engaging, accessible style that combines solid teaching with mystical insight, Deacon Roger is known for his warm, approachable presence, insightful reflections, and practical wisdom. Combining faith, life experience, and humor, he engages audiences of all ages with authenticity, compassion, and a sincere love for God and neighbor.

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.

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

An invitation is extended to all couples celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years) to join Bishop Frank J. Dewane for an Anniversary Mass in your honor. The Diocese of Venice hosts two Wedding Anniversary Masses each year (one in the northern part of the Diocese and the second in the southern part) to accommodate all. The first Mass in 2026 is at 11:00 a.m., **Saturday, Feb. 14**, at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. The second Mass is at 11:00 a.m., **Saturday, March 14**, at St. Thomas More Parish, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota. A luncheon will follow the Mass. Photos with Bishop Dewane will also be provided for each couple. To register for an Anniversary Mass, please office at 863-385-0049 no later than one week before the Mass you wish to attend. For additional information contact [Jim Gontis](mailto:Jim.Gontis@dioceseofvenice.org), 941-484-4754.

**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 grac-smop@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 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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes Wednesday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM. For more information please call (863)385-0049.

THE SILVER ROSE

The Silver Rose a tradition begun in 1960, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and promoted by the Knights of Columbus, Knights on Bikes, Biker Knights in both Canada and United States with final destination in December of this year at the Basilica in Mexico will be present here on Feb. 17th at St. Catherine of Siena at 4:30pm. The Silver Rose Program serves as a symbol of the Order's unity, devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and a commitment to the sanctity of life: Please join Council # 5441 Sebring in celebrating the Silver Rose Prayer Service. Any questions please contact Steve Ashley 863-414-4169. Thank You!

EMMAUS EXPERIENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, March 6th (early evening) through Sunday, March 8th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, Venice, FL

Hosted by: Epiphany Cathedral Parish

Facilitators: Epiphany Emmaus Retreat Team

Come Journey with Us On The Road to Emmaus!

Give yourself the gift of time away from the distractions of your daily routine to listen to Jesus and the Holy Spirit in an environment of sincere faith, fellowship, and worship.

This retreat is based on the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35 in which Jesus joins two disciples on their way to Emmaus.

The benefits will be personal to you. Women receive tremendous healing, lifting of burdens, and experiences of love and joy. This retreat is an opportunity to experience, renew and deepen your relationship with the Lord.

Limited Enrollment. Registration fee \$305 a double room, \$415 for a private room.

Registration deadline is February 16, 2026

Contact Donna Vodraska, donna.vodraska@aol.com, 630-336-0918 (cell)



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.

OCIA

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

Dear St. Catherine Catholic School Families, Faculty, Staff, and Parish Community,

As we emerge from the joyful celebration of Catholic Schools Week (January 25–31, 2026), I find myself filled with profound gratitude for the gift that is our school community. This year’s national theme, “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community,” beautifully captured the heart of what makes St. Catherine Catholic School so special. We are not merely a place of learning; we are a living, breathing faith community where students, teachers, families, and parishioners come together to grow in knowledge, virtue, and love of Christ.

Throughout the week, we witnessed this unity in action. From our opening Mass, where we prayed together as one family, to the daily activities that invited us to celebrate our parish, our broader community, our students, our nation, and the service that flows from our faith—we saw the Gospel come alive in our hallways, classrooms, and hearts. Our students demonstrated academic excellence, kindness in service projects, enthusiasm during dress-up days and spirit activities, and deep reverence in prayer. Teachers poured out their dedication, staff supported every effort with grace, and parents and parishioners joined us in volunteering, and prayerful support. These moments reminded us that Catholic education forms the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—rooted in Christ, who is the foundation of all we do.

In a world that seems divided, our school stands as a beacon of unity. We share a common Christian vision: to form saints who love God, serve others, and contribute to the common good. This shared mission binds us together, creating a safe, nurturing environment where every child is known, valued, and encouraged to reach their God-given potential. As the National Catholic Educational Association reminds us, Catholic schools play an irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission, and here at St. Catherine, we live that mission every day.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who made this week—and every week—such a blessing: our incredible faculty and staff for their tireless commitment; our students for their joy, curiosity, and faith; our parents for entrusting us with your children and partnering in their formation; our PTO for all they do from fundraising to spoiling us with treats; and our St. Catherine parish family for your unwavering support and prayers. Together, we are truly united in faith and community.

As we move forward, let us carry this spirit into the rest of the school year. May we continue to pray, learn, serve, and love one another as disciples of Christ. The future is bright for our students because they are surrounded by a community that believes in them and in the transforming power of Catholic education.

Yours in Christ,

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: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13, Ps 132:6-7, 8-10, Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11, Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10, Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40, Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13, Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40, Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19, Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15, Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34, Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22, Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Sir 15:15-20, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, 1 Cor 2:6-10, Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

*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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions of the Week

SATURDAY February 7th

9:00 AM BONITA PORRAS † Doreen Jeanjaquet
 4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

SUNDAY February 8th

8:00 AM DORA HERNANDEZ † Olivia Rowe
 LESLIE MARIE ROWE † Olivia Rowe
 10:00 AM ELEANOR ROACH † Gary & Rosaleen Marlow
 Mackie Boone (for health) — Mackie Boone

MONDAY February 9th

8:00 AM Jake Hall (Special Intention) — Mom
 12:00 PM LOUIS BABIK † Bob Babik

TUESDAY February 10th

8:00 AM MARGARITA LUEVANO † Susana
 Christne Hall (Birthday) — Mom
 12:00 PM HAROLD & MILDRED KLEISS † Marie Kleiss

WEDNESDAY February 11th

8:00 AM FAUSTINO TORRES † Denny & Sharon Bledsoe
 12:00 PM MARINA CERNA † Nydia Ceren

THURSDAY February 12th

8:00 AM Rev. Joseph P. Allen O.P. — Jeffrey Kindler
 12:00 PM For the Morales Family — Mom

FRIDAY February 13th

8:00 AM MARDELL VANCE-LEOS † Denny & Sharon Bledsoe
 12:00 PM HELEN DUNN † Marge Rafferty

SATURDAY February 14th

9:00 AM For Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José
 4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley
 TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels
 JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY February 15th

8:00 AM In preparation for Lent — Fr. José
 10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

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: Catholic Faith Appeal
Next Week: Youth Group

February 1st

Regular: \$8,076.00
Charity Fund: \$1,792.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$861.00

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

Flocknote January: \$2,015.00

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



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.

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Telephone: _____

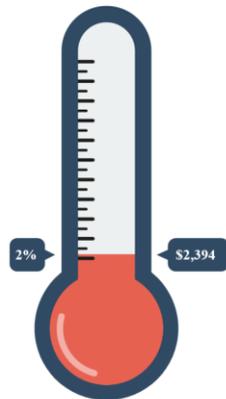
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INSURANCE FUND 2026

GOAL: \$110,000



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2026

Our assessment for 2026 is \$123.00.00

Please make checks payable to CFA and in the Memo write "St. Catherine". All donations in excess of our assessment will be returned to the Parish.

Thank you for your generous support to St. Catherine's and the CFA.

Watch the video of Bishop Dewane:
<https://vimeo.com/1158620553?fl=pl&fe=cm>

To contribute online go to
<https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/>

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we served 32 visitors/ shoppers with 104 family members. We received 2 donations from Parish families.

12 Vincentians/Volunteers operated the food pantry.

We visited 3 patients in the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

We would appreciate donations of Pasta Sauce and canned meat.

If you would like to make a monetary donation you can make a check payable to St Vincent de Paul and place it in the Poor Box at the Church entrance.

If you would like to join us we are open every Thursday at 10AM.

We appreciate your generosity and support.

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 jcsjlindsey@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.”

Meeting first Sunday of the month 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.

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 315-264-4153 (decastroem70@gmail.com)



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