



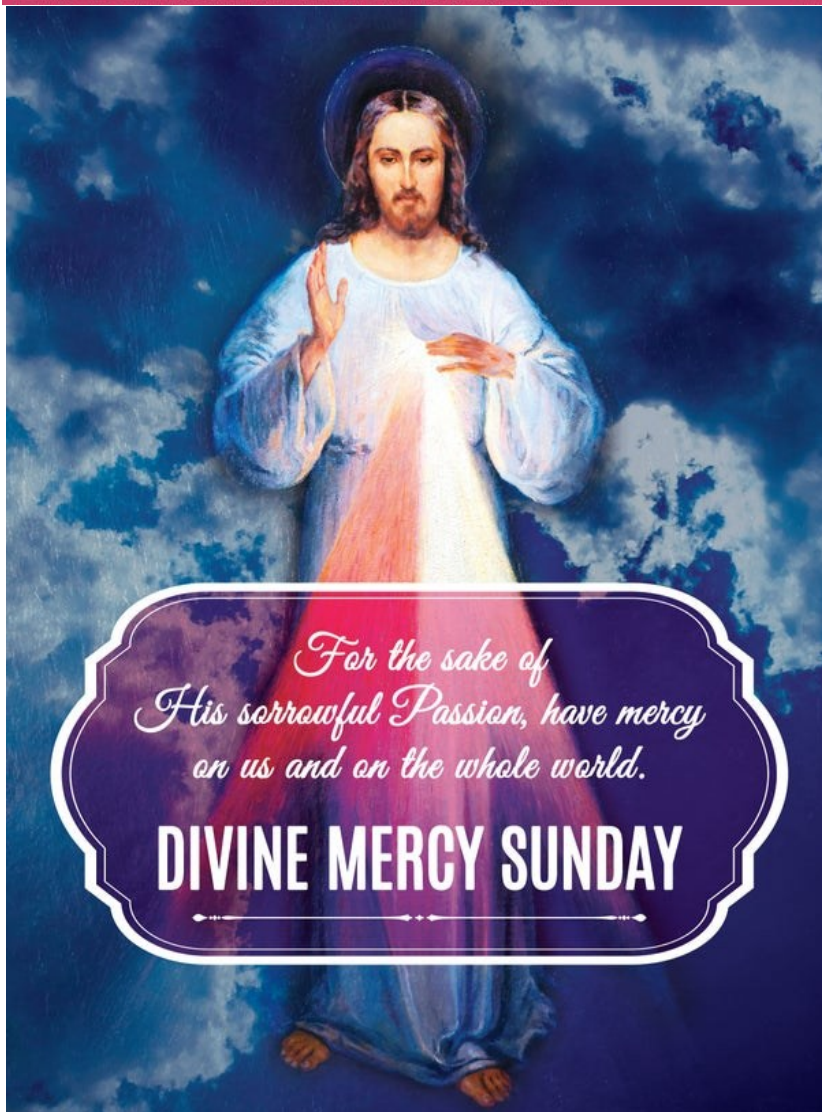
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Jesús añadió: "Tú crees porque me has visto, dichosos los que creen sin haber visto". - Jn 20, 29

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*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion, have mercy
on us and on the whole world.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

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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 Thursday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 9:00 AM**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM**

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Divine Mercy Sunday: Letting Jesus Free Us From selfishness



Divine Mercy Sunday proclaims a message our age desperately needs: God's mercy is greater than our sin, our wounds, and even our self-absorption. In every culture and every heart there is a quiet temptation to live turned in on us, to see others mainly in relation to our needs, and to treat God as a distant idea instead of a living Lord. The Christian tradition has a word for this twisted inward gaze: pride. Pride is a spiritual posture: putting the self at the center where only God belongs. It shows itself in subtle ways—needing constant affirmation, refusing to admit fault, using people instead of truly loving them, becoming defensive whenever we are corrected. It can even wear religious clothing, using pious words to protect our image rather than to open our hearts to grace. When this happens, God's mercy is treated as decoration for our ego instead of medicine for our soul.

Divine Mercy Sunday exposes this illusion with a gentle but firm light. The Risen Jesus shows His wounds to the Apostles and breathes on them the Holy Spirit, entrusting to the Church the power to forgive sins. He does not tell them to improve their image, but to receive and offer

mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not a stage where we perform holiness; it is the place where our false self dies and our true self in Christ is restored. Every sincere confession is an act of humility: "Jesus, I trust in You more than I trust my excuses."

This Sunday invites each of us to ask some honest questions: Do I listen more than I speak? Can I admit when I am wrong and make amends without blaming others? Do I use my gifts to serve, or to control? Am I more concerned with appearing good than with becoming holy? Where I find resistance, fear, or defensiveness, there is precisely where Jesus wants to pour out His mercy.

The good news is that Divine Mercy is not sentimental indulgence. It is a strong and tender love that can break the chains of pride, heal deep shame, and teach us how to love as Christ loves. When we bring our prideful patterns into the light—our self-centeredness in marriage and family, our need to win every argument, our quiet contempt for those who disagree—His mercy does not crush us; it recreates us. Little by little, the heart that once said, "my will be done" learns to say with Mary, "Let it be done to me according to Your word."

How can we respond this week?

- Make a sincere Confession, naming patterns of pride, self-protection, and lack of empathy.
- Practice one concrete work of mercy that costs your comfort: a visit, a patient conversation, a hidden act of generosity.
- Each day pray: "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine. Jesus, I trust in You."

Our parish is meant to be a school of mercy, not a showcase of perfect people. When we let go of the need to be the center, we make room for Jesus to be at the center. Then our homes, ministries, and friendships become places where wounded hearts can breathe again. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us step down from the throne of our own making and allow Christ, the King of Mercy, to reign in us.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, St. Catherine Catholic Church in Sebring will have Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, painted by artist Vilma Washburn.

Confessions: 2:00—2:45 PM

The Hour of Prayer for Divine Mercy sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be from 3:00 to 4:00 PM with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Congratulations to the new OCIA Catechumens candidates on receiving the **Sacraments of Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). This joyous, blessed occasion marks a significant milestone in your spiritual journey, welcoming you into full communion with the Catholic Church.



CONGRATULATIONS!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

**GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP
YOUTH GROUP**

Every Thursday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm Clases will be on the in the 806 Hickory Street “White House” located next to the Church. 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.



SOMETHING NEW

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.

For information call Marge Rafferty (863)214-3312.



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.

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



He is risen indeed! A few of our young gentlemen taking a moment before morning classes to share a smile in front of our latest entry backdrop.

I hope this message finds you refreshed and renewed after a joyful Easter weekend! Easter brought beautiful opportunities for family time, reflection, celebration, and the spirit of new beginnings as we head into the final stretch of the school year.

Looking Ahead with Spring Energy

Spring is officially in full bloom, and with it comes a wave of exciting activities and milestones:

- **Upcoming Events:** Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:
 - 4/17 – Noon Dismissal – Aftercare available
 - 4/18 - Lions Cup Diocesan robotics tournament at St. Charles Borromeo
 - 4/18-4/19 - 8th grade sunset retreat at Campo San Jose
 - 4/21 – Adoration/Confession for grades 6-8
 - 4/22 – Spring Pictures
 - 4/22 – PTO Meeting in the school library at 5:30 pm
 - 4/23 – 8th grade class trip – Universal Studios
 - 4/23 – School Advisory Board Meeting in the school library 5:30 pm
 - 4/24 – No School, Teacher Workday – Childcare available – A sign-up sheet will be distributed to parents.
 - 4/25 – Warriors Ball (student dance)
 - 4/29 – Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna, Bishop Dewane celebrates Mass
 - 4/30 – Spring Play “Cinderella”
- **Attendance Reminder:** Consistent attendance is key as we finish strong—every day counts in these final months!

Other Announcements:

We are currently hiring for next year:

- School bus drivers
- Aftercare attendants

If you or someone you know are interested, please contact me at cullipher@stcatheschool.org.

We are still raising funds to replace our **playground equipment**. As soon as we reach the halfway point, we can replace the condemned playground set while we continue to plan the replacement of the remaining equipment. Your gift is greatly appreciated. You can send your check to the school with “playground” in the notation.

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year. Please contact Mrs. Gloria Lopez for information or registration assistance, admissions@stcatheschool.org.

God Bless,
Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.
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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: Acts 4:23-31, Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9, Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20, Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, 1 Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35

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: _____
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 E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

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

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Mass Intentions of the Week

SATURDAY April 11th

9:00 AM VICTOR M. RODRIGUEZ † Jose & Zoraida Rodriguez
 FRANK TUMMINELLO † Gladys Zitelli
 4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley
 EDD VOWELS † Rita Vowels
 JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY April 12th

8:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José
 10:00 AM VICTOR M. RODRIGUEZ † Jose & Zoraida Rodriguez
 STEVE RUSSELL † Mark & Barbara Walczak
 ADELA R. MATEO † Cris Mateo and family

MONDAY April 13th

8:00 AM DANTE BUENDICHO † Torres Family
 BONITA B. ELLIS † From her entire Family
 VICTOR M. RODRIGUEZ † Jose & Zoraida Rodriguez

TUESDAY April 14th

8:00 AM BONITA B. ELLIS † From her entire Family
 VICTOR M. RODRIGUEZ † Jose & Zoraida Rodriguez

WEDNESDAY April 15th

8:00 AM BONITA B. ELLIS † From her entire Family
 ANTELMO LUEVANO † Susana Luevano
 GUILLERMO & DORA TRISANO † Fiorella Trisano

THURSDAY April 16th

8:00 AM BONITA B. ELLIS † From her entire Family
 ELIZABETH GALSKY † Fiorella Trisano
 OSCAR VASQUEZ † Fiorella Trisano

FRIDAY April 17th

8:00 AM BONITA B. ELLIS † From her entire Family
 MARY HENRY † Mark Hannan
 12:00 PM For the Morales Family — Mother
 Jose Santos (Health) — Gloria Santos

SATURDAY April 18th

9:00 AM BONITA B. ELLIS † From her entire Family
 4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

SUNDAY April 19th

8:00 AM BONITA B. ELLIS † From her entire Family
 WILLIAM ZITELLI † Gladys Zitelli
 10:00 AM MICHAEL COLLURA † The Crews Family and his wife Kathy
 CHRISTINE PERRY † & FR. ENRIQUE SERA †
 Frankie Hernandez

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

OFFERINGS

Second Collections

This Week: Insurance

Next Week: Home Mission Appeal

March 29th

Regular: \$9,790.00

Easter Flowers: \$2,879.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$912.00

Holy Thursday: Charity: \$1,383.00

Good Friday: Holy Land: \$224.00

April 5th

Regular: \$10,306.00

Easter: \$6,444.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$2,061.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

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

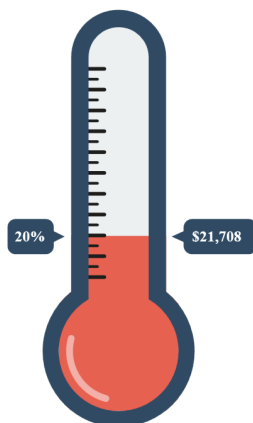
Flocknote March: \$3,671.00

For Online Flocknote Giving visit

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

INSURANCE FUND 2026

GOAL: \$110,000



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2026

Our assessment for 2026 is \$123,00.00

We have received \$36,602.00

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

[s://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/](https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/)

RED MEMORIAL CANDLES

Are in the back of the church adjacent to the Chapel. A Memorial Candle is lit and remains lighted at all times for one year in memory of a person who has passed away. You may commemorate a loved one by lighting a candle for one year with a donation of \$150.

Please come to the Parish Office (863)385-0049 to make arrangements for a Memorial Candle which will be accompanied by a small plaque with the name of the person.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

You may also call the Parish office at (863)385-0049

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we served 36 visitors with 121 family members. We received 10 food and 4 monetary donations from Parish families. 12 Vincentians/Volunteers operated the food pantry.

We visited 5 patients at the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

We would appreciate donations of Cereal and Peanut Butter.

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.

You can place your food donations in the Ministry room at the Church entrance.

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

Your support restores hope to those that face hunger in our community.

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 jcsjindsey@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. 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@stcath.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. 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)

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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