



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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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Good Shepherd Sunday: From Self-Absorption to Self-Gift



On Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church gives us the image of Jesus who “lays down his life for the sheep.” This is the exact opposite of the spirit of our age, which often tells us to build our lives around our own comfort, image, and desires. Many writers today describe this culture of excessive self-focus as a kind of “narcissism”: a heart that constantly asks, “How does this make me look, how does this make me feel?” rather than “How can I love God and my neighbor?”

Scripture warns that in difficult times people will become “lovers of themselves” in a way that damages their relationships and their capacity to love. It is an exaggerated self-love that puts “me” at the center of everything. Whenever I use others as mirrors to admire myself, or as tools to achieve my goals, I have quietly stepped away from the Good Shepherd and begun to follow another voice.

Jesus, by contrast, is the Shepherd who does not use the flock to build Himself up. He knows each sheep personally, calls us by name, and is willing to lose His life rather than lose us. The Cross is the total contradiction: instead of grasping at power and status, the Son of God “empties Himself” and becomes a servant. This is not weakness, but the deepest truth about love. The more we allow Christ to shepherd our hearts, the more we are led away from self-absorption and into real communion with God and with one another.

St. Catherine of Siena, whose feast we celebrate this month, helps us understand how the Good Shepherd heals us. She teaches that the spiritual life begins in what she calls the “cell of self-knowledge,” where we learn both our “dignity and indignity” before God. When we see that even our existence is a gift, and that every good in us comes from the Lord, pride and self-illusion begin to fall away. At the same time, we discover that we are loved beyond measure, which frees us from needing to prove our worth through attention, success, or control.

Catherine warns against “selfish self-centeredness,” a dark turning in on us that harms us and those around us. She compares this kind of self-preoccupation to a spiritual “black hole” that absorbs light instead of radiating it. Yet she also insists that God never stops pursuing such a soul; the Father detests the self-destructive pattern but continues to offer mercy and a way out. The Good Shepherd does not abandon even selfish sheep; He goes out to find it, not to flatter its ego, but to lead it back to reality, humility, and love.

This Good Shepherd Sunday, each of us can ask: Where have I begun to live more like a “hired hand” than a disciple—protecting my comfort, my image, my preferences, instead of laying down my life in daily acts of love? St. Catherine would invite us to enter the cell of self-knowledge and to let Christ show us both our wounds and our beauty in His eyes. From there, we can make a simple resolution: to listen more than we speak, to serve quietly rather than seek attention, and to pray each day, “Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, pull my heart out of myself and teach me to love as You love.”

Join us for the Feast of our patroness, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church.

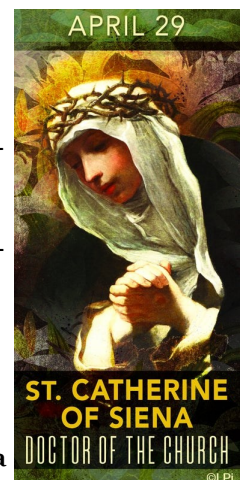
**Bishop Frank Dewane will preside the Mass with the Children
Wednesday April 29, at 10:00 AM.**

She is venerated as the patroness of the Lay Dominicans, nurses, and firefighters; an intercessor against fire, miscarriage, and temptations against purity.

May her example inspire us to a deeper love for Christ and His Church, and may her intercession obtain for us the grace of steadfast faith and holy perseverance.

Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don’ look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything.

—St. Catherine of Siena





**Ceremony
May 2nd
10:00 AM**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes Wednesday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM. For more information please call (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's Youth Group had an amazing day at the Diocesan Soccer Tournament in Wauchula, FL, on April 11! It was wonderful to see everyone from St. Catherine, St. Michael, St. Paul, and St. James come together for a day filled with energy and teamwork. At noon, we took a moment to pray for world peace in response to Pope Leo's call.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organize the event and for all the support we received! A special shoutout goes to our incredible young players who truly gave their all on the field!



**Video Series on the
Gospel of John**

**Thursdays at 6:00 PM
Apr 9 to May 28**

Building S200 - Hickory St & Lakeview Dr

Videos, Schedule, & more: www.Isaiah11.com

Contact:

Jennifer Lindsey 618-521-8730 (voice/text)
Jonathan Spence 508-333-0483 (voice/text)

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.

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.

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

The Warrior Class of 2026 chose as their legacy project to create and display artwork at Campo San Jose. Last weekend, they celebrated their sunset retreat at Campo San Jose, where they put the finishing touches on the project. On Sunday, the students attended Mass at St. James Parish with Father Vincent Clemente.



Below is a painting created by the Class of 2026 that remains on display at Campo San Jose.



The students also worked in the garden, cleaning up the statues and planting flowers donated by Cesar Martinez to create a quiet prayer space.



Also this weekend, our robotic team, led by Mrs. Berryman and Mr. Barock competed in the Diocesan Lion Cup Robotics Tournament. Go Warriors!

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.

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 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8, Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27, Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab, Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Pt 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

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 Easter

Mass Intentions of the Week

SATURDAY April 25th

9:00 AM For Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José
 4:00 PM JOE RAFFERTY † Marge Rafferty
 CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams
 TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels

SUNDAY April 26th

8:00 AM WILLIAM REAGAN † Shannon Reagan
 10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

MONDAY April 27th

8:00 AM For the Sansores — Sister

TUESDAY April 28th

8:00 AM TED DEVINE † Catherine Staples

WEDNESDAY April 29th

8:00 AM MARGARO RODRIGUEZ † Jose and Zoraida
 10:00 AM St. Catherine Catholic School — Fr. José

THURSDAY April 30th

8:00 AM Special Intention — Anonymous

FRIDAY May 1st

8:00 AM RICK BEEBEE † Lucy Beebee
 Rheema Mavelil Family (Special Intentions) —
 Rheema Mavelil
 12:00 PM JOSEPH & DOROTHY MEYERHOFFER †
 Daughter

SATURDAY May 2nd

9:00 AM For Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José
 4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

SUNDAY May 3rd

8:00 AM BERNARD NICKEL † Gladys Zitelli
 10:00 AM MICHAEL COLLURA † Kathleen Collura
 AGNES DOROTHY KING † Kathleen Collura
 EDUARDO GODOY MONTANCHEZ † Arturo and
 Luisa Aguirre

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: Youth Group

Next Week: Charity Fund

April 19th

Regular: \$6,569.00

Home Mission Appeal: \$1,559.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,361.00

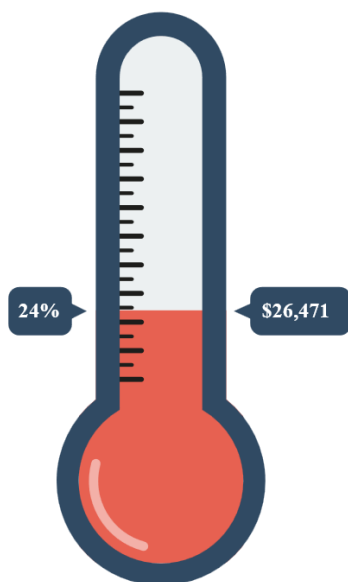
For Online Giving instructions visit
<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>

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 \$59,049.00

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we served 51 visitors with 182 family members. We received 14 food donations from Parish families. 12 Vincentians/Volunteers operated the food pantry.

We would appreciate donations of Rice and dried Beans. You can place the items in the Ministry room at the Church entrance.

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 or have a need we are open every Thursday at 10AM. Our address is 806 Hickory St. (fenced property) adjacent to the Church.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

You are helping restore 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@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. 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.

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



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