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**Office Hours**  
Monday—Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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

**ST CATHERINE SCHOOL**  
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(863)385-7300

**Principal**  
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**Office hours**  
8:00 AM—3:00 PM



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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*May*  
*Month of Mary,*  
*Our Blessed Mother*



Confirmation  
2026

Congratulations to the young men and women of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 22nd.

*God bless you all! May the Holy Spirit guide you and protect you on your journeys!*



Whether you're graduating from High School, or College, we invite you and your families to

a special Thanksgiving Mass in your honor on Sunday, May 31, 2026.

Please choose the Mass Time you normally attend with your family:

- 10:00 AM – English
- 12:00 PM – Spanish

Please come dressed in your graduation cap and gown as we give thanks to God for your accomplishments and pray for His guidance in your next chapter.

For more information, contact: 385-0049

**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.

**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.



**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](http://www.Isaiah11.com)

Contact:

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



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,

### Discover Joy, Faith, and Adventure at St. Catherine Catholic School Summer Camp 2026

As another school year comes to a close, parents face the familiar question: How will my child spend the summer in a way that is **fun, safe, enriching, and truly worthwhile?**

At **St. Catherine Catholic School** Summer Camp, we believe summer should be more than just childcare or entertainment. It should be a transformative experience that nurtures the whole child — body, mind, **and soul** — in the light of Christ.

#### Faith-Filled Fun in a Trusted Environment

Our Catholic summer camp offers the perfect blend of **classic camp excitement** and intentional faith formation. Children and teens enjoy all the traditional favorites:

- Outdoor games and team sports
- Swimming, archery, and ropes courses
- Arts & crafts, music, and drama
- Nature exploration and field trips

What sets our camp apart is that every activity takes place in a vibrant **Catholic community** where faith is not an add-on — it's the foundation.

Each day includes:

- Daily Mass or prayer services
- Age-appropriate catechesis and Bible sharing
- Opportunities for Adoration, Confession, and spiritual direction
- Witness talks from enthusiastic Catholic counselors who model joyful discipleship

Campers return home not only with great memories and new friends, but with a deeper love for Jesus, stronger prayer habits, and a clearer sense of their identity as beloved sons and daughters of God.

#### Benefits That Last a Lifetime

Research on religious summer camps consistently shows powerful long-term effects. Children who experience faith-filled camp environments are significantly more likely to remain active in their Catholic faith years later. Our program builds:

- **Character and virtue** — through challenges that develop resilience, leadership, and teamwork
- **Self-confidence and independence** — in a safe, caring, Christ-centered setting
- **Lasting friendships** — rooted in shared values and mutual respect

- **A missionary heart** — inspiring campers to live their faith boldly at school and in the world

#### Who Can Attend?

Our summer camp welcomes children from entering Kindergarten through 8th grade. Whether your family already attends our school or you're exploring Catholic education, all are welcome. It's a wonderful opportunity for new families to experience the warmth and mission of our Catholic school community.

#### Register Early!

Summer 2026 sessions will run from **June 8<sup>th</sup> until July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Give your child a summer they will never forget — one filled with laughter, adventure, **and an encounter with the living Christ.**

**Register today at [www.stcatheschool.org](http://www.stcatheschool.org)** or contact the school at 863-385-7300.

**St. Catherine Catholic School Summer Camp**  
Forming hearts, minds, and souls — one joyful summer at a time.

#### Wouldn't you like to be a part of this great calling?

Do you have a skill or craft that you would like to share with our children over the summer? We are seeking volunteers to share their God-given gifts with our students during our new Catholic summer camp. You can sign up for a day, half day, a week, or whatever you can offer. If you would like to participate or simply help supervise the children, please contact Taliah Emilio, [taliah.emilio@stcatheschool.org](mailto:taliah.emilio@stcatheschool.org).

#### Other Announcements:

##### We are currently hiring for next year:

- School bus drivers
- Aftercare attendants
- Substitute teachers

If you or someone you know are interested, please go to <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/human-resources/>

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](mailto: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 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16, Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28, Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21, Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10, Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12, Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5, Jn 15:18-21  
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

**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](http://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 of Easter**

**Mass Intentions of the Week**

**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  
 Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala  
 10:00 AM MICHAEL COLLURA † Kathleen Collura  
 AGNES DOROTHY KING † Kathleen Collura  
 EDUARDO GODOY MONTANCHEZ † Arturo and  
 Luisa Aguirre

**MONDAY May 4th**

8:00 AM CINDY THOMPSON † Denny & Sharon Bledsoe

**TUESDAY May 5th**

8:00 AM For peace and harmony throughout the word — Fr. José

**WEDNESDAY May 6th**

8:00 AM EZEQUIEL RAMOS † Magdalena Animas Ruiz

**THURSDAY May 7th**

8:00 AM DEPUTY WILLIAM GENTRY JR. † Denny & Sharon Bledsoe

**FRIDAY May 8th**

8:00 AM For Religious Vocations — Fr. José  
 12:00 PM Nancy Burton (for health) — Niece

**SATURDAY May 9th**

9:00 AM Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala  
 4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Mothers — Fr. José

**SUNDAY May 10th**

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



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: Charity Fund

Next Week: Youth Group

April 19th

Regular: \$6,919.00

Youth Group: \$1,746.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$731.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

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

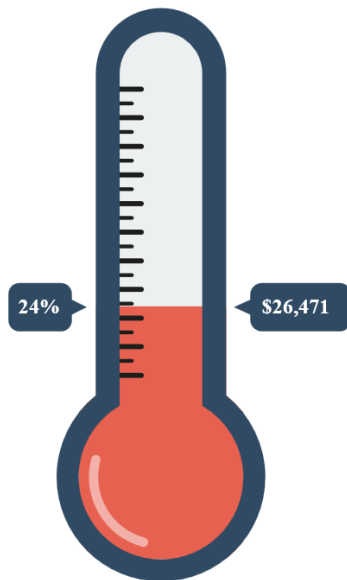
Flocknote April: \$4,464.00

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 \$123,000.00

We have received \$63,084.00

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 47 visitors/ shoppers with 158 family members. We received 16 food donations from Parish families. 10 Vincentians/Volunteers operated the food pantry.

We visited 5 patients in the hospital and shared prayers and Holy Communion.

We would appreciate donations of Cereal and canned tuna.

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 at 806 Hickory St.

Your generosity and support 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

<b>Pastor: Very Reverend José González, V.F</b> ..... <b>385-0049</b>	OCIA: Juana Nava.....385-0049 navaj@stcatho.org
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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**

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@stcatho.org](mailto:claudia@stcatho.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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