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

**CLERGY**  
Pastor  
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[frjose@stcathe.org](mailto:frjose@stcathe.org)

**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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**Principal**  
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8:00 AM—3:00 PM



**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept."  
John 14:16-17

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**HAPPY**  
*Mother's*  
**DAY**

**Love's True Form: Easter Joy and Motherhood**

This Sunday we celebrate both the Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day, a beautiful convergence that invites us to reflect on the nature of authentic love. Jesus promises in today's Gospel, "I will not leave you orphans" (John 14:18), offering the Holy Spirit as our Advocate and the presence that transforms our hearts.

On Mother's Day, we naturally think of Mary, whose "yes" to God at the Annunciation reveals the heart of maternal love: trusting, self-giving, and open to God's will even in suffering. Her presence from Cana to Calvary shows us that true motherhood means interceding, enduring, and remaining faithful through all circumstances.

Yet we also acknowledge that this day carries complexity for many in our parish family. Some grieve mothers who have passed, others bear the pain of estrangement or difficult family relationships, and still others struggle with wounds from imperfect parenting. The Church holds space for all these realities. Jesus' promise that we are not orphans speaks directly to those whose earthly mothers could not fully love them—whether through narcissism, addiction, mental illness, or simple human limitation.

St. Peter reminds us today to "be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:15). This gentleness applies to how we hold our own stories, especially when family relationships have been sources of pain rather than joy. The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promises, comes to heal what is broken and to teach us how to love as we have been loved by God—not with the self-focused love that wounds, but with the self-gift that brings life.

Today we pray for all mothers: those who sacrificed heroically, those who struggled imperfectly, and those whose absence we feel. We pray especially for healing in families marked by emotional distance, trusting that the Spirit Jesus sends can transform even our deepest wounds into pathways of compassion.

May Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us all.

**CONGRATULATIONS****First Holy Communion in English May 3rd 2026**



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,

**Live Your Faith**

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 a few hours. 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).

**Teacher Appreciation:**

This week we were spoiled by our PTO as we celebrated National Teacher Appreciation Week. We were treated to a bevy of good food and great smiles. Thank you PTO and thank you to our outstanding teachers who pour their heart and soul into our students every day. You are the hands of God for these children.

**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).



**ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

PARENTS / GUARDIANS:

IS YOUR CHILD ENROLLED YET?  
PLEASE SUBMIT THE RE-ENROLLMENT PACKET (FAMILY PORTAL)

ALSO, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETE THE  
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SEND THE AWARD ID # TO MRS. GLORIA VIA EMAIL:  
[GLORIA.LOPEZ@STCATHESCHOOL.ORG](mailto:GLORIA.LOPEZ@STCATHESCHOOL.ORG)

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God Bless,

Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.  
Principal



**ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**SUMMER CAMP**

**2026**

**ACTIVITIES**

- Orchestra (June 8- June 26)
- Sports
- Art
- Academic Support
- Local Field Trips
- Religious Instruction

**JOIN NOW!**

SCAN ME



**JUNE 8-JULY 24**  
**7:30 AM-5:00 PM**

**Contact Us**

(863) 385-7300  
[Taliah.Emilio@stcatheschool.org](mailto:Taliah.Emilio@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 16:11-15, Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34, Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14, Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18, Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28, Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10, Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9, Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20

***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)

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Mass Intentions of the Week**

**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

**MONDAY May 11th**

8:00 AM THOMAS DUNN † Marge Rafferty

JOSEPH OVERBECK † Catherine Usher

**TUESDAY May 12th**

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

**WEDNESDAY May 13th**

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

Cousin Tommy's (Health) — Rosi Ravelo

**THURSDAY May 14th**

8:00 AM For the Hall Family — Mother

**FRIDAY May 15th**

8:00 AM For the Morales Family — Mother

12:00 PM For the school students & staff — Fr. José

**SATURDAY May 16th**

9:00 AM For Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José

4:00 PM PAULINE (Birdie) DORMAN † Fr. José

JOE RAFFERTY † Marge Rafferty

TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

**SUNDAY May 17th**

8:00 AM ALFREDO PAZMINO † Maria Von Drewitz

MILDRED SEALE † Maria Von Drewitz

10:00 AM EDD & TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels

In Thanksgiving for the Pardo Family — Catherine Usher



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: Catholic Communication Campaign**

May 3rd

**Regular: \$6,411. 00**

**Charity Fund: \$1,989**

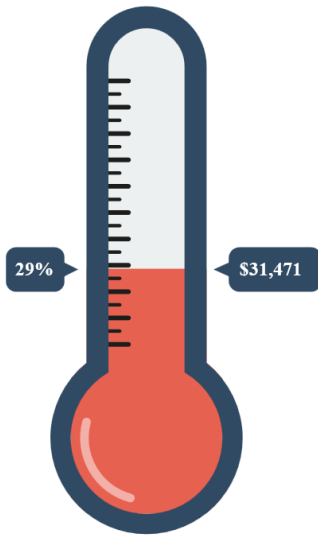
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<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>

**Flocknote April: \$4,464.00**

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<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 \$63,374.00**

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  
[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 50 visitor/ shoppers with a total of 168 family members. 12 Vincentians/ Volunteers operated the food pantry.

We received 1 monetary and 8 food donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of Cereal and canned Soup. 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.

Thank you and bless 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: [dioceseofvenice.org/](https://dioceseofvenice.org/)  
for further information.

ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

<b>Pastor: Very Reverend José González, V.F</b> ..... <b>385-0049</b>	OCIA: Juana Nava.....385-0049 navaj@stcath.org
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Ministry to the Sick: Claudia Spradlin .....991-3271	Ushers: Mike Flood.....471-6381

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. 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](mailto: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.

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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