



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them." Acts 2:2-3

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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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**The office will be closed on Monday, May 25th
in observance of Memorial Day**

**THE LAST MASS ON FRIDAYS AT 12:00 NOON
WILL BE ON MAY 30th**

**THE LAST MASS ON SATURDAYS AT 9:00 AM
WILL BE ON MAY 31st**

THESE MASSES WILL CONTINUE IN THE FALL

Bishop-elect Emilio Biosca Agüero, OFM Cap. Biography:

- **Born:** Dec. 15, 1964, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- **1st Profession Capuchin Franciscan Brother** – St. Conrad Novitiate, Pittsburgh, Pa. July 16, 1988, Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- **Diaconate Ordination** – Basilica Immaculate Conception Washington, DC, May 1, 1993
- **Priesthood Ordination** – Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Washington, May 21, 1994



Entered the Capuchin Franciscans in 1984, making the first profession of vows in Pittsburgh on July 16, 1988. Having completed philosophical and theological studies was ordained to the diaconate on May 1, 1993, and served at St. John the Evangelist in Center City Philadelphia. Ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1994.

As a newly ordained priest, volunteered and was sent to serve in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea from 1994-2005 in the Capu-

chin mission. Served predominantly the Kewa and Wiri speaking peoples in the Kagua, Ialibu and Pangia areas. During this period, worked closely with lay leaders and catechists. Served as the Director of Novices for the Capuchin Novitiate in Pangia from 2002-2004.

From January 2005 to January 2007, in preparation for the mission in Cuba, studied at the Pope John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Washington DC. STL degree, Magnum Cum Laude.

Entered Cuba on February 1, 2007. Served for 12 years, until February 11, 2019. The first year in Havana. Three years in Santa Clara and the last eight years on the eastern side of the country in Bayamo-Manzanillo.

On March 1, 2019, named Pastor at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

Hobbies/Special Interests:

- Grew-up playing many outdoor sports: baseball,
- basketball, football, especially soccer on organized teams from the age of 5-6 until entrance into the Capuchins Franciscans at 19.
- Enjoy reading, especially the Scriptures, various Catechisms, spirituality and history.
- Enjoy participating in pilgrimages on foot.
- As a missionary priest, especially interested in the spiritual formation of men and women as they enter the Catholic Church and renew their faith through creative OCIA programs that include marriage preparation.

PENTECOST



As we celebrate Pentecost, we remember the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples and sent them out in a new way. Many of them had already lived through fear, disappointment, and uncertainty, yet

the Spirit came to them as they were and made them fruitful for the mission of the Church.

St Catherine Catholic Church is richly blessed with members whose faith has been tested by time. Many live with physical limitations, medical concerns, grief, or loneliness, all realities that affect older adults in meaningful ways. In this season of life, it can sometimes be tempting to feel less useful or less needed.

Pentecost tells a different story. The Holy Spirit is given to the whole Church, and that includes those whose witness is quieter, steadier, and shaped by years of fidelity. Long experience, patient endurance, and a lifetime of prayer are not signs that one's mission has ended; they are often the very places where the Spirit shines most clearly.

In today's world, people are often encouraged to focus mostly on themselves, even in subtle ways. Pentecost gently reminds us that the Holy Spirit leads hearts outward in love, teaching a quieter path of service, generosity, and concern for others. Many parishioners have lived this way for years through prayer, care for family, hidden sacrifices, and faithful presence. This steady, unassuming generosity is a beautiful witness in the parish and a real strength for the Church.

How can Pentecost be lived in this season of life?

- Through prayer, especially prayer for family members, the parish, vocations, the sick, and the wider world.

- Through encouragement, because a kind word, a listening ear, or a simple note can strengthen someone more than expected.

- Through offering daily burdens to the Lord, including weakness, pain, or limitations, as an act of love for others.

- Through witness, because simple fidelity to Mass, prayer, and trust in God speaks powerfully to younger generations.

Pentecost reminds the Church that there is no retirement from discipleship. Roles may change and strength may lessen, but the call to love, pray, encourage, and offer oneself to God never ends.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of our children who received their First Holy Communion on May 16!
 We welcome and congratulate them!
 May they always cherish the gift of the Bread of Life to feed every hunger and thirst of their souls
 throughout their journeys of faith and life.



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

For more information please call (863)385-0049.

GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

Every Thursday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. For more information contact middle school youth group coordinators:

Kathy (863) 452-7679 or Ken Bruce (863) 273-6822.



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 308-333-0483 (voice/text)

VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP

For more information contact Youth Group coordinator: Jose Rodriguez (863)245-7597.

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

Fr. Belmonte presents awards for Principal's List to Madeline, Antonio, Catalina, and Destiny



This week, we were honored to welcome Fr. John Belmonte for our final regular school Mass and year-end awards ceremony. Fol-

lowing an inspiring homily reflecting on the gifts we receive from God, Fr. Belmonte presented students with their Fourth Quarter and Year-End Awards. The celebration served as a meaningful conclusion to the school year, recognizing the outstanding achievements, growth, and dedication of our students throughout the year.

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
- 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 8th until July 24th**

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 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.

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.

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: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14, Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7, Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12, Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5, Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13, Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13, Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25, Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9, Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18

***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

Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions of the Week

SATURDAY May 23rd

9:00 AM PETER W. POWELL † Pacita Powell

4:00 PM TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels

JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY May 24th

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

10:00 AM For all school students — Fr. José

MONDAY May 25th

8:00 AM LEO LUMBAB † Pacita Powell

Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala

TUESDAY May 26th

8:00 AM DR. JUANITO CORPUS † Clara Tuazon

WEDNESDAY May 27th

8:00 AM LOUIS KREBS GRAHAM † his little sister Anna

THURSDAY May 28th

8:00 AM PETER H. EMERY † Wife Wendy

FRIDAY May 29th

8:00 AM LUIS ARAUZ † Susana Perez

12:00 PM RAFAEL MENDEZ † Candida Reyes

SATURDAY May 30th

9:00 AM For Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José

4:00 PM CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams

A. M. VAZQUEZ † Judith Rivera

SUNDAY May 31st

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

10:00 AM Fr. IRENEO LOPEZ-TOVAR † — 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: Insurance

Next Week: Charity Fund

May 17th

Regular: \$6,398.00

Catholic Communication Campaign: \$1,125.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,060.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

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

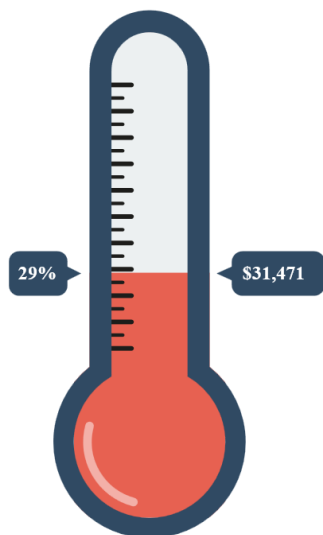
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For Online Flocknote Giving visit

<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 \$86,271.00

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/

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 visited 6 patients in the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

We served 43 visitor/ shoppers with a total of 118 family members.

11 Volunteers/ Vincentians operated the food pantry.

We received 1 monetary and 12 food donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of Cereal and Peanut Butter. 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 may God 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/

for further information.

ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

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Liturgical Ministries: Diane Sochacki.....835-2523	SVDP:835-0571
Ministry to the Sick: Claudia Spradlin991-3271	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 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. **Welcome new members Steve Cullipher & Tom Miro.** Any questions please contact Don Israel 239-691-4777. 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)

SOMETHING NEW

Break open the Word of God every Monday after the 8:00 AM Mass 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.

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