



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains
in me and I in him." - Jn 6:56

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Weekend
Saturday: 4:00 PM
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Sunday—8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
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Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM

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Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM

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Corpus Christi: Living “For Others”

As we grow older, we see more clearly how selfish the world can seem. Many people live as if everything must revolve around them and their wishes. But on this feast of Corpus Christi, Jesus shows us another way. In the Eucharist he quietly says, “This is my Body, given for you.”

Corpus Christi, rightly understood, reveals a God who pours himself out in radical self-gift, and it exposes, judges, and heals the selfish patterns in our hearts and in our Church.

1. The Eucharist versus selfish love

Selfish love is a way of relating in which I remain at the center: I need admiration, I use others, I cannot really receive correction or see my impact on people. The Eucharist reveals a radically different pattern.

- Jesus does not demand admiration; he gives himself: “This is my Body, given for you.”

- Instead of using others to fill his emptiness, he lets himself be “used” (consumed) as food.

- Where selfish love hides insecurity behind a grandiose image, the Lord hides glory under the humility of bread and wine.

Every Holy Communion is a quiet confrontation: will I continue to live from the pattern “for me,” or will I let his Body and Blood convert me to “for you”?

2. Liturgical selfishness

The feast of Corpus Christi is an opportunity to reflect in our participation in the liturgical celebrations, ourselves and our communities:

- Sometimes we subtly make the liturgy about our personality, need for praise, or control, rather than disappearing into the mystery we serve.

- Sometimes a parish becomes more interested in its own image, status, and internal dramas than in worship, mission, and the poor.

- Sometimes even pious practices (adoration, processions, ministries) are secretly about “my holiness, my experience, my role” instead of adoration of the Lord.

The procession on Corpus Christi is meant to decenter us: Christ passes through our streets; we walk behind him, not He behind us.

3. Healing selfishness at the altar

Selfish patterns often stem from wounds in early relationships: too much adoration or too much criticism, distorted mirrors that never allowed a realistic, loved self to emerge.

The Eucharist offers three opposite experiences:

- A true mirror: in adoration we see ourselves in the gaze of Christ, who neither flatters nor crushes but loves in truth.

- Safe dependence: receiving Communion is a public admission that I am not self-sufficient; I live from another’s gift.

- Repatterning of relationships: sharing one Bread forms us into a Body where domination, exploitation, and image-management are meant to give way to mutual belonging and service.

Pastorally, this means that those with selfish traits will often find the Eucharist uncomfortable at a deep level: it calls them to vulnerability, gratitude, and mutuality, precisely where they feel most fragile.

4. Corpus Christi and selfishness

- “From ‘use’ to ‘gift’”: selfishness uses people with how Jesus lets himself be given and broken; sometimes we “consume” others emotionally, at home or in parish life.

- “The danger of a self-referential Church”: the Eucharistic worship moves us outwards in mission and service.

- “Learning to receive”: selfishness struggles to receive; Corpus Christi is God’s insistence that salvation is received, not achieved or performed.

- “One Body, not my stage”: ministries, choirs, liturgical roles, or even preaching itself can become a stage; Corpus Christi calls us back to being members, not stars.

Before Communion call to mind one relationship where you may be acting in a self-centered, entitled, or exploitative way, and to bring that pattern deliberately to the Lord for conversion.

Each time we receive Holy Communion, the Lord strengthens us to live those same words in daily life: a kind word, a patient silence, a small sacrifice no one notices. Even when we feel weak or limited, we can still pray, “Lord, let my life be given for others, as yours is given for me.”

Prayer of Consecration

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: You know the longings of our hearts,
and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You.

From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with You.

We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths
that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to Yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness;
may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May Your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to Your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask You to bless these United States of America. Who live
and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Dear graduates, the Church together with your parents and families, your priest, teachers, mentors, and others who have supported you during your years of college or high school are very proud of you. We pray for you, that your future will be filled with many blessings from the Lord. May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams. May His gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow. May your hearts and lives always reflect His love and truth and may hope be the light within you that you carry into each new day.



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July 5-10
St. James Parish, Lake Placid
3380 Placid View Dr. Lake Placid FL. 33852
July 5th—9th (7th — 12th Grade)
Sunday through Thursday/ 6:30 p.m.—8:45 p.m.
July 6th—10th (1st—6th Grade)
Monday through Friday/9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Additionally, I would like to encourage you to recruit some teen volunteers for the morning program and some adult volunteers for the evening program. I will schedule days in June to go over the Totus Tuus schedule and volunteer responsibilities.

More Information 863-991-3271 claudia@stcathe.org

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 coordina-

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

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,

As we continue our journey together in forming young hearts and minds, I want to reflect on the great blessing of our transition to a Classical Catholic Education model. In a world that often prioritizes trends over truth, we remain committed to an approach that has stood the test of time — one that forms students not only intellectually, but spiritually and morally.

Classical Catholic Education draws from two great treasuries of knowledge: the rich intellectual tradition of Western civilization and the timeless wisdom of the Catholic Church. It seeks to cultivate wisdom and virtue rather than mere information or career preparation. Our students study the Great Books, logic, and the beauty of mathematics and science as reflections of God's ordered creation. They learn to think critically, speak eloquently, and reason clearly through the classical Trivium (Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric).

At the heart of everything we do is Christ. Our curriculum is ordered toward the formation of the whole person — body, mind, and soul — in light of the Catholic faith. Students encounter the beauty of the liturgy, the lives of the saints, and the Church's intellectual tradition from St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas to the present day. We believe education is not neutral; it is either ordered toward the true, the good, and the beautiful, or it drifts toward confusion.

Our graduates leave us not only well-read and articulate, but with well-formed consciences, deep faith, and the ability to engage culture with both charity and clarity. They are prepared to be joyful witnesses to Christ in whatever vocation God calls them — whether priesthood, religious life, family, or professional work.

I am deeply grateful for your support in this noble mission. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. Let us continue to pray for one another as we pursue the highest goal of education: helping each student become the saint God created them to be.

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.

God Bless,

Steven Cullipher, Principal

St. Catherine School



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Contact Us

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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: 1 Kgs 17:1-6, Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16, Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8, Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39, Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11, Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580), Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10, 1 Jn 4:7-16, Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21, Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a, Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5, Rom 5:6-11, Mt 9:36-10:8

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: _____

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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christ)

Mass Intentions of the Week**SATURDAY June 6th**

9:00 AM GARY McGEHEE † Marge Rafferty

4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

SUNDAY June 7th

8:00 AM MARIA BRAVO † Maria Von Drewitz

HERACLIA FUENTES † Maria Von Drewitz

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

MONDAY June 8th

8:00 AM Carol Biance (for health) — Marge Rafferty

Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala

TUESDAY June 9th

8:00 AM Special Intentions — Hall family

WEDNESDAY June 10th

8:00 AM For blessing of the business — Henry Nguyen

THURSDAY June 11th

8:00 AM DEACON JIM McGARRY † Cathleen McGarry

FRIDAY June 12th

8:00 AM ROBERT JOHN MARQUARDT † Marlene G. Marquardt

LUISA WONG † MTY

SATURDAY June 13th

4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

SUNDAY June 14th

8:00 AM CARLOS BRAVO † Maria Von Drewitz

NINA VON DREWITZ † Maria Von Drewitz

10:00 AM PETER W. POWELL † Pacita Powell



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: Collection for Military Services

May 31st

Regular: \$7,336.00

Charity Funds: \$1,314.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,649.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

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

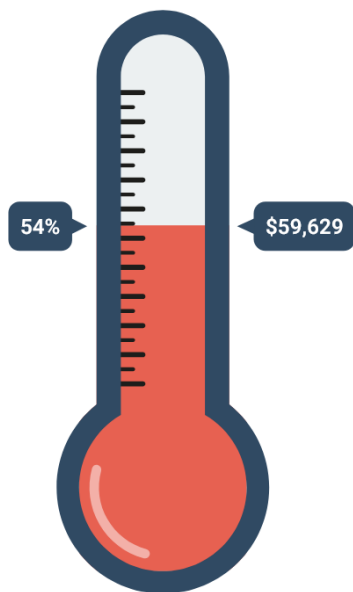
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For Online Flocknote Giving visit

<https://stcatherineofseeb.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 \$90,977.50

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 we served 51 visitors/shoppers with a total of 160 family members.

12 Vincentians/Volunteers operated the food pantry.

We received 2 monetary and 13 food donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of Rice 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 for your generosity and support.

May God bless you.

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.

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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. 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@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)

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. Information call Marge Rafferty (863)214-3312.

Thursdays at 6:00 PM - Starting June 18
 Building S200 - Hickory St & Lakeview Dr

Videos, Schedule, & more: www.Isaiah11.com
 Contact: Jennifer Lindsey 618-521-8730 (voice/text)
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