



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

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Weekend
Saturday: 4:00 PM
& 6:00 PM (Spanish)
Sunday—8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
12:00 Noon (Spanish)

DAILY MASS
Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM

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What Do We Love When We Love America?



As we consider the 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence, we ought to ask, what do we love when we love America? In asking this, we can understand how to rightly love our country and grasp what is the unique goodness of these United States.

First, the question pushes us to be intentional about how we rightly order the love that is part of our humanity. All things we love ought to help lead us back to the original love of God. Our loves must not become disordered. Likewise, although power, money, and freedom can be instruments for good, our love is disordered when we seek power before justice, amass money while neglecting the poor, or hold on to individual freedom at the expense of the unborn. When our love is disordered, we fall into sin. For Catholics, we need always to love God and His Church far more than any earthly city. We live as pilgrims called to love the place of our pilgrimage and to love our pilgrim destination and our fellow pilgrims more. When we try to figure out what we love about the U.S., we need to get that order right and never love the U.S. too much. More than wealth, power, or autonomy, we need to love justice, human dignity, and the poor, whom God's "preferential choice fell upon" as St. Augustine puts it.

This means that a real love of country is unafraid to confess and repent for when our loves have become disordered: putting a desire to expand the United States above the rights of Tribal peoples, embracing white supremacy rather than the equal dignity of all people, loving the wealth generated by an unfettered market while poor and working people suffer. And we should examine our own hearts for fear of new ways of going wrong, like loving autonomy more than the lives of the sick, loving borders more than our migrant brethren, and loving weapons more than our social infrastructure oriented toward the common good.

What is so loveable about this land?

One object of our love is our nation's 'catholicity,' its way of being a little bit like the Church in being a home to people from all nations.

St. Augustine wrote that our pilgrim church takes "citizens out of all nations and gathers together a society of pilgrims of all languages, not scrupling about diversities in the manners." The diversity of the Catholic Church reflects the diversity and beauty of the very Body of Christ. God's plan for his creation includes and celebrates the diversity of cultures, peoples, and experiences. The U.S. has an opportunity to celebrate this pluralism as we welcome people from all nations, languages, and manners, uniting them under our common laws and principles. Catholics celebrate this because of our deep faith in the freedom God gives us a part of our inherent human dignity. As Catholics in the U.S., we have twice the reason to hope our country lives out this reality.

Our nation features a wide variety of regions, different climates, and radically varying terrains. Our shared culture is real. While English is our primary tongue, we have always had many languages, spoken here. It is said of the Catholic Church, "here comes everybody." You could say the same thing about this country. And it is a great thing.

Out of Many, One. Amidst this diversity, there is still a fundamental unity around certain shared objects of love. Specifically, our country holds certain truths as self-evident; we commit to government of the people, by the people, for the people; we work to make freedom ring from every mountainside; we promise to ask what we can do for our country. We are people with different backgrounds and immigration statuses, with widely different political views and religious traditions. Amidst the many-ness, we are a country that stands and pledges to the flag and "to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." That is what makes us one.

St. Augustine said of real friendship, that it makes *e pluribus unum*, out of many one. I pray that a rightly ordered patriotic love may help people and the common good to flourish. I pray that we will commit to better shared objects of our love: justice, dignity, and peace. I pray that we will confess our shared failures and celebrate our shared accomplishments. I pray we will celebrate the dappled beauty of our land and our people. I pray we will commit to the shared idea of a republic and the liberty and justice for which it stands. I pray that Catholics will continue to share with our fellow Americans the rich traditions of rightly ordered love, celebration of God's diversity, and a commitment to human dignity. Committing to those loves is the best patriotism, the kind that knows what it loves when it loves this land. Dr. Terence Sweeney, Villanova University. <https://www.usccb.org/terence-sweeney-article>

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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,

Our summer camp is off and running, and it has begun with joy and beautiful music! We kicked off the season with a special harp recital by our talented 4th grader, Miriam. In the photo, our wonderful music teacher (and proud FIFA fan!), Ms. Berrios, and Miriam are showing Charlotte the proper way to hold and play the harp. What a delightful way to start our summer together!



During the March Gala, I shared our commitment to launching a string orchestra at St. Catherine Catholic School. On the second day of camp, Ms. Berrios started teaching the children violin. Thanks to Title IV funds, we were able to purchase six violins, giving our students the opportunity to begin this exciting new musical journey.

We are truly grateful for this blessing from God, which aligns so perfectly with our transition to Classical Catholic Education. Music has always held an important place in Catholic tradition—lifting hearts to God, forming character, and nurturing beauty and discipline in our students. The addition of strings will enrich our curriculum and help our children grow in ways that glorify Him.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Catherine Catholic School. We look forward to a wonderful summer of learning, faith, and music!

Other Announcements:



We are still raising funds to replace our **playground equipment**. As you can see, the existing playground has fallen apart and is unusable. 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. A big Thank You to those who have already donated toward this worthy and important cause. If you would like to support the physical and social development of our students, 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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For questions or more information (863)385-0049 or e-mail at office@stcathe.org.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16, Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7, Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16, Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14, Ps 31:20, 21, 24, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14, Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7, Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20, Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18, Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25, Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34, Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13, Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35, Rom 5:12-15, Mt 10:26-33

***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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**Mass Intentions of the Week****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

Kristopher Wegner (for health) — The Lucas Family

MONDAY June 15th

8:00 AM Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala

TUESDAY June 16th

8:00 AM AUGUSTIN MIRANDA † Linda Arceo

WEDNESDAY June 17th

8:00 AM MAGDALENA VILLALOBOS † Candida Reyes

THURSDAY June 18th

8:00 AM For the peace in the world — Fr. José

FRIDAY June 19th

8:00 AM DENISE MORALES † Mother

SATURDAY June 20th

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

SUNDAY June 21st

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

10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Fathers — 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.*

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.

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

OFFERINGS

Second Collections

This Week: Collection for Military Services

Next Week: Charity Funds

June 7th

Regular: \$6,316.00

Insurance: \$1,777.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,412.00

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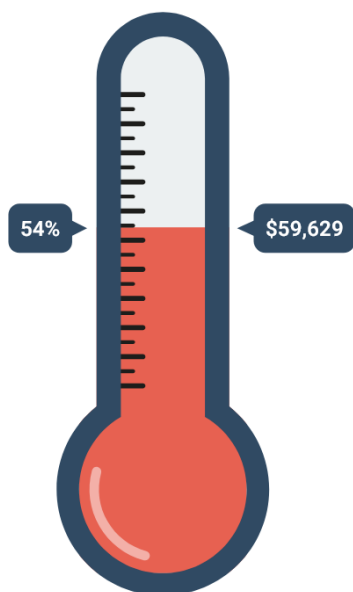
Flocknote May: \$4,852.00

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<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 \$91,387.50

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/

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Pancakes and sausage will be available in the Parrish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses each Sunday until August 30.

Asking for a minimum donation of 5.00 for each plate.

Prepared for you by the Knights of Columbus and the CCW.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we visited 2 patients in the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

We served 43 visitors/shoppers with a total of 135 family members.

11 Volunteers/Vincentians operated the food pantry. We received 2 monetary and 15 food donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of canned soup and vegetables. 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.

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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.

GRIEF SHARE 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! The family for the month of May is the Fontanes.

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.

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