



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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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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Embracing True Fatherhood

On this Father's Day, we give thanks for the gift of fathers—but we also take a sober look at what fatherhood is meant to be, and what it can become when it is distorted by self-centeredness. In a culture that often celebrates the self above all else, the vocation of fatherhood stands as a quiet but powerful contradiction: it is not about being admired, but about giving oneself away.

At the heart of Christian fatherhood is the revelation of God as Father—not a distant or self-absorbed ruler, but One who pours Himself out in love. The Father does not dominate; He gives life. He does not demand admiration; He seeks the good of His children. Every earthly father is called to reflect this divine pattern. Instead of, “I am the center,” authentic fatherhood says, “I am here to serve.”

Self-centeredness can subtly take root in family life. It appears when a father seeks control instead of communion, admiration instead of relationship, or compliance instead of genuine growth. It shows itself when a child becomes an extension of the father's ego rather than a person entrusted to his care. This is not fatherhood—it is a distortion of it.

Saint Joseph offers us a strikingly different image. He speaks no recorded words in Scripture, yet his life speaks volumes. He does not draw attention to himself; he protects, provides, and quietly obeys God's will. Joseph does not center his life on his own plans or recognition, but on the needs of Mary and Jesus. In him we see

that true fatherhood is not about being seen, but about being faithful.

To be a father is to accept a lifelong call to self-gift. It requires the humility to admit one's faults, the patience to accompany others, and the strength to sacrifice personal comfort for the good of the family. Self-centeredness resists this, because it fears vulnerability and avoids responsibility. But the Gospel calls fathers to something greater: to lay down their lives in love, just as Christ does.

This also means that fathers must be willing to undergo ongoing conversion. A father who prays, who examines his conscience, and who seeks God's mercy is not weak—he is becoming who he is meant to be. Spiritual maturity dismantles the illusion of self-sufficiency and replaces it with trust in God. Only then can a father love his family not as possessions, but as gifts.

On this Father's Day, we honor those fathers who strive—often imperfectly but sincerely—to live this self-giving love. We also pray for healing where fatherhood has been marked by absence, control, or self-centeredness. God's grace can restore what is broken and teach us anew what it means to love rightly.

May all fathers look to God the Father as their source and model. May they learn from Saint Joseph the quiet strength of humility. And may they reject the false promises of self-centeredness, embracing instead the joy and freedom that come from giving themselves in love.

Prayer

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, radiant with the love of the Father and poured out for us on the Cross, look with mercy and tenderness upon all fathers today. Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, form every father after the pattern of your own Heart: steadfast in faith, generous in sacrifice, gentle in strength, patient in weakness, faithful in prayer, and attentive to the little ones entrusted to his care.

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity, heal the wounds and fears that make fathers hard or distant, and replace them with your compassion, your courage, and your calm. Teach them to exercise authority as service, to lead their families toward holiness, and to ask forgiveness with humility when they have failed.

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness, sustain fathers who are tired, worried, or alone; console those who mourn a child or who carry hidden crosses; strengthen those who provide and protect in quiet, unseen ways. Draw back to yourself any father who has wandered far from your love, and raise up spiritual fathers—priests, deacons, and mentors—who reflect the tenderness and fidelity of God the Father in our parishes and communities.

Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts, hold in your mercy fathers who have died, purify them in your love, and bring them to see the Father face to face.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, guardian of your Sacred Heart and faithful head of the Holy Family, make every father on earth a living sign of the Father in heaven, so that in their love, their children may learn to say with trust: “Our Father.” O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all fathers—living and deceased—within your pierced Heart. Bless them, keep them, and make their hearts like unto yours, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

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For more information contact middle school youth group

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,

We began this week of summer camp with amazing music, combined with art projects, religious education, and a field trip to Highlands Hammock. Thank you to Don Isreal, Grand Knight of St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus Council 1441 for arranging this special tour where our students learned about the indigenous plants and animals of our very own eco system. In addition, there we great history lessons about the Hammock and the history of development and preservation in our community.



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, M. Ed.

Principal



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: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18, Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13, Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36, Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11, Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6, Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15, Acts 13:22-26, Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17, Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9, Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12, Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6, Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19, Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21, Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a, Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, Rom 6:3-4, 8-11, Mt 10:37-42)

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

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

MONDAY June 22nd

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

RICHARD SULLIVAN † Rose Hall

TUESDAY June 23rd

8:00 AM LUISA WONG † Maria Tuazon

WEDNESDAY June 24th

8:00 AM CHANG RODRIGUEZ † Angela L. Martinez

THURSDAY June 25th

8:00 AM MONIN RIVERA † Angela L. Martinez

FRIDAY June 26th

8:00 AM PAUL HENNEBERRY † Hannah Henneberry

ESTEBAN ROENA † Candida Reyes

SATURDAY June 27th

4:00 PM CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams

JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY June 28th

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

10:00 AM Kathy Berard (for health) — The Lucas Family

Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala



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 Funds

Next Week: Peter's Pence Collection

June 14th

Regular: \$5,842.00

Collection for Military Services: \$802.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,184.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

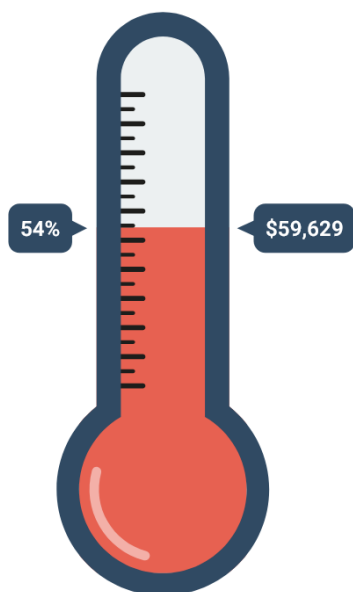
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Flocknote May: \$4,852.00

For Online Flocknote Giving visit

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INSURANCE FUND 2026

GOAL: \$110,000

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2026

Our assessment for 2026 is \$123.00.00

We have received \$95,237.50

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

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 served 43 visitors/shoppers with a total of 142 family members. 12 Volunteers/Vincentians operated the food pantry.

We received 4 monetary and 9 food donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of peanut butter and dry beans. 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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