



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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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 Friday: 8:00 AM

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

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***The Episcopal Ordination of
Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero, O.F.M.Cap.***

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Two o'clock in the afternoon

From St. John XXIII Parish in Fort Myers

Solemn Vespers

Friday, July 10, 2026

Five o'clock in the evening

From St. John XXIII Parish in Fort Myers

Due to limited seating, attendance at the Ordination Mass is by invitation only.

Can't attend in person? Both the Ordination Mass and Solemn Vespers on the evening before will be livestreamed so everyone can participate in this historic moment for our Diocese.

The link is: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/livestream/>

May God bless Bishop-elect Emilio as he prepares for this important ministry.

The special Florida Catholic Thank You Bishop Dewane e-edition is HERE:

<https://www.thefloridacatholic.org/eedition/venice/>

Inside, you will read about the leadership, legacy and plans of Bishop Dewane, plus items from people who worked closely with him through the years. There is also a story which ran in the Florida Catholic in 2006 ahead of his Episcopal Ordination. Enjoy!

An Offering of 651 Hours of Prayer and Mercy for America's 250th Birthday!



St. Catherine Catholic parish community extends a profound and heartfelt thank you to everyone who dedicated their time, prayer, and labor to our recent initiatives. As our nation celebrates its historic **250th anniversary of independence**, our parish has marked this milestone by offering an overwhelming gift of love to God and our country: **651 combined hours** of devotion and service.

- **Holy Hours of Adoration: 323 hours** were spent in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Your faithful presence anchored our parish in grace and lifted our nation's future up to the Lord.

- **Works of Mercy: 328 hours** were given to serving those in need. By stepping out to comfort, feed, clothe,

or care for others, you truly became the hands and feet of Christ, enriching our community and country.

Your extraordinary devotion and selfless charity have brought immense light to our parish during this historic season of celebration. May God bless you abundantly for answering the call to love deeply and serve faithfully.

Thank You for Living Our Faith in Adoration and Mercy during America's 250th Anniversary

2026—2027

Our Religious Education program for the year 2026—2027 begins in September. The registrations are available now



Registrations are available in the Church vestibule. You also may complete the paperwork at the Church office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM—3:00 PM.

Classes will be Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30 PM and Sundays from 10:00—12:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Registration are for Pre-Communion, First Communion, Post Communion and Confirmation. For more information please call (863)385-0049.

GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

For more information contact middle school youth group coordinators: 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INTIATION OF ADULTS



The RCIA process is now called OCIA, reflecting a closer translation of the process by which adults are initiated into the Catholic faith, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith, about becoming Catholic or in need of the Sacraments, please extend an invitation to them to come to the RCIA sessions.

These classes will begin in September. For more information, or to register for classes, please call Juana at (863)385-0049.

The Bible Timeline
The Story of Salvation

Jeff Cavins
&
Fr. Mike Schmitz

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)
Jonathan Spence 508-333-0483 (voice/text)

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.

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

In an age of rapid technological change, cultural upheaval, and questions about the very purpose of education, many Catholic communities are rediscovering a time-tested treasure: classical Catholic education. Parishes and schools across the United States are transitioning from modern, test-driven models to this integrated approach, which forms the whole person—intellect, heart, and soul—in the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty rooted in Christ.

What Is Classical Catholic Education?

Classical Catholic education revives the Church's historic tradition of the liberal arts. It centers on the **Trivium** (grammar, logic, and rhetoric) for mastering language and thought, and the **Quadrivium** (arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy) for understanding the order of creation. Students immerse themselves in the Great Books of Western civilization, study Latin, explore history through a Catholic lens, and engage with Scripture, the Church Fathers, and the saints.

Unlike fragmented modern curricula, it integrates all subjects around the Catholic vision of reality. Faith is not an add-on but the unifying principle: mathematics reveals the Creator's order; literature forms moral imagination; science contemplates the wonders of creation. The goal is not merely job preparation but the formation of virtuous, wise, free persons who know, love, and serve God.

A Hopeful Path Forward

Society benefits when its members are free—not just politically, but interiorly: liberated from ignorance, vice, and superficiality. Classical Catholic education pursues this true liberty, forming people who know who they are (made in God's image), why they exist (to know, love, and serve Him), and how to live accordingly.

As enrollment in classical models grows rapidly, it signals a grassroots renewal. For families, parishes, and the broader culture, investing in this approach is not merely about better schools—it is about rebuilding a society rooted in truth, ordered toward the good, and open to the transcendent. In an age that desperately needs saints, scholars, and servants, classical Catholic education matters because it forms exactly those kinds of people.

A Call to Renewal

As Catholic families and parishes consider this transition, the promise is clear: education that forms saints and scholars, not just test-takers. Classical Catholic education reconnects children to the rich inheritance of Christian civilization and equips them to navigate contemporary challenges with wisdom and virtue.

Other Announcements:

Playground Equipment Milestone

We have raised \$37,050 toward making the upgrades needed to the playground, however, with the new school year rapidly approaching, we are using our savings reserve to begin the replacement of the unusable playset. We are still raising funds to replenish our savings reserve and move forward with the other two playsets. 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.

We are Hiring

We need a bus driver for the next school year to transport our students from Lake Placid to and from school each day and drive for the occasional field trip. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please reach out to me at cullipher@stcatheschool.org.
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: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13, Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10, Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9, Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10, Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17, Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8, Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11, Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14, Rom 8:18-23, Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY July 4th**

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

SUNDAY July 5th

8:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS of the CEGELSKI FAMILY
† Gladys Zitelli

DECEASED MEMBERS of the KIELAR FAMILY †
Gladys Zitelli

10:00 AM ROBERT ELLIS † Pat LeFiles

Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala

MONDAY July 6th

8:00 AM OLIVA ALBA † Alba Family

EZEQUIEL RAMOS † Magdalena Animas Ruiz

TUESDAY July 7th

8:00 AM LEO & REYNE LUMBAB † Pacita Powell

WEDNESDAY July 8th

8:00 AM VERONICA KIERNAN † Leslie E. Giles

THURSDAY July 9th

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

FRIDAY July 10th

8:00 AM For our Church — Fr. José

SATURDAY July 11th

4:00 PM ANGELA ELLIS McCLELLAN † Pat LeFiles

TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY July 12th

8:00 AM FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ † Luz Rodriguez

GEORGE & ROCHELLE KOSHKO † Jody Gastovich
& Denise Dunn

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ZITELLI FAMILY
† Gladys Zitelli

10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — 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**

**Budgeted for First Collection Weekly
from 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027: \$10,000**

Collected June 28th: \$7,253.00

Difference (\$2747)

Peter's Pence Collection: \$921.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$949.00

Second Collections

This Week: Youth Group

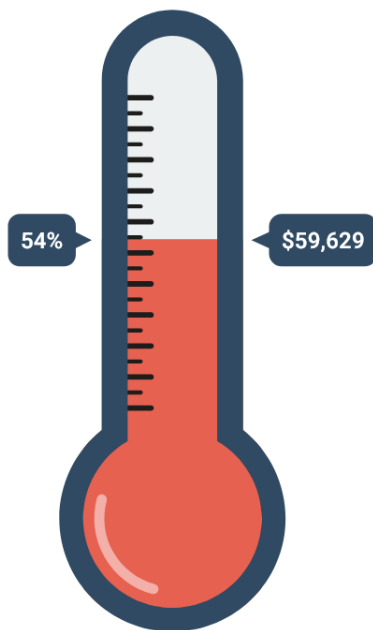
Next Week: Insurance

**For Online Giving instructions visit
<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>**

Flocknote June: \$4,757.00
**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 \$101,984.50

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/

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we served 42 visitors/shoppers with a total of 137 family members.

10 Volunteers/Vincentians operated the food pantry. We received 12 donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of cereal and canned chicken, soup and tuna. 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.

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.

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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