



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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Office Hours
Monday—Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

CLERGY
Pastor
Very Reverend José González, V.F.
frjose@stcathe.org

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 & 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 9:00 AM

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

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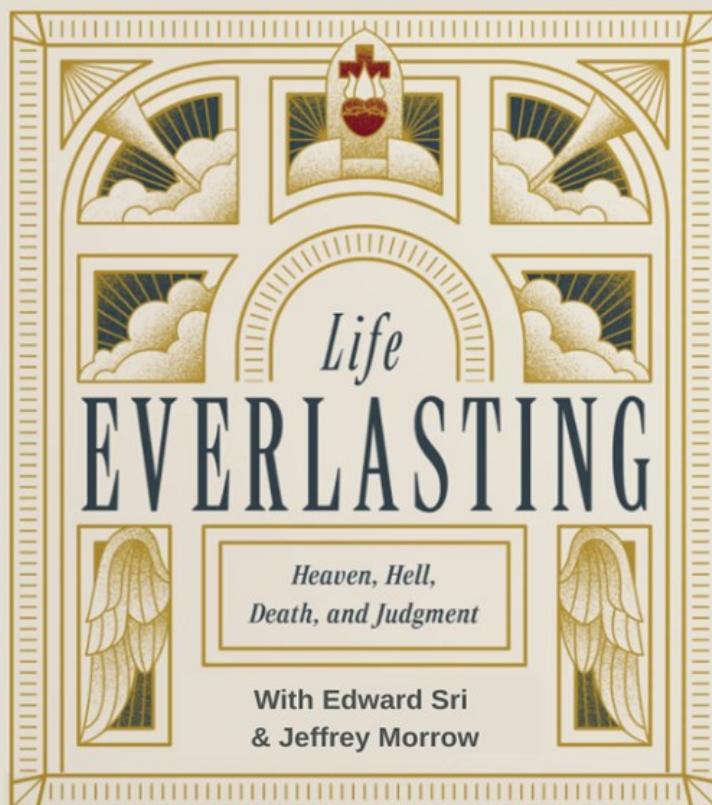
A heartfelt word of thanks is extended to all parishioners who contributed Christmas gift cards for the children. Your generosity has helped brighten their celebration of the Lord's Nativity in a very concrete way.

Your support is a tangible sign of the love and faith of St. Catherine Church and it has made a meaningful difference for the families during this holy season.



Be assured of prayer for you and your loved ones, that the Lord may reward your goodness and bless you with peace and joy in the New Year.





Video Series & Discussion

Join us Thursdays at 6:00 PM

January 8 - February 5

Building S200 (corner of Hickory & Lakeview)

Next meeting on January 22

Contact:

Jennifer Lindsey 618-521-8730 (voice/text)

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



Something New for the New Year

Break open the Word of God every Tuesday at 12:30 PM 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. If you have questions, contact Janet Patterson at gracesmop@yahoo.com or by calling 260-452-6012.

GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

Every Thursday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm for Middle School Youth Group! Classes will be on the "White House" located next to the Church. Grades 7th and 8th and their parents/guardians are invited!

For more information contact middle school youth group coordinators: Kathy (863) 452-7679 or Ken Bruce (863) 273-6822.



St. Catherine Catholic Parish utilizes a system called "Flocknote" to keep

in touch with members. By signing up for this service at

<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com>, you will receive text messages for any urgent information (such as weather cancellations or last-minute event details). You can also send the text message STCATHE to 84576 to automatically sign up for your Flocknote. Don't worry, we're not going to send you spam.

When you register, you will be able to choose whether you would like to receive notes by email, text, or both, and the ministries you would like to join. To make changes, you can access your account at any time by using your email or phone. You can receive the weekly bulletin, the schedule of Masses, daily Gospel reflections, emergency information about the Parish... You can also join different ministries in the Parish and receive information from them.

Simplify your tithing! Giving to St. Catherine is easier and more secure than ever before. Visit <https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/give> to set up recurring giving, with no login or password required. You can get started in just a few minutes, and never have to worry about envelopes, stamps, or writing checks again. It's as easy as online shopping!

OCIA

These classes will be Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Building S300.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes Wednesday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM. For more information please call (863)385-0049.

VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP

Meeting every Friday from 6:30—8:00 PM at the white House located next to the Church. Grades 9 -12 are invited!

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

Dear Friends and Families of St. Catherine Catholic School,

Welcome Our New Music Teacher!

I am pleased to introduce to you our new music teacher, Ms. Vicknell Berrios. Ms. Berrios is a Christian harpist from Puerto Rico. She has a Bachelor Degree in Music Education with a minor in Flute and Harp from the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico. As a musician and Choral Conductor, Ms. Berrios had the opportunity to travel to England, Brazil, Venezuela, Chile, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Canada and many states of USA. In September of 2012, she moved to Sebring, Florida where she teaches the flute and the harp. She also is a choral, handbells and general music teacher. She learned to play the harp at Longy School of Music in Boston. She loves to play in churches, nursing homes, weddings, funerals, memorials, schools and special events and occasions. Her programs include classical music, Folk music, contemporary music and sacred music.

We are truly blessed to have Ms. Berrios as a member of the St. Catherine Catholic School faculty. She and I have discussed our visions for the future of the music program at our school, and I am excited about the potential of the program and the amazing impact it will surely have on our students.



A Blessed Addition: New Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Catherine Catholic School recently welcomed a beautiful new statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to our campus. The statue, depicting Our Lady with open arms in a gesture of welcome and maternal care, was installed in the school front garden, where students and parents can recognize her presence each day.

The new statue was made possible through a generous donation from a parishioner, who saw it as an opportunity to enhance our campus as a place of prayer and reflection. The figure captures Mary's serene expression and gentle demeanor, making it a focal point for daily prayer, May Crownings, and other Marian devotions.

This addition beautifies our school while deepening our Catholic identity. Mary, as the perfect disciple, models for our students the virtues we strive to instill: humility, obedience, and love." This new statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary stands as a testament to our school's commitment to fostering a vibrant faith life.

There is still a little landscaping to be done to enhance Our Lady's presence. We hope to have a formal dedication ceremony in the coming weeks once the final touches are completed.

Hail Mary, full of grace—pray for us!

Thank you and God Bless,

Mr. Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.
Principal

St. Catherine Catholic Church Inc. will be holding a **Car Raffle** to pay the insurance necessary to maintain our ministries and ongoing needs of the parish.

Tickets are available now at the parish office and after all weekend Masses; all proceeds will benefit St. Catherine Catholic Church Inc., and its charitable works.

Please note: The grand prize winner is responsible for all fees associated with licensing, registration, insurance, and taxes (including income tax, luxury tax, special taxes, shipping, and all title and sales taxes). The grand prize winner may, alternatively, elect to receive a cash prize in the amount of \$15,000.00.

The raffle regulations are posted on our website, at the entrance of the Church and the Parish Hall.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Catherine Catholic Church Inc., through this fundraiser that helps sustain our worship, formation, and outreach.

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: 1 Sm 15:16-23, Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13, Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28, Mk 2:23-28

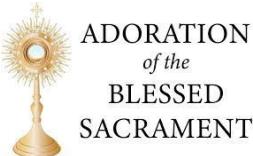
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10, Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7, Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13, Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21, Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11, Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, Ps 80:2-3, 5-7, Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17, Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



*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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY January 17th**

9:00 AM Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José

4:00 PM GEORGE MAYHEW † Madonna Class of '70
TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels

JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY January 18th

8:00 AM TONY HERNANDEZ † Olivia Rowe

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

MONDAY January 19th

8:00 AM MANUEL C. DOMISIW JR. † Issa, Manny and
Madeline
Mackie Boone — Familia Guillen

12:00 PM For Peace of the world and freedom from violence —
Fr. José

TUESDAY January 20th

8:00 AM DENISE MORALES † Mother

12:00 PM JOHN TAVANO † Frank Micale & family

WEDNESDAY January 21st

8:00 AM Maria Stella Vargas de Castro (Health) — Daughter

12:00 PM For those who care for the sick — Fr. José

THURSDAY January 22nd

8:00 AM Day of Prayer for the Protection of God's Unborn
Children — Fr. José

12:00 PM In thanksgiving for all our blessings — Fr. José

FRIDAY January 23rd

8:00 AM 5 VICTIMS of SUN TRUST BANK † Denny & Sharon
Bledsoe

12:00 PM MARY BABIK † Bob Babik

SATURDAY January 24th

9:00 AM For Pope Leo XIV — Fr. José

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

SUNDAY January 25th

8:00 AM CHAD PICKLO † Mark & Barbara Walczak

10:00 AM WILLIAM ZITELLI † Gladys Zitelli

MASS INTENTIONS

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: For the Church in Latin America
Next Week: School Support

January 11th

Regular: \$7,628.00

Insurance: \$2,394.50

Weekly Online Giving: \$679.00

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

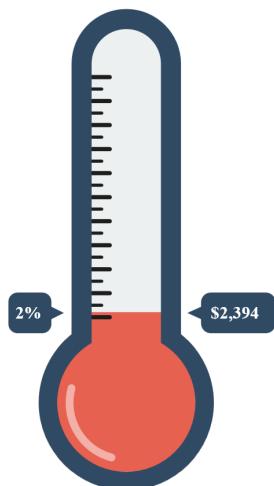
Flocknote December: \$1,775.00

For Online Flocknote Giving visit
<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/fundit/give>

INSURANCE FUND 2026

St Catherine Church is responsible each year for a significant insurance premium that protects our church buildings, parish hall, offices, and all who worship and serve here.

To meet this obligation without cutting ministries, a special Insurance Fund has been established, and parishioners are invited to help as they are able. If you can make an extra gift to the "Insurance Fund" (by envelope or online), your sacrifice will directly help the parish meet this essential stewardship responsibility. Thank you for your continued generosity and for the many ways you care for our parish family.

GOAL: \$110,000



Parishioners who wish to receive a statement of financial contributions to St. Catherine in **2025** for tax purposes are asked to fill in the information below and deposit it with the weekend collection or return it to the Parish Office.

Those of you that contributed to the Catholic Faith Appeal will receive their statement of contributions directly from the Diocese.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Envelope #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On behalf of all of us at the SVDP Food Pantry, we would like to thank the St. Catherine Congregation and especially the Sassie Ladies Group for your support.

This week we served 35 visitor/ shoppers with 118 family members.

We received three food donations from Parish Families. Twelve Vincentians/Volunteers operated the food pantry with two students.

***The day of the Food Pantry operation has been changed to Thursday. Beginning Thursday the 22nd of January. ***

Our next formal meeting is Thursday January 22nd at 11: 00 AM. in room 13.

We would appreciate donations of Peanut Butter. If you would like to make a donation you can make a check payable to St. Vincent de Paul and place it in the Poor Box in the Church Vestibule (Entrance).

If you would like to join us or have a need we are open every Thursday Beginning 01/22/26 at 10 AM. 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](#) for further information.

ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

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ddiaz8558@gmail.com	Respect Life:.....385-0049
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 jcsojlindsey@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. We might be tempted to keep our pain inside and not share it with others in our Church family, but God's Word says that the healing comes in community, within the Church. Romans 12 says: "We're one body and we belong to one another."

Beginning on February 1st 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. **New Members and Transfers are ALWAYS welcome!** Any questions please contact Steve Ashley 863-414-4169. 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. It's **FREE!**

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)