

# St. Catherine Catholic Church

## 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Church Address

820 Hickory St., Sebring, Florida

### Parish Office/Mailing

882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870

**Tel:** 863-385-0049

**Tel:** 863-385-6762 (Spanish)

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### School Office/Mailing

**Principal:** Dr. Anna V. Adam

747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870

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**Fax:** 863-385-7310

**E-mail:** school@stcathe.com

### School Office Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM-3:30 PM

### CLERGY

#### Pastor

Very Reverend José González, V.F.  
frjose@stcathe.com or 863-385-0049

#### Parochial Vicar

Reverend Victor Caviedes  
863-385-3993

#### Assisting Priest (Ret.)

Reverend J. Peter Sheehan

#### Deacons

Reverend Mr. James R. McGarry  
Reverend Mr. Max M. Sévère

### SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday—4:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday—8, 10 AM, 12 PM (Spanish)

#### Daily Mass

Monday—Friday 8 AM, 12 PM

Saturday at 9 AM

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday 7:15-7:45 AM

Saturday 3 PM to 3:45 PM

#### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM-1:30 PM



“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’”

October:

Respect Life Month

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Pray A Rosary

October

Month of the Holy Rosary

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

Respect Life Sunday is on Sunday, October 7. Through out October, Catholics are called in a special way to reflect on the gift of human life, the threats against it and how we can protect all persons from conception to natural life. Please join us in a Holy Hour at 3 PM in the chapel on October 7. This time will be set aside for meditation and private prayer. We will also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

October is Respect Life Month. Respect Life Sunday is always the first Sunday in October. Respect Life Sunday has been observed since 1972. This year's theme is "Faith Opens Our Eyes to Human Life in all it's Grandeur and Beauty!"

**Church Teachings**

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life." We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." (#28) ... "It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop." (#101) Pope John Paul II  
The Gospel of Life



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IN ALL ITS GRANDEUR AND BEAUTY



RESPECT LIFE

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and ecology. St. Francis of Assisi was a Roman Catholic saint who took the gospel literally by following all Jesus said and did. Francis was born at Assisi in Umbria in 1181 or 1182. His father was a prosperous merchant, and Francis planned to follow him in his trade, although he had the dreams of being a troubadour or a knight. In 1201 he took part in an attack on Perugia, was taken hostage, and remained a captive there for a year. As a result of his captivity and a severe illness his mind began to turn to religion, but around 1205 he enlisted in another military expedition, to Apulia. However, he had a dream in which God called him to his service, and he returned to Assisi and began to care for the sick. In 1206, he had a vision in which Christ called him to repair His Church. Francis interpreted this as a command to repair the church of San Damiano, near Assisi. He resolved to become a hermit, and devoted himself to repairing the church. His father was angry and embarrassed by Francis' behavior, and imprisoned him and brought him before the bishop as disobedient. Francis abandoned all his rights and possessions, including his clothes. Two years later he felt himself called to preach, and was soon joined by companions. When they numbered eleven he gave them a short Rule and received approval from Pope Innocent III for the brotherhood, which Francis called the Friars Minor.

*In honor of the Patron Saint of Animals, Fr. Jose will bless the animals on Oct. 4 at 8:30 AM and 6 PM.*

**OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. The best way to celebrate the month is to pray the rosary, but additional prayers can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month, too.

**How To Pray the Rosary**

The use of beads or knotted ropes to count large numbers of prayers comes from the earliest days of Christianity, but the rosary as we know it today emerged in the second thousand years of Church history.

The rosary is divided into three sets of mysteries: Joyful (Monday, Thursday and Sunday, Advent to Lent); Sorrowful (Tuesday, Friday and Sunday, during Lent); and Glorious (Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, Easter to Advent). Here's how to pray the rosary:

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. On the crucifix, recite the Apostles' Creed
3. On the first bead above the crucifix, pray the Our Father
4. On the next three beads, pray the Hail Mary three times
5. Pray the Glory Be
6. Announce the First Mystery of the Rosary
7. On the single bead, pray the Our Father
8. On the next ten beads, pray the Hail Mary ten times
9. Repeat Steps 5-8 for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Decades
10. Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father
11. Conclude With the Sign of the Cross

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SEPT. 26 – NOV. 4

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evils of abortion through the use of an effective 3-point program:

1. Prayer and fasting
2. Constant vigil
3. Community outreach



40 Days for Life takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion in America.

The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge.

**Vision and mission**

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation for Grades K through 5 meet on Wednesday nights from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall; and on Sundays mornings from 10 AM to 11:45 AM in the Parish Hall.

We are still looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office (863) 385-0049.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 11:45 AM in the Parish Hall. You can still register your children.

For further information or to register your children, please contact the Parish Office (385-0049) or Jennifer Castelli (443-2478).

**ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Mark your calendars to drop off your donations for the 2nd Annual CCW Yard Sale.

**When** 9:30 to 11:30 AM on Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 23 and Nov. 30

**Where** 3820 Leeway Ct., Sebring

For questions or to schedule a more convenient time for you, please contact:

- Gloria Goelz, 471-2993
- Jeannette Mikelonis, 314-0215
- Peggy Pierce, 471-0474.

Thank you for your faithful and continuous support! God bless you.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays evenings at 7 PM in the Church. Rehearsals last about an hour and a half.

The choir sings at the 10 AM Mass starting in October and some Feast Days. Contact Rob Gillmore at 414-1843 or rgillmore@hotmail.com.

**CCW DUES**

Renewal of CCW dues are now due. Please make your check payable to "CCW" for \$12.00 and mark in the memo "Dues." Please mail this to Judy Paddock at 1146 Memorial Dr., Avon Park, FL 33825.

**RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for all adults who want to become Catholic *and* for all Catholics adults who want to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of First Communion.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult sessions are every Thursday at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult sessions will continue until April 2013.

If you are interested in joining or want to register, contact the Parish Office at (863) 385-0049. Space is limited, so sign up today!

**FREE CATHOLIC RESOURCES****CONFESSION**

All of our sins, past, present, and future are forgiven once and for all when we become Christians? ...Not according to the Bible or early Church Fathers. Scripture does not state anywhere that our *future* sins are forgiven.

Read more about this subject in one of the flyers located in the Vestibule of the Church. There are many more subjects available in the flyers and they are free for your reading pleasure.

There are also CDs available from Lighthouse Catholic Media to be borrowed or purchased.



ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The children attended Mass with Bishop Frank J. Dewane on September 11. At the end of the Mass, Sara Gillmore and Austin Hunnewell presented the Spiritual Bouquet to the Bishop. The Bishop was thrilled! He told us that he prays for us each day as well.

Bishop Frank J. Dewane enjoyed presiding over the children's Mass. The children of St. Catherine School behaved so well that the Bishop, Fr. Michael, and Fr. Nick were impressed! Fr. José was sure to let them know that we behave well all the time!! The Bishop along with the Priests were extremely impressed with how well the children responded and sang. It was a great day!



St. Catherine school is looking for a part-time Religion teacher. Qualifications are as follows:

1. be a Catholic in good standing
2. have a bachelor's degree in theology or religious studies; OR have a bachelor's degree in and complete a basic level in diocesan catechist certification program
3. within 2 years of employment complete 3 college credits or the equivalent in instructional methodology and 3 college credits or the equivalent in child/adolescent development as approved by the diocesan superintendent. One of these must be completed in the first year.
4. show evidence of continuing religious education.

If you think this is your calling please contact Dr. Adam at St. Catherine School, (863) 385-7300.

— Dr. Anna V. Adam, Principal

**JOIN TEAM – 50 TO HELP OUR SCHOOL!**

Help maintain our Catholic School by becoming a part of Team-50 for 2012-2013! Team-50 supports St. Catherine Catholic School by pledging to donate at least \$50 each month. With your help we can get much accomplished! We need YOU in order to succeed! Please mark below how you choose to make your payments...

- \$50 monthly                       \$100 bi-monthly  
 \$150/quarterly                       \$300/semi-annually  
 credit/ debit card payment

Please fill out your basic information, listed below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_



**YOUTH GROUPS**

**FAMILY MASS**

The 5 PM Family Mass at the Holy Family Youth Center resumes on next Sunday, on October 7. To volunteer contact Anthony Fontanes, 381-9833 or anthony@stcathe.com.

**YOUTH GROUPS**

Edge is every Wednesday from 6 PM to 8 PM. LifeTeen is Sunday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

For questions or information, please contact Anthony Fontanes at 381-9833 or anthony@stcathe.com.



**LIFETEEN CONTINUES TO GROW**

The first ever LifeTeen/Edge Kickoff Cookout went better than possibly expected! A huge thank you to the core members and other volunteers for all of your help with the facilitating of the evening and for registration assistance, all of the parents for attending and bringing your youth, the youth for coming and having fun, the Knights of Columbus for providing all of the food and preparing it for all of us.

As of the writing of this article there 27 registrations for Edge and 12 registrations for LifeTeen. For a first time event I am very pleased with the numbers. I am expecting the number to continue to grow as the year progresses. This kickoff was just a small taste of what is to come in the future of our youth programs. Continue to expect good things from our new programs!

If anyone is interesting in being a part of this experience in some way, give me a call or catch me sometime after mass. God bless you all and continue to pray for our youth.

— Anthony Fontanes

“Remember your word  
to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have gave me  
hope. This is my comfort  
when I am brought low.”

Cf. Psalm 119:49-50

### SACRAMENTS

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office and we will visit the home, hospital or care facility.

#### BAPTISM

Call the office 3 months before the Baptism to make an appointment. Parents and godparents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class.

#### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes are Sundays from 9:45 to 11:45 AM in the Parish Hall. For information, call Jennifer Castelli at (863) 443-2478.

#### MARRIAGE

Arrange the Sacrament of Marriage 6 months before. For the next Marriage Preparation class will be, call Carmen at (863) 385-0049.

#### RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is available in the church on first Fridays at 7:15 AM, Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 PM, or by appointment with a priest.

### OTHER LITURGY

#### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration and Benediction is in the Church after the 8 AM Mass on First Friday.

#### FUNERALS

Funeral arrangements are initiated through the funeral homes who contact St. Catherine. Please remember us in your Memorial designations.

#### HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour is Tuesdays in the Chapel from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. Call Deacon Max or Gladys Sévère at (863) 382-9402.

### SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23;  
 Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Gal 6:14-18; Mt 11:25-30  
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24  
 Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Psm 128:1-6;  
 Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, September 29th

9:00 AM For the Feast of the Archangels — Fr. José  
 4:00 PM THOMAS MEAGHER† Helen Sullivan  
 AMINA & GASTON MICHEL† Frantz Michel  
 DEAN WAKE† Lawrence & Laverne Amidei

#### SUNDAY, September 30th

8:00 AM MARGARET DIXON† Carol & Bob Ushka  
 DORA PEREIRA† Hugo Pereira  
 OPAL STULTZ† Michael & Glenda Brannen  
 10:00 AM For all Living & Deceased Members of Saint  
 Catherine Catholic Church — Fr. José

#### MONDAY, October 1st

8:00 AM JOHN KULKA† Knights of Columbus  
 FREDERICK & AMANDA PERSAUD†  
 Cheryl McDonnell Canan

12:00 PM For all who Serve the Community — Fr. José

#### TUESDAY, October 2nd

8:00 AM For all Parents — Fr. José

12:00 PM GEORGIA QUIRK† Fr. José

#### WEDNESDAY, October 3rd

8:00 AM AL PHILLIPS† Knights of Columbus

12:00 PM LAUREANO OLIVEROS† Maria T. Oliveros

#### THURSDAY, October 4th

8:00 AM For the protection of all Animals — Fr. José

12:00 PM MARY BABIK† Sons, Bob and Louis

#### FRIDAY, October 5th

8:00 AM For St. Catherine Catholic School — Fr. José

12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of CCW — CCW

#### SATURDAY, October 6th

9:00 AM For our Youth — Fr. José

4:00 PM MONTY BIGGERSTAFF†

Wilbur & Pauline Biggerstaff

AMELIE, LEONCE, & ERNST PIERRE-ANTOINE†

Maud Michel

Micheline Pierre-Antoine — Maud Michel

#### SUNDAY, October 7th

8:00 AM LEO ARMBRUST† Jerry & Betty Coxé

WILLIAM LEE HELMS† Maureen Helms & Family

DORA PEREIRA† Hugo Pereira

10:00 AM RICHARD BEEBE† Knights of Columbus

HERBERT LIVINGSTON† Elaine Livingston

Sophia Torres — Alexander Torres

5:00 PM For all Living & Deceased Members of Saint

Catherine Catholic Church — Fr. José

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intention Forms are available at the Church, Office, website and Gift Shop. Forms can be sent to the Office, dropped in the collection basket at weekend Masses or can be transacted in the Gift Shop during open hours.

The usual donation is \$10. Please specify whether the person is living or deceased. Mass Intentions must be made 10 days prior to the date of the intention.

PARISH OFFICE

Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Our telephone number is (863) 385-0049. A portable office is located in the gift shop, to place your Mass intentions and transact other Parish business.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We need to keep parish records updated! Please come by the Parish Office or fill out the "Parish Registration Or Update Form" at the bottom of this page to update your contact information. Thank you for keeping us informed!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The usual Bulletin deadline is Thursday afternoon at 3:00 PM (10 days before the intended bulletin comes out). Please e-mail all bulletin articles to bulletin@stcath.com. No bulletin articles will be taken over the telephone.

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

COLLECTIONS

**Today:** Charity Funds Support.  
**Next Weekend:** Support of Respect Life.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

**September 23:** Regular Collection: \$3,602.50  
 Youth Ministry Support: \$2,115.00

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

We have received a total of \$117,465.00 pledges towards our 2012 assessment of \$70,000.00. We are at 167.81% of our goal! Thank you for your donations and support. Please make your checks payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal.

GIFT SHOP

**CRUCIFIX SALE: New items have just arrived!**

Come see the new merchandise! Call (863) 385-0049 to make an appointment, Mon. through Thurs. 9 AM-1 PM. Contact the Gift Shop during open hours (863) 385-1118.

**Sale!!!**

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Thursday

By Appointment

Saturday

3:30-5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM-1:30 PM

**Sale!!!**



**Credit cards welcome. Gift certificates available.**

FLOCKNOTE

FlockNote is a reliable system of communication that provides parish leaders a way to organize and manage communication within numerous ministries. FlockNote is simple, friendly and effective! Sign-up is easy and free! Just follow these few steps to register:

- Go to *flockNote.com*
- Click on "Register"
- Enter your basic information
- Click "browse" to browse the networks
- In the browsing bar, type in "St. Catherine"
- Click on the "St. Catherine of Sebring, FL" link

You can subscribe to lists! If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at (863) 385-0049.

PLEDGE CONNECT

PledgeConnect's services assist with regular giving. PledgeConnect was created for faith-based organizations to systemize lives and eliminate repetitive tasks. PledgeConnect's services respond to individual requests.

- PledgeConnect supports direct bank transfers from all major credit cards and checking accounts.
- Gifts and donations may be one-time, automatic at regular intervals set at your desire, or intermittent.
- Alterations can be made to the account, amount and contact information at any time.

To join PledgeConnect, please fill out an enrollment form at the Parish Office or website, *stcath.com*. For information, call the Parish Office at (863) 385-0049.

PARISH REGISTRATION OR UPDATE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City and ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

New Registration:(\_\_\_\_) Moving Out of the Parish:(\_\_\_\_)  
 Update Info:(\_\_\_\_) Need Contribution Envelopes:(\_\_\_\_)

WELCOME TO OUR CONGREGATION

You are invited to register with us, here at St. Catherine Catholic Church. Please register with us, we want you to join our faithful Church family.

In addition, if you have changed any of your contact information, please let Millie Havlock at the Parish Office know. This will help to keep our records updated! Thank you! God bless you!

HOW TO REGISTER OR UPDATE:

- Visit the Parish Office during open hours
- Mail the Parish Registration or Update Form to the office or drop it in the offertory basket
- Register online at *www.stcath.com*



**MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

St. Catherine Catholic Church is graced with a number of ministries and organizations that bring us together as a church family. By participating, we become one body in Christ. New members are always welcome to all of our ministries. We hope to see you joining us!

**CRAFT AND ROSARY MAKERS**

Are you crafty? Do you enjoy praying the Rosary? If so, we need you to keep this ministry alive! If you are interested in leading this group please call the Parish Office, (863) 385-0049.



**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

CCW is open to women of the parish. You're invited to attend either meeting to grow in faith. **Day Council** meets October through April. For more information, contact Grace Lewis at (863) 385-3973. **Evening Council** Meets October through May. For further information, please contact Lynn Bartley at (863) 382-9219 or lynn.bartley@gmail.com.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM, Holy Family Youth Center. This is a men's association dedicated to serve God. Contact Larry Pierce (863) 273-1769.

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary meets on Wednesday at 9 AM in Parish Hall, Room 17. For information contact Mary Ann Buckley at (863) 385-1386.

**MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND**

Eucharistic Ministers take the Eucharist to those who are unable to come to church. Contact Bob or Carol Ushka at (863) 385-8301.

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY**

The Prayer Blanket Ministry prays while sewing blankets and bring them to be blessed monthly. Prayer blankets are available to anyone in need. Please call DeeDee Bedard, (863) 273-0539 if you are interested in helping or know someone who needs a prayer blanket.

**TAI-CHI**

Tai-Chi meets every Tuesday morning in the Parish Hall from 9 to 10 AM. For more information, call Ray at (863) 385-7578 for information.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on September 18 from 4 to 5:30 PM in the School Library, 901 Hickory Street. Our book will be "The Cellist of Sarajevo" by Steven Galloway. For more information, please contact Judy Paddock at (863) 658-0134 or judypaddock@gmail.com.

**MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY**

- Pastor: Very Reverend José González, V.F  
.....385-0049
- Parochial Vicar: Reverend Victor Caviedes  
.....385-3993
- Asst Priest: Reverend J. Peter Sheehan (Ret.)
- Arts and Environment: DeeDee Bedard .....273-0539
- Altar Servers: Margie Gourley.....385-6610
- CCW: DeeDee Bedard .....273-0539
- Deacon: Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry .....368-1170
- Deacon: Rev. Mr. Max M. Sévère.....382-9402
- LifeTeen/Edge: Anthony Fontanes.....381-9833
- Knights of Columbus: Larry Pierce.....273-1769
- Liturgical Ministries: Diane Sochacki.....382-6638
- Ministry to the Sick: Bob & Carol Ushka .....385-8301
- Music Ministry: Rob Gillmore.....414-1843
- Parish Nurse: Peggy Pierce.....471-0474
- Prayer Chain: Annette Painter.....471-1913
- RCIA: Bill & Sandy Manint.....382-2222
- Religious Education K-5.....385-0049
- Respect Life: Marge Rafferty.....214-3312
- Ushers: Mike Flood.....471-6381

**ST. CATHERINE NAME TAGS**

Help us become better acquainted by wearing a St. Catherine Church nametag! When it arrives, your nametag will be available in the Church Vestibule. For further information, contact Mike Flood at (863) 471-6381.

**Name (please print):**

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**Previous Location or City/State of Origin:**

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**Nametags come with either a magnet or a pin, please specify which you prefer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pin

\_\_\_\_\_ Magnet

**Please fill out this form, cut it out and submit it with \$8.00. Forms may be returned to the Parish Office or dropped in the Offertory basket.**