

St. Catherine Catholic Church

Church Address
820 Hickory St. Sebring, Florida
Parish Office/Mailing
882 Bay St. Sebring, FL 33870
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Tel: 863-385-6762 (Spanish)
Fax: 863-385-5169
Web: www.stcathe.com
E-mail: office@stcathe.com
Office Hours
Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-1:30 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—3:30, 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday—8:00, 10:30 AM,

12:00 PM (Spanish),

5:00 PM (Holy Family Youth Center)

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Saturday, 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance

First Friday 7:15-7:45 AM

Saturday 2:30-3:15 PM

SCHOOL

Principal: Dr. Anna V. Adam

School Office/Mailing

747 S. Franklin St. Sebring, FL 33870

Tel: 863-385-7300

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E-mail: school@stcathe.com

2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time



*John was standing
with his two disciples,
and as he watched
Jesus walk by, he said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God.”*

John 1:35-36

UPCOMING EVENTS — MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Jan. 19	11:30 AM	Mass in Celebration of Bishop Nevins' 80th Birthday Epiphany Cathedral in Venice
Jan. 21	9—11:30 AM	First Reconciliation for K-5 students in Spanish
Feb. 11	11:00 AM	Mass for Married Couples Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries Epiphany Cathedral in Venice (Pre-Register)
Feb. 11	4:30—7 PM	Spaghetti dinner in Parish Hall
Feb. 14	10:30 AM	Valentine's Mass at St. Catherine Church (Pre-Register) (followed by reception in the Parish Hall)
Feb. 18-22		Parish Mission, Fr. Scott Seethaler, Capuchin
Feb. 22		Ash Wednesday English Masses at 8 AM, 12 Noon and 5:30 PM
Feb. 24-26	6 PM—6 PM	Christ Experience Retreat for High School students, Campo San José
Feb. 25	9 AM—2 PM	Annual Men's Conference. Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers
Mar. 3	11:00 AM	Mass for Married Couples Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries St. John the Evangelist Parish, Naples (Pre-Register)
Mar. 10	9 AM—2 PM	Annual Women's Conference Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers
Mar. 10	4:30—7 PM	Spaghetti dinner in Parish Hall
Mar. 17	9 AM—4 PM	Marriage Preparation Course, Music Center (Pre-Register)
Mar. 24	9 AM—3 PM	Leaven XVIII Conference at San Pedro Parish, North Port



*For more information about the events listed above,
please watch the bulletin or call the Parish Office at 385-0049.*

VITAL STATISTICS — DECEMBER 2011

BAPTISMS:

Edgar García Abreo	Dominic Eric Alvarado
Michael Flores González	Jayla Belle Hirsh
Kevin Vicente Laredo	Johan Mendoza Mata
Izarhias Nuez	Kiya Anne Pointer

WEDDINGS:

Salvador Avila & Janeth Gallardo

NEW REGISTRATIONS:

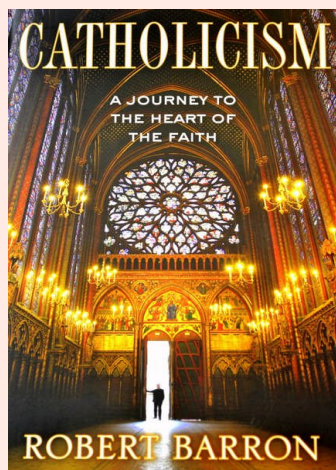
Bob & Mary Creekmur	Rodney Creekmur
Mary Harman	Marilyn Reyes
Nancy Snyder	

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We welcome the following new Eucharistic Ministers who will serve at St. Catherine Church:

Ammi Acosta	Tara Hennegar
Lucy Beebe	Rosemary Hoffmann
Rick Beebe	Joanne Johnson
Dee Dee Bedard	Jim & Marie Krenisky
Tom Blesch	Sara Leon
Alyssa Castelli	Andrew Nocker
Marianne Cecere	Jan Patterson
Edwin Diedrich	Carolyn Shaner
Dominga Gomez	Shelly Roy
Angie Green	Kimberly White
JoMarie Grinkiewicz	Barbara Varney

“JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE FAITH”



With great pleasure, we invite you to join Fr. Robert Barron's 10-part DVD study entitled Catholicism. This program has received rave reports from Catholics nationwide.

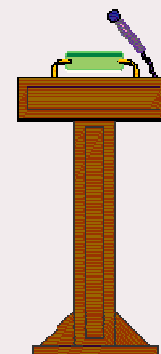
Classes are facilitated by Janet Patterson from the faculty of the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana. There is no charge for the class.

Classes have begun and will continue every Thursday through March 15 at the Music Center from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

Join the study and count on having an extraordinary experience!

LECTOR WORKSHOP

We are currently planning a training session for lectors for St Catherine Church. Please contact Diane Sochacki at (863) 382-6638, to express your interest and willingness to become a part of this ministry.



Thank you to all who donated gift cards through our Christmas Giving Tree. The gift



cards were distributed and the children are very grateful for your generosity.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 13:44-46
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Psm 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office, at 385-0049, three months prior to the Baptism for an appointment. Parents and godparents must attend a Baptism preparation class.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the church on first Fridays from 7:15 to 7:45 AM, Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 PM or by appointment with any priest.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office, at 385-0049, and we will visit the home, the hospital or the care facility.

OTHER LITURGY

FUNERALS

Funeral arrangements are initiated through the funeral home directors who will contact St. Catherine Church. Please remember St. Catherine School in Memorial designations.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers take the Eucharist to those unable to come to church. If you are able to assist, call Bob or Carol Ushka, at 385-8301.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 14th

- 9:00 AM For Religious Freedom for All — Fr. José
- 3:30 PM JOSEPH DERENZIS† Catherine DeRenzis
TINA DOSECK-SPARKS† Murlin & Marilyn Doseck
FATHER DAVID STOKES, S.J.† Linda Mohrdieck
- 5:00 PM PHILOMENA WAKE† Lawrence & Laverne Amidei
JAMES D. WOOD† Mother, Kathy Wood
MARK D. WOOD† Mother, Kathy Wood

SUNDAY, January 15th

- 8:00 AM ROBERT CONK† Marge & Joe Rafferty
DORA PEREIRA† Hugo Pereira
HELEN SHADD† Bill & Karen Simmons
- 10:30 AM For All Living & Deceased Members of St. Catherine Church — Fr. José
- 5:00 PM For our Bishop, Priests, and Deacons — Fr. José

MONDAY, January 16th

- 8:00 AM Curtis Croskery — Janice & Augustine Lacson
- 12:00 PM MARY BABIK† Sons, Bob & Louis

TUESDAY, January 17th

- 8:00 AM For all Military Personnel — Fr. José
- 12:00 PM MARION SPARKS† The Knights of Columbus
MARY BABIK† Sons, Bob & Louis

WEDNESDAY, January 18th

- 8:00 AM SCOTT J. GILES† Mike Flood
- 12:00 PM MARY BABIK† Sons, Bob & Louis

THURSDAY, January 19th

- 8:00 AM For all Teachers — Fr. José
- 12:00 PM MARY BABIK† Sons, Bob & Louis

FRIDAY, January 20th

- 8:00 AM For the Students of St. Catherine School — Fr. José
- 12:00 PM MARY BABIK† Sons, Bob & Louis

SATURDAY, January 21st

- 9:00 AM For all who Minister — Fr. José
- 3:30 PM JOSEPH DERENZIS† Catherine DeRenzis
CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY†
Jack & Madonna Williams
MARION SPARKS† The Knights of Columbus
- 5:00 PM For All Living & Deceased Members of St. Catherine Church — Fr. José

SUNDAY, January 22nd

- 8:00 AM JACK & JEAN GREEN† Gerald & Brenda Green
DORA PEREIRA† Hugo Pereira
LOUIS SPITALE† Grace & Robert Lewis
- 10:30 AM SHEILA MCGARRY† Rev. & Mrs. James McGarry
BERNARD TADYCH† Kevin & Ginger Carlisle
- 5:00 PM For our Youth — Fr. José

MASS INTENTIONS

Forms are available at Church, at our Parish Office, on our website and in the gift shop. The usual donation is \$10.00. Mass Intention requests can be sent to our Parish office, dropped in the collection basket or transacted in the gift shop. The intention typically remembers the soul of a deceased person but may also be for the personal intentions of the living. Please specify if the person is living or deceased.

ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY

OUR MISSION

St. Catherine Catholic School of Highlands County is a Pre-K 3 through 5th Grade Elementary School true to the teachings of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition. We serve the children of Highlands County.

Each member of the school community answers the call to nurture each child - spirit, mind, and body — in a safe, caring, family atmosphere. We provide a challenging and comprehensive curriculum which addresses a variety of learning styles and prepares each child for the future.

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS

The closing date for the Step Up For Students applications will be this Friday, January 20, 2012. The online registrations and all information must be submitted by 5 PM. For questions, please call the school.

Step Up For Students provides funds of up to \$4,000 per student each year. Scholarships are available for approximately 3,000 to 5,000 students. New or renewal applications are welcome online: www.stepupforstudents.org.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

The school will be closed Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Dear Parents,

We know you want the best for you children, so why isn't your child's education important?

We know you want your child to be the best they can be, so why aren't they attending St. Catherine Catholic School of Highlands County, where they can get a great Catholic education and take care of their needs emotionally, spiritually and physically?

For less than \$100 a month, your child can with the help of the Step Up For Students scholarship, and financial aide, they can get all of this and more.

Please let us educate your children. Stop by for a tour any time during the day. Look for our open house on January 29 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

— Dr. Anna V. Adam
Principal



Do you want to know if your child qualifies for a 2012—2013 Step Up For Students scholarship? Stop by the School or Parish Office, during open hours, to receive a flyer about the qualifications.

Thank you all who have donated books to our Library. We are still looking for more books. Here are a couple suggestions we would like to have on our bookshelves:

- Hardy Boys books
- All Goosebumps books
- Horrible Harry by Kline
- Ramona books by Cleary
- Clifford books by Bidwell
- Any books by Jerry Spinelli
- Miss Nelson books by Allard
- Any books by David A. Adler
- The Boxcar Children Mysteries
- Judy Moody books by McDonald
- Clementine books by Pennypacker
- Encyclopedia Brown books by Sobel
- Magic Treehouse books by Osbourne
- Give a Mouse a Cookie books by Numeroff



School has been in session for only 5 months and a lot has been accomplished so far. With the help of students, parents, and our generous donors, we have already...

- Purchased 15 laptops
- Changed the reading and math series
- Painted all of the classrooms and computer room
- Purchased books and book shelves for the library
- Honored Veterans with a celebration and breakfast
- Added to the uniform—sweats, t-shirts, sweatshirts
- Purchased manipulatives and instructional material
- Had a successful and outstanding Christmas program
- Collected over 1,000 non-perishable food items for the Advent food drive
- Celebrated International Peace Day with a prayer service and pinwheels for peace

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PARTNERSHIP AS ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, WE PROMISE TO WORK TOGETHER TO:

- teach the message revealed by God which the Church proclaims.
- recognize that all students have their own unique level of ability and achievement.
- build a positive self concept, and a sense of self worth in every student entrusted to our care.
- foster and nurture each student's faith through prayer, the sacraments, community service and example.
- provide a foundation of skills that enables all students to be creative users of technology now and in the future.
- provide a curriculum in which our students will experience a constructive pattern of growth, which will lead to personal fulfillment and future success as lifelong learners.

PARISH OFFICE

The office hours are Monday—Friday: 8:30 AM—1:30 PM. The Parish Office phone number is 385-0049. We also have a portable office in the gift shop where you can place Mass Intentions and transact other parish business on Saturdays and Sundays after Mass. For location and contact information, visit the Gift Shop article below.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We need your e-mail addresses for our parish records. Please come by the Parish Office or call us during open hours. Thank you for keeping us informed!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Bulletin deadline is Thursday at 3:00 PM (10 days before the intended bulletin comes out). Please e-mail all articles to bulletin@stcath.com.

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

COLLECTIONS

Today: In Support of our Parish School.

Next Weekend: In Support of the Church in Latin America.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

January 8: Regular Collection: \$5,692.50
Second collection for the Seminary: \$1,662.00

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Congratulations on a job well done! The St. Catherine account received a total of \$152,220.51 in response to the 2011 assessment of \$69,000 — 220.61% of our goal! The \$83,220.51 beyond our assessment will be returned to our church in the very near future to provide for operating expenses of our parish. We are grateful for your generosity and are now working towards our 2012 goal.

ENVELOPE BOXES

If you have not received your envelopes, please pick up your box in the back of the church. To find your box, after entering the two sets of main doors, make an immediate right followed by another right. If any of your information is incorrect, please contact the Parish Office at 385-0049.

GIFT SHOP

Bibles, Crucifixes, and Rosaries are all on sale. Many of our books are half price. We also have Baptism and Quincenera gifts. Please come in to say hello and visit with friendly volunteers. For more information, call the gift shop during open hours at 385-1118.

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Thursday 2:00—3:00 PM;

Saturday 3:00—5:30 PM;

Sunday 8:30 AM—1:30 PM



Gift Certificates Available.

We accept MasterCard, Visa and Discover.

Parishioners who wish to receive a statement of financial contributions to St. Catherine 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: _____

B-I-N-G-O HELPS OUR SCHOOL

BINGO is Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall. Play the game: join us for food, refreshments and a game of chance with significant jackpots. All proceeds support St. Catherine Catholic School of Highlands County.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

8:00 to 9:00 AM	Make Salad and desserts
3:00 to 3:30 PM	Set up Bingo packages
4:30 to 5:45 PM	Sell Bingo tickets
5:45 to 7:30 PM	Play first half of Bingo
7:30 to 7:40 PM	Intermission
7:40 PM	Close kitchen & Clean up
7:40 to 9:30 PM	Play second half of Bingo
9:30 to 9:45 PM	Final Clean up

We are still in need of callers. Calling for Bingo is an easy job. We invite you to try. Please call Mike Flood at 471-6381 to offer your help.



SIMPLIFY YOUR ROUTINE

St. Catherine Church uses PledgeConnect's services to assist with regular giving. PledgeConnect was created primarily for faith-based organizations to systemize members' lives and eliminate repetitive tasks.

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

To join PledgeConnect, visit the Parish Office or website, *stcath.com*, to fill out an enrollment form. It is a flexible service that responds to individual requests. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 385-0049.



ST. CATHERINE YOUTH GROUPS



LIFE TEEN AND EDGE

LifeTeen is Sun., 6:30–8:30

PM. Edge is Wed. from 6:30–8 PM at the Holy Family Youth Center. Join our fun, fellowship and spirituality.



FAMILY MASS

Family Mass is every Sunday at 5:00 PM at the Holy Family Youth Center, 700 US 27 N.

EXPERIENCE IN CHRIST RETREAT

All high school students are invited to attend the weekend retreat at Campo San Jose in Lake Placid from Friday, Feb. 24 – Sunday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$50, including food! Register at the Holy Family Youth Center, Parish Office or your Confirmation class. For further information, contact Michelle McMahon at 863-381-6817.



ST. CATHERINE MEMBERSHIP

Going to a Church is different than being a member. You are Catholic and welcome in every Catholic church, but you need to commit to a parish. Please register on pg 7; we want to know you are one of us.

We recommend the use of contribution envelopes that are provided by the parish to remind you of your common stewardship, our obligation to continue the work we do in Christ's name.

Another way to fulfill your stewardship is through PledgeConnect, which involves direct charges to your bank account. Please see page 5 for more information.

An advantage of PledgeConnect or envelopes is that a tax statement will be available for you at the end of each year. We cannot keep track of your contributions and issue the tax statement unless you are registered and your contributions are recorded.

Your Parish is grateful for your regular financial support because it allows realistic planning for the future of our Parish. Together we can work as a team, to build the Kingdom of God.

HOW TO REGISTER

- Visit the Parish Office at 882 Bay St. on Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM—1:30 PM. OR
- Complete the form on Page 7. Mail to the Parish Office, 882 Bay St., or drop it in the offertory basket during the weekend Masses. OR
- Register online at www.stcath.com.

FREE CATHOLIC RESOURCES

CONFESSION

The means by which God forgives sins, after baptism, is confession: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness" (John 3:9).

To learn more about this subject and many more pertaining to the Catholic Church, pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the church. These resources are free and very informative. Also available are CDs on many subjects of the Catholic Church. These CDs may be borrowed or purchased.

STUDY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT

The Church's teaching on social issues will be the topic this spring from the Rice School for Pastoral Ministry at Our Lady of Grace in Avon Park. Classes begin January 17. Classes will continue on Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 8:45 PM through May.

Specific subjects addressed in the class will include social justice, ecology, bioethics and the biblical and philosophical foundations of Catholic social thought. For information, call Georgia at 381-3713.

GRIEF THERAPY

There will be a Bereavement Therapy Group at Our Lady of Grace for all who have lost a loved one. Meetings will be Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Youth Center.

An evening group will form in January. For more information, call Our Lady of Grace at 453-4757.

Fr. Gerald Grogan, an experienced mental health and addiction counselor, is the group moderator.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Classes for Confirmation in May meet Sunday morning from 10:15 to 11:45 AM in the Music Center.

Confirmation is the final step of full initiation to the Catholic Church. Our Bishop will come in May to confer the sacrament on our youth who are preparing. For more information, contact Georgia at 381-3713

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

COUNCIL MEETINGS

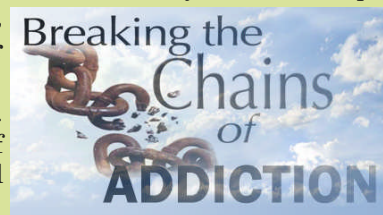
Jan. 23 Daytime Council: 1:30 PM Music Center

Jan. 31 (for Jan.) Evening Council: 6 PM Music Center

ADDICTIONS AND RECOVERY WORKSHOP

The National Catholic Council on Addictions (NCCA) will have a workshop on Addictions and Recovery. The workshop will be at the Diamond Head Resort, 2000 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach on Thursday, January 19 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. There is no charge to participate. **Please pre-register by calling Louise Westcott at (800) 626-6910 ext 1200.**

The workshop is for families, friends and individuals battling or affected by addictions. The workshop will feature Catholic experts sharing on the topics of Medical Aspects of Addiction, the Family and Addictions, Spirituality and Recovery from Addictions, and Establishing a Parish-based Addiction Ministry.



MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

CRAFT AND ROSARY MAKERS

The group meets Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at 813 Hickory St. Contact Vivian Thompson, 385-9277.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour is held on Tuesday mornings in the Chapel from 8:30 to 9:30. Contact Deacon Max or Gladys Sévère, at 382-9402.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center. The Knights of Columbus is a men's fraternal association dedicated to serving God by volunteering for the Church and community. For more information contact Frank Stanton, 835-1031.

LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY

The Lay Carmelite Community of our parish meets on the first Saturday of every month in the Chapel following the 9:00 AM Mass. Contact Dolores, 382-9492.

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings are Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in Parish Hall Room 17. Contact Mary Ann Buckley at 385-1386.

TAI-CHI

The group meets Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Parish Hall. Contact Ray, the director, at 385-7578.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be January 17 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the Music Center. For discussion this month: "Story of a Beautiful Girl" by Rachel Simon. Everyone is invited! For further information, contact Judy Paddock at 658-0134 or judypaddock@gmail.com.

OTHER MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Pastor: Very Reverend José González, V.F
385-0049

Parochial Vicar: Reverend Victor Caviedes
385-3993

Assisting Priest: Reverend J. Peter Sheehan

After Hours and Emergencies: Georgia Quirk..... 381-3713

Arts and Environment: DeeDee Bedard.....273-0539

Altar Servers: Margie Gourley.....385-6610

CCW: DeeDee Bedard273-0539

Deacon: Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry.....385-6608

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Max M. Sévère.....382-9402

Holy Family Youth Center: Michelle McMahan381-6817

Knights of Columbus: Frank Stanton..... 835-1031

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: Joe McClernan.....697-8012

Ushers: Mike Flood.....471-6381

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir rehearsal is every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Church. New members are always welcome, please join us! We sing at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please contact Rob Gillmore at 414-1843 for more information.



NAMETAGS

Help us become better acquainted by wearing a St. Catherine Church nametag! Please specify the information below and deposit it with \$8 in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

The first line is your name. The second line is your previous location or your city and state of origin. This is a fine introduction to others in our community.

When your nametag arrives it will be available for you to pick up in the vestibule of the church. Please direct any questions to Mike Flood at 471-6381.

Name (please print): _____

Previous Location or City of Origin, State: _____

Nametags come with either a magnet or a pin, please specify:

_____ Pin _____ Magnet

PARISH REGISTRATION & UPDATE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Interests: _____

Check all that apply:

Update Info:(____)

New Registration:(____)

Moving out of the Parish:(____)

Need Contribution Envelopes:(____)

Please fill out these forms, cut them out and put them in the collection basket. Thank you.