



St. Theresa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

11528 SE US Hwy 301, Belleview, Florida 34420

Phone: (352) 245-2458

Pastor: **Father Tom Connery** Website: www.mystcc.org

The mission of St. Theresa is to form disciples who radiate the love and joy of the Lord.

*We practice mercy with a personal touch,
Care and nurture **our children, our hope,**
Demonstrate **radical hospitality,** and
Offer **unceasing prayer.***

DAILY MASS

Mon-Sat 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm

6:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

ROSARY

Mon-Sat 7:50 am

Sunday 6:50 am

ANOINTING (SICK)

Weekend Masses
as needed

CONFESSION

Tuesday 12:00-12:30 pm

Saturday 9:00-9:30 am

or call for appointment

HOLY COMMUNION

(sick & homebound)
Call Parish Office

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS

FUNERALS

Call (352) 245-2458

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 8 am-4 pm

Friday 8 am-12 noon

SOUP KITCHEN

Daily 11 am-1 pm

FOOD PANTRY

Mon-Fri 9 am-12 noon

SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE

(352) 245-1359

Mon-Fri 9 am-1pm

THRIFT STORE

(352) 245-0650

Mon-Sat 9 am-2:30 pm

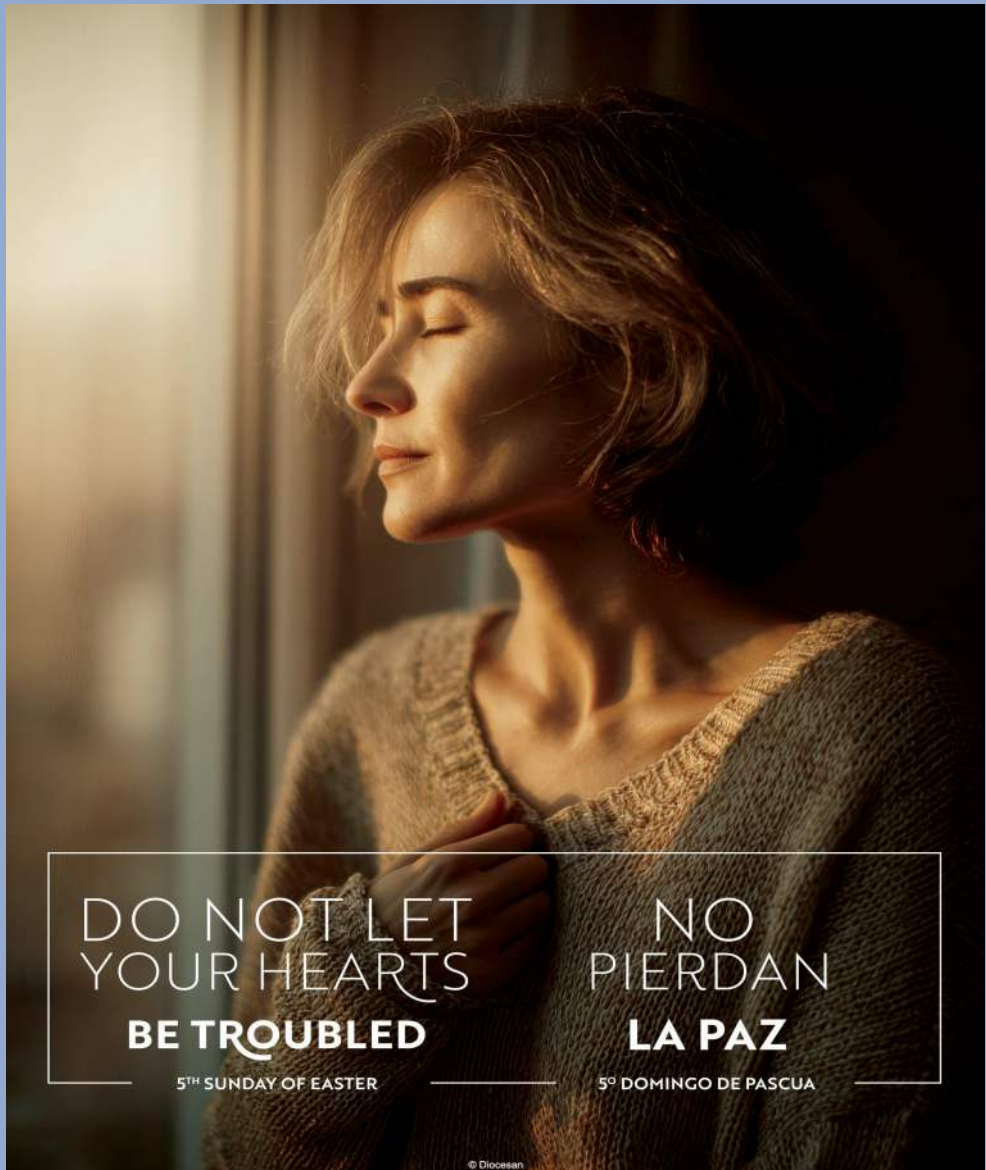
GIFT SHOP

Sat & Sun

after weekend masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



DO NOT LET
YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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5^º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

It's Worth the Drive (Vale la pena el viaje)

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

8:30 am	Keith Byers (Special Intention) by Elizabeth Nieves
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068 by K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068
6:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

7:30 am	† Francesca and Salvatore Lucia by June & Carl Rylander
9:00 am	† Louis Fossaceca by Antoinette Fossaceca
11:00 am	† Robert & Jamie Lafontaine by Roland & Sandra LaFontaine

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

8:30 am	† Louise Gaither by Don & Joan LaClair
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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

8:30 am	† Angelina Ippilito by The Alvey Family
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

8:30 am	Dianne Wahl (Special Intention) by Marcia Wheatley
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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

8:30 am	† Tony D'Apolito by Ralph Cuttita
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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

8:30 am	† Pauline and Frank Bonivich by Paulette Gilbert
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SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa
4:00 pm	† Florence Taft by Cheryl Tette
6:00 pm	† Yalila Nunez Diaz by Elizabeth Nunez

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners
9:00 am	† Raymond Galvan by Ruth Schreiner
11:00 am	† Patricia Deldon by Joanie Choniere

Candle Intentions



ADORATION CANDLE May 1 thru 31	† Bruce MacKenzie by Irene MacKenzie
SANCTUARY CANDLE May 2 thru 8	† Ron Ciampi by The Ciampi Family

Please know...

Beginning Sunday, June 7
the 7:30am Sunday Mass will move to **7:00am.**

Please mark your calendars!

Upcoming Events

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sat, May 2 8:30am - 5pm	First Communion Retreat	Various
Sun, May 3 9am	First Holy Communion	Church
Sun, May 3 11am - 12pm	Baptism Prep Class	Library
Mon, May 4 6pm	Trinity Catholic HS Choir Spring Concert	Church
Thurs, May 7 5:30 - 8:30pm	 Alpha	Parish Hall
Sat, May 9 6pm	Spanish Ministry Dinner	Parish Hall
Mon, May 11 10:30am	<i>Gifts of the Spirit</i> mini-bible study	Parish Hall
Mon, May 11 5pm	Ladies Guild Meeting	Parish Hall
Mon, May 11 6pm	MOST Meeting	Quads/Church
Thurs, May 14 5:30-8:30	 Alpha	Parish Hall
Sat, May 16 5pm	Spanish First Holy Communion	Church
Sun, May 17 12 noon	<i>Welcome Home Luncheon</i>	Parish Hall

Funeral Mass

Mon, May 18 10am	Tom Peeples
Sat, May 23 10am	Greg Bassett
Sat, June 20 10am	Frances Ellen Rubenstein (Haggar)

ADORATION CANDLE

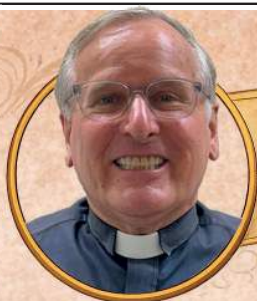


Available for one month from the first to the end of the month and can be lit for a deceased loved one or special intention.
Suggested donation: **\$30.**

SANCTUARY LAMP



Available for one week beginning on Saturday through Friday. It can be lit for a deceased loved one or special intention.
Suggested donation: **\$20.**



A Message from Fr. Tom
Un Mensaje de Padre Tom

Some famous Last Words:

"It is very beautiful over there." ~Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931)

"OH WOW. OH WOW. OH WOW." ~Steve Jobs (1955-2011)

"Either that wallpaper goes, or I do." ~Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

Rather unusual. Sometimes your last words can sum up your life or the spirit behind them. According to Vatican journalist Salvatore Cernuzio, Pope Francis' final words were whispered on Easter Monday morning, April 21, 2025: "He asked for a glass of water, drank it, said to the nurse, 'Thank you, sorry for the inconvenience,' and then died."

His very last words expressed gratitude. Even as he prepared for death, he focused his attention not on himself, but on others. He remained grateful for even the smallest of favors.

We don't know what our last words will be. The best bet is to be one who speaks constantly the kind word, the uplifting word, a word of blessing. Live that way and most likely those gracious words will be the final words you utter. That is not a bad way to go.

*Love and Blessings,
 Father Tom*

Algunas últimas palabras famosas:

"Es muy hermoso allá." ~Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931)

"Oh, guau. Oh, guau. Oh, guau." ~Steve Jobs (1955-2011)

"O se va ese papel tapiz, o me voy yo." ~Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

Algo bastante inusual. A veces, nuestras últimas palabras pueden resumir nuestra vida o el espíritu que las anima. Según el periodista vaticano Salvatore Cernuzio, las últimas palabras del papa Francisco fueron susurradas la mañana del Lunes de Pascua, 21 de abril de 2025: «Pidió un vaso de agua, lo bebió, le dijo a la enfermera: "Gracias; disculpe las molestias", y luego falleció».

Sus últimas palabras expresaron gratitud. Incluso mientras se preparaba para la muerte, no centró su atención en sí mismo, sino en los demás. Se mantuvo agradecido incluso por el más pequeño de los favores.

No sabemos cuáles serán nuestras últimas palabras. Lo más sensato es ser alguien que pronuncia constantemente una palabra amable, una palabra edificante, una palabra de bendición. Viva de esa manera y, muy probablemente, esas palabras bondadosas serán las últimas que pronuncie. No es una mala forma de partir.

*Con amor y bendiciones,
 Padre Tom*



Our **Photo Gallery** on our parish website (www.mystcc.org) has been updated with recent pictures. You can find them on our main page under *What's Happening* or under *About Us* >

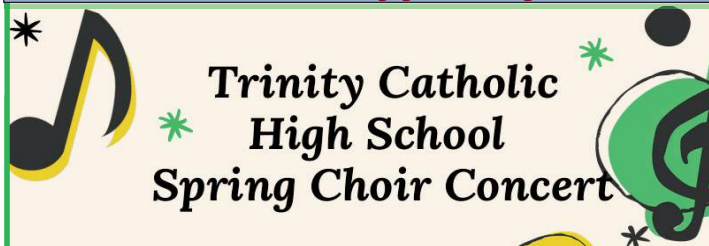
Photo Gallery. We enjoy reliving moments through photos!



The Pope's Prayer Intention for May:
That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food .

What's Happening



Trinity Catholic High School Spring Choir Concert

Monday, May 4th
6:00pm (not 5pm)
St. Theresa Catholic Church
All are welcome!



At Alpha we share thoughts and challenges we face, exploring life's meaning in view of faith, and find strength and support from the perspectives of others and our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us for dinner, a video, and discussion to see we are all in this together.

Come and See ... at ALPHA

Thursday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.
Parish Hall

Questions? Contact Blair Learn
Cell: 609-513-4320 / BlairW.Learn@verizon.net

Register by calling the Parish Office
at 352-245-2458



GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



Father Jim will share:

- Scripture
- The Fruit of the Spirit
- Practical ways to live each gift

Monday, May 11th
10:30am to Noon
Parish Hall

Bring your Catholic Bible and notebook

Please register by calling the Parish Office

All Are Welcome

Our Parish Life

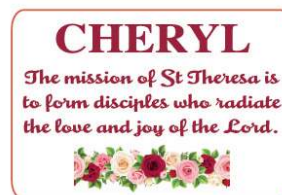
HELLO! My Name is...

We are pleased to share that all parishioners can now purchase their own name badge! Badges are \$6 or \$7 plus shipping, or no charge via the Pick-Up Box located in The Villages.

There are two options to choose from:

Oval: \$6

Rectangle: \$7



To order your badge, go to alsbadges.com or scan this QR code. Be sure to indicate which badge you are ordering!

Perpetual Adoration

Find REST at the Adoration Chapel!

Retreat; Enter in the presence of Christ; Sanctify this time with Him and for Him; Trust in His guidance.

We encourage individuals and families to commit one hour each week. The following hours need to be filled:

Mondays: 8am, 7pm-3am

Tuesdays: 8pm, 10pm-2am

Wednesdays: 6am, 10pm-3am

Thursdays: 6am, 6pm, 10pm-3am

Fridays: 9pm-2am

Saturdays: 8am, 7pm-3am

Sundays: 7am, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm-5am

We also need substitutes for hours already filled.

Please consider spending an hour with the Lord.
 Call Nancy at (941) 518-2194



The Knights of Columbus thanks all our parishioners who supported the recent Global Wheelchair Mission. Together we raised **\$6099!**

Poverty of Spirit

Recently, I was at a low point. I've been here before - many times, in fact. The darkest times, I can recall vividly, have been when I've wallowed in my misery far longer than healthy. Over the years, I've grown from those low points - especially ones that lasted years! I've learned the longer you feel sorry for yourself, you become too busy to think of others. Despite knowing this, I still find myself at low points when life doesn't seem to be going my way. ...and it's still a struggle when I get there.

During this one particular low point and while in REST (which I've learned to practice more intently, especially when I'm low: **R**etreat, **E**nter in the presence of the Lord, **S**anctify that time with Him and for Him, and **T**rust in His guidance), I heard clearly the word **"Remember..."** And I quickly recounted the many instances I felt stuck or down or confused or lost or all of it at once, and I remember how He has *always* carried me through it.

Then I remember all the people He put in my path during those low points to remind me I am not alone. And I get to pray again for each of those that had an impact on my life - those who lifted me through trials that were testing my will and challenged my resilience - those who kept me close to Him.

And I am able to thank Him for allowing these low points to unify me with others who bring us together as one in His name. What a blessing!

We just celebrated Easter, still so moved and awe-inspired: He *is* risen. Yet, how easily I let a worry bring me low! And I heard **"Remember..."** and was brought back, reminded **He is risen**, and my heart warmed and eyes watered. This Peace offered the perspective needed to navigate the challenge put before me that day. ... and the next. His Joy always awaits.

So, while I don't pray for low points, I pray *through* them, certainly asking for His mercy, grace, and strength - but also to unify me with His people who seek to glorify His love in this broken world.

I have learned that, with each other, He walks alongside us. And I remember things will not always turn out as I hope or expect, but His Grace and Mercy have always made circumstances right and His timing perfect.

"This is a reason for you to rejoice, even if now for a little while you must suffer trials of many kinds. Thus, the genuine quality of your faith—which is more valuable than gold that is perishable even if it has been tested by fire—may be proved worthy of praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." ~1 Peter 1:6-7

Your sister in Christ,
Faye Leilanie Peraza, Operations Manager



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

We are forming a planning committee to help plan this year's VBS and we need enthusiastic volunteers to make it happen! If you have a heart for children and a passion for ministry, we'd love to have you on the team. To sign up, please stop by the parish office.

Pobreza de Espíritu

Recientemente, pasé por un momento difícil. Ya he estado aquí antes; de hecho, muchas veces. Recuerdo vívidamente que los momentos más oscuros han sido aquellos en los que me revolqué en mi propia miseria mucho más tiempo de lo que resultaba saludable. Con el paso de los años, he crecido a partir de esos momentos difíciles, ¡especialmente de aquellos que duraron años! He aprendido que, cuanto más tiempo pasas compadeciéndote de ti mismo, más ocupado te encuentras como para pensar en los demás. A pesar de saber esto, todavía me encuentro en momentos bajos cuando la vida parece no ir como yo quisiera... y sigue siendo una lucha cuando llego a ese punto.

Durante este momento particularmente bajo —y mientras me encontraba en reposo—, escuché con claridad la palabra: **"Recuerda..."** Y rápidamente repasé las muchas ocasiones en las que me sentí estancado, desanimado, confundido o perdido —o todo ello a la vez—, y recordé cómo Él siempre me ha sostenido para salir adelante..

Entonces recordé a todas las personas que Él puso en mi camino durante esos momentos difíciles para recordarme que no estoy solo. Y tuve la oportunidad de orar nuevamente por cada una de esas personas que tuvieron un impacto en mi vida: aquellos que me levantaron en medio de pruebas que ponían a prueba mi voluntad y desafiaban mi resiliencia; aquellos que me mantuvieron cerca de Él.

Y pude darle gracias por permitir que estos momentos difíciles me unieran a otros, congregándonos como uno solo en Su nombre. ¡Qué bendición!

Acabamos de celebrar la Pascua, y todavía me siento profundamente conmovido y lleno de asombro: Él ha resucitado. Sin embargo, ¡con qué facilidad permito que una pre-ocupación me hunda el ánimo! Pero entonces escuché: **"Recuerda..."** y volví a centrarme; se me recordó que **Él ha resucitado**, y mi corazón se llenó de calidez y mis ojos se humedecieron. Esta Paz me ofreció la perspectiva necesaria para afrontar el desafío que se presentó ante mí ese día... y también el siguiente. Su Gozo siempre nos aguarda.

Así pues, aunque no pido en mis oraciones pasar por momentos difíciles, sí oro *a través* de ellos; pido ciertamente Su misericordia, Su gracia y Su fortaleza, pero pido también que esos momentos me unan a Su pueblo, a aquellos que buscan glorificar Su amor en este mundo quebrantado.

He aprendido que, cuando estamos unidos los unos con los otros, Él camina a nuestro lado. Y recuerdo que las cosas no siempre resultarán como espero o deseo; sin embargo, Su gracia y Su misericordia siempre han enderezado las circunstancias, y Su tiempo es perfecto.

"Esto es motivo de gran alegría para ustedes, aunque ahora, por un corto tiempo, tengan que sufrir diversas pruebas. Así, la autenticidad de su fe —la cual es más valiosa que el oro, que es perecedero aunque haya sido probado por el fuego— podrá ser hallada digna de alabanza, gloria y honra cuando Jesucristo sea revelado." ~1 Pedro 1:6-7

Su hermana en Cristo,
Faye Leilanie Peraza, Gerente de Operaciones

Reach out to others!

Ongoing prayer life!

Sunday worship!

Engage in a Small Group!

Serve and Share!



Our Social Services



We hosted FreeDOM Clinic on April 18 and would like to thank the many volunteers that helped make this Dental Clinic our biggest yet, including those who donated treats for our guests, the Knights of Columbus who assisted with getting the hall and classrooms ready before and after, and the following individuals whose hands and hearts helped that day:

- * Jan Bailey
- * Kathleen Betz
- * Barb Cipolla
- * Mike Cipolla
- * Colleen Furnia
- * Joan LaClair
- * Annie McWilliams
- * Diane Mizerek
- * Anita Moliterno
- * Michele Murphy
- * Kerry Pelis
- * Hilda Spotts
- * Diana Talercio
- * Patty Wade
- * Tom Wade

People treated	99
X-rays provided	162
Extractions provided	57
Oral hygiene instruction/kits provided	95
Total procedures provided	501
Volunteer hours contributed	532
Value of volunteer time	\$35,928.80
Value of procedures provided	\$35,777.00
Clinic value	\$71,706.80

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following:

- Sweet tea (gallon jugs)
- Protein Shakes
- Canned meat all types pop-top lids
- Canned Soup
- Nutritional bars
- Electrolyte Drinks

Please bring food items to the Food Van parked outside during all weekend masses. Donations can also be placed in the Food Cart in the church narthex or dropped off at the Food Pantry Mon-Fri 9am to 12noon.

Thank you for your continued support!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

As of April 27, 2026

Offertory	\$ 14,678.50
Project Growth (Maintenance)	\$ 2,143.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 1,275.50
Social Services	\$ 1,525.00
Thrift Store	\$ 8,630.00



Support the Catholic Communication Campaign

Our parish will be having a special collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** the weekend of **May 16/17**.

The CCC presents a unique opportunity to support media efforts to share the Gospel with our neighbors as well as people across the country. When you contribute to this collection, half supports the national communications programs of the bishops of the United States and the other half stays within our diocese to support local communication efforts.

Help continue to spread the Good News!

A Message of Hope,
a Mission of Love

Sponsor a Meal "In Lieu of Flowers" to honor Your Loved One's

- * Passing
- * Special birthday
- * Milestone anniversary
- * Other significant event

Our daily Soup Kitchen meal is a simple act of kindness done with great love. Your "In Lieu of Flowers" sponsorship feeds the needy while honoring your loved one! Your family *and* your loved one will be personally recognized on the "In Lieu of Flowers" easel on the day of your celebration.

To learn more and to sponsor a meal, please contact Rosemary Werner at (352) 433-1850 or Eric at (352) 245-1359. You can also stop by the Soup Kitchen to complete a form.

Our Parish Finance Council will be starting its new two-year membership cycle in May. We have three seats available. If you have a finance background and would be interested in joining the council, please email faye@mystcc.org. Thank you!



Prayer Requests

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. In Jesus' name, Amen!"

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| Chuck Andrews | Matthew Lyons |
| Christine Bogus | Kim Markey |
| Mary Jane Coss | MaryAnn Miller |
| Weston Cunningham | Tom Mizerek |
| Marc Czynnik | Peggie Munson |
| Colleen Furnia | Beth Pearce |
| Alex Gratz | Al & Patsy Richson |
| Ken & Diana Grimes | Loretta Rogers |
| Rosemarie Gurick | Rose Ross |
| Margaret Hennessy | Mike Trotta |
| Tom Jones | Father David Vivero |
| Marge Kenney | Stephen Zammett |



Our Catholic Appeal

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Our Catholic Appeal helps support Magnify of Central Florida. Our mission is to magnify the God-given gifts of people with disabilities. Our vision is to enable individuals with disabilities to share their unique abilities with their communities by providing opportunities and telling their stories so that the fullness of each person we serve can be realized.

- Increased employment for individuals with disabilities
- Career exploration for students with disabilities
- Safe, supportive residential program



Not everyone can give the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.



Pray and Donate at ourcatholicappeal.org

Our Catholic Appeal

Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Chris Smith and Mikala Andrea-Smith

Our 2026 Catholic Appeal Goal is **\$175,239.**

We have collected **\$106,329** of \$136,252 pledged!

Still Need: **\$68,910**

Participation Percentage: 19.3%

Thank you to 266 families who have responded to our appeal. We still have a ways to go!

Please continue to pray on how you can help; there is no donation too small. Help us and our diocese continue to spread our Catholic faith to God's family throughout the world.

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