

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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— Mass Times —

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

Monday: 6:30pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00am

1st Saturday of Month: 8:00am

— Reconciliation —

Monday: 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday: 3:30-4:00pm

1st Saturday of Month: 7:30am

Anytime by Appointment

Readings #997/(year A)

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“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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Meeting dates and times
vary by group



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Mass Intentions for the Week

This week's intentions:

Monday, December 12

6:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy

Tuesday, December 13

8:00am For Gayle Schaake

Wednesday, December 14

8:00am For Mary Demster

Thursday, December 15

8:00am For Robert "Bob" Scheibal

Friday, December 16

8:00 am For Fr. Henry Schmidt

Saturday, December 17

4:30 pm For Clem & Irene Potthoff

Sunday, December 18

8:30am For Jerry Birchler

11:00am For St. Cecilia Parishioners

3rd Sunday

Recitation of the HOLY ROSARY

The St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus will lead the Holy Rosary 30 minutes prior to all masses on the

3rd Sunday weekend of each month

**Saturday & Sunday,
December 17th & 18th, 2022**

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Call or email LeAnne if you would like to volunteer/be scheduled for a ministry - office@stcparish.org or 618.623.9153

Dec 17/18	Altar Server	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gift Bearer	Greeter	Reader	Usher
Sat, 4:30	Colin Moore Anna Moore	Frank Ley Jen Moore Joseph Zagorski	Alan Schaake NOT FILLED	Young Ja & Richard Schulz	Spencer Chapman Phil Gonzales	John Kromray Nathan Moore
Sun, 8:30	Nate MacLaughlin Ian Trauernicht	Patty Dettenmeier Roger Dettenmeier Susan Samet	Trauernicht Family	Skenderi Family	Sam Trauernicht Tom Kissel	Tom Dixon Charles Juneau
10:00	Tennant					
Sun, 11:00	Caleb Payne Jackson Rodgers	Mark Noe Jaycie Rodgers Kathy Weiss	Richter Family	Richter Family	Heather Payne Andrew Payne	Ben Maliszewski Russ Marti



Faith Formation



Life-long catechetical formation is needed to prepare us to be disciples of our Lord and stewards of His creation. We offer programs for all ages—please join us!

Faith Formation Focus

3rd Sunday in Advent
Dec. 11, 2022

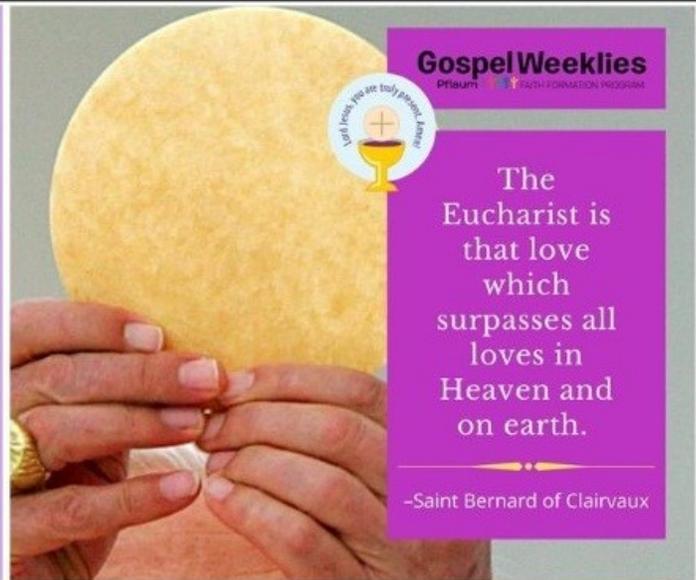
GOSPEL – Are you the one?

SAINT – Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12)

PRAYER – Apostles Creed (CCC 185)

SERVICE – Christmas Crib

Articles, videos, online links & activity pages can be found on STCPARISH.org



Gospel Weeklies
PILGRIM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

The Eucharist is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth.

—Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Life Question

What are ways you have made the world a better place?

Gospel Question

What was John the Baptist waiting for?

Adults:

This week watch & discuss episode 3 of ***FORGIVEN***.

Be Christ to Others:

Give **LOVE** by buying for the Christmas Crib.
Bring **JOY** by singing Christmas Carols.
Send **HOPE** by making a Christmas Card.

FORMED.org

Sign up for this **free** app and enjoy a wide variety of Advent & Christmas Media - **video, audio and books** - for all ages - **children, young adults & adults**.

Faith formation is a life-long process. Join us as we learn about our faith.

This Week's Schedule

Sun. @ 9:35 am - PSR & Adult Study
1:00 pm - 1st Reconciliation Class
2:00 pm - 1st Eucharist Class
Wed. @ 10:00 am - RENEW
4:30 pm - OCIA

Scheduled As Needed

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings
Call office to schedule.
1st Reconciliation, Confirmation & 1st Eucharist
See website for schedule.

St. Cecilia is dedicated to sharing the Catholic faith to the next generation & community!

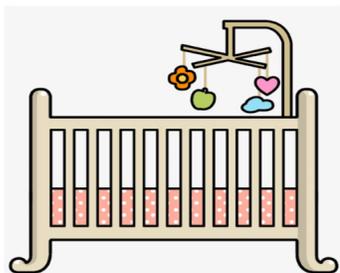
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This Advent, the Knights of Columbus invite you to purchase baby items for "A Beacon of Light" Pregnancy Help Center.



Pick a gift tag from the crib.
Purchase the item on the gift tag.
Return the item to the crib (unwrapped)
by *Sunday, December 18, 2022.*



Advent Penance Service

Area Penance Services

- Dec. 11, 2:00pm @ St. Boniface, Edwardsville
- Dec. 11, 6:30pm @ St. Jerome, Troy
- Dec. 14, 6:00pm @ Sts Peter&Paul, Collinsville
- Dec. 14, 6:30pm @ St. Paul, Highland
- Dec. 15, 6:30pm @ St. Cecilia
- Dec. 16, 6:00pm @ St. Elizabeth, Granite City
- Dec. 20, 7:00pm @ St. Lawrence, Greenville



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

- Reconciliation—December 24, 3:00 pm
- Children's Mass—December 24, 4:00 pm
(Carols @ 3:30 pm)
- Midnight Mass—December 24, 12 Midnight
(Carols @ 11:30 pm)

Christmas Day

- Christmas Day—December 25, 10:00 am
(Carols @ 9:30 am)

Solemnity of Mary

- Reconciliation—December 31, 3:30 pm
- Vigil—December 31, 4:30 pm
- Holy Day Mass—January 1, 8:30 & 11:00am



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three IN-PERSON weekend experiences are listed below.

Sign-up now!

For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

Feb 3-5, 2023 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters
Mar 17-19, 2023 - Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield, IL

****SAVE THE DATE****

World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 12, 2023—2:30 pm

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

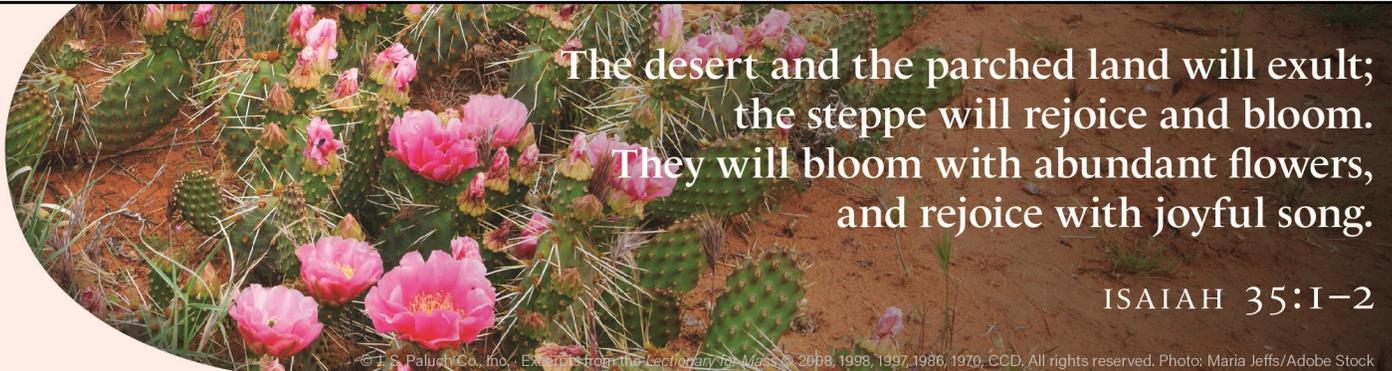
4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO

Reception will follow in Boland Hall

MCA Annual Christmas Artwork Contest

Missionary Childhood Association's Artwork Contest is for students from K-8 grade. General info, guidelines, and entry forms can be found at: MCA Artwork Contest Entry Form
mcaartcontest.missio.org

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we actively participate in worship, faith formation, and community outreach.



The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

ISAIAH 35:1-2

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GOOD NEWS

Good news is good news is . . . Today's messages from Isaiah (prophetic ancestor of John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth) and James (spiritual offspring of John and Jesus) both have messages that resonate across the five centuries that separate them: hope in the coming power and presence of God. Isaiah was attempting to comfort and encourage the people of Israel in geographic and spiritual exile. Their exile will end, Isaiah says, with God's presence shown forth through spectacular occurrences in nature. James likewise has a community in need of encouragement and hope, since they despair over the delayed parousia, the final coming of God in glory. In the meantime, James urges patient endurance. Until Jesus returns, they ought to persist without complaint, with the lives of the prophets as their guide. Then will come the time of sight, and healing, and life and . . . Good News for the poor!

PATIENCE . . . NOW!

A friend walked me through his newly planted garden to help me see how it would look in spring. He finally stopped and said, "You can't picture any of this, can you?" I couldn't until I saw it in full bloom the following springtime. Then I could understand why he planted the seeds where he had. Then I saw the beauty and bounty that his planting represented. "Tell John what you hear and see," Jesus says to John's disciples. The signs of the Messiah proclaimed by the prophets are beginning to bloom. Look and see! Hear the singing of those once mute and the rejoicing of the crowds who witness these works. The beauty and the bounty of our generous God are all around.

JUST IMAGINE

James wrote to a community experiencing hardship, like the exiled Israelites in today's first reading. Isaiah and James exhort people to trust that they will see God's presence in their midst once again, so be patient. That's easier said than done, isn't it? Saint Francis de Sales says to be patient with everyone, and most of all with ourselves. Patience means accepting suffering and delay without becoming angry or upset. Easier said than done. Praying for this virtue each day, sometimes often throughout the day, does help. Breathe in the Spirit of God and say, "Give me patience, Lord." Then exhale anger, upset, and impatience. Staring at a garden won't make a shoot spring up any faster; however, giving thanks for the seed, the water, the soil, and the Giver of all life can deepen our trust that the garden will grow. So be patient. Rejoice always. See and be the signs of God's beauty and bounty in our world today.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

ST. CECILIA CHURCH—SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

As a Diocese, we are committed to discipleship & stewardship.
We recognize that everything we have comes from God and that He has given
us gifts not just to use for ourselves but also to share with others!

GOOD DEEDS HERE!

ST. CECILIA FOOD PANTRY



ITEMS NEEDED:

**Chili w/Beans, Cream of Mushroom Soup,
Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner**

****Please check expiration dates****

Canned fruits, veggies & Non-Perishables only

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

If you would like to be a Pantry Volunteer, please
contact Mary Bakos at mbakos52@sbcglobal.net or
618.402.0038 (text preferred)

PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
November 7-22, 2022	\$ 9,181.19	\$ 125,784.90
Online Giving	<u>5,495.00</u>	<u>57,388.00</u>
Total	\$ 14,676.19	\$ 183,172.90
Budget Goal (\$10,000/wk)	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>
Difference	\$ (5,323.81)	\$ (16,827.10)

Add'l \$777 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special Collections
Add'l \$2,050 contributed to the Elevator Project (excl match)

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

Dec 3/4: 4:30=105; 8:30=88; 11=124; Total=317

Nov 26/27: 4:30=134; 8:30=76; 11=99; Total=309

Nov 19/20: 4:30=96; 8:30=92; 11=101; Total=289

Nov 12/13: 4:30=123; 8:30=90; 11=113; Total=326

Go GREEN—Give online @ [https://
www.osvhub.com/stc-parish/funds](https://www.osvhub.com/stc-parish/funds)

Support St. Cecilia while Amazon shopping too
www.Smile.Amazon.com/ch/37-0661091



Decorating Help Needed

**We will be decorating the church
for Christmas on**

**Thursday, December 22nd, and
Friday, December 23rd, following
8:00 am daily mass.**

**We could use your help if you are
available. Please call Teresa in the
Parish Office 618.288.3200 for more
details or to volunteer!**

*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to
all people, especially to those who belong to the
family of believers" Galatians 6:10*



THIS weekend, **December 10th & 11th**, is
the Diocesan Special Collection for the
Retirement Fund for Religious,
an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000
elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order
priests. Our senior religious are a treasure—
both for their service to our Church and for the
ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith.

Please use the Retired Religious envelope,
simply drop your check in the basket with the
memo "Retired Religious," or give online at
www.osvhub.com/stc-parish/funds

St. Cecilia is a fervent community of intentional and dedicated missionary disciples of the Risen Lord.
We serve, especially those in need, with prayer, participation, and charity.

Prayer Requests:



Phillip Achenbach,
Patricia Aleman,
Joanne Rubner
Bacus, Marissa Banovz, Betty Barton, Jan Brogan, Bob Buehler, Maria Carroll, Sara Cleary, Ed Conley, Charles Cook, Janet Egan, Dorothy Foster, Ted Fuehne, Mike Girard, Ruth Hammond, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty, Mary Ann Hobbs, Mike Hogan, LaDonna Holshouser, Cynthia Ann Hunter, Charles Janulavich, Esther Kacer, Deacon Alfred Karcher, Mary Rose Kobler, Marion Konkell, Donna Logue, Marty Micheletto, Barb Murillo, Bill & Sue Newman, Sharon Organ, Cathy Rhodes, Sheila Ridenbark, Bill Sanner, Nancy Scheibal Tiek, Marie Weiss, Mary Ann Weiss, Allison Winkler, Rob Wynn, Al Zarlingo, Bob Zellerman, Florence Zielonko, Persecuted Christians around the world, StC Parish & Anonymous Prayers

To add/remove a loved one to the Prayer List,
LeAnne 618.623.9153 office@stcparish.org

Christmas Caroling 2022

THIS SUNDAY



JOIN US TODAY!

CAROLING

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty founder was a child himself"

Our yearly tradition of Christmas caroling at local nursing homes will continue this year on Sunday, December 11th. We will meet in the FLC parking lot at 1:45 pm and carpool to Meridian Village to sing from 2:00-2:45 pm then on to Addington Place (previously Cedarhurst) to sing from 3:30-4:15 pm.

We will return to the Family Life Center for a light meal.

Please join us if you can! The joy and gratefulness the residents receive from our visit is hard to describe.

Come experience it and feel this joy within yourself as well!

Questions? Contact Andrea Bakos: musicministry@stcparish.org

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

Sunday, December 11-3rd Sun Advent

8:30 am Mass
9:00am-12:30pm KC 2nd Sunday Breakfast
9:35 am PSR
9:35 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass-Grace Notes Sing
1:00 pm Reconciliation Class
1:45 pm Christmas Caroling
2:00 pm Penance @ St. Boniface, Edw
3:00 pm 1st Eucharist Class
6:30 pm Penance @ St. Jerome, Troy

Monday, December 12

6:00 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm SJN Advent Concert @ SJN
7:00 pm Christmas Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Quilters
6:30 pm NO SJN School Board Meeting

Weds, December 14

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW
6:00 pm Penance @ Sts Peter/Paul, Collins.
6:30 pm Penance @ St. Paul, Highland
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Penance @ St. Paul, Highland
6:30 pm St. Cecilia Advent Penance Service

Friday, December 16

8:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Penance @ St. Elizabeth, Granite City

Saturday, December 17-O Wisdom

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 18-4th Sun of Advent-O Adonai

8:00 & 10:30 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass
9:35 am PSR
9:35 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass
1:00 pm Reconciliation Class
3:00 pm 1st Eucharist Class

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