

## **ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**ST. CECILIA PARISH OFFICES**  
**In the Family Life Center**  
**155 North Main St. Glen Carbon, IL 62034**

**Phone: 618-288-3200 or 288-5523**  
**www.stcparish.org**

**Monday-Thursday**  
**Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Rev. Patrick Gibbons, Pastor

Jerry Cato, Deacon/YouthMinistry jcato@dio.org 618.447.0826  
Paula Raffaele, Coord. Rel. Ed faithformation@stcparish.org  
Andrea Bakos, Music Director musicministry@stcparish.org  
Alex Kerber, Dir. of Maintenance maintenance@stcparish.org

### **Administrative Support:**

Kelly Jones, Parish Secretary secretary@stcparish.org  
LeAnne Scheibal, Office Manager office@stcparish.org

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### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

### **MASS SCHEDULES**

Mondays 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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### **ST. JOHN NEUMANN PRE & GRADE SCHOOL**

142 Wilma Drive, Maryville, IL 62062  
Phone: 618-345-7230 Fax: 618-345-4350  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Website: www.sjncrusaders.org

### **FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

7190 Bouse Road, Glen Carbon, IL 62034  
Phone: 618-855-9010 Fax: 618-855-9011  
Website: www.mcgivneygriffins.com

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13216**

Grand Knight, Phil Gonzales  
stl1fan1@gmail.com 618.691.8425  
Council Meetings 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm Parish Hall  
Officer Meetings 3rd Tuesday 7:00 pm Family Life Center

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY**

Faithful Navigator—Robert Diesbach  
bdiesbach@aol.com 618.288.1965  
4th Degree Meeting 4th Wednesdays 6:30 pm Parish Hall

### **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)**

Director—Mark Noe  
turbot4@earthlink.net 314.750.2900

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday, 9:00 a.m.  
Email: office@stcparish.org or drop off at the Parish Office

*Welcome to*  
*St. Cecilia Parish*  
*DECEMBER 15, 2019*

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Readings—**Page 997**  
Psalm—**Not in Book**





— **Mass Times** —  
**Saturday** (Vigil): 4:30 pm  
**Sunday**: 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
**1st Saturday of Month**: 8:00 am  
 — **Reconciliation** —  
**Saturday**: 3:30-4:00 pm  
*Anytime by Appointment*



**This week's intentions:**  
**Monday, December 16**  
 5:30pm For the Reform of Clergy  
**Tuesday, December 17**  
 8:00am For Tony Moussalli  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
 8:00am For Nicole Lupton  
**Thursday, December 19**  
 8:00am For Adelino VillaReal  
**Friday, December 20**  
 8:00am For Judy Schrewe  
**Saturday, December 21**  
 4:30pm For Grattena Ponce  
**Sunday, December 22**  
 8:30am For Bud Sullivan  
 11:00am For St. Cecilia Parish Community  
 To schedule a mass intention for a loved one, call LeAnne at the Parish 618.288.3200 or email office@stcparish.org

After hours or end of life emergencies, call Fr. Gibbons at 618.946.4518

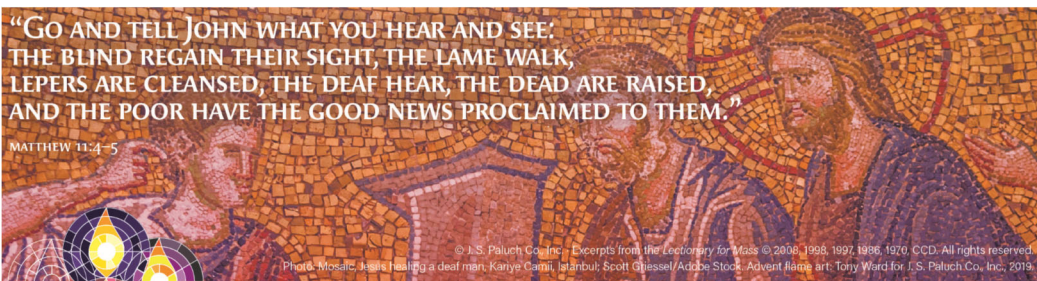


## St. Cecilia Catholic Church

*Rev Patrick Gibbons, Pastor*

Monday — Thursday 8:30 am—4:00 pm  
 155 North Main Street — Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034  
 (618) 288-3200 www.stcparish.org (618) 288-3292—fax

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THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

DECEMBER 15, 2019

**Third Sunday of Advent – 15 December 2019**  
**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10. Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.**  
**James 5:7-10. Matthew 11:2-11.**

### Who is the Messiah?

When even the land sings God's praise, how can we not do the same? When God comes for the blind, deaf, lame, and mute, how can we not care for the same? When we know Christ has both come and is coming yet again, how can we complain about anyone?

- How will the words I speak be filled with what God is up to in this world?
- How will the deeds I do attend to mercy work for blind, deaf, lame, and mute children of God?
- I will stop complaining this week about \_\_\_\_\_?



# 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!

## Week of Dec 15 - Dec 21, 2019

*Meetings take place at the Family Life Center (FLC) unless indicated.*

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**9:35 am**

**PSR**

**Teen Study**

**10 am**

**RENEW**

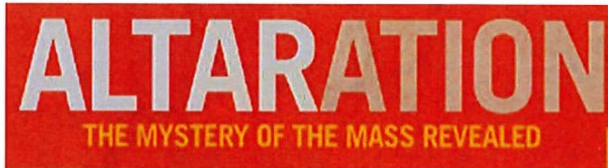
## Christmas Pageant

All are invited to this year's Christmas Pageant.

Join the PSR students and the choir as they sing songs while the grades 7 & 8 PSR students act out the story of the Incarnation.



**Please join us in the church  
at 10:15 am on Dec 22.**



## Attention TEENS!

**TODAY**

Have you ever felt bored or confused at Mass?

Do you sometimes find yourself distracted  
and find it difficult to stay focused?

God needs us to take this hour every week  
to step back from our busy lives  
so that we can truly encounter him.

But it helps if we understand what is  
happening at Mass & why it is so important.

***There is so much more to the Mass  
than meets the eye.***

Join us in a Teen study to explore the Mass.

**5 Sessions on Sundays at 9:35:  
Dec 8, 15, Jan 5, 12, 19**

**No registration needed—just show up!**

**Baptisms & Weddings &  
RCIA**  
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Contact  
**Fr. Patrick Gibbons 288-3200**

**Youth Ministry  
Grades 5-12**  
(5-7 pm on 2nd & 4th Sun.)  
Contact  
**Deacon Jerry Cato: 447-0826**

**Continuing Religious Education**  
(PSR, Bible Studies, Renew,  
1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, 1st Eucharist)  
Contact  
**Paula Raffaele: 288-5523**

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



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### **Plastic Bags**

Our 5th grade class wants your plastic bags! Bethel Women Bags to Mats collects plastic grocery bags and turns them into sleeping mats for the homeless. As sleeping mats, they are more hygienic, waterproof, easily transportable, and provide protection from the cold concrete. They are a welcome comfort to those living rough, while also keeping more plastic out of our landfills and marine systems! It takes 600-800 bags to make just one mat! Please bring your empty, clean, plastic bags to St. John Neumann if you would like to help out this amazing cause!

### **Open House!**

We will be hosting our Open House from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 26th.** Everyone is welcome to join us!

### **Weekly Masses at SJN-Thursdays @ 10:00am**

Just a reminder that we host weekly masses at SJN, where everyone is welcome! Masses are every Thursday at 10:00 am.

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MCGIVNEY  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
SERVIRE CULTURAE VITAE



## **Application Deadline**

**Father McGivney Catholic High School  
Admissions Online**

Application Deadline is fast approaching!  
To receive McGivney consideration, submit your admissions application by Monday, December 15th.  
Apply at [mcgivneygriffins.com/admissions](http://mcgivneygriffins.com/admissions).

SAVE THE DATE  
JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2020



## **Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat**

*How often do we think about doing something for ourselves spiritually - refocus our priorities and lives?*

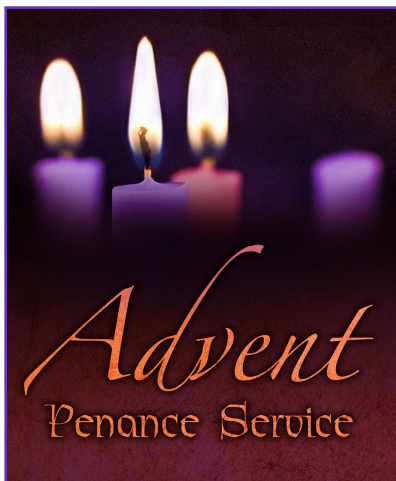
That is exactly why St. Cecilia Catholic Church offers the

**Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)** retreat focused on personal renewal and ultimately, renewal as a spiritual community.

**For more information, please contact:**

Bo Semith - [fsemith@aol.com](mailto:fsemith@aol.com) 618-407-8272 | Mark Noe - [turbot4@earthlink.net](mailto:turbot4@earthlink.net) 314-750-2900





## Area Advent Penance Services

|         |        |                                                                      |
|---------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 15 | 2:00pm | St. Boniface - Edwardsville                                          |
| Dec. 15 | 7:00pm | St. Jerome - Troy                                                    |
| Dec. 16 | 7:00pm | St. Mary - Edwardsville & St. Cecilia<br>@ St. Cecilia - Glen Carbon |
| Dec. 16 | 7:00pm | St. Mary - Alton                                                     |
| Dec. 16 | 7:00pm | St. Lawrence - Greenville                                            |



**TODAY**



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

Our yearly tradition of Christmas caroling at local nursing homes will continue this year on Sunday, December 15th. We will meet in the FLC parking lot at 2:30 pm and carpool to Meridian Village to sing from 3:00-4:00 pm then on to Eden Village to sing from 4:30-5:30 pm. We will also have dinner provided at the Family Life Center afterwards.

Please join us if you can! It's hard to describe the joy and gratefulness the residents experience from this. Come see for yourselves!

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

Give the gift of  
*RENEWED FAITH*  
this Christmas



**Catholic**  
MEN FOR CHRIST  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS



*Catholic*  
WOMEN FOR CHRIST  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

February 1, 2020      March 7, 2020

[catholicmenforchrist.org](http://catholicmenforchrist.org)      [catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://catholicwomenforchrist.org)

## ST. CECILIA CHURCH—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

As a Parish family we provide direct service to those who are less fortunate.

This past week, we helped:

- 4 families with groceries
- 1 family with utilities



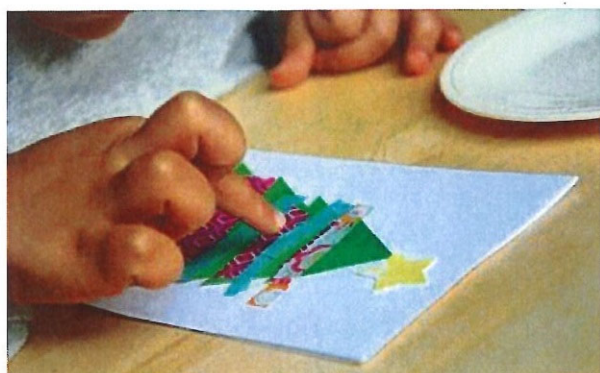
**SEE BULLETIN INSERT FOR A  
COMPLETE LIST OF ITEMS WE NEED IN  
THE ST. CECILIA FOOD PANTRY!**

**Your Generosity is Appreciated!**

If you would like to assist as a volunteer, please  
contact Bernie Guy-Marshall  
guymarshall60@yahoo.com; 618.344.9950.

## Christmas Card Service Project

Students & parishioners of St. Cecilia are invited to make homemade Christmas cards which will be given to the residents of Meridian Village & Eden during the Christmas Caroling on Dec 15.



**Christmas cards should be  
turned in by Dec 15.**

Please join us for the caroling on Dec. 15.  
Details can be found in the bulletin.

### PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

Fiscal year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

| Weekly Generosity  | Weekly Totals   | Fiscal YTD        |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Nov 30/Dec 1, 2019 | \$ 7,690.50     | \$ 167,609.45     |
| Online Giving      | <u>1,146.29</u> | <u>34,839.22</u>  |
| Total              | \$ 8,836.79     | \$ 202,448.67     |
| Budget Goal        | <u>9,800.00</u> | <u>215,600.00</u> |
| Difference         | \$ (963.21)     | \$ (13,151.33)    |

Add'l \$943 contributed to Haiti & Diocesan Special Coll

**Go GREEN—Consider giving online @**

**<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1030>**

**You may also download the APP @ OLGApp.com**

#### ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

Nov 30/Dec 1: 4:30=173; 8:30=143; 11=154; Total=470

Nov 23/24: 4:30=149; 8:30=148; 11=183; Total=480

Nov 16/17: 4:30=175; 8:30=150; 11=163; Total=488

Nov 9/10: 4:30=172; 8:30=140; 11=134; Total=446

#### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Religious give thanks.** “Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s collection.

#### **\*\*VICTIM ASSISTANCE CONTACT INFORMATION\*\***

**Victim Assistance available from the  
Diocese of Springfield  
in Illinois:  
phone 1-800-677-8708, ext. 155,  
Pamphlets concerning  
Victim Assistance  
available upon request.**

| DEC 21/22                | Altar Server                                             | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion                                                    | Gift Bearer                      | Greeter                     | Reader                          | Sacristan                        | Usher                                                              |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, 4:30 PM</b> | Liam Boeving<br>Evan Carroll<br>Carter McKaig            | Janice Bellm<br>Deacon Jerry Cato<br>Jeff Grimaud<br>Robert Scheibal<br>Phil Sholl           | Jane & Robert<br>Scheibal        | Mike & Michelle<br>Spillers | Connie Mang<br>Frank Ley        | Alan<br>Schaake                  | Bill Cobb<br>Larry Dillin<br>John Kromray<br>Robert Soehnlin       |
| <b>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>   | Anthony Agwuedu<br>Alexis Agwuedu<br>Christopher Agwuedu | Deacon Jerry Cato<br>John Coulter<br>Marlene Luitjohan<br>Linda Rozycki<br>Kimberly Zagorski | Karen Huff<br>Ricki<br>Zellerman | Skenderi<br>Family          | Carol Winans<br>Joseph Zagorski | Francis<br>Rozycki<br>(sub req.) | Dennis Boehm<br>Tom Dixon<br>Charles Juneau<br>Glen Roth           |
| <b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>  | Jacob Allen<br>Jack Raffaele<br>Jackson Rodgers          | Deacon Jerry Cato<br>Melinda Hutti<br>Jen Moore<br>Jaycie Rodgers<br>Kathy Weiss             | Arico Family                     | Teddy Allen<br>Family       | Randy Rodgers<br>Andrew Payne   | Cindy<br>Horvath                 | George Gonzalez<br>LeRoy Horvath<br>Ben Maliszewski<br>Bill Newman |

Meridian Village 12/22—Stobie

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:

Myrt Ahart, Patricia Aleman (in St. Luke's Hospital), Karen Altnether, Marissa Banovz, Julie Bennett, Brian & Janice Brogan, Maria Carroll, Deacon Jerry Cato, Ken Chapman, Sara Cleary, Phil & Pat Conreaux, Bob Curtis, Sr., Dee Decker, Catherine Deters, Sharon Dunn-Carpentier, Sr. Therese Flerlage, Jan Foster, Ted Fuehne, Sandy Gill, Theresa Glueck, Kimber Graham, Mary Anne Griffin, Greg Herrell, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty, Mary Ann Hobbs, LaDonna Holshouser, Amber Hopfinger, Michael Hogan, Brent Holmes, Alyson Horn, Cynthia Hunter, Eric James, Don Jozwiak, Esther Kacer, Bill Kaman, Mike Kelly, McKenzie King, James Kobler, Mary Rose Kobler, Maureen Kobler, Barbara Kordenbrock, Sandy & Matt Kozyak, Maria LaBrie, Danny Leach, Dennis Leach, Helen Lorden, Brian Markle, Megan Maxfield, Karen McBride, Charles McDonald, Diana Melosci, Bette Menard, Judith Meyer, Georgia Miller, Madonna Mills, Margaret & Russell Moore, John Mucho, Dale Nerone, Bill Newbold & Family, Bill Newman, Rose Leach-Newman, Donald Pearson, Mary Jo Peck, Rosemary Perry, Irene Potthoff, Luke Raffaele, Cathy Rhodes, Jeff Ridenbark, Sheila Ridenbark, Joel Rivera, Doris Robinson, Alan Schrewe, Mary Jane Sepanski, Linda Smith, Lisa Smith, Leger Stenger, Dorothy Strain, Diana Sullivan, Beth Swalley, Taylor Thorp, Mary Tiller, Judy True, Easton Vestal, Binnie Valencia, D.W., Kyle Warnecke, Marie Weiss, U.B. Weiss, Allison Winkler, Bob Wolf, Bob Zellerman, Jay Zabrowski



Requests to [office@stceparish.org](mailto:office@stceparish.org)

## ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

### Sunday, December 15

8:30 am Mass  
9:30 am PSR  
9:30 am Teen Study  
11:00 am Mass  
2:30 pm Christmas Caroling

### Monday, December 16

5:30 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Penance Service (here w/St. Mary's)

### Tuesday, December 17-O Wisdom

8:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Choir  
7:00 pm KC Officers' Meeting

### Wednesday, December 18-O Adonai

8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am Quilters  
9:00 am St. Cecilia Food Pantry  
10:00 am RENEW  
5:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Choir

### Thurs, Dec. 19-O Root of Jesus

8:00 am Mass

### Fri, December 20-O Key of David

8:00 am Mass

### Sat, December 21-O Radiant Dawn

3:30 pm Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass

### Sun, Dec. 22-O King of All Nations

8:30 am Mass  
9:30 am PSR  
10:15 am Christmas Pageant  
11:00 am Mass