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MAY 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

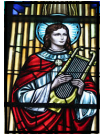
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Readings

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**Father Gibbons now offering the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
At the Church:**

**Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
&
Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm**

Please practice social distancing while waiting and use disinfecting wipes as necessary.

**Jesus said, "If you love me
you will keep my commandments."**

John 14:15



— 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:

Saturday, May 16
 4:30 For Tony Vesci, Sr.
Sunday, May 17
 8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
 11:00am For Pat Conreaux
Monday, May 18
 5:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, May 19
 8:00am For First Responders
Wednesday, May 20
 8:00am For Healthcare Workers
Thursday, May 21
 8:00am For Pat Conreaux
Friday, May 22
 8:00am For Families Struggling due to Covid19
Saturday, May 23
 4:30pm For St. Cecilia Parish Community
Sunday, May 24
 8:30am For Tom Donnay
 11:00am For Joe Decker

To schedule an intention, call or email the Parish 288.3200
office@stcparish.org

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



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A TIME OF TRANSITION, INSTABILITY, AND HOPE

Today's readings describe that period when the apostles are getting used to acting on their own. Acts describes the spreading of the word to Samaria, curing the sick, and their reception of the Holy Spirit. First Peter reminds us that our response to evil must be to do good and to speak of our hope with gentleness and reverence. The psalm is joyous with praise for God and a reminder of God's saving of those held captive in Egypt long, long ago. John talks not only about the Father and Jesus but also another Advocate, who will remain even when Jesus leaves. The readings also contain the promise of continued love and comfort. The readings today reflect a time of transition, instability, and hope, much like we are experiencing in these days of the pandemic.

WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED

Each of the readings describes a time of transition and uncertainty. In Acts, the apostles are learning how to respond to those seeking to share in the joy of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. In First Peter, the new Christian community is reminded that they will be maligned. Their response to such suffering is shaped by Jesus' example of gentleness and reverence. The Gospel offers Jesus' words of consolation to those who are being left behind. All those who had lost Jesus once through crucifixion must prepare to lose him again. But this time they are promised that they will not be abandoned. They are left with the promise that Jesus' new commandments are the continuing guide to a life that, through death and resurrection, unites those who believe in Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit.

KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

If keeping Jesus' commandments is the key to loving him, being loved by the Father, and accompanied by the Spirit, then what choice do we have but to keep his commandments? It seems simple, but unlike the commandments carried down the mountain by Moses, Jesus did not leave us with ten statements of conduct to guide our actions. Jesus left us with a much more complicated commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment requires that we first love ourselves as Jesus loved us. We must see in ourselves what Jesus saw in each one of us. Jesus saw that we too are made in the image and likeness of God and that we carry with us the fragility of our humanity. We must see that same Godliness and humanity in every person we encounter. It is not just ourselves we see in the face of our family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. It is the face of God. We should act accordingly, especially during this pandemic.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20
 1 Peter 3:15-18
 John 14:15-21

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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

May 17, 2020 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL – The Father will give you another Advocate. (Jn 14:15-21)

SAINT – St. Christopher Magallanes (May 21)

PRAYER / DOCTRINE – Rosary

SERVICE – St. Cecilia Pantry Drive

Spend some time during your week learning about these items.
Use resources in your home, check the (online) library, or explore them on the web.
Articles, videos, online links & activity pages on these topics can be found on:

STCPARISH.org

May Crowning



At the end of PSR we traditionally have a May Crowning Ceremony where the students place cut flowers at the Mary statue and then lead us in a decade of the rosary.



Unfortunately, this year, we cannot do that.
Instead, I would like to encourage you to stop by the Mary statue sometime this week to place a cut flower in one of the vases and pray the rosary or other favorite prayers.

Please practice social distancing if others are present when you are.

**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



Covenant Network

Catholic Radio

Listening to Catholic radio in your car or in your home will help smooth out any rough edges in your day and keep you on the right path during this time.

Don't miss the opportunity to pray the Rosary daily, listen to the Word of God and pray along with the Holy Mass.

In addition, programming includes live call-in shows, local programming and much more!

Tune in at any of the following:

- AM 1080 WRYT
- 92.7 FM
- Download the free Covenant Network App
- Online @ OurCatholicRadio.org



Father McGivney Catholic School is seeking candidates for the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

Faculty and Staff Positions

- **Full time Theology Teacher**

Qualified candidates please send a cover letter, resume, completed application, and three letters of recommendation to Joseph Lombardi at jlombardi@mcgivneygriffins.com . Applications and more details can be found on our website <https://mcgivneygriffins.com/employment-opportunities/>

Father McGivney – Seeking experienced athletic coaches

- Boys Head Basketball Coach
- Dance Team Coach

Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference to Father McGivney Catholic High School Athletic Director, Jeff Oller, joller@mcgivneygriffins.com on or before July 15th.



WE'RE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

Are you receiving the Eucharist

CORRECTLY?

By ANDREW HANSEN
Editor

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas season, let us remember he is always present to us in the Eucharist.

Here are some things to keep in mind when participating in Mass and when receiving the Eucharist:

- Because Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle, commonly behind the altar, Catholics should genuflect when entering and exiting their pew to show reference to God, who is truly present.
- Likewise, one should also kneel (if physically able) during and after the consecration.
- Catholics must pray and deeply prepare to receive the holy Eucharist.
- Catholics must reverently receive the Eucharist. This includes, first, bowing your head before receiving. You should receive the Eucharist, not take the Body or Blood of Christ (no grabbing, pinching, or biting). Finally, say "Amen" after receiving, which means "It is so."
- One must never receive the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin.
- Catholics must also consume the Eucharist immediately after receiving it. If you ever see someone not consume the Eucharist, confront him or her at once and alert the priest. Some people who do this are intentionally stealing the Host for desecration. If a Catholic knowingly desecrates a consecrated Host, they are committing grave sin and face immediate excommunication from the Catholic Church.
- After receiving Jesus, Catholics should spend time in prayer of thanksgiving for this incredible gift from God.
- Catholics should remain until after the dismissal from Mass.

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.

We continue to help **families with groceries & utilities each week!**

Items We Always Need: Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce, Egg Noodles, Coffee, Canned Ravioli, Baked Beans, Hamburger Helper, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Shampoo, Conditioner, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Cream of Chicken Soup, Tissues, and Toilet Paper.

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

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



Laid off or hours cut due to COVID 19?

If you live within the Edwardsville School District, and your hours have been cut or you've been laid off due to COVID 19, **St. Vincent DePaul Society** may be able to help with rent or utilities through a grant they just received, per Terry Drew, President

Need assistance? Call 1-800-775-0712, Ext. 777

PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

St. Cecilia's Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Thank you for your continued service and generosity!

OFFERINGS

	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
April 15-28, 2020	\$ 60,681.82	\$ 401,275.54
Online Giving	\$ 4,329.58	\$ 71,994.43
TOTAL	\$ 65,011.40	\$ 473,269.97
Budget Goal	\$ 19,600.00	\$ 421,400.00
Difference	\$ 45,411.40	\$ 51,869.97

*Includes \$51,291.82 Divine Mercy Refunds Reallocated to the Parish
Additional \$1,554.50 contributed to Haiti & Dioc Special Collections
Additional \$137,917 Divine Mercy Refunds Reallocated to Elevator

Go GREEN - Consider giving online @

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/default.aspx?cid=1030>

Link can also be found at www.stccparish.org

Thank you

How To Give During This Time?

We have been receiving calls and emails about how to get contributions to the church now that the office is closed.

Here are 4 options:

- Go GREEN—Give online @ <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1030> or download the APP @ OLGApp.com
- Set up through your bank as an ACH or Auto-Pay
- Mail your envelopes to: St. Cecilia Church, 155 N. Main St, Glen Carbon, IL 62034 (don't mail cash)
- Hold on to them until the office and church reopen

We are so grateful for your continued support during this time.

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:

Patricia Aleman
Marissa Banovz
Brian & Jan Brogan
Deacon Jerry Cato
Sara Cleary
Charles Cook
Gary Criley
Teresa Donnay
Ted Fuehne
Edwin Gajewski
Mike Hogan
Cynthia Ann Hunter
Mary Rose Kobler
Mary Mucho
Paulauskis & Lockwood Families
Irene Potthoff
Luke Raffaele
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Our Country and World

If you like to add yourself or a loved one to the bulletin Prayer List, contact LeAnne 618.288.3200
office@stcparish.org

****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.**



Looking for something to do while home? It seems everyone is really enjoying the personal calls from Deacon Jerry, Father Gibbons, and the rest of the staff during this "shelter in place." We have also enjoyed speaking with all of you! Calls are being made daily!

Would you like to call some St. Cecilia Parish Family members to check in? If so, please contact LeAnne Scheibal at 618.623.9153 (cell) for a handful of names and numbers!

*If you are in need of food or medicine delivery, contact us. If you just need someone to talk to, call us! It is important to stay connected.
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