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**MAY 24, 2020**

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

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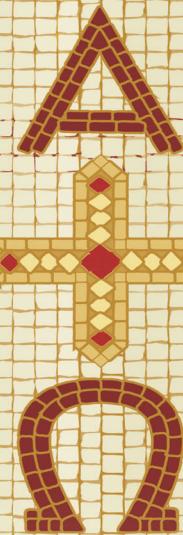
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**Father Gibbons now offering  
the following Sacraments:**

**Holy Communion (see process on Page 4)**  
**Sundays 10:30-11:30 am**

**Reconciliation at the Church**  
**Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm**  
**Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm**

Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there staring at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way  
as you have seen him going into heaven.

ACTS 1:11

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**— 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 23**

4:30pm For St. Cecilia Parish Community

**Sunday, May 24**

8:30am For Tom Donnay  
 11:00am For Joe Decker

**Monday, May 25**

5:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy

**Tuesday, May 26**

8:00am For Pat Conreaux

**Wednesday, May 27**

8:00am For Ruth Polson

**Thursday, May 28**

8:00am For Mary Jo Peck

**Friday, May 29**

8:00am For Geraldine Gibbons (birthday)

**Saturday, May 30**

4:30 For Steve Novosel

**Sunday, May 31**

8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community

11:00am For Jane Fralinger

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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**MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS**

Today we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven, his departure after the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and all the appearances to the disciples. Acts and Ephesians look back at the time just before Jesus leaves and then at its immediate aftermath, still trying to understand what has happened and what is expected of those who were left behind. The readings remind us that the disciples are still not certain what all this means to them. But one thing is certain: Jesus is gone and they are struggling with what to do next. Matthew tells us that even as they believed in Jesus, they doubted. Jesus responds to their doubt with a call to work. He tells them to "make disciples of all nations."

**UP, UP AND AWAY**

The reading from Acts gives us a pretty complete description of the Ascension. Jesus was lifted up and taken from their sight but not before the disciples ask lots of questions about what will happen. The disciples are still thinking that the kingdom of Israel will be restored. Jesus answers them with a promise of power from the Holy Spirit and a commission that they be witnesses not just to Israel but to the ends of the earth. But the disciples are still thinking small. Jesus knows that the meaning of his death and resurrection is not small. Ephesians offers a glimpse of the great gifts of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The disciples cannot even imagine what this means for them as they stand staring into the sky. Jesus tells them one more time that their work is to tell everyone about his life and work, to baptize them, and to teach them his commandments.

**NEVER CAN SAY GOOD-BYE**

The disciples still thought this was just about their life and their world. They are reminded by Jesus that what they have lived through with him, his life, death, and resurrection, is greater and more far-reaching than they can yet imagine. This is not just about the kingdom of Israel. This is about all nations. This is not just about witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. This work will take them to the ends of the earth. It is an enormous undertaking that we and the disciples have been given. It seemed impossible to the disciples then and it seems impossible to us now. But it is not. It is possible because we are not alone in this work. Jesus is with us not for a day or a week or even our lifetime. Jesus is with us always, until the end of the age.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
 baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19



# 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 24, 2020 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter**

**GOSPEL** – The Ascension of the Lord

**SAINT** – St. Philip Neri (May 26)

**PRAYER / DOCTRINE** – Ascension

**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 our parish website:

***STCPARISH.org***

## The Ascension of the Lord

On the fortieth day after Easter, the Ascension is celebrated, *except in places where, not being a holy day of obligation, it has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.*

This solemnity directs our attention to Christ,

- who ascended into heaven before the eyes of his disciples,
- who is now seated at the right hand of the Father, invested with royal power,
- who is there to prepare a place for us in the kingdom of heaven,
- and who is destined to come again at the end of time.

The weekdays after the Ascension until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive are a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

### 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)

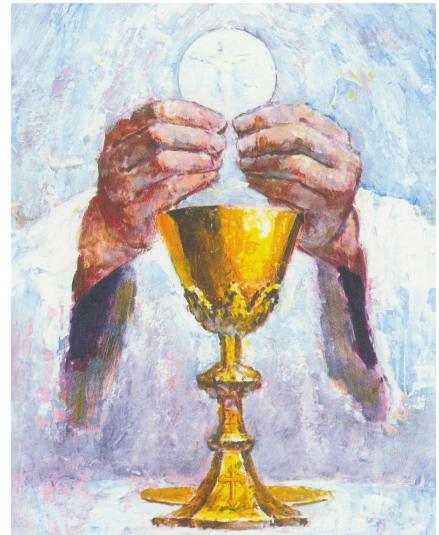
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**Paula Raffaele: 288-5523**

## **Fr. Gibbons Now Offering Holy Communion**

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki reiterates that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect for an indefinite period of time, however, the Bishop is now encouraging Holy Communion.

**Therefore, with the permission of the Bishop,  
Fr. Gibbons will distribute Holy Communion  
outside on the porch of the Family Life Center on  
Sundays, from 10:30-11:30 am until further notice.**



### **EXPECTATION:**

It is expected that parishioners will prepare themselves to receive Holy Communion by watching Mass before they drive to St. Cecilia to receive Holy Communion. Then, at St. Cecilia, Fr. Gibbons will distribute Holy Communion to one car load at a time in this way maintaining the distance and person limit. As always, one should only receive Holy Communion if you are in the state of grace. Fr. Gibbons is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm & Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm.

### **PROCESS:**

Please form a line with your cars using the normal entrances. Fr. Gibbons will be outside on the porch of the Family Life Center. When your car is in front of the Family Life Center, you may exit the car and approach Fr. Gibbons to receive the Holy Eucharist. After you receive the Holy Eucharist, please return to your car and exit the church parking lot. The next car will pull into your place and repeat the process. When you get home, please remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving, as you normally would after having received Holy Communion.

### **SAFETY:**

As a reminder, please do not come if you do not think it will be safe for you.

### **Options to View Mass:**

You can watch Mass on TV

8:30 am on KPLR Channel 11.

You can also watch pre-recorded and live stream masses from around the world. The Diocesan website ([www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)) and our church website ([www.stcparish.org](http://www.stcparish.org)) both have links for online masses

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paula Raffaelle at [faithformation@stcparish.org](mailto:faithformation@stcparish.org) or 618 - 604-2179

# 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 Needed:** Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce, Pudding (Vanilla and Chocolate), Pie Filling (Apple and Cherry), Egg Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Baked Beans, Hamburger Helper, Brownie Mix, Salt, Flour, Chocolate Cake Mix, Spam, Instant Oatmeal, Corn Flakes w/Sugar, 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.



Thank you for your continued support to both St. Cecilia Parish, Haiti, as well as the current Diocesan Special Collections for Retired Diocesan Priests, Peter's Pence, and Mission Coop Appeal. Your generosity makes a difference in so many lives.

## PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

### *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's Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020  
Thank you for your continued service and generosity!

### OFFERINGS

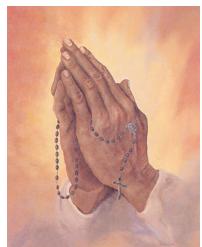
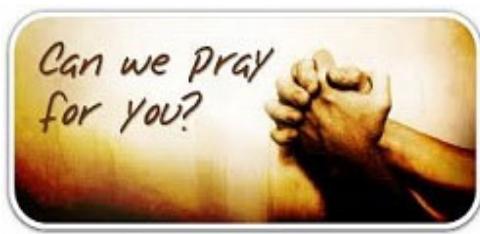
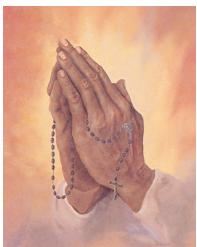
	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
April 29-May 18, 2020	\$ 14,998.00	\$ 416,273.54
Online Giving	\$ 7,496.37	\$ 79,490.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,494.37</b>	<b>\$ 495,764.34</b>
Budget Goal (\$9,800/week)	\$ 29,400.00	\$ 450,800.00
Difference	\$ (6,905.63)	\$ 44,964.34

Additional \$593.75 contributed to Haiti & Dioc Special Collections  
Additional \$5,706 contributed to Elevator

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Link can also be found at [www.stcparish.org](http://www.stcparish.org)

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, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty,  
Mike Hogan, Cynthia Ann Hunter, Mary Rose Kobler, Mary Mucho,  
Paulauskis & Lockwood Families, Irene Potthoff, Luke Raffaelle,  
Sheila Ridenbark, Doris Robinson, Nathan Rozycki, Alma Scheble,  
Allison Winkler, Bob Zellerman, St. Cecilia Parish, 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



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