



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

JULY 26, 2020

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings

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The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

MATTHEW 13:45-46

**Following Strict Cleaning,
Sanitizing, and Social Distancing
Guidelines St. Cecilia Church has resumed
public masses with limited capacity.**

**Here's what's available
at St. Cecilia:**

Wednesdays

6:30-7:30 pm Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

Sundays

8:30 am Mass

11:00am Mass

Sign-Up Required for all Masses

**Online www.stcparish.org or Call LeAnne
at 618.623.9153 or Paula at 618.604.2179**

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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, July 25
 4:30 For Marie & Wally Nunn

Sunday, June 26
 8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
 11:00am For Jane Fralinger

Monday, July 27
 5:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy

Tuesday, July 28
 8:00am For Paul Sternitzke

Wednesday, July 29
 8:00am For Joe Decker

Thursday, July 30
 8:00am For Ginnie Cook

Friday, July 31
 8:00am For Pat Conreaux

Saturday, August 1
 4:30pm For Steve Novosel

Sunday, July 19
 8:30am For Bob Cook
 11:00am For Jon Conreaux & Pat & Phil's Anniversary

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



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

Rev Patrick Gibbons, Pastor

Monday — Thursday 8:30 am—4:00 pm (office closed at this time)
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The kingdom of heaven

is like a treasure buried in a field,
 which a person finds and hides again,
 and out of joy goes and sells
 all he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



SEEKING WISDOM

If God were to speak to us and tell us to ask for anything we want, what would we say? A financially secure life? Health for ourselves and our families? Safety from all the dangers of the world? To how many of us would it occur to ask for wisdom? We just don't think about it much. We think we know how to run our families, our work, our politics, but how many mistaken ideas do we really have, and how do those work out? Do we treat others, even those we dislike, with kindness and understanding? Solomon asked God for the wisdom to know right from wrong and how to govern God's vast people. God was pleased with this request, and granted it to Solomon in abundance. Can we ask for the same in our lives? Would our lives be happier if we were wiser? "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE . . .

Parables and more parables. What have we to learn about the reign of God from so many parables? The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea. These parables are not hard to understand, for they all point to something valuable being searched for: a treasure, a pearl, good fish. Those who search for these things give up what they have to acquire these precious things. Those who search are praised for their wisdom in valuing what they find more than what they already have. Even the fishermen can distinguish what is good from what is useless and to be discarded.

The kingdom of heaven is something precious to be sought, even above the good things we have in this world. It is more important than anything we already have and treasure. Jesus says that at the end of the age when the good shall be separated from the bad, the good will enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven.

THE NEW AND THE OLD

It is holy wisdom that allows us to realize how valuable the kingdom is. One more parable ends this reading: "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It is like the Church, which knows what to keep from the traditions of the past and what to cherish in the present time. Tradition is something passed down from generation to generation, but not necessarily unchanged. For example, we always have cake to celebrate birthdays. And yet, perhaps in the past that always meant a white or yellow cake with vanilla frosting. Today, it can mean a chocolate cake, an ice cream cake, or even a fruit pie! It can have the number of candles of the birthday person's age, or a candle for each decade and one for each subsequent year, or one big candle. It can even have, as once seen in a catalogue, Roman numeral candles to spell out the years! Traditions can change and still convey the truths they represent. So it is with the Tradition of the Church. The wise leaders bring forth both the new and the old, and seek in the kingdom what is good.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
 Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
 Romans 8:28-30
 Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

July 26, 2020
 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

July 26, 2020 ~ 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

GOSPEL – Parables of the pearl and the net.

SAINT – St. Ignatius of Loyola (July 31)

PRAYER / DOCTRINE – Catholic Social Teaching

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

Faith Formation classes to resume in the fall!

Watch your email & our website for more information in the upcoming weeks.

Classes for ALL ages

PSR

Grades pre-K - 8

Youth Group

Grades 5 - 12

Renew & Adult Studies

Grades 9 - adult

PSR Registration

Registration forms will be emailed to returning families this week and are available on our website.

New families

Contact Paula Raffaele for registration information.
(faithformation@stcparish.org)



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. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SJN REOPENING

We are excited to welcome our students to in-person learning in August. As time gets closer and more details are announced, our reopening plan will be listed on our website:

www.sjncrusaders.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

Our 28th Annual Golf Classic will be held on Friday, September 11th at the Spencer T. Olin Golf Course. Registration for golfers will begin August 3rd on our website:

www.sjncrusaders.org. Come join us in supporting Catholic education and have a fun time too!!

COUGAR CATHOLIC



THE SIUE NEWMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

We could use some prayers. Planning for our students' return this Fall has its challenges in this COVID world. We know that God has great plans for our students. We are asking all our prayer warriors to pray the 9-day novena to our community's patroness, St. Therese.

We pray that God shows us the best path for our students as we reopen our doors.

Say 1: Our Father...

Say 1: Hail Mary...

Say 1: Glory Be...

Thank you for your continued support to the Newman SIUE Catholic Community.

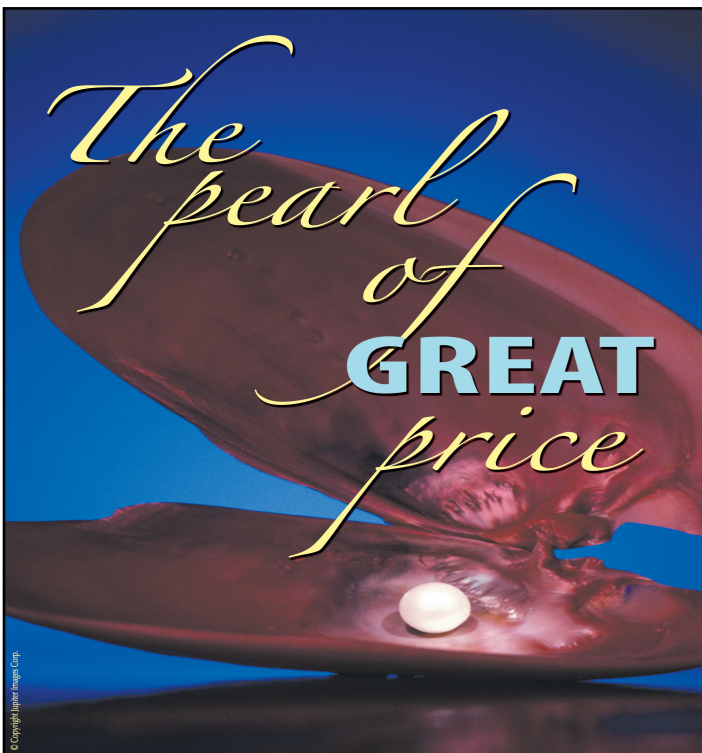
St. Cecilia Church Parish School of Religion (PSR)

PSR will begin in September.

As more details are announced, we will communicate them to everyone through our bulletin and website:

www.steparish.org

Contact Paula Raffaele with questions or to register: faithformation@steparish.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.

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



Items Needed:

Canned fruit: peaches, pears,
mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail,
apple sauce, cranberry sauce

Canned vegetables: baked beans, corn,
creamed corn, French cut green
beans, peas, carrots

Other: Vegetable Oil, coffee, pancake mix,
laundry soap, dish detergent, shampoo,
conditioner, tissues, and toilet paper.

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

If you would like to be a Pantry Volunteer,
please contact Bernie Guy-Marshall at
618.344.9950 or guymarshall60@yahoo.com

PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
July 11th/12th, 2020	\$ 9,039.11	\$ 15,013.11
Online Giving	<u>5,152.58</u>	<u>7,829.58</u>
Total	\$ 14,191.69	\$ 22,842.69
Budget Goal	<u>19,600.00</u>	<u>29,400.00</u>
Difference	\$ (5,408.31)	\$ (6,557.31)

Add'l \$457.50 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

How To Give During This Time?

Ways to give:

- 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)
- Drop then in the Offertory Box when entering the Church for Mass.

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

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

July 18/19: 4:30=72; 8:30=67; 11=52; Total=191

July 11/12: 4:30=65; 8:30=73; 11=52; Total=190

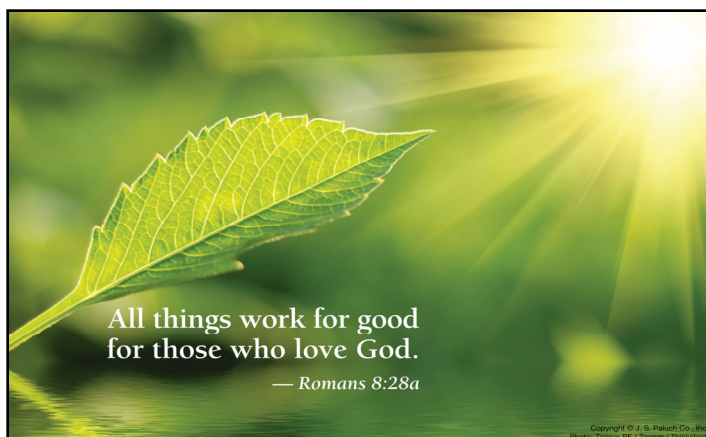
July 4/5: 4:30=55; 8:30=48; 11=55; Total=158

June 27/28: 4:30=84; 8:30=75; 11=67; Total=226

REMINDER:



Bring Your Own Mask if you have one.



All things work for good
for those who love God.

— Romans 8:28a

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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, Teresa Donnay, Ted Fuehne, Edwin Gajewski, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty, Mary Ann Hobbs, Mike Hogan, Cynthia Ann Hunter, Mary Rose Kobler, Dee Konkell, Mary Mucho, Gary Newton, Paulauskis & Lockwood Families, Irene Potthoff, Luke Raffaele, Sheila Ridenbark, Doris Robinson, Nathan Rozycki, Weiss Family, Allison Winkler, Bob Zellerman, St. Cecilia Parish

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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DURING THIS NEXT PHASE IN
ILLINOIS, OUR OFFICE STAFF IS
AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.
IF YOU NEED TO COME TO THE OFFICE
FOR ANYTHING, PLEASE CALL
TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:**

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