



St. Cecilia Catholic Church
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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HAPPY
Grandparents
DAY

FORGIVE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S INJUSTICE;
THEN WHEN YOU PRAY, YOUR OWN SINS
WILL BE FORGIVEN.

~ Sirach 28:2

Due to Covid Safety
Regulations at this time,
our office staff is available
by appointment only.

If you need to come to the
office for anything, please
call to schedule an
appointment:

PARISH OFFICE
618.288.3200

LEANNE SCHEIBAL
618.623.9153



— **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, September 12
 4:30pm For Michael Decker
Sunday, September 13
 8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
 11:00am For Gary Gorrell (birthday)
Monday, September 14
 6:30pm For The Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, September 15
 8:00am For Paul Sternitzke
Wednesday, September 16
 8:00am For Madonna Mills
Thursday, September 17
 8:00am For Jay Maurer, Jr.
Friday, September 18
 8:00am For Larry Miller
Saturday, September 19
 4:30pm For Jean Reinhold
Sunday, September 20
 8:30am For Tom Donnay
 11:00am For St. Cecilia Parish Community

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

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Peter asked,
 "Lord,
 how often
 must I forgive?
 As many as
 seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21

GOD'S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week's readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7
 Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
 Romans 14:7-9
 Matthew 18:21-35

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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

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sept. 13, 2020

GOSPEL – The merciless official.

SAINT – St. Teresa of Calcutta (Sept. 5)

DOCTRINE – Sign of the Cross

SERVICE – St. Cecilia Pantry Drive

Spend some time during your week
learning about these items.

Articles, videos, online links & activity pages
on these topics can be found on our parish website:

STCPARISH.org

FORMED

Start browsing all the incredible content!

Go to: **formed.org/signup**

& enter: **62034** (our zip code)

Prayer & Action

Join us for Prayer & Action on
Sept. 24 at 7:00 pm in the FLC.

PSR

In Class - begins **TODAY**.
Remote - begins **NEXT SUNDAY**.

Adult Study - Video & Small Group Discussion

All our adult studies for this year can be found on FORMED, so *all adults in the parish* can participate by watching the videos.

In addition, you are encouraged to discuss the material in a small group setting. We have 4 identical sessions to choose from. Attend the group that best fits your schedule each week.

LOCATION	Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays
FLC (in person)	9:45 am	7:00 pm	10:30 am
ZOOM (remote)	7:00 pm		

Our first study begins **Sept. 20** and is called **SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained**.

Go find it on FORMED today and check it out!

Registration is not required. ZOOM invitation will be emailed to the parish next week.

Contact Paula Raffaele at faithformation@stcparish.org
for more information or to be added to the parish wide email list.

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

Golf Classic

We would like to send a huge thank you to all of the golfers and sponsors who participated in our 28th Annual Golf Classic on Friday September 11th. Also, thank you to the many volunteers who dedicated their time to ensure this event ran smoothly. Due to your generosity and support, this event was a great success!

Thank you



Students Leading Students

Recently, one of the 7th graders taught the PreK-4 class about density. Learning at SJN is fun!

Purchase tickets here:



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SEPTEMBER 19TH | 6 PM | MCG PARKING LOT

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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

Canned vegetables: baked beans, corn, green beans, peas, carrots

Other: Vegetable Oil, 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

Calvary Catholic Cemetery, one of three Regional Cemeteries owned and operated by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, is **seeking a full-time groundskeeper**.

The position offers a good starting salary and includes benefits (Health Insurance, Pension, 403 Participation etc.).

To apply call 618-656-5464 to schedule an interview. Bring a resume or a letter of work history. You must be able to pass a background check and required participation in Protecting Gods Children.

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PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

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

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
August 17-30, 2020	\$ 12,597.00	\$ 46,590.11
Online Giving	<u>4,432.00</u>	<u>22,930.62</u>
Total	\$ 17,029.00	\$ 69,520.73
Budget Goal	<u>19,600.00</u>	<u>88,200.00</u>
Difference	\$ (2,571.00)	\$ (18,679.27)

Add'l \$125.30 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

September 5/6: 4:30=65; 8:30=54; 11=39; Total=158

August 29/30: 4:30=68; 8:30=47; 11=41; Total=156

August 22/23: 4:30=65; 8:30=52; 11=56; Total=173

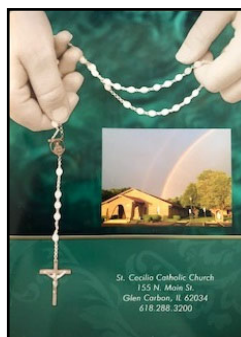
August 15/16: 4:30=75; 8:30=64; 11=47; Total=186

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 Church
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Limited quantity for
\$10 purchase

Contact LeAnne 618.623.9153

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, Maria Carroll, Deacon Jerry
Cato, Sara Cleary, Charles Cook,
Teresa Donnay Family, Lisa Frew's son,
Elliott, and a friend Rick, Ted Fuehne,
Edwin Gajewski, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty,
Mary Ann Hobbs, Mike Hogan, Cynthia Ann
Hunter, Mary Rose Kobler, Dee Konkell,
Connor McAleenan, Mary Mucho, Gary Newton,
Irene Potthoff, Luke Raffaele,
Sheila Ridenbark, Doris Robinson,
Nathan Rozycki, Luke Ryterski, Weiss Family,
Allison Winkler, Bob Zellerman,
St. Cecilia Parish & Anonymous Prayers

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

ELEVATOR UPDATE



**THE FINAL PLANS FOR THE ST. CECILIA
CHURCH ELEVATOR ARE BEING FINE
TUNED BY THE ARCHITECT, AND WE WILL
SOON HAVE A WORKING SET TO SEND OUT
FOR BIDS!**

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

We are so excited that many St. Cecilia activities and groups are able to once again meet in person (safely social distancing) or online when necessary.

Sunday, September 13-Holy Land Coll.

8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
11:00 am Mass
1:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting
3:00 pm Conf/Eucharist Parent Meeting

Monday, September 14

6:30 pm Mass

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Quilters (tbd)
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW
3:00 pm Fr. McGivney Confessions
6:30 pm SJN ZOOM Finance Committee
7:00 pm Choir ZOOM (tbd)

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am SJN Mass

Friday, September 18

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, September 19

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
9:45 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

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