



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

THE THIRY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

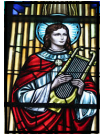
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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Readings
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I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

OUR LORD
JESUS
CHRIST
KING
OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22, 2020



— Mass Times —

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
1st Saturday of Month: 8:00 am
 — Reconciliation —
Monday: 6:00-6:30 pm
Saturday: 3:30-4:00 pm
Anytime by Appointment



This week's intentions:
Saturday, November 21
 4:30pm For Michael & Joe Decker
Sunday, November 22
 8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
 11:00am For Tom Donnay
Monday, November 23
 6:30pm For The Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, November 24
 8:00am For Mary Jo Peck
Wednesday, November 25
 8:00am For Special Intentions for Dorothy Strain Family
Thursday, November 26
 8:00am For Tom Donnay
Friday, November 27
 8:00am For Heidi Schraeder
Saturday, November 28
 4:30pm For St. Cecilia Parish Community
Sunday, November 29
 8:30am For Ruth Polson
 11:00am For Larry & Georgia Miller (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



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COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.

*Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
 Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me.*

Matthew 25:34, 40



THE SERVANT KING

As we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, many of the traditional hymns and images for the day are joyful and triumphal. For some, these connotations may be perceived as negative. In these days when there are strong divisions within the Church, and when some government leaders are so far away from the people, we need to hear all of today's scriptures, and draw a bigger, fuller picture of Christ as servant king. In Ezekiel, we see God as both the tender, loving shepherd and the one who will judge at the Second Coming. This ties in with Matthew's Gospel and separation of sheep and goats and "whatsoever you do." We pray Psalm 23 with great familiarity and hope. First Corinthians carefully explains to us the order in which all will happen. This is not an evil dictatorship, or a power-hungry leader, but the culmination of a plan that was carefully laid out in love.

OLD IDEA, RECENT ADDITION

Perhaps it is important to remember that while the image of Christ as King has been known throughout Christianity, this feast was founded in 1925 as a reaction and a response to growing secularism, communism, and atheism that were becoming prevalent after World War I. If we pull back the lens even further, we will remember that throughout history there has seldom been a peaceful time in the Christian world. The Holy Land itself has frequently been a battle ground. There have been schisms and divisions in the history of the church itself, and every church council was convened to try to correct some mistaken notion, world event, or church heresy. Nor has church leadership always had clean hands, and there have been wars, genocides, and insurrections "in the name of Christ." Today, when more and more people are leaving organized religion altogether, and people identify themselves as "spiritual but not religious" or "nones," the need for Christ as leader and ruler and guide is more pressing than ever.

INHERIT THE KINGDOM

The world in which we live is complex. We are a diverse, global society and there are many issues and opinions ranging from climate change to politics to creed. Sometimes we try and sort it all out, and it is hard to know who and what to believe. One can find multiple takes on the same news story, and social media can easily sway us. Yet when we focus on the Gospel story, it seems very simple indeed. We do not have to know it all or figure it all out. We are not the one on the throne during the Last Judgment. When God starts separating the sheep from the goats, the formula is a simple rule of thumb. "When did you see Christ in others? When did you respond accordingly?" It does not ask if you are Catholic or even Christian; whether you had a police record or an incurable disease; whether you had a PhD or a fifth-grade education, or what languages you spoke. The call is to remember that "Whatsoever you did to the least you did for me." And then there will be the invitation, "Come you who are blessed. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
 Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
 Matthew 25:31-46

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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!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<u>9:35 am</u> PSR Adult Study		<u>10:30 am</u> Adult Study	<u>10:00 am</u> RENEW	
<u>7:00 pm</u> Adult Study ZOOM	<u>7:00 pm</u> Adult Study			

Faith Formation Focus

34th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Nov. 22, 2020

GOSPEL – Jesus teaches the works of mercy.

SAINT – St. Cecilia (Nov. 22)

DOCTRINE – Works of Mercy

SERVICE – Blessing Bags

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

Prayer & Action

Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 pm as we discuss the Sunday readings.

GospelWeeklies
Priscilla's FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God.

– Saint John Vianney

Life Question

What experiences have opened your eyes to poverty?

Gospel Question

Who is the least in your area? What do they need?

Adult Study - Watch & discuss **episode 6 of SYMBOLON** this week on FORMED.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

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



Beautiful Fall Weather

Last week, the preschoolers in our 4 year old class enjoyed a beautiful morning camping out. They enjoyed “toasting” letter and number marshmallows, using their imaginations to build with sticks and rocks, and got to do it all with a tent set up just for them! What a great way to soak up the last of the warm fall days!

Thanksgiving

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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AFRAID

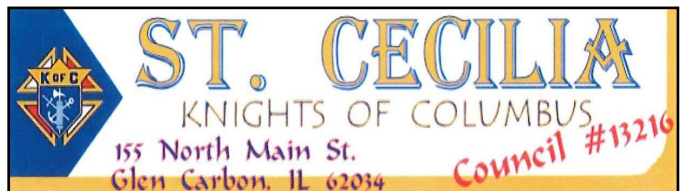


This year's PSR Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest begins on Sunday, November 29th, and will conclude on Sunday, December 13th.

Following are the age groups:

- Age 5-7 (Grade K-2)
- Age 8-10 (Grade 3-5)
- Age 11-14 (Grade 6-8)

Posters must reflect the theme of Keeping Christ in Christmas and is open to all St. Cecilia PSR students.



5th Sunday Rosary
November 29th @
8:00 am prior to the
8:30 am Mass!

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If you haven't signed up for your FREE access to FORMED.org, I encourage you to do so. [Here are some items your fellow parishioners are enjoying on FORMED:](#)

Title	Description	Audience	Media
The Search	What journey are you on? Get some direction from Chris Stefanick and others.	Family	Video
Faithful Traveler	Travel vicariously to the many shrines and sacred sites across the globe.	Family	Video
LUKAS Storyteller	Learn about saints from an animated fish named Lukas.	Children	Video
The Innocence of Fr. Brown	Listen to several of the exploits of the fictional detective brought to life by G.K. Chesterton.	Family	Audio Book
Courageous	Learn the Catholic teaching on a wide range of questions connected to same-sex attraction.	Adult	Video
Symbolon	Explore the Catholic faith.	Family	Video
Rome Sweet Home	Read the conversion story of Scott and Kimberly Hahn.	Adult	Book
Daily Reflections	Start your day off right. Be inspired & renewed each morning with a short reflection about the day's scripture readings from Dr. Tim Gray.	Family	Video



Great Marriages Don't Just Happen, Couples Make Them!

December 4-6th, 2020

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Strengthen, rekindle and renew your marriage sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend virtually in your own home! <https://stl-wwme.org> or for more information call 314-649-7317.



Participate in the next adult study beginning the week of Nov. 29:



The entire parish is invited to explore the Church's teaching about the Sacrament of Confession in this 3-part video study.

It includes:

- a practical walkthrough of what happens in the confessional &
- how every moment connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and God's passionate desire to be with you.

No registration is required for this short, 3-session study.

Join in whichever type of class suits your needs:

CLASS	WATCH the VIDEO	DISCUSSION	DATE / TIME
IN PERSON	During class	During Class	Sundays @ 9:35 am OR Mondays @ 7:00 pm OR Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
ZOOM	On your own time	During ZOOM meeting	Sundays @ 7:00 pm
INDEPENDENT	On your own time	No discussion	Anytime!

Watch the videos on FORMED and discuss them either in our classes, with other parishioners or with your family and friends!

QUESTIONS? Contact Paula Raffaele – faithformation@stcparish.org

We will return to our study of SYMBOLON on Jan 3, 2021.



ST. CECILIA CHURCH—SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP 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

Faith in Action Edwardsville/Glen Carbon

is in need of volunteer drivers to drive Care Recipients to and from medical and beauty appointments, grocery shopping or provide light house-keeping/yardwork, small household repair, and or respite care, etc.

Do you have a caring spirit? Like helping others? Want to make a difference? Enjoy meeting new people? Have 2 or more hours of free time?

Interested in answering the call?

For more information, please contact us:

- **Faith in Action office at 618.692.0480**
- **Email us at fiaegc@yahoo.com**
- **Visit us on the website at fiaegc.org**

PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

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

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
October 26-Nov 8, 2020	\$ 20,729.00	\$ 115,589.57
Online Giving	<u>5,405.00</u>	<u>49,836.87</u>
Total	\$ 26,134.00	\$ 165,426.44
Budget Goal	<u>19,600.00</u>	<u>186,200.00</u>
Difference	\$ 6,534.00	\$ (20,773.56)

Add'l \$587 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

November 14/15: 4:30=52; 8:30=63; 11=55; Total=170

November 7/8: 4:30=56; 8:30=68; 11=68; Total=192

Oct 31/Nov 1: 4:30=54; 8:30=66; 11=77; Total=197

October 24/25: 4:30=59; 8:30=60; 11=62; Total=181

Go GREEN—Give online @ <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1030>

We are so grateful for your continued support.

The Season of Stewardship

**ROOTED IN FAITH
GROUNDED IN LOVE
ALIVE WITH THE SPIRIT**

Stewardship—The Way to Live

This week's stewardship of Time and Talent Salute: In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to us, we gratefully acknowledge and salute:

**ED & MARYLYNN DIXON
for donating several turkeys for the
St. Cecilia Food Pantry patrons.**

Thank you St. Cecilia Parish Faithful Stewards!

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, Betty Barton, Brian & Jan Brogan, Maria Carroll, Linda Cato & Family, Sara Cleary, Charles Cook, Teresa Donnay Family, Lisa Frew's friend Rick, Ted Fuehne, Edwin Gajewski, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty, Mary Ann Hobbs, Mike Hogan, Cynthia Ann Hunter, Mary Rose Kobler, Joseph Martin, Connor McAleenan, Tom Miller, Mary Mucho, Gary Newton, Irene Potthoff, Luke Raffaele, Sheila Ridenbark, Doris Robinson, Nathan Rozycki, Luke Ryterski, Weiss Family, Allison Winkler, JD Wynn, 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@stcparish.org



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, November 22-Christ The King

8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
9:35 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

Monday, November 23

6:00 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Adult Study

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am Mass
10:30 am Adult Study

Wednesday, November 25

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW
7:00 pm Choir ZOOM

Thursday, November 26-Thanksgiving

Office Closed
8:00 am Mass

Friday, November 27

Office Closed
8:00 am Mass

Saturday, November 28

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 29-1st Day of Advent

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

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