



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2020 Black=CHURCH; Blue=FLC; Green=HALL; Purple=Church Conf Room; Red=Off Site & Holiday		1 8 Mass 10:30 Adult Study 7 KC Meeting	2 8 Mass 8:30 Quilters TBD 9 Food Pantry 10 RENEW	3 8 Mass 10 Mass @ SJN 7 Prayer & Action	4 8 Mass	5 ^{1st Saturday} 7:30 Reconciliation 7:45 Rosary 8:00 Mass 9-3:30 Expo/Ador 3:30 Reconc 4:00 Rosary 4:30 Mass
6 ^{Advent Wk 2} 8 & 10:30 Rosary 8:30 Mass 9:30 PSR 9:35 Adult Study 11Mass 7 Adult Study ZOOM	7 6:00 Reconcil 6:30 Mass 7:00 Adult Study	8 ^{Immaculate Concep} 8 Mass 10:30 Adult Study 6:30 SJN School Board Meeting	9 8 Mass 8:30 Quilters TBD 9 Food Pantry 10 RENEW 7 Penance Service @ St. Mary's 7 Choir ZOOM	10 8 Mass 7 Prayer & Action	11 8 Mass	12 3:30 Reconc 4:30 Mass
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20 ^{Advent Wk4} O Key of David 8:30 Mass 9:30 PSR 10:15 PSR Christmas Pageant 11:00 Mass	21 ^{O Radiant Dawn} 6:00 Reconcil 6:30 Mass	22 O King of All Nations 8 Mass	23 O Emmanuel 8 Mass 8:30 Quilters TBD 9 Food Pantry 10 RENEW 7 Choir ZOOM	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass 12 Midnight Mass	25 Christmas Day 10 Mass	26 3:30 Reconc 4:30 Mass
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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 —

Monday: 6:00-6:30 pm
Saturday: 3:30-4:00 pm
Anytime by Appointment



This week's intentions:

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)
Monday, November 30
 6:30pm For The Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, December 1
 8:00am For Tom Donnay
Wednesday, December 2
 8:00am For Mary Jo Peck
Thursday, December 3
 8:00am For Paul Sternitzke
Friday, December 4
 8:00am For In Honor of The Holy Spirit
Saturday, December 5
 8:00am Pat Conreaux
 4:30pm For John Wedel
Sunday, December 6
 8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
 11:00am For Dr. Walter Zielonko
 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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WATCH THEREFORE:
 YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
 THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,
 WHETHER IN THE EVENING,
 OR AT MIDNIGHT,
 OR AT COCKCROW,
 OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35

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A RESTART

With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God's anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsive psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again.

BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be alert!" One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:33-37



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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			<u>7:00 pm</u> Prayer & Action

Faith Formation Focus

1st Sunday of Advent

Nov. 29, 2020

GOSPEL – Jesus says “Be Alert!”.

SAINT – St. Andrew (Nov. 30)

DOCTRINE – Advent

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



FORGIVEN

The Transforming Power of Confession

All are invited to watch & discuss episode 1 of this series on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Life Question

What are you doing to help give birth to peace?

Gospel Question

At what doorways are you watching for God to come?

Adult Study - Watch & discuss episode 1 of FORGIVEN 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)
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St. Cecilia is dedicated to sharing the Catholic faith to the next generation & community!

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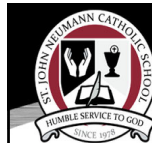
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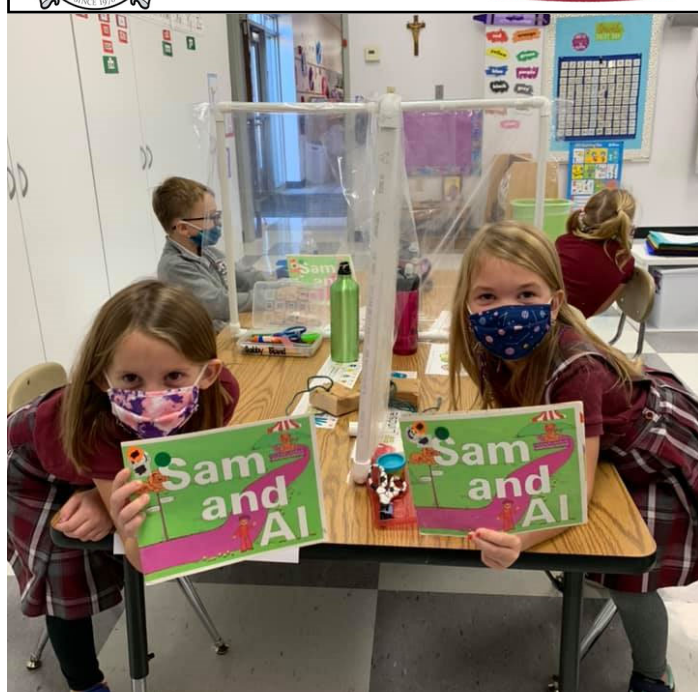
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Mon/Thurs Evenings: Jan 18-Feb 8, 2021—7 pm

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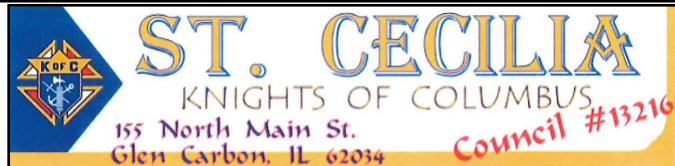


Advent Season

May Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love fill your homes and hearts this advent season!

Classroom Happenings

The kindergartners recently read Sam and Al to Mr. Gregson. Reading is fun at SJN!



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.



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 Receivers 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
November 9-15, 2020	\$ 3,044.00	\$ 118,633.57
Online Giving	<u>3,304.00</u>	<u>53,140.87</u>
Total	\$ 6,348.00	\$ 171,774.44
Budget Goal	<u>9,800.00</u>	<u>196,000.00</u>
Difference	\$ (3,452.00)	\$ (24,225.56)

Add'l \$180 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

November 21/22: Not available at time of print

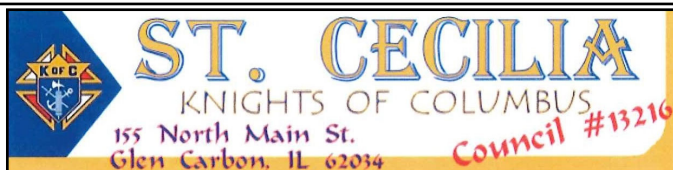
November 14/15: 4:30=52; 8:30=63; 11=55; Total=170

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

Go GREEN—Give online @ [https://
www.osvonlinegiving.com/1030](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1030)

We are so grateful for your continued support.



ADVENT DONATION PROJECT TO BENEFIT A BEACON OF LIGHT PREGNANCY CENTER

Help provide items to support new mothers in need.

Items needed will be listed on gift tags in the crib in the portico.

Please take a gift tag, purchase the item and then place the item with the tag attached in the crib.

This drive will begin Nov. 29.

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 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

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am Mass
10:30 am Adult Study
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW

Thursday, December 3

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass at St. John Neumann
7:00 pm Prayer & Action

Friday, December 4

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 5-1st Saturday

7:30 am Reconciliation
7:45 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am-3:30 pm Adoration
3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 6-2nd Week Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
9:35 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

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