



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

DECEMBER 6, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Second SUNDAY of Advent

December 6, 2020

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS WEEK
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

VIGIL MASS-MONDAY, 12/7, 6:30pm
MASS-TUESDAY, 12/8, 8:00 am

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, 12/9, 7:00pm
Joint w/St. Cecilia @ St. Mary's, Edw
SUNDAY, 12/13, 2:00pm
@ St. Boniface, Edwardsville

**John the Baptist
appeared in the
desert proclaiming
a baptism of
repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.**

Mark 1:4



— 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, 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
Monday, December 7
 6:30pm For The Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, December 8
 8:00am For Pat Conreaux
Wednesday, December 9
 8:00am For Tom Donnay
Thursday, December 10
 8:00am For John Polson
Friday, December 11
 8:00am For Mary Jo Peck
Saturday, December 12
 4:30pm For Joe Decker
Sunday, December 13
 8:30am For Mark Morgan
 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

Monday — Thursday 8:30 am—4:00 pm (office closed at this time)
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COMFORT

In 2020, we heard plenty of voices speaking out and sharing their opinions, but many of those words were not comforting or hope-filled. Sometimes, it was hard to know which expert or “instant expert” to listen to, and it is still difficult to hope as we struggle to regain our balance as a nation and as a Church. The Word of God offers us peace this day. All our readings remind us of a faithful God who always keeps the promises made. Isaiah prophesied about the end of Jerusalem’s time away from God, and the Psalm speaks of “seeing God’s kindness and hearing what God proclaims.” Second Peter explains that God’s timing may not be the same as ours, but good things await those who are alert. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reiterates and completes the prophecy of Isaiah by laying the groundwork and preparing the way for those who await the coming of the Messiah.

THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11
 Psalm 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14
 2 Peter 3:8–14
 Mark 1:1–8

John the Baptist appeared
 in the desert proclaiming a baptism of
 repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

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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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6, 2020

GOSPEL – Jesus is Good News.

SAINT – St. Nicholas (Dec. 6)

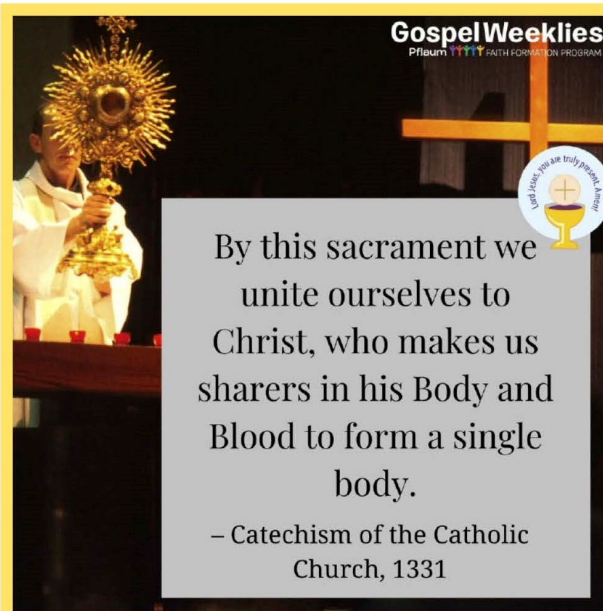
DOCTRINE – Immaculate Conception

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 2 of this series on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Life Question

Who are the prophets among us?

Gospel Question

What paths have opened for you in your life where you could see none?

Adult Study - Watch & discuss episode 2 of FORGIVEN this week on FORMED.org.

Baptisms & Weddings & RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Contact
Fr. Patrick Gibbons 288-3200

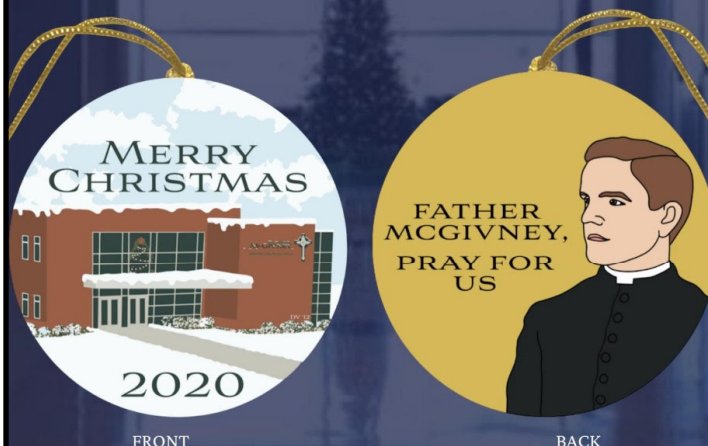
Youth Ministry
Grades 5-12
(5-7 pm on 2nd & 4th Sun.)
Contact

Continuing Religious Education
(PSR, Bible Studies, Renew,
1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, 1st Eucharist)
Contact
Paula Raffaele: 288-5523

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St. John Neumann Family Business Directory

SJN Family Business Directory

We are proud to introduce the St. John Neumann Family Business Directory. At St. John Neumann, we believe it is important to support and encourage each other as a school family. This directory will be a resource of collected information that allows SJN families to do just that. It is our hope that this directory will be a resource for you if your family is ever in need of a particular service. The completed Family Business Directory will be shared on our website and social media. Thank you for your continued support of SJN and our school families!



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 housekeeping/yardwork, small household repair, and or respite care, etc.

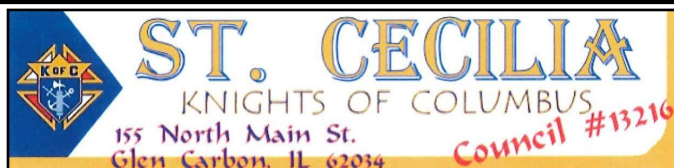
Do you have a caring spirit? Like helping others? Want to make a difference? Enjoy meeting new people? Have 2 or more hours of free time?

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**

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A Beacon of Light (ABL) Pregnancy Help Center

Donated Items Policy

★ We gratefully **ACCEPT NEW** baby items for distribution to clients, such as:

- Clothing
- Baby Food
- Formula
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Pacifiers
- Bottles
- Baby Wash
- Baby Shampoo
- Tylenol
- Room Humidifiers
- Infant Thermometers (unopened packages for ear or forehead)
- Infant Nail Clipper/Manicure Sets (unopened packages)
- Books
- Car Seats*
- Toddler Beds*
- Swings*
- Bouncers*
- Strollers*
- Cribs*

★ We also **ACCEPT GENTLY USED BABY/TODDLER CLOTHING**, in good condition with no stains, **up to size 2T**. We will also accept maternity clothing* in good condition.

★ We **CANNOT ACCEPT** the following USED items for distribution to clients due to potential liability issues:

Car Seats/Booster Seats
Cribs
Toddler Beds
Walkers

Swings
Bouncers
Strollers
High Chairs

Note: Some retailers, including Target, run a program once or twice per year in which they accept used car seats in exchange for a coupon for a 20% discount, usually for a new car seat or baby item. Other places will recycle used larger baby items.

MOD Pizza

Take-Out and Delivery Fundraiser!

Thursday December 10, 2020

10:30am-9:00pm

2300 A. Troy Road
Edwardsville, IL

Donating Back: 20%

Organizer: St. Cecilia Knights of
Columbus

Commit to Eat



Eat to Support:

**St. Cecilia Knights of
Columbus**

Come eat with us and support the cause!

Host Your Own



How it Works

Dine-In Restriction

For customer health and safety, dine-in options are outdoors or patio during this meal.

You can participate in this fundraiser by:

- Take out
- Delivery
- Pick up

To place your order visit **MOD Pizza's online order website**. Use the promo code of "GR163335S" and 20% of your meal's price will be donated back to St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus.

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

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 28/29: 4:30=53; 8:30=58; 11=59; Total=170
November 21/22: 4:30=50; 8:30=52; 11=68; Total=170
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

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

We are so grateful for your continued support.



Volunteers Needed

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS TOY STORE

Location: St. Cabrini Parish Hall, 1020 N. Milton, Springfield

Dates: December 10 & 11, 2020 / **Times:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Volunteer for a 3 hour shift or more!

December 10th

We need volunteers for Christmas store set-up. This will consist of unpacking the donated toys and organizing them in categories.

December 11th

Out of an abundance of caution to mitigate the spread of COVID, clients will not be allowed to enter the building and shop this year. Rather, volunteers will shop for them and deliver their items in a bag to them out the back door.

Masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves will be available for all volunteers. The end time may vary depending on how many toys are donated and how many volunteers we have sign up. Lunch will be provided both days.

To volunteer, contact: Robyn Matson
217-523-4551, Ext. 113 or Matson_spfld@cc.dio.org

NEXT WEEK,
DECEMBER 12th & 13th
IS THE DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR:

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SUPPORTING OUR RELIGIOUS
COMMUNITY SUCH AS SR. THERESE
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WHO'VE SERVED THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT
THEIR LIVES!

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



Sherri Luttrell

will be on-air from

5:00 – 6:00 PM

**Wednesday
December 16th**

AM 1080 – FM 92.7 – AM 1460
or **OurCatholicRadio.org**

Please help support your local
Catholic Radio station while Sherri is on air.
Other St. Cecilia members' times will be posted next week!

Call us at **314-752-7000!**

Donation Form will be sent via email

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, December 6-2nd Sunday Advent

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

Monday, December 7-Immaculate Vigil

6:00 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Immaculate Conc Vigil Mass
7:00 pm Adult Study

Tuesday, December 8-Immaculate Conc

8:00 am Holy Day Mass
10:30 am Adult Study
6:30 pm SJN School Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW
7:00 pm Advent Penance @ St. Mary's

Thursday, December 10

8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Prayer & Action

Friday, December 11

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 12

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 13-3rd Sun Advent

8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
9:30 am Adult Study
10:00 am Reconciliation
11:00 am Mass
2:00 pm Advent Penance @St. Boniface
7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

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