



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

DECEMBER 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.**

ISAIAH 61:11

ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Christmas

Thursday, December 24th

Reconciliation 3:00 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Mass 12:00 Midnight

Friday, December 25th

Mass 10:00 am

Mary Mother of God Holy Day

Thursday, December 31st

Vigil 6:30 pm

Friday, January 1st

Mass 9:00 am

(office closed Dec 24-Jan 1)



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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, December 12
 4:30pm For Joe Decker
Sunday, December 13
 8:30am For Mark Morgan
 11:00am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
Monday, December 14
 6:30pm For The Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, December 15
 8:00am For Nicole Lupton
Wednesday, December 16
 8:00am For Tom Donnay
Thursday, December 17
 8:00am For Mary Jo Peck
Friday, December 18
 8:00am For Judy Schrewe
Saturday, December 19
 4:30pm For Suzanne Scheibal & Paul Sternitzke
Sunday, December 20
 8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
 11:00am For Mary Jo Peck
 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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REPENTING AND REJOICING

The readings this week bear a certain similarity to those of last week—we hear a prophecy from Isaiah that is reiterated by John the Baptist in Mark's Gospel—but today the focus is different. Last week John told us to repent. Today he is the light leading us to God. Today is also known as "Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday," as the reading from First Thessalonians commands us to "Rejoice in the Lord always." We are to rejoice. Right now. Combined with last Sunday, this seems like a mixed message. "Which is it? Repenting or Rejoicing?" But John is telling us that one leads to the other. As we prepare for the coming of our Savior we must first repent and then rejoice.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

Many years ago, Canadian singer Ann Murray had a hit song that spoke of her frustrations as she listened to the radio and read the headlines. She sang that "we sure could use a little good news today." It strikes me that this is the message that the readings want us to leave with this week. The Gospel Antiphon proclaims, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor" (from Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4: 18). John the Baptist is here to testify to the light, to the Good News.

WILL THE REAL MESSIAH PLEASE STAND UP?

The Jewish people were waiting for their messiah, they were waiting for a hero. They prodded John several times trying to figure out what his role actually was, and to see what he knew. It became a guessing game. He tried to say nothing, but finally answered in a humble fashion, "I am not he." He baptized with water as a means of leading people to the coming Christ and helping them to prepare. He somehow avoided the trappings of success that would turn his light on himself. Today he remains a road sign for us, pointing out Christ our Light.

We all want someone to rescue us, and most likely to fix the mistakes and errors that we continue to make as individuals and as nations. Much of that is human nature. Would there be as much fascination with superheroes if this were not the case? How many times do you as an adult turn to your folks for advice, or wish you could talk to a deceased parent? Some need help emotionally, others spiritually, others financially. The reality is that it is tough to get your "ducks in a row" and always has been. Today's encouraging message is for us to always look to the Light for our help. May we always be like John the Baptist and testify how Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has been our Savior.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28



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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

3rd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 13, 2020

GOSPEL – John the Baptist prepares for Jesus.

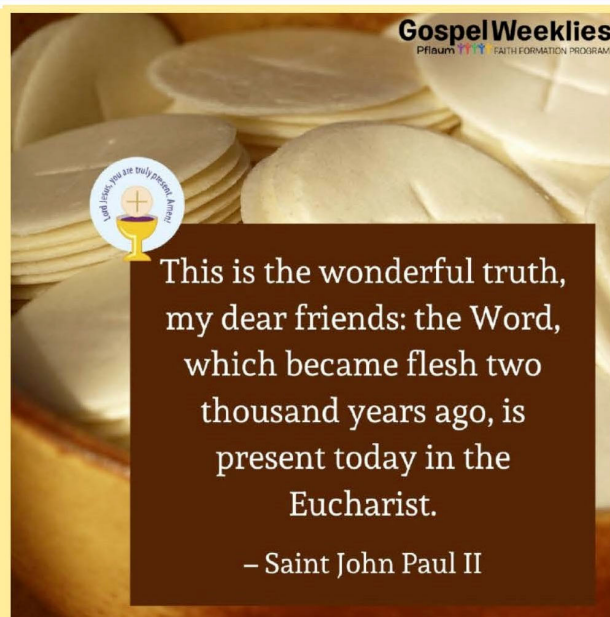
SAINT – St. Lucy (Dec. 13)

DOCTRINE – Apostles Creed

SERVICE – Christmas Cards

Spend some time during your week
learning about these items.

Articles, videos, online links & activity pages
on these topics can be found on STCPARISH.org



Life Question

Who's voices today help renew & revive you?

Gospel Question

What do you say for yourself as a Christian: Who are you? To what do you witness?

Prepare for Christmas: Dec. 16 - begin Christmas Novena Dec. 17 - begin O'Antiphons

Adult Study - Watch & discuss episode 3 of FORGIVEN this week on FORMED.org.

Baptisms & Weddings & RCIA
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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



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Thursday, December 17

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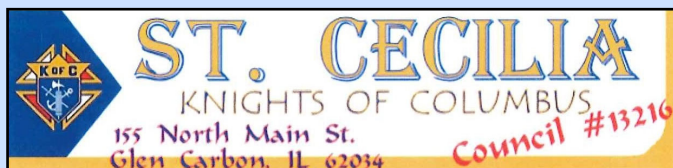
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- Swings*
- Bouncers*
- Strollers*
- Cribs*

★ 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:

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Swings
Bouncers
Strollers
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From the bottom of our hearts, *thank you* for joining us in fulfilling our mission to provide a safe place of unconditional love where all women and families can experience God's healing love and mercy. You are always in *our* prayers!

Open Mon-Tues-Fri 9am-2pm

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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

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 16-29, 2020	\$ 13,008.00	\$ 131,641.57
Online Giving	<u>4,640.00</u>	<u>57,780.87</u>
Total	\$ 17,648.00	\$ 189,422.44
Budget Goal	<u>19,600.00</u>	<u>215,600.00</u>
Difference	\$ (1,952.00)	\$ (26,177.56)

Add'l \$536.50 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted
Add'l \$4,000 contributed to Elevator Project

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

December 5/6: 4:30=57; 8:30=68; 11=45; Total=170

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

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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, 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



ELEVATOR UPDATE



St. Cecilia Church Elevator Project is on a brief hold due to current building costs and construction estimates.

We will look at it again when we are past this pandemic and church attendance and income resume to normal or additional funds are received.

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 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

Monday, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 am Mass
10:30 am Adult Study
7:00 pm KC Officers' Meeting

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW
6:30 pm SJN Finance Committee Mtg
7:00 pm Choir ZOOM

Thursday, December 17 O Wisdom

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

Friday, December 18 O Adonai

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 19 O Root of Jesse

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 20-4th Sun Advent

O Key of David
8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
10:15 am Christmas Pageant
11:00 am Mass

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