



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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# Lent



## LENT INFORMATION

**Stations of the Cross** 6:00 pm

&

**Individual Reconciliations** 6:30 pm  
Fridays, February 19 through March 26

### **Lenten Penance Service**

Combined with St. Mary's @ St. Cecilia  
Wednesday, March 3rd @ 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY 21, 2021



### **HUNGER IN OUR WORLD**

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:  
“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

*Mark 1:14-15*



### — 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, February 20**

4:30pm For Deacon Jerry Cato

#### **Sunday, February 21**

8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community

11:00am For Geraldine Gibbons

#### **Monday, February 22**

6:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy

#### **Tuesday, February 23**

8:00am For Mary Jo Peck

#### **Wednesday, February 24**

8:00am For Phil Conreaux

#### **Thursday, February 25**

8:00am For Tom Donnay (birthday)

#### **Friday, February 26**

8:00am For Joe Masek

#### **Saturday, February 27**

4:30pm For Forrest Friend

#### **Sunday, February 28**

8:30am For Gary Gorrell

11:00am For St. Cecilia Parish Community

To schedule an intention,  
call LeAnne at 618.623.9153

After hours or end  
of life emergencies,  
call Fr. Gibbons at  
618.946.4518



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*Rev Patrick Gibbons, Pastor*

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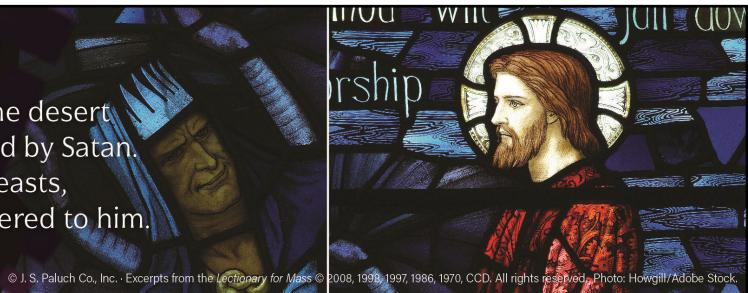
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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

MARK 1:12-13

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## BAPTISM

Today's readings suggest two different meanings and experiences of baptism. The second reading (from 1 Peter) makes an analogy between Noah's ark and Christian baptism: just as Noah and his family were saved from death by going through the waters of the flood in the ark, Christians are saved from sin and death by going through the waters of baptism. The first reading, from Genesis, portrays the world after the flood: washed clean of its prior wickedness, embraced by God's promises that the world will never again be destroyed by water. The psalmist expresses a desire to follow the ways of God, as if re-establishing the harmony between God and humanity destroyed by sin. This peaceful scene is very different from the drama and urgency in Mark's description of Jesus after his baptism. Jesus battles demons, receives sustenance from angels, and begins preaching: "Repent. The kingdom of God is at hand."

## GOOD MORNING! WELCOME TO LENT!

You probably did not get that greeting from your priest today, and you probably did not expect it. Isn't Lent a time of reflection and repentance? Somber purple, no "Alleluias"? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; attending to one's relationship with God?

True enough; however, there are Lenten practices that have a festive air woven into these penitential elements. One example is in the Church's retrieval of ancient Lenten practices that made up the final preparation of persons elected to receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. Jesus' urgent preaching in today's passage from Mark comes soon after his own baptism and reminds us that these sacraments still signal a dramatic change in a person's life: they have responded to Jesus' preaching of the kingdom and are now publicly professing themselves to be disciples of the Lord and fully initiated members of his visible church. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent were part of that preparation. Repentance was then, and remains today, important also for those already fully initiated; the work of repentance, of prayerfully examining our lives and making changes in anticipation of God's reign, is an ongoing aspect of our life in Christ.

## A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION

Other changes with baptism are more subtle and personal. When Noah and his family emerged from the ark, they saw that the floodwaters had receded after cleansing the world of human sinfulness. Everything was clean and fresh—a new creation, with a rainbow to guarantee God's promise to never again destroy the world with water. So, too, will the newly baptized emerge from the font and be anointed with chrism. Like the earth after the great flood, they are a new creation. Washed clean of sin and anointed with chrism, they are renewed in the embrace of the God of covenant love.

This is why Lent is always a festive anticipation of Easter and always about baptism, just as it is always about the repentance that draws us more deeply into God's kingdom.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 9:8-15  
 Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:12-15

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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
<b>9:35 am</b> PSR Adult Study			<b>10:30 am</b> Adult Study	
<b>1:00 pm</b> 1st Reconciliation Class				<b>10:00 am</b> RENEW
<b>3:00 pm</b> Confirm/1st Eucharist Class				
<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Study ZOOM	<b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Study			<b>7:00 pm</b> Prayer & Action

## Faith Formation Focus

*1st Sunday in Lent*  
**Feb. 21, 2021**

**GOSPEL** – Jesus is tempted.

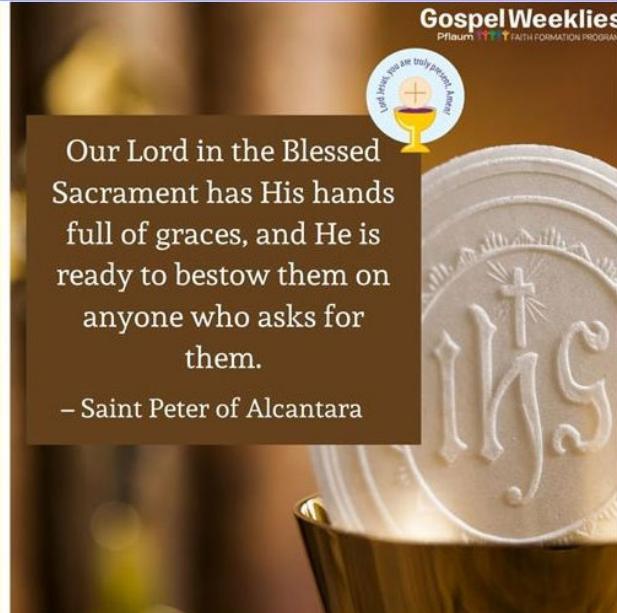
**SAINT** – St. Peter (Feb. 22)

**DOCTRINE** – Lent

**SERVICE** – Rice Bowl

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](http://STCPARISH.org)



### Life Question

What is testing your spirit this Lent?

### Gospel Question

What is Jesus asking when he says to repent and believe in the Good News?

### The SEARCH

Adults in the parish are invited to journey through life's enduring questions in this 7-session study.

*Join independently, via ZOOM or in class!*

**Adult Study** - Watch & discuss episode 2 of The SEARCH 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

(currently not meeting due to COVID)

Contact

**Joseph Zagorski 288-3200**

### Continuing Religious Education

(PSR, Bible Studies, Renew,  
1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, 1st Eucharist)

Contact

**Paula Raffaelle: 288-5523**

St. Cecilia is dedicated to sharing the Catholic faith to the next generation & community!

## Early Crusader Academy



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. John Neumann's Early Crusader Academy provides a nurturing and challenging environment for your child to grow emotionally, academically, socially, physically, and spiritually. The Early Crusader preschool program is an integrated curriculum focusing on all areas of learning at one time. Our curriculum provides experiences in language and literacy, math, science, social studies, art, music, and drama.

Our 3 Year Old Program provides a play-based approach to learning. Much emphasis is placed upon social/emotional development through active participation in daily play-based center activities. This program ensures a smooth transition into our four year old class.

Our 4 Year Old Program focuses heavily on Kindergarten readiness skills. The curriculum consists of daily journal writing, emergent pre-reading skills, and daily center activities which provide a hands-on approach to learning. The four year old program is aligned with our Kindergarten program and ensures a smooth transition to our St. John Neumann Kindergarten class.

Our preschool has plenty of options for everyone! You can find the daily schedule options for our PreK-3 and PreK-4 classes on our website: [www.sjncrusaders.org](http://www.sjncrusaders.org). We are now accepting enrollment for 2021-2022 in our Early Crusader Academy Preschool Program. All children in the community ages 3 and up are welcome. We have before and after care too! Spots are filling up quickly! Call us at (618) 345-7230 to schedule a tour.

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FEB 20, 2021, 9:00 AM - FEB 27, 2021, 4:00 PM

**Griffin Gala Online Silent Auction**

Online Event

[Join Event](#)

The 4th Annual Griffin Gala will be held online this year—details at [www.mcgivneygriffins.com](http://www.mcgivneygriffins.com) or contact the school.

**tinysaints.com**

The Mission Camp team at Fr. McGivney Catholic High School is raising money for their Summer '21 mission by partnering with Tiny Saints, an organization that sells mini keychain-sized saints. **From February 1-28, 25% of all purchases are donated directly towards the costs needed to participate in the mission trip!**

Shop at [Tinysaints.com](http://Tinysaints.com) and click on "Fr McGivney" to direct your proceeds to our team.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we actively participate in worship, faith formation, and community outreach.



## Lenten Regulations

**ABSTINENCE**—Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and **all Fridays of Lent**.

**FAST**—Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday**.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us!

Enhance your Lent by participating in CRS's Rice Bowl.

## FOR LENT FOR LIFE



This Lent, commit to our global human family through

- Daily prayer
- Weekly fasting
- Almsgiving

Jesus asks us to care for our sisters and brothers and to recognize him in them. With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we can answer to this Gospel call.

What you give up for Lent changes lives.

For more information, stories of hope, recipes & reflections, go to:  
<https://www.crsricebowl.org>



Please return your Rice Bowl at the end of Lent.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 17 - March 28

During this season of Lent, St. Cecilia parishioners are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life.

### What can I do?

#### PRAY & FAST

Pray & fast for an end to abortion during your normal day.

Pray the rosary prior to each weekend Mass.

#### PEACEFUL VIGIL

Pray for 1 hour at the abortion facility in Granite City.

**Fill the Gap:** Pray during non adopted hours.

**March 28:** Pray during St. Cecilia's adopted day.



More information available at [stcparish.org](http://stcparish.org) and by contacting Paula Raffaelle.



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## MOD Pizza

### Take-Out and Delivery Fundraiser!

Thursday March 4, 2021

10:30am-9:00pm

2300 A. Troy Road  
Edwardsville, IL



**Donating Back: 20%**

Organizer: 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 continue to help families with groceries & utilities each week!



#### ITEMS NEEDED:

**Canned fruit: Peaches, Pears, Mandarin oranges, Apple sauce**

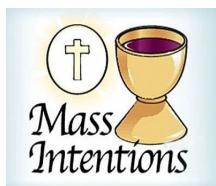
**Canned vegetables: Baked Beans, Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots**

**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](mailto:guymarshall60@yahoo.com)

#### Weekday & Weekend Mass Intentions



People often have a Mass intention reserved on a deceased member's birthday, anniversary, etc. If you would like to reserve a Mass intention, please contact LeAnne at 618.623.9153 (cell).

Donation of \$10 is requested. Please consider weekday Masses too! 2021 dates are filling up quickly.

### PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

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

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
January 18-31, 2021	\$ 10,873.00	\$ 229,244.99
Online Giving	<u>4,141.00</u>	<u>85,387.87</u>
Total	\$ 15,014.00	\$ 314,632.86
Budget Goal	<u>19,600.00</u>	<u>303,800.00</u>
Difference	\$ (4,586.00)	\$ 10,832.86

Add'l \$270 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

#### ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

February 13/14: 4:30=71; 8:30=48; 11=60; Total=179

February 6/7: 4:30=55; 8:30=62; 11=77; Total=194

January 30/31: 4:30=55; 8:30=40; 11=76; Total=171

January 23/24: 4:30=52; 8:30=49; 11=70; Total=171

Go GREEN—Give online @ <https://www.osvhub.com/stc-parish/>

We are so grateful for your continued support.

#### Thank you for your Donations to

**Central and Easter Europe last Weekend and on Ash Wednesday**

#### Collection for

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**is next week**

**FEBRUARY 27th & 28th, 2021**

**Please use your contribution envelope or mark your check "Catholic Charities" and place it in the collections box when entering or exiting church**

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,

Ann Carrera family, Maria Carroll, Sara Cleary,  
Charles Cook, Kathy Cooperman, Lisa Frew's  
friend Rick, Ted Fuehne, Edwin Gajewski,  
Sandy Gill, Mary Anne Griffin, Angie & Adalyn  
Hardesty, Mary Ann Hobbs, Mike Hogan,  
Cynthia Ann Hunter, Mary Karcher, Mary Rose  
Kobler, Marion Konkel, Joseph Martin, Connor  
McAleenan, Mary Mucho, Irene Potthoff, Sheila  
Ridenbark, Doris Robinson, Nathan Rozycki,  
Luke Ryterski, Alan Schrewe, Nancy Schwartz,  
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



Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.  
— Psalm 25:4



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### **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, February 21**

##### **8:00 & 10:30am 40 Days For Life Rosary**

8:30 am Mass

9:30 am PSR

9:30 am Adult Study

11:00 am Mass

1:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Class

3:00 pm Confirmation/1st Eucharist Class

7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

#### **Monday, February 22**

6:00 pm Reconciliation

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Adult Study

#### **Tuesday, February 23**

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Adult Study

#### **Wednesday, February 24**

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am RENEW

7:00 pm Choir

#### **Thursday, February 25**

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Prayer & Action

#### **Friday, February 26**

8:00 am Mass

##### **6:00 pm Stations of the Cross**

**6:30 pm Reconciliation**

#### **Saturday, February 27**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

##### **4:00 pm 40 Days For Life Rosary**

4:30 pm Mass

#### **Sunday, February 28**

##### **8 & 10:30 am 40 Days For Life Rosary**

8:30 am Mass

9:30 am PSR

9:30 am Adult Study

11:00 am Mass

1:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Class

3:00 pm Confirmation/1st Eucharist Class

7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

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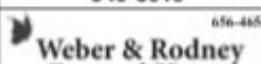
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