



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT-LAETARE SUNDAY

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

John 3:16



— 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, March 13

4:30pm For Mary Jo Peck

Sunday, March 14

8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community

11:00am For Forrest Friend

Monday, March 15

6:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy

Tuesday, March 16

8:00am For Patricia Aleman

Wednesday, March 17

8:00am For Bill Kaman

Thursday, March 18

8:00am For Nancy Belobraydic

Friday, March 19

8:00am For Deacon Jerry Cato

Saturday, March 20

4:30pm For Ruth & Robert Scheibal, Sr.

Sunday, March 21

8:30am For Deacon Jerry Cato
11:00am For St. Cecilia Parish CommunityTo 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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Monday — Thursday 8:30 am—4:00 pm (office closed at this time)

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REDEEMING HUMANITY

The end of Second Chronicles claims that "all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people" were continuously unfaithful to their covenant with God. This infidelity ultimately led to seventy years of exile in Babylon, after which Cyrus, the Persian ruler who conquered Babylon, allows the people of Israel to return home and rebuild their temple; the Psalmist reflects on the bitterness of those seventy years. Paul is lyrical in praising God "who is rich in mercy" and who "brought us to life" with Christ, while the evangelist recounts preaching by Jesus on this same theme. This is the section of John that includes the oft-memorized John 3:16: "For God so loved the world . . ." All three readings emphasize God's desire to rescue—or redeem—humanity from pain and suffering.

HUMAN HISTORY . . .

Today's reading from Second Chronicles is the conclusion of these two volumes, a brief summary of Judah's infidelity under a sequence of kings and the subsequent seventy years of exile in Babylon. This abbreviated sequence recaps the events treated in earlier chapters, concluding with Jerusalem being conquered and its inhabitants deported by to Babylon.

After the Babylonians were conquered by Cyrus and the Persians, Cyrus built the great Persian Empire that covered almost the entire ancient Near East. Unlike the earlier Assyrians and Babylonians, Cyrus did not rule by deporting and enslaving peoples he defeated. Instead, he organized his empire into regional governments and funded their construction projects, ruling over all with the title King of Kings (among others). In this spirit, Cyrus urged the exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild their temple and their native culture. In Jewish terms, Cyrus was a "messiah" (Hebrew), or a christos (Greek), someone anointed by God to carry out this divine mission.

. . . AND DIVINE RESCUE

The return from exile in Babylon was second only to the Exodus from Egypt as a founding narrative shaping the Jewish identity into which Jesus was born and in which his church took root and began to grow. If we read between the lines of the two New Testament readings from today, we can see the outlines of this same pattern of God bringing humanity from sorrow into joy: The Hebrews' slavery in Egypt and the Judeans' exile in Babylonia reveal a universal truth, that we belong to the God who is "rich in mercy," and we are assured that "when we were dead in our transgressions," God "so loved the world" that he sent Jesus to be the way of our redemption, our salvation.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called "Laetare Sunday," or "Rejoice! Sunday." Even if we feel overwhelmed by the darkness of sin (our own and others'), wondering whether God really is working on our behalf, we can put our faith in today's Word that it is so. For this, we can truly rejoice—we are more than halfway to Easter!

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23
 Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6
 Ephesians 2:4–10
 John 3:14–21



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
9:35 am PSR Adult Study		10:30 am Adult Study	10:00 am RENEW	
7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM	7:00 pm Adult Study			

Faith Formation Focus

4th Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2021

GOSPEL – Jesus gives us light.

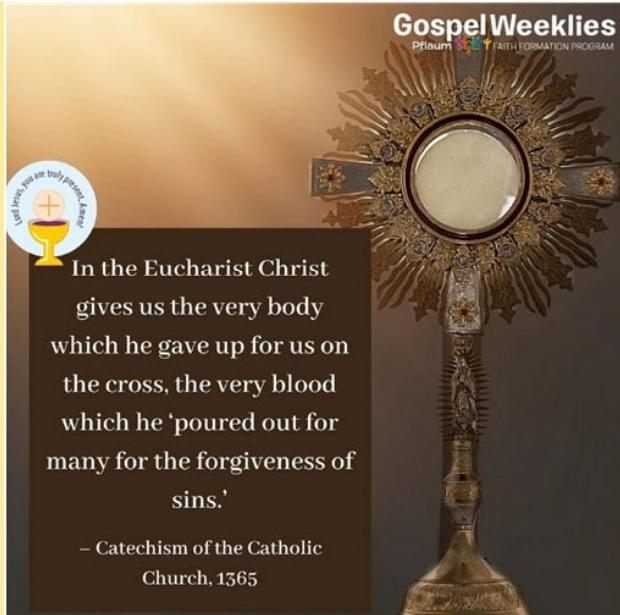
SAINT – St. Patrick (March 17)

DOCTRINE – Grace before meals.

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



Life Question

What are you in the dark about?

Gospel Question

What light does Jesus give our world?

Confirmation & 1st Eucharist

Please pray for the 3rd grade students at St. Cecilia, as they will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist in private Masses over the next few weeks.

Adult Study - Watch & discuss episode 5 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!



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dinner Auction - Our VIRTUAL dinner auction is **next weekend!!!** We are excited to celebrate our Annual Auction virtually this year! Gather up a small circle of friends/family and enjoy the evening!

Visit www.sjncrusaders.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:

Bidding will open at 9AM on Thursday, **March 18th** and close at 9pm on Saturday, **March 20th**.

There will be several ways to support our amazing school from the comfort of your home:

- Bid on our exciting silent auction items
- Purchase raffle tickets

Make a donation to our Raise Your Paddle, which will help support new technology throughout the school as the teachers navigate the virtual teaching world.

Thank you for helping make this year's event a great success!

Auction Committee



JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING AS WE CELEBRATE
52 YEARS OF PROTECTING LIFE WITH

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
AS OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2021



52ND ANNUAL BANQUET

The Carlisle (Lombard, IL)

\$125.00 per ticket/ VIP \$250.00
Clergy or student \$75.00 / \$1,000.00 table of 10.

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PURCHASE TICKETS NOW AT: WWW.ILLINOISRIGHTTOLIFE.ORG/BANQUET
OR CALL 312-422-9300



Lent



LENT/ EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm
&

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

Palm Sunday weekend:
Normal Mass Times
Saturday 3/27 - 4:30pm;
Sunday 3/28 - 8:30 & 11:00am

HOLY WEEK

Thursday 4/1: 7:00pm Mass;
Adoration following Mass
till midnight

Friday 4/2: 3:00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday 4/3: 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 4/4: Masses at normal times 8:30 & 11:00am

Easter Egg Hunt Time & Date
to be determined and announced soon!

SAVE THE DATE
Totus Tuus

JULY 24-31, 2021

Details & registration information soon!

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



Join women of Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) for an online Lenten evening on hope and renewal. This virtual evening will offer time for prayer and reflection on our unique role as modern women at the cross!

Presenters



Katie Price
Parish Vitality and
Mission Advancement
Director



Sister M. Veritas Wilks,
FSGM
Women's and Youth
Ministry Director

23 MARCH 2021 | 7PM

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3UMTQGZ](https://bit.ly/3UMTQGZ)
OR BY CONTACTING MYRNA AT 618 585-3090 OR EMAIL
HER AT SDCCW32321@GMAIL.COM

Forth Week of Lent - Trying New Foods in Timor-Leste

FOR LENT FOR LIFE



Trying New Foods in Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children.

What do you eat to stay healthy?

What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive?



Visit crsricebowl.org for stories of hope, recipes & reflections.

**Gratia Plena House of Discernment
is hosting a Virtual Retreat to
Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph
Friday, March 19, 2021**



Moderated by Carol Kleinert, Catholic Spiritual Mentor and Retreat Facilitator

Participating in this retreat and completing ALL the REQUIRED ELEMENTS(*) will fulfill the obligations necessary to receive a Plenary Indulgence granted by the Holy See in this Year of St. Joseph!

This one-day retreat will include all the elements required for a Plenary Indulgence:

Presentation on St. Joseph

- Silent meditation on St. Joseph
- Prayers for Pope's Intentions
- Prayer to St. Joseph
- Litany of St. Joseph

To fulfill the obligations to receive a Plenary Indulgence you must also:

- Attend Mass the day of the retreat & receive Holy Communion
- Confession within 7 days before or after the retreat

The day also includes the Rosary, time for silent prayer, and a self-guided meditation on the "Our Father."

You may join for as much or as little as you would like and forego the Indulgence if you cannot complete all the necessary requirements.

REGISTER AT www.gratiaplenaks.org/events

YOU'RE INVITED!



Knights of Columbus



Niemeyer Agency

Fraternal Benefit Night

Virtual Webinar

by award winning author Tom Hegna

**March 23, 2021
6:30 PM**



**Pay Checks
and
Play Checks**

You're invited to join our webinar where Tom will share his mathematically and scientifically proven approach that will enable you to create a secure retirement, no matter how long you live.

Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.



Attendance Limited
Must Pre-register
kofc.link/hegna

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:

Oatmeal, Sugar, Brown Rice, Laundry Detergent, Split Peas

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
February 27/28, 2021	\$ 6,667.00	\$ 260,485.00
Online Giving	<u>2,482.00</u>	<u>97,049.87</u>
Total	\$ 9,149.00	\$ 357,534.87
Budget Goal (\$9,800/wk)	<u>9,800.00</u>	<u>343,000.00</u>
Difference	\$ (651.00)	\$ 14,534.87

Add'l \$145 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

March 6/7: 4:30=48; 8:30=59; 11=81; Total=188
February 27/28: 4:30=80; 8:30=52; 11=83; Total=215
February 20/21: 4:30=59; 8:30=60; 11=70; Total=189
February 17, Ash Wednesday: 8:00=36; 7:00=60; Total=96

Fr. Patrick Gibbons
will be a guest on the
Spring 2021
Covenant Network
Radiothon



Wednesday, March 24
from **4 – 5 p.m.**

Please call **314-752-7000** to donate to Catholic Radio while **Fr. Gibbons** is on air.

You can listen at OurCatholicRadio.org, on the App, or on
AM 1080 – FM 92.7

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Fr. Patrick Gibbons' Hour

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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,

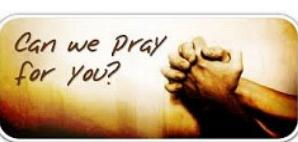
Brian & Jan Brogan, Ann

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, Mary Jane Petrunich, 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

Also let us know if we should remove anyone



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 and
by contacting Paula Raffaelle.



ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

Sunday, March 14

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

2:00 pm St. Boniface Penance Service

7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

Monday, March 15

6:00 pm Reconciliation

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Adult Study

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Adult Study

6:00 pm MPH Lenten Penance Service

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, March 17

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am RENEW

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 18

8:00 am Mass

Friday, March 19

8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, March 20

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm 40 Days For Life Rosary

4:30 pm Mass

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11:00 am Mass

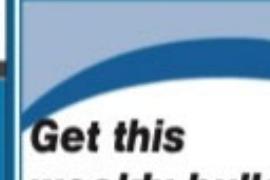
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