



St. Cecilia Catholic Church
MARCH 21, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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*Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

John 12:24



— 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 20
 4:30pm For Ruth & Robert Scheibal, Sr.
Sunday, March 21
 8:30am For Deacon Jerry Cato
 11:00am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
Monday, March 22
 6:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, March 23
 8:00am For Mary Jo Peck
Wednesday, March 24
 8:00am For Phil Conreaux
Thursday, March 25
 8:00am For Anne Carrera
Friday, March 26
 8:00am For Deacon Jerry Cato
Saturday, March 27
 4:30pm For St. Cecilia Parish Community
Sunday, March 28
 8:30am For Geraldine Gibbons
 11:00am For Phil Conreaux

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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I will place my law within them
 and write it upon their hearts;
 I will be their God,
 and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33

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THROUGH SUFFERING

The prophet Jeremiah, in today's first reading, is looking beyond the often-messy history of Israel and Judah to a time when the people will no longer be disobedient to God, because God's law will be "written on their hearts"—that is, their natural inclinations and desires will be oriented toward God's will. The psalmist gives voice to the sorrow that Israel and Judah experienced in their separation from God "Have mercy on me, O God . . . A clean heart create for me." According to Saint Paul, the earthly Jesus, "son though he was," like his ethnic ancestors, he "learned obedience from what he suffered." The Gospel reading is part of Jesus' discourses not long before the Last Supper. Instead of a social encounter with Philip's friends who had come to see him, Jesus is grappling with his approaching death and its ultimate meaning for the world.

JEREMIAH: LOOKING BEYOND EXILE AND SUFFERING

The readings today remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who would not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.

LOOKING FOR JESUS, FINDING THE CROSS

In the Gospel reading, friends of Philip come to him and ask about meeting Jesus. When Philip and Andrew take the request to Jesus, he begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether Philip's friends got to personally meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd.

Jesus says, "[W]hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words indicate how he will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life his death will bring.

What if we, like Philip's friends, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to himself as he is "lifted up," does being closer to him mean joining him on his cross? (Do we want to be that close to Jesus?) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with him in his suffering—and in our own.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
 Hebrews 5:7-9
 John 12:20-33

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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
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

5th Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

GOSPEL – Jesus is like a grain of wheat.

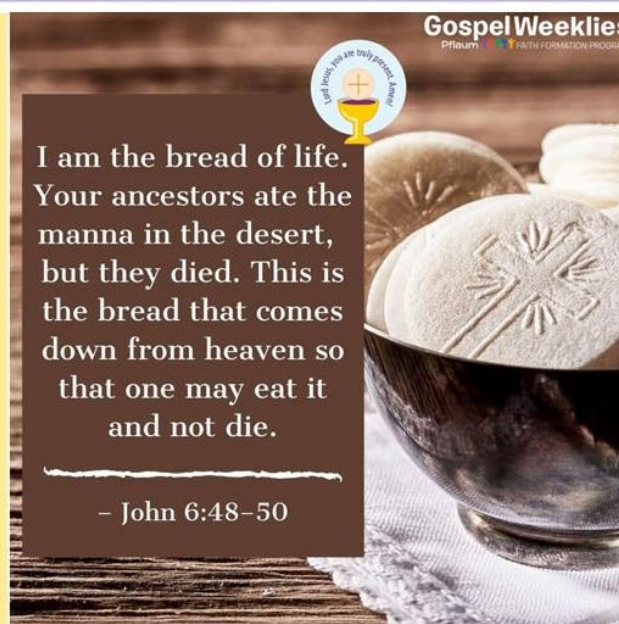
SAINT – St. Joseph (March 19)

DOCTRINE – Virtues

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



I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.

– John 6:48-50

Life Question

What is one way you have lifted someone up?

Gospel Question

How is Jesus like a grain of wheat?

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 6 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 Raffaele: 288-5523



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Thank you!

Everyone here at St. John Neumann would like to give a heartfelt thank you to those who helped make our Virtual Gala Auction a huge success!

Thank you to all of our families, alumni, teachers, staff, donors, Auction Committee members, and everyone who participated in our online event. We would also like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to our Auction Chairs: Kathy Thimsen and Stephanie Doty. We are so proud of our Crusader family!



SAVE THE DATE

Totus Tuus

JULY 24-31, 2021

Details & registration information soon!

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 SCHEDULE

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!

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

Women at the Cross

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

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Fifth Week of Lent - Community in Madagascar

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FOR **LIFE**



Community in Madagascar

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and well-being of their children.

How does your community work together for the good of others?

CRS RICE BOWL

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

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

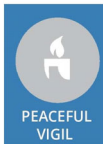
Pray for 1 hour at the abortion facility in Granite City.

Fill the Gap: Pray during non adopted hours.

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



More information available
at steparish.org and
by contacting Paula Raffaele.



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

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FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2021

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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:

Laundry Detergent, Chili w/Beans,
Crunchy Peanut Butter, Brown Rice,
Elbow Macaroni, Sugar, Flour, Oil, Graham
Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Ravioli

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 13/14: 4:30=68; 8:30=58; 11=87; Total=213

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

Fr. Patrick Gibbons

will be a guest on the
Spring 2021

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Wednesday, March 24
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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



ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

Sunday, March 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

7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

Monday, March 22

6:00 pm Reconciliation

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Adult Study

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Adult Study

Wednesday, March 24

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am RENEW

4:00 pm Radiothon (see previous page)

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 25

8:00 am Mass

Friday, March 26

8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, March 27

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm 40 Days For Life Rosary

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 28-PALM SUNDAY

7 am—7 pm St. Cecilia Prayer at Granite City Clinic

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

5:00 pm 40 Days For Life Ending Rally

7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

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Jeremiah 31:33



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