



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

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Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

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IMPORTANT
UPDATE
ABOUT MASS
DISPENSATION

When the centurion
who stood facing him
saw how he breathed
his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"



— 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 27
 4:30pm For St. Cecilia Parish Community
Sunday, March 28
 8:30am For Geraldine Gibbons
 11:00am For Phil Conreaux
Monday, March 29
 6:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy
Tuesday, March 30
 8:00am For Rose Scheibal
Wednesday, March 31
 8:00am For Kenneth & Barbara Wankowski
Thursday, April 1
 7:00pm For Ruth & Robert Scheibal, Sr.
Friday, April 2-Good Friday
 3:00pm Service—NO MASS
Saturday, April 3
 8:00pm Mary Jo Peck
Sunday, April 4
 8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community
 11:00am For Deacon Jerry Cato

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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"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:39

A PREVIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and previews its themes and events. Today's liturgy begins with the commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Roman Missal gives three options for how this can be done, the most elaborate of which begins with the priest, ministers, and the entire assembly outside. The Gospel account of the entry is read, after which palms are blessed and distributed. Then everyone enters the church in procession, singing songs or psalms. However, the joy is temporary; the Passion narrative recounts how, after an intimate meal with his disciples a few days later, Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried. The reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs, while the psalm likewise gives voice to the suffering of the innocent. The reading from Philippians affirms the Incarnation as God's embrace of the entire human situation, including suffering and death.

SUFFERING . . .

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

. . . AND INTIMACY

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40-41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

TODAY'S READINGS

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
 Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

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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			

Faith Formation Focus

Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

GOSPEL – Jesus' Passion and Death.
SAINT – St. Isidore of Seville (April 4)
DOCTRINE – Apparitions of Mary
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

GospelWeeklies
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Let us know you are truly present here

For it was to save you that I came into the world, that I suffered and died on the Cross, and in order to console and strengthen you I left you the Eucharist. So you have there all My life, all My tenderness.
 – Mother Mary of Jesus

Life Question

What in the Holy Week liturgies expresses who Jesus is for you?

Gospel Question

How does Jesus' death on the cross affect how you live?

Holy Week on FORMED

Make this Holy Week special!
 Watch, listen & read all the Holy Week material on FORMED!
 Sign up info can be found on STCPARISH.org

Adult Study - Watch & discuss **episode 7** 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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Summer Camp

St. John Neumann is pleased to offer CAMP CRUSADER: a safe, high quality summer camp, for PreK-3 - 8th grade children! Camp Crusader is an exciting chance for your child to have a fun-filled summer, with a different theme each week! Camp Crusader will take place from June 1st - July 30th and is open daily Monday-Friday (except July 5-9 for Independence Day) from 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The registration deadline is April 30th at 6:00 pm. Visit our website at www.sjncrusaders.org and click on Student Experience and then Camp Crusader for more information and to download the registration forms today!

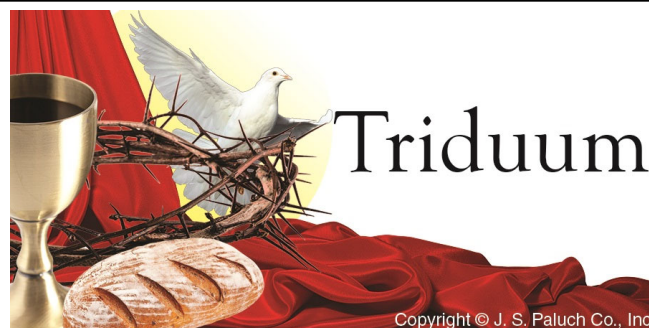
Camp Crusader



Father McGivney Catholic School is seeking candidates for the following COACHING positions for the Fall Season of the 2021-2022 school year:

- Head Boys Golf Coach
- Assistant Boys Golf Coach

Please send a cover letter, resume, completed application, and three letters of recommendation to Jeff Oller at joller@mcgivneygriffins.com by May 1st. Applications and more details can be found on our website <https://mcgivneygriffins.com/employment-opportunities>



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday 4/1

- 7:00 pm Mass
- Adoration following Mass till midnight

Friday 4/2

- 3:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday 4/3

- 7:30 pm Rosary
- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 4/4

- 8:00 am Rosary
- 8:30 am Mass
- 10:30 am Rosary
- 11:00 am Mass
- 12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt



SAVE THE DATE

Totus Tuus

JULY 24-31, 2021

Details & registration information soon!



February 17 - March 28

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

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

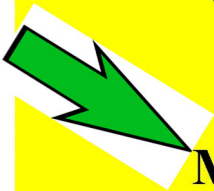


Pray & fast for an end to abortion during your normal day.

Pray the rosary prior to each weekend Mass.

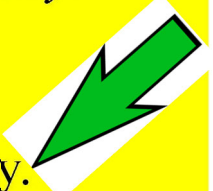
PEACEFUL VIGIL

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 Raffaele.



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:

Graham Crackers, Sugar, White Rice
(not instant), Brown Rice (not instant),
Beef Ravioli, Chili w/Beans, Canned Spinach

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
March 1-14, 2021	\$ 12,659.00	\$ 273,144.00
Online Giving	<u>5,831.00</u>	<u>102,880.87</u>
Total	\$ 18,490.00	\$ 376,024.87
Budget Goal (\$9,800/wk)	<u>19,600.00</u>	<u>362,600.00</u>
Difference	\$ (1,011.00)	\$ 13,424.87

Add'l \$1,023 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

March 20/21: Numbers not available at time of print

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



Bishop Paprocki is updating guidelines for the dispensation that excuses us
from attending Mass because of the pandemic. The current dispensation
will be lifted on April 11th (including the Saturday, April 10th, mass).

Bishop Paprocki also maintains a particular dispensation for the following
cases, which means people in any of these categories are still excused
from the obligation to attend Mass:

- Those 65 years of age or older;
- Those at risk for severe illness due to underlying medical conditions as
described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- Those who care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed;
- Those women who are pregnant;
- Those who cannot be accommodated at Mass because the church was
at safe-distancing capacity.

In a point of clarity, the decree also points out that anyone in the following
categories is automatically excused from the obligation to attend Mass,
and, in fact, has an obligation to NOT attend Mass as it puts other people
at risk:

- Those who are currently ill;
- Those who have a fever or exhibit flu-like symptoms;
- Those who have good reason to think they might be asymptomatic of a
contagious illness (e.g., those who were in recent contact with someone
who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza)

If someone is not in any of the categories above but still has concerns
about attending Mass, please contact Fr. Gibbons, as he has the authority
to grant dispensations on an individual basis.

Go GREEN—Give online @ [https://](https://www.osvhub.com/stc-parish/)

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We are so grateful for your continued support.

Palm Sunday - Serving the Suffering Christ

FOR
LENT
FOR LIFE



Serving the Suffering Christ

As we enter Holy Week and
celebrate Palm Sunday, let's
reflect on how our Lord
suffered from our indiffer-
ence: those who proclaimed
him king of Jerusalem were
the same who called to
crucify him. We recognize
we are all one human family.

Are we contributing to the
suffering of our sisters and
brothers with our indifference to
their realities?

How does our faith inspire us to
care for them & share the gifts
that God has bestowed on us?



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

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:

Phil Achenbach, 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 Konkell, Joseph Martin, Connor McAleenan, Mary Mucho, Mary Jane Petrunich, Irene Potthoff, Sheila Ridenbark, Doris Robinson, Nathan Rozycki, Luke Ryterski, Bob Scheibal, Alan Schrewe, Nancy Schwartz, Weiss Family, Allison Winkler, JD Wynn, Bob Zellerman, StC 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



**Bring your bells to church
to ring during Gloria
at Holy Thursday Mass
and the Easter Vigil
April 1 & April 3**



ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

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

Monday, March 29

6:00 pm Reconciliation

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Adult Study

Tuesday, March 30

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Adult Study

Wednesday, March 31

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am RENEW

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, April 1-HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Mass

8:00 pm Adoration till midnight

Friday, April 2-GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 3-HOLY SATURDAY

3:30 pm Reconciliation

7:30 pm Rosary

8:00 pm Mass

Sunday, April 4-EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt

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