

St. Cecilia Catholic Church **SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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ST. CECILIA'S **ANNUAL COMMUNIT**

The Annual Chicken Dinner is *NEXT WEEK*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

WE NEED EVERYONE TO MAKE THE 2021 EVENT A SUCCESS

If you haven't already signed up to volunteer, please do so on the clipboards in the Portico TODAY or go to the church website, scroll about 1/2 way down, and click the link to Sign-Up! Many slots empty—WE NEED YOU!

Due to Covid, there are a few changes this year:

- We will have *limited* dine-in seating with overflow in the Pavilion.
- Carry-outs will be expanded and located in the front parking lot between the Church and Family Life Center. Please invite your friends and family to come grab a carry-out meal.
- Entertainment will all be outside including a polka band, our St. Cecilia Grace Notes Children's Choir, Karaoke, cake walk, and miscellaneous games. Feel free to bring a lawn game of your own to play with your Church family also.
- The Bounce House and Face Painting have been cancelled for safety reasons.
- Dine-in meals will be served in the serving line, and all servers will be required to wear masks and gloves.
- We are asking each family to donate a DESSERT—Home-made and store bought will be accepted and should be dropped off after the Saturday, 4:30 pm mass, or Sunday before 11:00 am mass.



- Mass Times -

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 pm **Sunday**: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Monday: 6:30 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 am
1st Saturday of Month: 8:00 am
Reconciliation —

Monday: 6:00-6:30 pm Saturday: 3:30-4:00 pm

1st Saturday of Month: 7:30 am

Anytime by Appointment



This week's intentions:

Saturday, September 11 4:30pm For St. Cecilia Parish Community

Sunday, September 12 8:30am For John Wedel 11:00am For Gary Gorrell

Monday, September 13 6:30pm For The Reform of the Clergy

Tuesday, September 14 8:00am In Honor of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, September 15 8:00am For Marge Koenig Thursday, September 16 8:00am For Mary Jo Peck Friday, September 17 8:00am For Mary Jane

Saturday, September 18 4:30pm For Bill Rader Sunday, September 19

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8:30am For St. Cecilia Parish Community

11:00am For Mary Jo Peck

To schedule a mass 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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If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34

SUFFERING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God's love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today's passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus' disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel's oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A "LARGE" FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today's passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one's faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a "large" faith is to move from apathy toward others' sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to

relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4c-9a Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35



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 1:00 pm 1st Reconcil. Parent mtg			<mark>10:00 am</mark> RENEW	
3:00 pm 1st Eucharist Parent mtg				<u>6:30 pm</u> RCIA

Faith Formation Focus

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

GOSPEL - Who do you say that I am?.

SAINT - St. Teresa of Calcutta (Sept. 5)

PRAYER – Sign of the Cross

SERVICE - St. Cecilia Food Pantry

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

Question of the Week

What does Jesus mean when he says we must take up our cross and follow him?

RCIA

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

Call the office for more information or just come to class at the FLC!



YOUTH Religious Education - BEGINS SUNDAY!

PSR, 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation & 1st Eucharist



Adult Study - Sent by the Spirit

Learn about Confirmation in our next adult study beginning the week of Sept. 19, 2021. Study independently or in class: Sun @ 9:35 am or Mon @ 7 pm or Tues @ 10:30 am

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings & RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact Fr. Patrick Gibbons 288-3200

Continuing Religious Education

 $PSR\ (grades\ k\ -\ 8), \qquad Adult\ Studies, \\ 1st\ Reconciliation\ (gd\ 2),\ Confirmation\ \&\ 1st\ Eucharist\ (gd\ 3)$

Contact
Paula Raffaelle: 288-5523

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



STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council! 5th grade: Ethan B., Jonathan H., Alyssa M., Mark M., and Ashlyn S.

6th grade: Maddie D., Anna M., and Owen W. 7th grade: Damian J., Addison M., and Emily M.

8th grade - President: Grace W., Vice President: Sara R.,

Secretary: Sofia R., 8th grade Rep: Jacob B.

GOLF CLASSIC

We would like to send a huge thank you to all of the golfers and sponsors who participated in our 29th Annual Golf Classic on Friday September 10th. Also, another thank you to our Golf Classic Chair, Chris Renner, his committee, and the many volunteers who dedicated their time to ensure this event ran smoothly. Due to your generosity and support, this event was a great success!



FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAY



OPENS

APPLICATION

PREVIEW DAY

ADMISSIONS KEY DATES

9/1/2021

Opens at 8:00AM

We are now accepting applications for our 2022-23 school year!

> Look for: "Click Here to Apply" on the website! www.mcgivneygriffins.o

9/20-12/3/21

Current 8th graders are welcome to "shadow" one of our Griffin Ambassadors for a day beginning 9/20-12/3/21

SHADOW https://mcgivneygriffins.com/shadow-

10/17/2021

Begins at 1:00pm

Prospective Parents are invited to join us to learn more about our Catholic faith-based, college-prep school with a brief presentation, guided tour and meet our teachers and administrators.

SAVE THE DATE

11/13/2021

8am - 11am

Incoming Freshman are required to take a placement test. An applicant's academic performance will be based on, but not limited to placement test scores, grades & recommendations.

SAVE THE DATE

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Questions? Contact Admissions Director Lisa Rolves at: lrolves@mcgivneygriffins.com



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For more info and to purchase your tickets visit: https://tailgatetrivia2.givesmart.com Questions? Contact Elizabeth Moody, at emoody@mcgivneygriffins.com.

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WHITE ELEPHANT SALE September 23-4:00-8:00 pm (preview day \$2 admission)

September 24 & 25-8:00 am-2:00 pm

MPH Parish Center 200 N Lange St, Maryville

EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY!

Adult Catholic Refresher

We are offering a series of sessions on the practices and fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church. These sessions are refresher courses for fully initiated Catholics who just need to dust off the cobwebs or gain a new, fresh understanding of "why we do/believe that".

There is an inexhaustible list of possible topics so, we plan to offer them in 8 week segments, with a different pre-planned topic each week. To offer this opportunity for all, we will have both a morning and evening session. You choose which works for you!

Who: All Catholic adults who want to refresh their faith or gain a deeper understanding of the basic teachings and doctrines of the Catholic Church

What: 1 1/2 hr. sessions w/discussion

When: Mondays 9:30-11:00 am OR Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm (choose one)

Beginning October 4/5th, 2021

Where: St. Paul Parish Life Center

1420 Ninth Street Highland, IL 62249

Cost: \$15/person, due at registration either in person OR online at:

https://stpaulhighland.weshareonline.org/

Registration deadline: September 15th

Questions: contact Deanna at: (618) 654-2339 x217 or dharlan@stpaulhighland.org

"Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then, the God of peace will be with you". Philippians 4:9

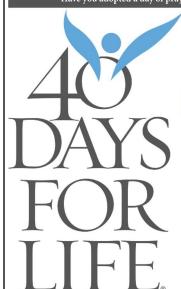
Are you being called to be a deacon?

There will be an informational meeting at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1215 Milton Rd, Alton, on **September 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM**.

The Diocesan Director for the diaconate, Deacon Dave Sorrell will present the exciting news of a new class for those interested in the Permanent Diaconate Program beginning Fall 2022. Other deacons and their wives will be present and will share their own vocations stories - how they sensed God calling them to this service in the Church.

The Diaconate is open to men between the ages of 32 and 57 who are active in the practice of their faith and who desire to grow in relationship with Our Lord in service to their Parish Community. If interested, and if married, wives are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you have questions please feel free to reach out to Deacon Dave at: dsorrell@dio.org



Have you adopted a day of prayer? Sign up at: 40daysgc.com

You are invited to the 2021 Opening Rally:

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 12:00-1:00 PM

Hope Clinic for Women

1602 21st Street Granite City, IL 62040

Join us in praying every day from

September 22-October 31, 2021

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PRAYER Rally Special Guest- Debbie Shultz



After 15 years of bondage to the abortion decision Debbie and Tim Shultz made in 1986, the Lord set Debbie free from the heavy burden of guilt and shame. They passionately share their story and the redeeming love of our Father.

For 12 years Debbie served as Executive Director at the pregnancy medical center they founded in Springfield, IL. In 2019 they began to focus on the abortion recovery ministry, Embracing Grace After Abortion.

Debbie and Tim wrote their personal healing journey in the book "Unrobing the Shame: One Couple's Healing Journey After Abortion." www.Debbie.ndTimShultz.com

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

"Living God's Plan for Life, Love and the Family"





Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

92ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Hamilton's South Ballroom

110 North East Street

Jacksonville, Illinois

Hosted by Catholic Women of the former Jacksonville Deanery with Mass at Our Savior Catholic Church, Jacksonville



Coleen Kelly Mast

Guest Speaker

Featured Talks:

"The 4 Heart Healthy Habits for Holiness"

&

"LoveEd"

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!

PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

ST. CECILIA FOOD PANTRY



As a Parish family we continue to help families with groceries & utilities each week!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Instant Oatmeal, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Berry Cranberries, Green Beans, Beets, Flour, Tuna (in water), Vanilla and Chocolate Cake Frosting, White & Yellow Cake Mix, Jar Tomato Sauce, Vegetable Oil, Coffee, Flavored Pasta Mix, Vegetable Soup, Tomato Soup, Kleenex, Hand Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Laundry Detergent for Sensitive Skin, Women's Deodorant

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

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

Weekly Generosity		eekly Totals	Fiscal YTD	
August 16-29, 2021	\$	13,492.00	\$ 410,944.79	
Online Giving	_	4,083.50	172,220.37	
Total	\$	17,575.50	\$ 583,165.16	
Budget Goal (\$9,800/wk)		19,600.00	597,800.00	
Difference	\$	(2,024.50)	\$ (14,634.84)	

Add'l \$55 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted Add'l \$1,022 donated to Haiti Earthquake Collection

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

Sept 4/5: 4:30=95; 8:30=80; 11=101; Total=276 August 28/29: 4:30=102; 8:30=78; 11=95; Total=275 August 21/22: 4:30=118; 8:30=91; 11=94; Total=303 August 14/15: 4:30=114; 8:30=83; 11=98; Total=295

Go GREEN—Give online @ https:// www.osvhub.com/stc-parish/ We are so grateful for your continued support.



MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Effective Ministry Scheduling

Call LeAnne Scheibal at 618.623.9153 if you'd like to volunteer or need assistance with scheduling

SEPT 18/19	Altar Server	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gift Bearer	Greeter	Reader	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Colin Moore Anna Moore	Phil Gonzales NOT FILLED Frank Ley	Young & Richard Schulz	Mike & Michelle Spillers	Annie Moody Connie Mang	Bill Cobb John Kromray
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Annabella DeAvila Celine Soldan	NOT FILLED Patty Dettenmeier Roger Dettenmeier	Karen Huff Ricki Zellerman	Payne Family	Kevin Winans Carol Winans	Tom Dixon Charles Juneau
Sunday, 10:00 AM (Meridian) Tennant						
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Alivia Peck NOT FILLED	Mark Noe Joseph Zagorski Kimberly Zagorski	Richter Family	NOT FILLED	Mike Woolsey Michael Skasick	George Gonzalez NOT FILLED

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:

Mark Achenbach, Patricia Aleman, Debbie Armas, Marissa Banovz, Betty Barton, Jan Brogan, Bob Buehler, Maria Carroll, Sara Cleary, Charles Cook, Tanya Craddick, 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, Esther Kacer, Mary Rose Kobler, Marion Konkel, Joseph Martin, Connor McAleenan, Georgia Miller, Bill & Sue Newman, Mike Pagano, Irene Potthoff, Bruce Rhodes, Sheila Ridenbark, Doris Robinson, Nathan Rozycki, Luke Ryterski, Gayle Schaake, Bob Scheibal, Nancy Schwartz, Marie Weiss, Allison Winkler, JD Wynn, Bob Zellerman, Florence Zielonko, StC Parish & Anonymous Prayers

Can we Pray

for you?

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

You're Invited ... Celebration of Life of Phillip Conreaux, Sr.

Sunday, September 26, 2021 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Please join us for the *Celebration of Life of Phillip Conreaux*, *Sr.* on Sunday, September 26th! We will start with a prayer service at 1:00 pm led by Father Gibbons at Phil & Pat Conreaux's bench at Schon Park across the street (look for the balloons). At approximately 1:30 pm, we shall return to the church hall to continue his celebration until 4:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Signed, The Conreaux Children

Sunday, September 12-KC Breakfast

8:30 am Mass

9:30 am PSR

9:30 am PSR Parent Meeting

11:00 am Mass-Grace Notes Sing

1:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg

3:00 pm Confirm/1st Euch Parent Mtg

Monday, September 13

6:00 pm Reconciliation

6:30 pm Mass

Tuesday, September 14

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Quilters

6:30 pm SJN School Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 15

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am RENEW

7:00 pm Choir

HAPPENINGS THIS

Thursday, September 16

Chicken Dinner Prep Begins

8:00 am Mass

6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, September 17

8:00 am Mass

Chicken Dinner Prep Continues

Saturday, September 18

Chicken Dinner Prep-Many Volunteers Needed

11:00 am 40 Days for Life Rally

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 19-Chicken Din.

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass

9:30 am Adult Study

9:30 am PSR

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass

12:00-5:00 pm Chicken Dinner

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