

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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— Mass Times —

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

Monday: 6:30pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00am

1st Saturday of Month: 8:00am

— Reconciliation —

Monday: 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday: 3:30-4:00pm

1st Saturday of Month: 7:30am

Anytime by Appointment

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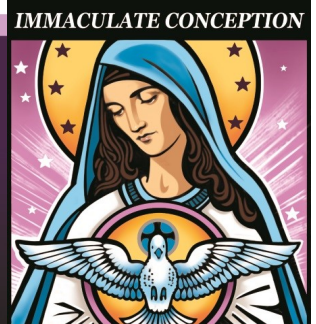
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MATTHEW 3:1



December 8th

Holy Day of
Obligation

Immaculate
Conception

Vigil

Weds Dec 7
6:30pm

Mass

Thurs Dec 8
8:00am

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Mass Intentions for the Week

This week's intentions:

Monday, December 5

6:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy

Tuesday, December 6

8:00am For Tom Donnay

Wednesday, December 7

8:00am For Jerry Birchler

Thursday, December 8

8:00am For John, Delphine, & Baby Theresia Peters

Friday, December 9

8:00 am For John Wedel

Saturday, December 10

4:30 pm For Rosemary Perry

Sunday, December 11

8:30am For St. Cecilia Parishioners
11:00am For Dr. Walter Zielonko



Sunday, December 11, 2022

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Second Sunday of every Month, 9am – 12:30pm

\$5 per person, \$20 per family

Odd months – Pancakes and ham

Even months – Biscuits and gravy and sausage

Every month - Eggs, hash browns, fruit, coffee, juice, milk, toast, plus an additional featured item!

MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Call or email LeAnne if you would like to volunteer/be scheduled for a ministry - office@stcparish.org or 618.623.9153

Dec 10/11	Altar Server	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gift Bearer	Greeter	Reader	Usher
Sat., 4:30	Liam Boeving Carter McKaig	Frank Ley George Petrunich Joseph Zagorski	Diana & Chad Boeving	Skenderi Family	Phyllis Werner-Fuehne Spencer Chapman	Larry Dillin Alan Schaake
Sun, 8:30	Antonella & Annabella DeAvila	Antonio DeAvila Diaz Marlene Luitjohan Jay Stobie	Antonio DeAvila Diaz Maria Ochoa	Trauernicht Family	Frank Luitjohan Phil Gonzales	Tom Dixon Charles Juneau
10:00	Jen Moore					
Sun, 11:00	Caleb Payne Alivia Peck	Ben Maliszewski NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Karcher Family	Karcher Family	Sharon Laswell Mike Woolsey	Ben Maliszewski Russ Marti



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!

Faith Formation Focus

2nd Sunday in Advent
Dec. 4, 2022

GOSPEL — John the Baptist prepares for Jesus.

SAINT — St. Nicholas (Dec. 6)

DOCTRINE — Immaculate Conception (ccc 490)

SERVICE — Christmas Crib

Articles, videos, online links & activity pages
can be found on STCPARISH.org



GospelWeeklies

Pfaffman 1997 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before? It is no less a feat to give things their original nature than to change their nature.

—Saint Ambrose

Life Question

From whom do you inherit your faith?

Gospel Question

How have you gone beyond being a Christian by birth & Baptism?

Adults:

This week watch & discuss
episode 2 of ***FORGIVEN***.

Be Christ to Others:

Give **LOVE** by buying for the Christmas Crib.
Bring **JOY** by singing Christmas Carols.
Send **HOPE** by making a Christmas Card.

FORMED.org

Sign up for this **free** app and enjoy a wide variety of Advent & Christmas Media -
video, audio and books - for all ages - **children, young adults & adults**.

Faith formation is a life-long process. Join us as we learn about our faith.

This Week's Schedule

Sun. @ 9:35 am - PSR & Adult Study
1:00 pm - 1st Reconciliation Class
2:00 pm - 1st Eucharist Class
Wed. @ 10:00 am - RENEW
4:30 pm - OCIA

Scheduled As Needed

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings
Call office to schedule.
1st Reconciliation, Confirmation & 1st Eucharist
See website for schedule.

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

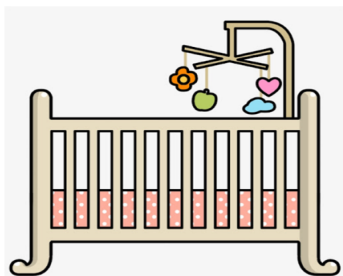
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This Advent, the Knights of Columbus invite you to purchase baby items for "A Beacon of Light" Pregnancy Help Center.



Pick a gift tag from the crib.
Purchase the item on the gift tag.
Return the item to the crib (unwrapped)
by Sunday, December 18, 2022.



Area Penance Services

Dec. 6, 7:00pm @ St. Lawrence, Greenville
Dec. 11, 2:00pm @ St. Boniface, Edwardsville
Dec. 11, 6:30pm @ St. Jerome, Troy
Dec. 14, 6:00pm @ Sts Peter&Paul, Collinsville
Dec. 14, 6:30pm @ St. Paul, Highland
Dec. 15, 6:30pm @ St. Cecilia
Dec. 16, 6:00pm @ St. Elizabeth, Granite City
Dec. 20, 7:00pm @ St. Lawrence, Greenville

Christmas Caroling 2022

**NEXT
SUNDAY**

**SIGN UP
NOW!**



CAROLING

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty founder was a child himself"

Our yearly tradition of Christmas caroling at local nursing homes will continue this year on Sunday, December 11th. We will meet in the FLC parking lot at 1:45 pm and carpool to Meridian Village to sing from 2:00-2:45 pm then on to Addington Place (previously Cedarhurst) to sing from 3:30-4:15 pm.

We will return to the Family Life Center for a light meal.

Please join us if you can! The joy and gratefulness the residents receive from our visit is hard to describe.

Come experience it and feel this joy within yourself as well!

Questions? Contact Andrea Bakos: musicministry@stcparish.org

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

Christmas Schedule

Immaculate Conception

Reconciliation—December 7, 6:00 pm
Vigil—December 7, 6:30 pm
Holy Day Mass—December 8, 8:00 am

Christmas Eve

Reconciliation—December 24, 3:00 pm
Children's Mass—December 24, 4:00 pm
(Carols @ 3:30 pm)
Midnight Mass—December 24, 12 Midnight
(Carols @ 11:30 pm)

Christmas Day

Christmas Day—December 25, 10:00 am
(Carols @ 9:30 am)

Solemnity of Mary

Reconciliation—December 31, 3:30 pm
Vigil—December 31, 4:30 pm
Holy Day Mass—January 1, 8:30 & 11:00am

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

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NEW LIFE

In our scripture translations, word choices matter. When today's first reading tells us that a “stump” will bring forth a new shoot, it's Isaiah's way of telling us that God's miraculous power is at work. Seeds bring forth shoots. Even buried roots can bring forth shoots. But a stump? When we look at a stump, essentially we are seeing the corpse of what used to be a tree. Mortal eyes look and see death, but divine eyes look and see new life. And what a life the Spirit of God will bring forth from this stump! A life filled with wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—the life that we name “Jesus.” How fitting it is that we will also look upon the wood Calvary's cross—a tree of death—and behold that the Spirit of God has turned that tree into a Tree of Life!

NAME CALLING

We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody's attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle and last name when the child is really in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: “You brood of vipers!” Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Sadducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it's a power that belongs only to God.

EMBRACING CHANGE

Words like John's might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1–10
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17
Romans 15:4–9
Matthew 3:1–12

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

ITEMS NEEDED: Jiffy Mix, Brownie Mix, Chocolate Icing, All Canned Fruits, Clam Chowder, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Gravy Mix, Sauerkraut, Beets, Carrots, Ketchup, Mustard, Miracle Whip, Potatoes (Whole, Sliced, Mashed), Salami, Sloppy Joe Mix, Chicken, Ham, Salmon, Oatmeal Packets, Ravioli, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Corn Flakes, Cheerios, Honey Wheat Puffs, Stuffing Mix, Beef Stew, Strawberry Jelly, Sweet Potatoes, Vegetable Oil, Pepper

****Please check expiration dates****

Canned fruits, veggies & Non-Perishables only

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

If you would like to be a Pantry Volunteer, please contact Mary Bakos at mbakos52@sbcglobal.net or 618.402.0038 (text preferred)

PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
November 7-22, 2022	\$ 9,181.19	\$ 125,784.90
Online Giving	<u>5,495.00</u>	<u>57,388.00</u>
Total	\$ 14,676.19	\$ 183,172.90
Budget Goal (\$10,000/wk)	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>
Difference	\$ (5,323.81)	\$ (16,827.10)

Add'l \$777 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special Collections

Add'l \$2,050 contributed to the Elevator Project (excl match)

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

Nov 26/27: 4:30=134; 8:30=76; 11=99; Total=309

Nov 19/20: 4:30=96; 8:30=92; 11=101; Total=289

Nov 12/13: 4:30=123; 8:30=90; 11=113; Total=326

November 5/6: 4:30=125; 8:30=88; 11=79; Total=292

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

**Support St. Cecilia while Amazon shopping too
www.Smile.Amazon.com/ch/37-0661091**

Christmas Card Service Project

Students and parishioners of St. Cecilia are invited to make homemade Christmas cards which will be given to the residents of Meridian Village and Addington Place during the Christmas Caroling on Sun. Dec 11.



Christmas cards should be turned in by Dec 11.

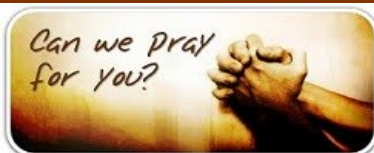


Next weekend, **December 10th & 11th**, is the Diocesan Special Collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure—both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith.

Please use the Retired Religious envelope, simply drop your check in the basket with the memo "Retired Religious," or give online at www.osvhub.com/stc-parish/funds

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:



Phillip Achenbach,
Patricia Aleman,
Joanne Rubner
Bacus, Marissa Banovz, Betty Barton, Jan Brogan, Bob Buehler, Maria Carroll, Sara Cleary, Ed Conley, Charles Cook, Janet Egan, Dorothy Foster, Ted Fuehne, Mike Girard, Ruth Hammond, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty, Mary Ann Hobbs, Mike Hogan, LaDonna Holshouser, Cynthia Ann Hunter, Charles Janulavich, Esther Kacer, Deacon Alfred Karcher, Mary Rose Kobler, Marion Konkell, Donna Logue, Marty Micheletto, Barb Murillo, Bill & Sue Newman, Sharon Organ, Cathy Rhodes, Sheila Ridenbark, Bill Sanner, Nancy Scheibal Tiek, Marie Weiss, Mary Ann Weiss, Allison Winkler, Rob Wynn, Al Zarlingo, Bob Zellerman, Florence Zielonko, Persecuted Christians around the world, StC Parish & Anonymous Prayers

To add/remove a loved one to the Prayer List,
LeAnne 618.623.9153 office@stcparish.org



Pray along to a Diocesan-wide Rosary December 8



To honor Mary on the feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and to pray for a Eucharistic revival during the diocesan-wide Year of the Eucharist which starts Dec. 8, join Catholics from our parishes and schools as the faithful from every corner of our diocese prays a part in the holy Rosary.

Go to www.youtube.com/diospringfield and/
or www.facebook.com/diospringfield on Dec. 8 at any time to watch and pray with Catholics from our 28 counties!

ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

Sunday, December 4-2nd Sun of Advent

8:30 am Mass
9:35 am PSR
9:35 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass
1:00 pm Reconciliation Class
3:00 pm 1st Eucharist Class

Monday, December 5

6:00 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Christmas Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00 pm Penance @ St Lawrence, Greenville

Weds, December 7-Father Ordination Anniv

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW
6:00 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Vigil Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8-Immaculate Conc

8:00 am Mass

Friday, December 9

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 10

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 11-3rd Sun Advent

8:30 am Mass
9:00am-12:30pm KC 2nd Sunday Breakfast
9:35 am PSR
9:35 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass-Grace Notes Sing
1:00 pm Reconciliation Class
1:45 pm Christmas Caroling
2:00 pm Penance @ St. Boniface, Edw
3:00 pm 1st Eucharist Class
6:30 pm Penance @ St. Jerome, Troy

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