

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD-CHRISTMAS

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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

Readings #1003/(year A)

December 25, 2022 • Christmas

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*"Glory to
God
in the highest."*

Luke 2:13-14

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Council Meets 1st Tuesday 7pm Hall
Officers Meet 3rd Tuesday 7pm FLC

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY

Faithful Navigator
Spencer Chapman

4th Degree Meeting 4th Weds
6:30pm Hall

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Chairman, Mark Noe
turbot4@earthlink.net

Meeting dates and times
vary by group



Office Information

Monday — Thursday 9:00 am—1:30 pm
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Mass Intentions for the Week

This week's intentions:

Monday, December 26

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 27

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 28

NO MASS

Thursday, December 29

NO MASS

Friday, December 30

NO MASS

Saturday, December 31

4:30 pm For Rosemary Perry

Sunday, January 1

8:30 am For St. Cecilia Parishioners

11:00 am For Deacon Jerry Cato

**The Parish Office is
closed this week
Monday, December 26
through Friday, December 30**

**If you have an emergency,
please contact one of us:**

LeAnne Scheibal-618.623.9153

Paula Raffaele-618.604.2179

Teresa Donnay-320.260.4340

Merry Christmas

MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Call or email LeAnne if you can serve any ministries office@stcparish.org or 618.623.9153

Dec. 31/ Jan 1	Altar Server	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gift Bearer	Greeter	Reader	Usher
Sat, 4:30	NOT FILLED Myles Spillers	Phil Gonzales George Petrunich Joseph Zagorski	Paula & Tim Raffaele	Michelle & Mike Spillers	Annie Moody Frank Ley	Bill Cobb Larry Dillin
Sun 8:30	Nate MacLaughlin NOT FILLED	Patty Dettenmeier Jay Stobie Joseph Zagorski	Madyson & Ricki Zellerman	NOT FILLED	Carol Winans Terry Tennant	Tom Dixon Charles Juneau
10:00	Zagorski					
Sun, 11:00	Colin Moore Alivia Peck	Nathan Moore Kathy Weiss Joseph Zagorski	Richter Family	Moore Fami- ly	Mike Woolsey Jen Moore	Russ Marti Nathan Moore



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

Christmas

December 25, 2022

GOSPEL – Jesus is born of Mary.

SAINT – Holy Innocents (Dec. 28)

DOCTRINE – Christmas (CCC 456)

SERVICE – St. Cecilia Food Pantry

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

Adults

No classes the weeks of Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.

PRESENCE begins Jan. 8.



PSR

No classes on Sunday, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.

**Thank you for donations
to the Christmas Crib.**

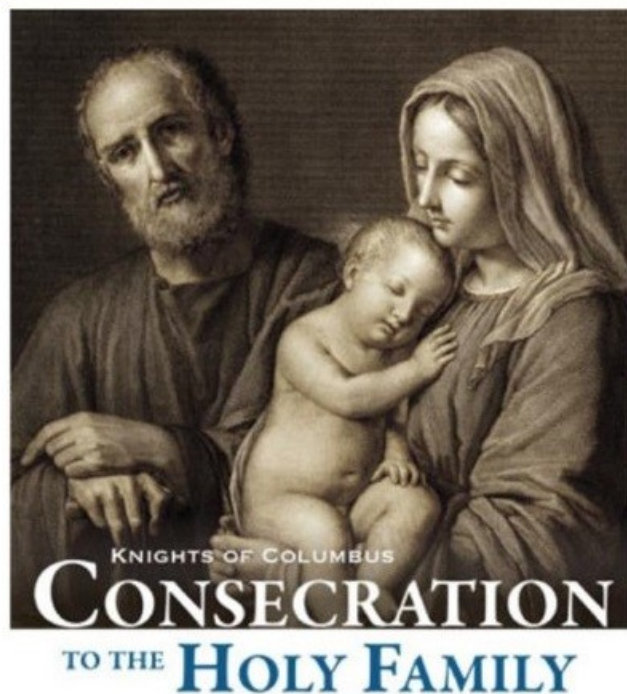
The Knights of Columbus

At Masses this weekend, each family is encouraged to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family & devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

***We ask for the aid or intercession of
the perfect son, Jesus Christ,
Mary the perfect mother,
and Joseph who is a model for every father.***

Consecrating your family to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through his Church.

Pickup a prayer card in the portico for details.



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

Weekly Schedule

Sun. @ 9:35 am - **no** PSR & Adult Study
1:00 pm - **no** 1st Reconciliation Class
3:00 pm - **no** 1st Eucharist Class
Wed. @ 10:00 am - **no** RENEW
4:30 pm - OCIA

Scheduled As Needed

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings
Call office to schedule.
1st Reconciliation, Confirmation & 1st Eucharist
Sundays at 1 & 3 pm - see website for details.

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

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Merry Christmas! May God bless you and your family throughout this holiday season.

Open House!

We will be hosting our Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29th. Anyone interested in learning about the Crusader experience is invited! Tour our campus, visit classrooms, talk to faculty and staff, and look at all of the student artwork being showcased. New families enrolling at the Open House will receive one month free tuition, up to \$500!



Merry Christmas

MAY HIS LOVE SURROUND
YOU THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND ALWAYS

- THE SJN FACULTY AND STAFF



Catholic Children's Home

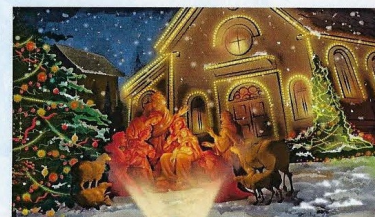
The mission of the Catholic Children's Home is to aid, protect and care for the needs, education and welfare of dependent, neglected, abused or otherwise hurting children and families without regard to poverty, riches, race, religion or national origin.

The Catholic Children's Home has a proud and deep-rooted tradition of serving children's needs since 1879. Today the Catholic Children's Home continues its mission by providing;

- ♦ Special Education Day School (Center for Children to Heal and Achieve) with learning disabilities, are on the autistic spectrum, and have developmental and behavior disorders.
- ♦ Residential Services for children who have been severely abused and neglected. These programs are involved with teaching and training social, academic and independent living skills.
- ♦ Transitional Living Program that offers older adolescents the assistance with building better self-help skills, employment readiness, banking and personal finance, education planning, and daily personal maintenance.
- ♦ Independent Living Program, which teaches older adolescents to transition successfully into the community as positive citizens.

Our school and residential programs serve more than 100 children per year, and we are dedicated to continue improvements and expansion of our services and programs to meet the ever-changing needs of the children in our communities. Construction and renovation of our building is part of our commitment to ensure that quality education and programs will continue at the Catholic Children's Home.

Every year we depend on the Christmas Day collection as the most important part of our fundraising. What better day to remember the children who, through no fault of their own, are less fortunate than our own. Your monetary donation to the Catholic Children's Home is a wonderful way to ensure that we will continue to bring help to the most needy children and a brighter hope for their future.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

TRUE GRATITUDE

Advent's four Sundays each have their own focus: "Stay awake!" (First); John the Baptist (Second); Rejoice! (Third); Joseph/Mary (Fourth). We might need to have a little pity on the Fourth Sunday, however, since the hectic realities of the secular calendar can overwhelm it, particularly in those years when there are only one or two (or zero!) days before Christmas. This year we have the luxury of a whole week! What shall we do with this gift from God? Perhaps a bit more charity or social action on behalf of God's poorest. Maybe take some time to listen for the voice of God in our dreams, as Joseph did. Attend daily Mass, Advent reconciliation, or pray the "O" antiphons (which began this Saturday evening). As with every gift, we show true gratitude by using it. Let us do so, as Paul tells us in Romans, for the sake of the name of Jesus, whose coming we await.

WHOSE HOUSE?

Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

WHOSE HOME?

Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step—approved by an angel—would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and—more importantly—a home.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10–14
Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6
Romans 1:1–7
Matthew 1:18–24

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:

**Chili w/Beans, Cream of
Mushroom Soup, Soap,
Shampoo, Conditioner**



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PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

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

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
Nov 22-Dec 4, 2022	\$ 12,498.36	\$ 138,283.26
Online Giving	<u>5,832.00</u>	<u>63,220.00</u>
Total	\$ 18,330.36	\$ 201,503.26
Budget Goal (\$10,000/wk)	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>220,000.00</u>
Difference	\$ (1,669.64)	\$ (18,496.74)

Add'l \$410 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special Collections
Add'l \$2,680 contributed to the Elevator Project (excl match)

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

Dec 10/11: 4:30=112; 8:30=94; 11=116; Total=322
Dec 7 (Immac Conc): 6:30pm=95; 8am=39; Total=134
Dec 3/4: 4:30=105; 8:30=88; 11=124; Total=317
Nov 26/27: 4:30=134; 8:30=76; 11=99; Total=309

Collection for Catholic Children's Home **December 24/25**

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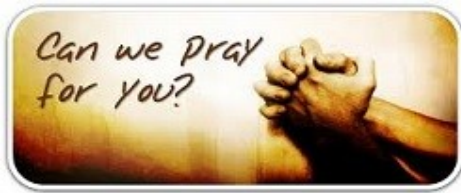
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We serve, especially those in need, with prayer, participation, and charity.



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, Aline Degrecci, Eva Degrecci, Rodrigo Degrecci, 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 someone, please contact LeAnne at 618.623.9153 or office@stcparish.org

ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

Sunday, December 25-Christmas Day

9:30 am Christmas Carols

10:00 am Mass

Monday, December 26

NO MASS

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27

NO MASS

OFFICE CLOSED

Weds, December 28

NO MASS

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Food Pantry

7:00 pm Choir

Thurs, Dec 29

NO MASS

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 30

NO MASS

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Saturday, December 31-New Year's Eve

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Vigil—Mary, Mother of God

Sun, Jan 1-Mary, Mother of God

8:30 am Mass

11:00 am Mass



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