There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

Matthew 21:33

Due to Covid Safety Regulations at this time, our office staff is available by appointment only.

If you need to come to the office for anything, please call to schedule an appointment:

PARISH OFFICE
618.288.3200
LEANNE SCHEIBAL
618.623.9153

NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK MONDAY, 10/5 THROUGH FRIDAY, 10/9
This week’s intentions:

Saturday, October 3
8:00am For Pat Conreaux
4:30pm For John Wedel

Sunday, October 4
8:30am For Mary Jo Peck
11:00am For St. Cecilia Parish

Monday, October 5
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 6
NO MASS

Wednesday, October 7
NO MASS

Thursday, October 8
NO MASS

Friday, October 9
NO MASS

Saturday, October 10
4:30pm For Suzanne Scheibal

Sunday, October 11
8:30am For Arnold Hall
11:00am For St. Cecilia Parish Community

To schedule an intention, call or email the Parish 288.3200
office@stcparish.org

VINEYARDS

Vineyards were an essential part of the economy of Israel during the times of Isaiah and Jesus. Afghan owners had the difficult challenge of producing a rich harvest. Our readings from Isaiah and Matthew describe God and God’s creation in terms of the business of vineyards. The two stories are closely linked, as Jesus borrowed and adapted his parable from Isaiah. Using this rich imagery, we can see the vineyard as the all places of God’s creation and ongoing work. The vineyard is our heart, mind, and body. The vineyard is our family, neighborhood, and parish. The vineyard is the larger Church and society, humanity and the earth itself. We are stewards in each of these vineyards, blessed to enjoy them, and held accountable for their continuing fruitfulness. We are called to join God in cultivating these vineyards, so that they may produce an abundant harvest.

HIGHLY PASSIONATE

The tales of the vineyard in Isaiah and in Matthew point to the larger story of God and God’s people. We see that God is intensely passionate about us. God is deeply committed, like the landowner who diligently prepares the vineyard. God has high expectations that the vineyard produce the fruit of a just and compassionate society. God is highly disappointed and angry that the vineyard has produced bad fruit (Isaiah), or has been treated as a prize to be seized (Matthew).

There are more chapters in the larger story that also need to be told. Later in Isaiah and in Matthew, we see that God is also deeply compassionate and forgiving. Isaiah speaks of God’s tender care, as a mother loves her child (Isaiah 49). In Matthew, Jesus demonstrates God’s forgiveness most dramatically on the cross. God is indeed most patient and resilient. God never gives up on us. God continues to pursue us, offering us love and grace, now and always.

THE CORNERSTONE

The powerful conclusions of the two vineyard tales are meant to linger in our memories. God indeed expects much of us, to live justly and mercifully. However, we know that God is not prickly and impatient, as we might be led to imagine if we read these stories out of context. The stories do invite us to ponder again who God really is. Especially during times of difficulty or of failure in our lives, we might wonder how we might best understand the mystery of God.

The witness of the New Testament is clear. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. Look at his patience and mercy. Look at his compassion for the suffering, his passion for justice. Look also at the joy and healing experienced by those in his presence. As today’s Gospel passage indicates, Jesus is the cornerstone, the starting point of coming to know our God.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 60:9, 12-16, 19-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43
## 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!

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## Faith Formation Focus

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Oct. 4, 2020

**GOSPEL** – Parable of the tenants.  
**SAINT** – St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4)  
**PRAYER** – 10 Commandments  
**SERVICE** – Box of Joy

Spend some time during your week learning about these items.  
Articles, videos, online links & activity pages on these topics can be found on our parish website:  
[STCPARISH.org](http://STCPARISH.org)

## PRESENCE

New adult study beginning Oct. 11.  
Find it on FORMED!

That the Lord of the whole universe... should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation.  
– Saint Francis of Assisi

## Life Question:

What is your experience as a tenant or owner?

## Gospel Question:

What does being a fruitful steward ask of you in your faith community?  What does being a fruitful steward ask of us as inhabitants of earth?

## Adult Study

Watch & discuss episode 3 of SYMBOLON this week on FORMED.org.

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### Baptisms & Weddings & RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Contact  
Fr. Patrick Gibbons  288-3200

### Youth Ministry

Grades 5-12  
(5-7 pm on 2nd & 4th Sun.)  
Contact  
Deacon Jerry Cato: 447-0826

### Continuing Religious Education

(PSR, Bible Studies, Renew, 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, 1st Eucharist)  
Contact  
Paula Raffaelle: 288-5523
** WE NEED YOU **

September 23—November 1

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

** THIS WEEKEND **

We need you this weekend!

** PRAYER & FASTING ** Sept 23 - Nov 1

During these 40 days, all are invited to spend time during their normal day fasting and praying for an end to abortion.

Our parish will also pray the rosary prior to every weekend Mass.

** PEACEFUL VIGIL ** Sunday, Oct. 4 & Sunday, Nov. 1

In addition, each Christian church or group is invited to select a day for its members to take turns praying at their local abortion facility.

Please sign up to spend 1 hour in prayer at the abortion clinic on the days St. Cecilia has committed to.

What can I do?

1. Pray & fast everyday for 40 days for an end to abortion.
2. Pray the Rosary before Mass each weekend.
3. Sign up to pray for 1 hour at the abortion facility.

For more information and to sign up, go to stcparish.org or contact Paula Raffaele (faithformation@stcparish.org) or Jaycie Rodgers (jaycie_1986@yahoo.com).

** 1st Saturday Devotion **

- 7:30 am Reconciliation
- 7:45 am Rosary
- 8:00 am Mass
- 9:00 am-3:30pm - Adoration *

All are welcome to come for all the portions of the devotion, or stop in during the day to spend time in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

* SIGN UP

We cannot leave the exposed Blessed Sacrament alone.

- We need 8 adorers to SIGN UP during the hours the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.
- All others do not need to sign up for any part of the 1st Saturday devotion.

Sign Up available at STCPARISH.org

FORMED

St. Cecilia Parish has purchased a gift for you!

Enjoy a free subscription to formed.org, which features the best Catholic content, all in one place! FORMED includes:

Dozens of Children’s Programs in English and Spanish

Children's Books and Audio

Resources for Parents

It's easy and free to start enjoying FORMED!
- Go to signup.formed.org
- Select your parish
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

New adult study begins week of Oct. 11:

Presence
THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life.

“Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist” explores the truth & beauty of Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members.

It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

No registration is required for this short, 3-session study.

Join in whichever type of class suits your needs:

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Watch the videos on FORMED and discuss them either in our classes, with other parishioners or with your family and friends!

Contact Paula Raffaele with any questions – faithformation@stcparish.org

We will return to our study of SYMBOLON on Nov. 8.
St. Cecilia is dedicated to sharing the Catholic faith to the next generation & community!

SJN is hosting Parking Lot Trivia! Come join us on Saturday, October 24th at 2:00 PM in our back parking lot. Trivia will consist of teams of 8 ($160/table), with 10 rounds of 10 questions. Mulligans are 10/$10 and double down sticker $10, and we will also have a 50/50 drawing. The prize for 1st place is $200 and last place is an SJN goodie basket.
Sign up by emailing athletics@sjncrusaders.org
Deadline to Register is October 17th. For more details, you can find this event on our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/stjohnneumanncrusaders.

Exploring the Sin of Racism 101
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday—October 5, 6, and 8—6:30-8:30 pm
A coalition of churches in Coles County is hosting a Zoom event for three evenings of dialogue and presentations surrounding the sin of racism. One of the presenters is Father Kevin Laughery. We will explore questions of how to confront racism within ourselves, our church communities, and the wider society. We will look at the ways in which racism has distorted our spirits, and keeps us from racial harmony. The hope is that this will be the doorway for taking additional steps as faith communities, adding our faith-based voices to efforts to end racism. This is free and open to all, but we do ask you to register via this Google link: https://forms.gle/r8jxXjTVCanXww1A. Once you have registered, we will send a Zoom link and password. Please note that while we encourage people to attend all three evenings, we understand if you can only make one or two.

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Don’t Worry, Retire Happy
You’re invited to join our webinar where Tom will share his 7 steps to a secure retirement. Register today to reserve your spot.
October 21, 2020
6:30 PM
Sponsored by:
Knights of Columbus
The Niemeyer Agency
Attendance prizes!
Grand Prize: $500 Marriott Gift Card

Tom Hegna, CLU, CHFC, CASL,
is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as “The Retirement Income Expert.” Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.
ST. CECILIA FOOD PANTRY

As a Parish family we provide direct service to those who are less fortunate. We continue to help families with groceries & utilities each week!

**Items Needed:**
- Canned fruit: peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, apple sauce
- Canned vegetables: baked beans, corn, green beans, peas, carrots
- Other: Vegetable Oil, laundry soap, dish detergent, shampoo, conditioner, tissues, and toilet paper.

*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

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ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

September 26/27: 4:30=50; 8:30=60; 11=46; Total=156
September 19/20: 4:30=60; 8:30=79; 11=76; Total=215
September 12/13: 4:30=68; 8:30=76; 11=59; Total=203
September 5/6: 4:30=65; 8:30=54; 11=39; Total=158

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PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

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

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Add’l $335 contributed to Haiti, Dioc Special & Restricted

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Go GREEN—Give online @ https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1030

We are so grateful for your continued support.

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What are you thankful for this year?

What can you share, to give hope and encouragement to the needy in our local community?

How can our blessings be used to bless others? How can we respond together, as a community of faith, and how much of a difference can we make?

This year, the GlenEd Pantry will provide Thanksgiving baskets to needy families who regularly rely on the pantry to make ends meet. A “basket” containing all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner. This effort will require financial support from churches, civic groups and individuals.

Each basket costs around $30. The project will likely cost about $7500.

**Count your blessings...and share them with others!**

You can help by making a financial contribution through your church OR directly to:

Faith Coalition Edwardsville
P.O. Box 84
Edwardsville, IL 62025

(Designated for “Thanksgiving baskets” in the memo)

A partnership of Faith Coalition Edwardsville and the Glen Ed Pantry

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”—Matt. 25:35

Faith Coalition Edwardsville is a registered 501(c)3 organization

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*You are invited to pack a BOX OF JOY for a needy child in Haiti!*~

Guidelines for filling the boxes are included in each box.

Please return the filled boxes *Sat. Nov 7 – Sun. Nov 15* to the FLC or the portico.
Prayer Requests:

If you like to add yourself or a loved one to the bulletin Prayer List, contact LeAnne 618.288.3200 office@stcparish.org

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.

We are so excited that many St. Cecilia activities and groups are able to once again meet in person (safely social distancing) or online when necessary.

Sunday, October 4
7:00 am-7:00 pm 40 Days Vigil
8:00 & 10:30 am Pro-Life Rosary
8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
9:35 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Adult Study ZOOM

Monday, October 5
7:00 am Adult Study

Tuesday, October 6
10:30 am Adult Study
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, October 7
8:30 am Quilters (tbd)
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW

Thursday, October 8
7:00 pm Prayer & Action

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10
3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Pro-Life Rosary
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, October 11
8:00 & 10:30 am Pro-life Rosary
8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
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ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

Recitation of the HOLY ROSARY
1st Sunday of the Month (including Saturday Vigil)
30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass lead by the Knights of Columbus
(4 PM, 8 AM and 10:30 AM)

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
(Please bring your personal Rosary, finger Rosaries will be available as well)