

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

DECEMBER 18, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Deacon, Joseph Zagorski, jzagorski@dio.org

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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 #1000/(year A)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

**Christmas Mass
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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

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Officers Meet 3rd Tuesday 7pm FLC

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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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

This week's intentions:

Monday, December 19

6:30pm For the Reform of the Clergy

Tuesday, December 20

8:00am For Gilbert Gibbons

Wednesday, December 21

8:00am For Deacon Michael "Kim" Scott

Thursday, December 22

8:00am For Fr. Charles T. Nelson

Friday, December 23

8:00 am For Suzanne Scheibal

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm For St. Cecilia Parishioners
Midnight For Roy L. King, Jr.

Sunday, December 25

10:00 am For Ed & Sandy Noe

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Reconciliation—December 24, 3:00 pm
Christmas 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

MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Call or email LeAnne ASAP if you can serve any ministries **CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY** - office@stcparish.org or 618.623.9153

Dec 24/25	Altar Server	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gift Bearer	Greeter	Reader	Usher
Saturday, Christmas Eve 4:00 PM	Caleb Payne NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Heather Payne Andrew Payne	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Saturday, Christmas Eve Midnight Mass	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ben Maliszewski Mark Noe NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ben Maliszewski Larry Dillin
10:00 AM Christmas Day	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Kathy Weiss NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED



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

4th Sunday in Advent
Dec. 18, 2022

GOSPEL – Joseph’s dream.

SAINT – St. Stephen (Dec. 26)

DOCTRINE – Angels (CCC 328)

SERVICE – Christmas Crib

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



GospelWeeklies
Prism TTT Faith Formation Program

Participation in the sacrifice and in the sacrificial meal actually transforms the soul into a living stone in the city of God—in fact, each individual soul into a temple of God.

—Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Life Question

What life choices are you glad that you slept on and weighed prayerfully?

Gospel Question

What ideal qualities of a husband and father does Joseph embody?

Adults:

This week watch & discuss
episode 5 of *FORGIVEN*.

Christmas Crib:

Sunday is the last day to deposit gifts.
THANK YOU for your generosity!

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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
3:00 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!

St. John Neumann Catholic School
142 Wilma Dr, Maryville, IL 62062
www.sjncrusaders.org 618.345.7230

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ROBOTICS AWARDS



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

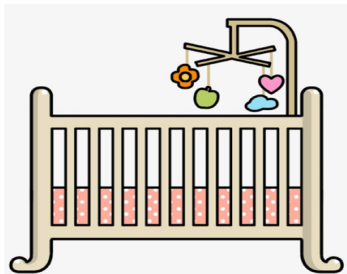
St John Neumann recently had three Robotics teams representing the school at the First Lego League Robotics qualifier. Our teams consisted of 4th-8th graders participating in our robotics program. All three teams brought home prestigious awards!

The Discovery Botgineers received the "Engineering Excellence Award." The Scrambled Gears were awarded the "Robot Design Award Winner." The Techno Tigerz were awarded the "Core Values Award Finalist." Karen Conness, our Director of Robotics, received the inaugural "Coach/Mentor Award."

The Scrambled Gears and Techno Tigerz teams were chosen to go to the First Lego League State Tournament at the University of Illinois this upcoming January!! Congrats to all 3 teams! We are so proud of our Crusader Robotics Teams and our Coach/ Mentor/Director, Karen!!



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.



CHRISTMAS



Decorating Help Needed

**We will be decorating the church
for Christmas on
Thursday, December 22nd, and
Friday, December 23rd,
following 8:00 am daily mass.**

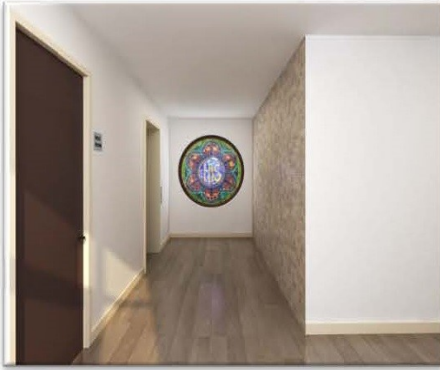
We could use your help if you are available. Please call Teresa in the Parish Office 618.288.3200 for more details or to volunteer!

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" Galatians 6:10

ELEVATOR NEWS



The month of November 2022 ended with significant progress on the St. Cecilia Elevator Project.



11/17/2022 - A delegation consisting of Fr. Gibbons, the Architect, and a member of the Elevator Committee met with the Commission for Buildings and Property. The meeting was one of many requirements outlined in the *"Diocesan Approval Procedures for Construction or Major Renovation of All Parish Buildings"*. The purpose of the meeting was to present our architectural and financial plans for approval. That meeting resulted in a letter from Bishop Paprocki dated **11/23/2022**, approving the preliminary plans and **granting permission to proceed with final plans and specifications**. Because we will be following the Diocesan Design-Bid-Build option, we are also authorized to seek bids from contractors, and to select our preferred contractor.

11/30/2022 - A joint meeting of the Elevator Committee, the Finance Council and the Architect was held. As a result of that meeting, the parish leadership decided to **move forward with the Elevator Project**.

The first order of business will be to identify and interview potential bidders. We hope to have at least three contractors competitively bid the project. After we select a contractor, St. Cecilia will need to request Bishop Paprocki's permission to proceed with construction of the project.

During our discussions with the Diocese, we were encouraged to apply for a short-term loan to ensure adequate project funding. We received loan approval for up to \$200,000. The loan is at 4% for a maximum term of 5 years. It is basically a construction loan. If we don't need or use it, there is no cost to the parish.

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.



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: Not available at time of print

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

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

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

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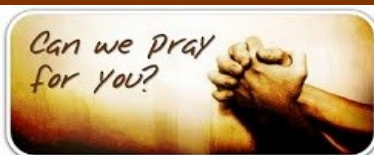
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St. Cecilia is a fervent community of intentional and dedicated missionary disciples of the Risen Lord.
We serve, especially those in need, with prayer, participation, and charity.

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, Aline Degrecci, Eva Degrecci, Rodri-
go 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



*They shall name him
Emmanuel,
which means
"God is with us."
— Matthew 1:23*

ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

Sun, Dec 18-4th Sun of Advent-O Adonai

8:00 & 10:30 am Rosary
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 19-O Root of Jesse

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

Tuesday, December 20-O Key of David

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm KC Officers' Meeting
7:00 pm Penance @St. Lawrence, Greenville

Weds, December 21-ORadiant Dawn

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW
7:00 pm Choir

Thurs, Dec 22-O King of All Nations

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Decorate Church

Friday, December 23-O Emmanuel

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Decorate Church

Saturday, December 24-Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Reconciliation
3:30 pm Christmas Carols
4:00 pm Mass
11:30 pm Christmas Carols
12:00 Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25-Christmas Day

9:30 am Christmas Carols
10:00 am Mass

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