



St. Cecilia Catholic Church
DECEMBER 1, 2019—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 155 North Main St. Glen Carbon, IL 62034
 Phone: 618-288-3200 or 288-5523 FAX: 618-288-3292
 www.steparish.org
Pastor, Rev. Patrick Gibbons
Deacon Jerry Cato—jcato@dio.org 618.447.0826



Readings—**Page 991**
 Psalm—**Page 84**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Donut Sun 8&10:30 Rosary 8:30 Mass 9:30 PSR 9:30 Adult Study 11Mass	2 5:30 NA-Hall 7 Adult Study 7 Choir	3 10:30 Adult Study 7 KC Meeting	4 8:30 Quilters 9 Food Pantry 10 RENEW 5:30 Bell Choir 7 Choir	5 8 Mass 10:30 Mass @ McGivney HS 2-9pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions	6 8 Mass 1 st Friday Vis-its 2-9pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions	7 7:30 Rosary 8 Mass 9-3 Expo/Ador 10am-5pm Lifetouch Photo Session 3:30 Reconc 4:30 Mass
8 KC Brkfst Immaculate Conception 8:30 Mass 9:30 PSR 9:30 Adult Study 11Mass 5 Youth Group	9 5:30 Mass 5:30 NA-Hall 7 Adult Study 7 Choir	10 8 Mass 9 Rosary Ladies 10:30 Adult Study 6:30 Reconc. @ St. Elizabeth, Granite City	11 8 Mass 8:30 Quilters 9 Food Pantry 10 RENEW 5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Reconc @ Sts Peter & Paul @ Collinsville 7 Choir	12 8 Mass 10 Mass @ Eden	13 8 Mass	14 3:30 Reconc 4:00 Children Choir 4:30 Mass
15 8:30 Mass 9:30 PSR 9:30 Adult Study 11:00 Mass 2:30 Christmas Caroling	16 5:30 Mass 5:30 NA-Hall 7 Adult Study 7 Reconciliation Here w/St Mary	17 0 Wisdom 8 Mass 10:30 Adult Study 7 Choir 7 KC Officers' Mtg	18 0 Adonai 8 Mass 8:30 Quilters 9 Food Pantry 10 RENEW 5:30 Bell Choir 7 Choir	19 0 Root of Jesse 8 Mass	20 0 Key of David 8 Mass	21 0 Radiant Dawn 3:30 Reconc 4:30 Mass
22 0 King All Nations 8:30 Mass 9:30 PSR 10.15 Cmas Pageant 11:00 Mass	23 0 Emmanuel 5:30 Mass 5:30 NA-Hall 7 Choir	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed Christmas Break 4pm Mass 12 Midnight Mass	25 Christmas Day Office Closed Christmas Break 10 Mass 11:30 Mass @ Meridian	26 Office Closed Christmas Break 8 Mass	27 Office Closed Christmas Break 8 Mass	28 3:30 Reconc 4:30 Mass *Consecration to Holy Family
29 8:00 Rosary 8:30 Mass *Consecration to Holy Family 11:00 Mass *12 Reception	30 Office Closed Christmas Break 5:30 Mass 5:30 NA-Hall	31 Office Closed Christmas Break 8 Mass 6 Holy Day (Mary Mother of God) Vigil Mass	DECEMBER 2019 Black=CHURCH; Blue=FLC; Green=HALL; Purple=Church Conf Room; Red=Off Site & Holiday			



— **Mass Times** —
Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
1st Saturday of Month: 8:00 am
 — **Reconciliation** —
Saturday: 3:30-4:00 pm
Anytime by Appointment



This week's intentions:

Monday, December 2

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 3

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 4

NO MASS

Thursday, December 5

8:00am For Robert & Mary
Sido

Friday, December 6

8:00am For John & Delphine
& Theresia Peters

Saturday, December 7

8:00am For St. Cecilia Parish
Community
4:30pm For Leona Hamilos

Sunday, December 8

8:30am For Nicole Lupton
11:00am For Tony Vesci, Sr.

To schedule a mass intention
for a loved one, call LeAnne at
the Parish 618.288.3200 or
email office@stcparish.org

After hours or end of
life emergencies,
call Fr. Gibbons at
618.946.4518



St. Cecilia Catholic Church

Rev Patrick Gibbons, Pastor

Monday — Thursday 8:30 am—4:00 pm

155 North Main Street — Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034

(618) 288-3200 www.stcparish.org (618) 288-3292—fax

Deacon

Deacon Jerry Cato

jcato@dio.org

Coordinator of Religious Ed

Paula Raffaele

faithformation@stcparish.org

Music Director

Andrea Bakos

musicministry@stcparish.org

Maintenance Director

Alex Kerber

maintenance@stcparish.org

Office Manager

LeAnne Scheibal

office@stcparish.org

Parish Secretary

Kelly Jones

secretary@stcparish.org

**** IMPORTANT ****

NO MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th

First Sunday of Advent – 01 December 2019
Isaiah 2:1-5. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44.

Coming That Is Certain Yet Unknown. We begin a new liturgical year today, focusing on the *parousia*, the “end time”, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We **know** its coming is certain. Jesus says, however, we just do **not know when**. How, then, shall we behave? As if that coming is today!

- Since Christ is light (Isaiah and Creed), how will my merciful behaviors shine with his radiance?
- Since Christ is near (Romans), how will I behave with sobriety, loving-kindness, and generosity?
- I will stay awake for the Second Coming of Christ by _____?



Faith Formation

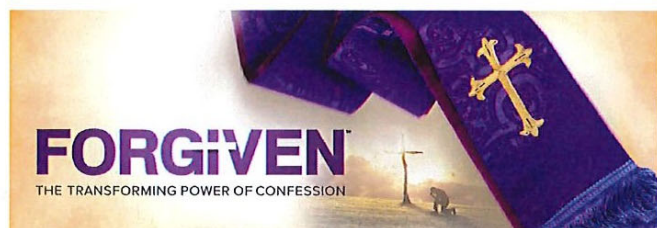


Life-long catechetical formation is needed to prepare us to be disciples of our Lord and stewards of His creation. We offer programs for all ages—please join us!

Week of Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2019

Meetings take place at the Family Life Center (FLC) unless indicated.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<u>9:35 am</u> PSR Adult Study	<u>7:00 pm</u> Adult Study	<u>10:30 am</u> Adult Study	<u>10 am</u> RENEW



Join us for an Adult Study exploring the Church's teaching about the Sacrament of Reconciliation including a practical "walk through" of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition & God's passionate desire to be with you.

4 Sessions: Nov 10 - Dec 3

3 identical classes to choose from each week:



Sundays - 9:35 am
Mondays - 7:00 pm
Tuesdays - 10:30 am

Attend the class that best fits your schedule each week.

No registration needed—just show up!



Attention TEENS!

Have you ever felt bored or confused at Mass?

Do you sometimes find yourself distracted and find it difficult to stay focused?

God needs us to take this hour every week to step back from our busy lives so that we can truly encounter him.

But it helps if we understand what is happening at Mass & why it is so important.

There is so much more to the Mass than meets the eye.

Join us in a Teen study to explore the Mass.

**5 Sessions on Sundays at 9:35:
Dec 8, 15, Jan 5, 12, 19**

No registration needed—just show up!

**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 Raffaele: 288-5523



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

May Hope, Peace, Joy and Love fill your homes and hearts this advent season!

Breakfast with Santa:

On Saturday, December 7th, from 8-11am, SJN's Student Council will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa. Bring the kiddos for pictures with Santa, a photo prop corner, writing letters to Santa, creating ornaments, and more! This year we are adding in a special breakfast! For just \$5 per adult (kids are free!) you can enjoy scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, and hash browns.

If you will be attending this event, please RSVP to Mrs Niedbalski by December 3rd at:
Amanda.Niedbalski@sjncrusaders.org



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows & NAWAS

Way of Lights Volunteer Request

Friday, November 22 – Tuesday, December 31

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit?

Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display or helping at the children's craft area at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 22 through December 31.

Great opp for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org or call 618-394-6281 snows.org/wol



FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Save the date...

Griffin Gala
DINNER AUCTION



PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY!

<https://griffingala.givesmart.com>

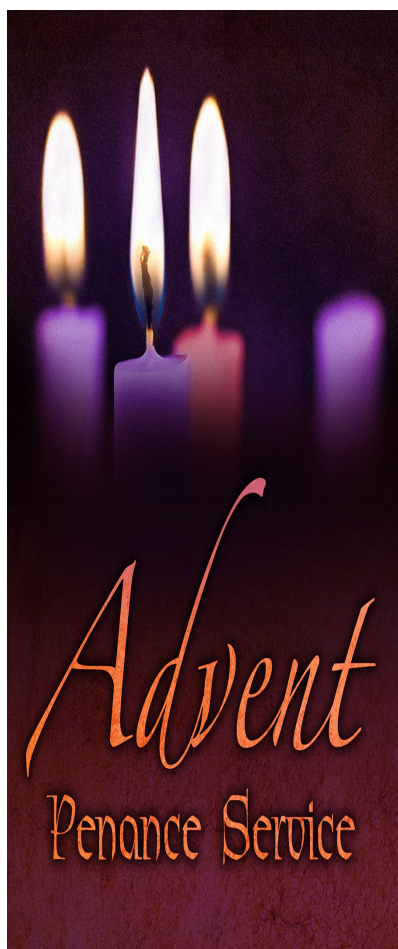
NATIVITY FESTIVAL

The Chiara Center is hosting the 13th annual Franciscan Nativity Festival - a display of more than 100 Nativity Sets, a majority of which are new to the annual event. The event is free and open to the public on Friday, December 6 from 2-7 p.m., and Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 from noon-4 p.m. at Chiara Center, 4875 LaVerna Road, Springfield - on the grounds of St. Francis Convent.

"This event is two-fold. First, it tells the story of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, explained Dan Frachey, Chiara Center Program Director. "Second, the people who share their Nativity tell us the story of its significance: family heirloom, travel memento, hand-made creation, and an addition to a personal collection."

Historians claim that the tradition of a Nativity display began with St. Francis of Assisi in Greccio, Italy in 1223. Throughout the centuries, Christians worldwide have continued this tradition with cultural depictions of Christ's birth.

Founded in 2007, Chiara Center is an ecumenical faith community dedicated to the discovery and healing presence of God within one's self, everyday life, relationships, and all creation. All programs, services, and hospitality are grounded in the spirit and heritage of Francis and Clare of Assisi. Chiara Center is a ministry of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. For more information, visit chiaracenter.org or call 217-523-0901.



Area Advent Penance Services

Dec. 4	6:30pm	St. Paul - Highland
Dec. 4	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception - Pierron
Dec. 5	9:30am	St. Paul - Highland
Dec. 9	6:30pm	St. Paul - Highland
Dec. 10	6:30pm	Holy Family & St. Elizabeth @ St. Elizabeth - Granite City
Dec. 11	6:30pm	SS Peter & Paul - Collinsville
Dec. 12	12:30pm	SS Peter & Paul - Collinsville
Dec. 15	2:00pm	St. Boniface - Edwardsville
Dec. 15	7:00pm	St. Jerome - Troy
Dec. 16	7:00pm	St. Mary - Edwardsville & St. Cecilia @ St. Cecilia - Glen Carbon
Dec. 16	7:00pm	St. Mary - Alton
Dec. 16	7:00pm	St. Lawrence - Greenville

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



Our yearly tradition of Christmas caroling at local nursing homes will continue this year on Sunday, December 15th. We will meet in the FLC parking lot at 2:30 pm and carpool to Meridian Village to sing from 3:00-4:00 pm then on to Eden Village to sing from 4:30-5:30 pm. We will also have dinner provided at the Family Life Center afterwards.

Please join us if you can! It's hard to describe the joy and gratefulness the residents experience from this. Come see for yourselves!

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

ST. CECILIA CHURCH—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

As a Parish family we provide direct service to those who are less fortunate.

This past week, we helped:

- 2 families with groceries
- 1 family with utilities



Items needed: Whole Potatoes, Sliced Potatoes, Chicken Noodle Soup, Creamed Corn, Mixed Veggies, Tomato Sauce, Chicken Broth, Beef Broth, Brown Sugar, Paper Towels, Maple Syrup, Salt, Lima Beans, Chicken & Rice Soup, Macaroni & Cheese

NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS NEEDED!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

If you would like to assist as a volunteer, please contact Bernie Guy-Marshall
guymarshall60@yahoo.com; 618.344.9950.

PARISH GENEROSITY REPORT

Fiscal year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Weekly Generosity	Weekly Totals	Fiscal YTD
November 16/17, 2019	\$ 7,821.42	\$ 150,809.20
Online Giving	<u>2,101.29</u>	<u>32,281.64</u>
Total	\$ 9,922.71	\$ 183,090.84
Budget Goal	<u>9,800.00</u>	<u>196,000.00</u>
Difference	\$ 122.71	\$ (12,909.16)

Add'l \$114 contributed to Haiti & Diocesan Special Coll

Go GREEN—Consider giving online @

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1030>

You may also download the APP @ OLGApp.com

ST. CECILIA MASS COUNTS

Nov 23/24: Not available at time of print

Nov 16/17: 4:30=175; 8:30=150; 11=163; Total=488

Nov 9/10: 4:30=172; 8:30=140; 11=134; Total=446

Nov 2/3: 4:30=167; 8:30=155; 11=149; Total=471



During an apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to Lucia, "I shall come to aid—that on the first Saturday of every month."

Saturday, December 7th

7:30 am—Rosary

8:00 am—Mass

9:00am-3:00pm—Adoration

St. Cecilia Church

The Eucharist as Presence and Sacrament Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass

Eucharistic Adoration is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. In the many Churches that have this adoration, the Eucharist is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance, and people come to pray and worship Jesus continually throughout the day and often the night. Christ's great love for us was shown when he was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit, and offers Himself to us in the Holy sacrament of the Eucharist. Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return?



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM DIOCESE

Planning Study Update: DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A SURVEY HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

If you have not submitted a survey yet, you are in luck. The deadline has been extended to December 2 for mail-in and December 6 for online submissions. This will be your last chance to participate in the study, or you may attend our final focus group meeting scheduled for December 3rd, 7:00 pm, at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville.



ST. CECILIA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

155 North Main St.
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Council #13216

NEXT SUNDAY—DECEMBER 8TH

Second Sunday Breakfast



MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Effective Ministry Scheduling

Call LeAnne Scheibal at 618.288.3200 if you'd like to volunteer!

Schedule not available at time of print.
December Liturgical Ministry Schedule available online soon!

Meridian Village 12/8—Bauer

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:



Myrt Ahart, Patricia Aleman (in St. Luke's Hospital), Karen Altnether, Marissa Banovz, Julie Bennett, Brian & Janice Brogan, Maria Carroll, Deacon Jerry Cato, Ken Chapman, Sara Cleary, Phil & Pat Conreaux, Bob Curtis, Sr., Dee Decker, Catherine Deters, Sharon Dunn-Carpentier, Sr. Therese Flerlage, Jan Foster, Ted Fuehne, Sandy Gill, Theresa Glueck, Kimber Graham, Mary Anne Griffin, Greg Herrell, Angie & Adalyn Hardesty, Mary Ann Hobbs, LaDonna Holshouser, Amber Hopfinger, Michael Hogan, Brent Holmes, Alyson Horn, Cynthia Hunter, Eric James, Don Jozwiak, Esther Kacer, Bill Kaman, Mike Kelly, McKenzie King, James Kobler, Mary Rose Kobler, Maureen Kobler, Barbara Kordenbrock, Sandy & Matt Kozyak, Maria LaBrie, Danny Leach, Dennis Leach, Helen Lorden, Brian Markle, Megan Maxfield, Karen McBride, Charles McDonald, Diana Melosci, Bette Menard, Judith Meyer, Georgia Miller, Madonna Mills, Margaret & Russell Moore, John Mucho, Dale Nerone, Bill Newbold & Family, Bill Newman, Rose Leach-Newman, Donald Pearson, Mary Jo Peck, Rosemary Perry, Irene Potthoff, Luke Raffaele, Cathy Rhodes, Jeff Ridenbark, Sheila Ridenbark, Joel Rivera, Doris Robinson, Alan Schrewe, Mary Jane Sepanski, Linda Smith, Lisa Smith, Leger Stenger, Dorothy Strain, Diana Sullivan, Beth Swalley, Taylor Thorp, Mary Tiller, Judy True, Easton Vestal, Binnie Valencia, D.W., Kyle Warnecke, Marie Weiss, U.B. Weiss, Allison Winkler, Bob Wolf, Bob Zellerman, Jay Zabrowski

Requests to office@stcparish.org

ST. CECILIA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

Sunday, December 1-Donut Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
9:30 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass

Monday, December 2

7:00 pm Adult Study
7:00 pm Choir

Tuesday, December 3

10:30 am Adult Study
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg

Wednesday, December 4

8:30 am Quilters
9:00 am St. Cecilia Food Pantry
10:00 am RENEW
5:30 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, December 5

Lifetouch Picture Day

8:00 am Mass

Friday, December 6-1st Friday Visits

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 7

Fr. Gibbons Ordination Anniv.

7:30 am Rosary
8:00 am Mass, Bene, & Adoration
3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 8-KC Brkfst

Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass
9:30 am PSR
9:30 am Adult Study
11:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Youth Group