

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

# EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

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St. Mary Hyde Park | St. Cecilia Oakley | The Oratory of St. John Vianney Madisonville



*Saint Michael Vanquishing Satan, Raphael 1518*

## *The Feast of* SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



Eastside Catholics is comprised of Saint Cecilia in Oakley, Saint Mary in Hyde Park and the Oratory of Saint John Vianney at Saint Anthony in Madisonville.

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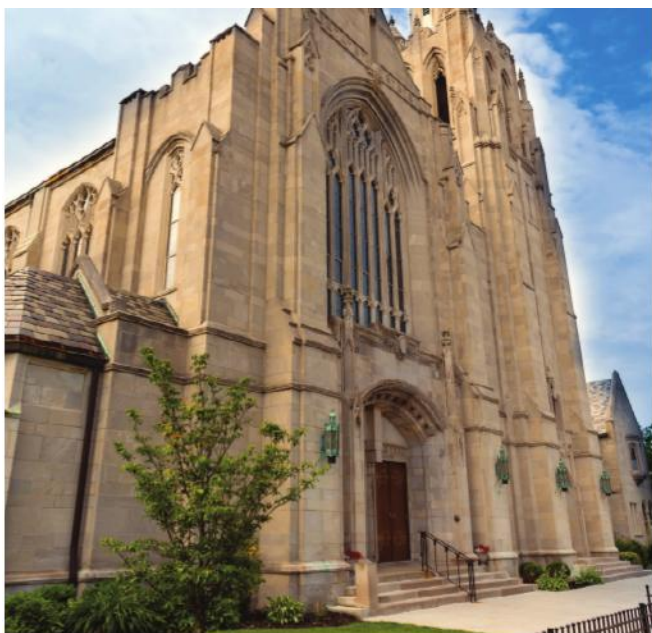
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## Weekend Mass Schedule

### **St. Cecilia** (Oakley)

Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

### **St. Mary** (Hyde Park)

Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

### **The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church** (Madisonville)

Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

### **St. Cecilia** (Oakley)

9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday.

*All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM*

### **St. Mary** (Hyde Park)

5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

### **The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church** (Madisonville)

11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday



## Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses. One hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

## Church Addresses

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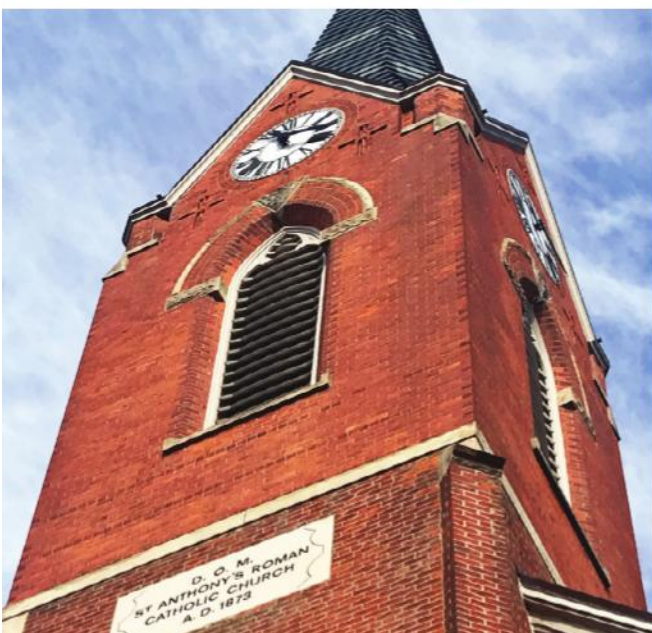
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# Pastor's *Corner*

## The Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

What a great weekend to celebrate the feast of St. Michael the Archangel. This weekend we have our annual Oktoberfest and in the Catholic church, St. Michael is the patron saint of Germany! After the Battle of Lechfeld against the Hungarians, he became the patron saint of modern Germany and the Holy Roman Empire.

There are four offices that St. Michael has a role in, the first being the leader of the army of God. He fights the spiritual warfare we face everyday. He also accompanies the souls of the faithfully departed to heaven and is known as the angel of death. There are depictions of St. Michael holding a scale to represent the weighing of souls on the day of the last judgment. This is his other role as the weigher of souls. Since St. Michael is the patron saint of police, firefighters, and the military he is also known as the guardian of the Church. He is the one we pray for to defend the faith and protect our souls from the snares of the devil.

A few weeks ago we spent a day in prayer for our first responders. St. Michael prayer cards were passed out to all of those that came to Mass and prayed throughout the day. If you get a chance, send a holy card to your local first responders with a note of thanks. Let them know the prayer we recite for their protection as they pay their lives on the line for us every day. Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, please try to keep it as a practice to pray it after your daily rosary.

Amen? Amen.

**St. Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



### **New Vocations Director**

We recently received the news that Fr. Michael Wilig will be the new Vocations Director in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer has had

to step down because of an illness that has made it impossible to continue in his work. Please keep him in your prayers.

Fr. Michael will be in residence at the St. Mary rectory as he begins his new role. Let us continue to pray for vocations.

### **St. Francis Pet Blessing**

Next Saturday, October 5, after the St. Cecilia 9:00 AM Mass, we will hold our annual Blessing of Pets commemorating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals, in the rectory side yard. We encourage you to bring any and all pets, big or small. Father will ask God to bless them with yearlong good health and safety. And with safety in mind for everyone, we ask that you have your pet(s) on a leash or in an appropriate carrier. All who are interested should bring your pet(s) to the side yard on Gilmore Avenue between 9:50 and 10:00 AM.

### **October Count**

The October count at a church is important because it helps determine how many priests are needed to be there. Our numbers are growing at each of our churches and we need to continue to pray for vocations to have the priests we need for all of our Masses. Please attend the church where you are a registered parishioner so that the diocese knows the number of priests we need.

### **Couples Blessing**

On Sunday, October 6, we will be blessing all of our engaged couples. If you are newly engaged or know of someone who is engaged and preparing for the sacrament of marriage, please join us.

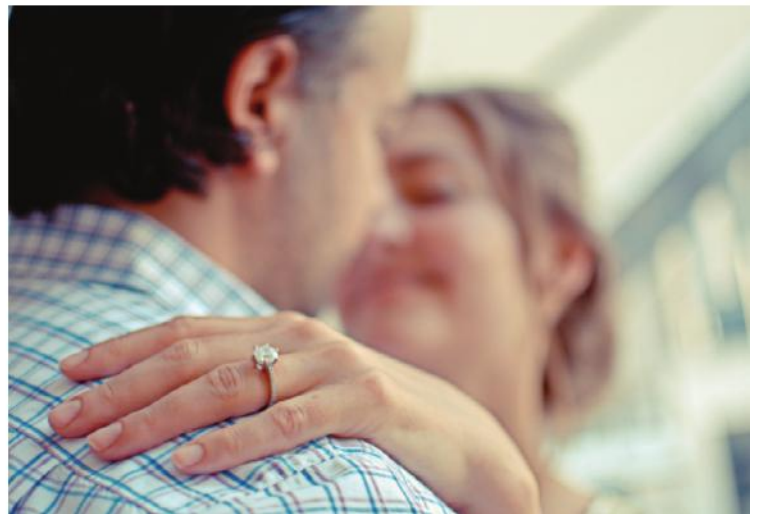
The blessings will take place right before the Mass so please get there early:

The Oratory: 9:30 AM Mass

St. Cecilia: 10:00 AM Mass

St. Mary: 10:30 AM Mass

Please invite your family so that they can be part of this special blessing. The churches in Eastside Catholics will be focusing on the Stewardship of Prayer this weekend and what a wonderful way for each church to center their prayers for our engaged couples.



### **Join the Oratory in Praying for our Priests!**

This week we are praying for: **Fr. Frank Amberger, Fr. Andrew Cordonnier, Fr. Ethan Moore, Fr. Jeff Stephens, and Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam.** Please consider joining in the Rosary especially offered for these priests at the Oratory each weekday at 11:15 AM, before the 11:45 AM Mass.

# PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

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From the desk of Father Jamie ...

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**The Oldest and the Youngest.** St. Mary eighth grade and kindergarten students have been matched up to be yearlong “buddies.” Throughout this school year, the buddies will sit together at all-school Masses, spend time together as reading partners — *book buddies* —and work together on themed projects.

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**Labor Day Lemonade.** There was a lemonade sale at the Oratory on Labor Day weekend for all of those that attended Mass. A nice end of summer treat.

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**Congratulations** AJ and Lexi Hauer celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, September 14 at St. Mary.

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**Welcome, Children of God,** Callahan and Benjamin, sons of Nicholas and Jennifer McMahon and Archie, son of Nicholas and Bailey Ambrose. Welcome, Jenson, son of Andrew and Jamie Demasi. Welcome Jackson, son of Juan and Bianka Garay.

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**Rest in peace,** Mark Silbersack, whose Mass of Christian Burial was on September 12, at the Oratory. Mark was a long-time parishioner. He was a world traveler and very involved in many service activities. Rest in peace, Mabel Smith, whose Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, September 9, 2024. Mabel was a long-time parishioner of St. Cecilia. She passed away right before her 99th birthday. Mabel was a pillar of our community. You would always see her so well put together with a big smile at Mass.







## *Moving the Mark Past 15%:*

# The Task of Family of Faith

by Haley Metzger

When you think of processes that have an outcome of 15%, what comes to mind? Maybe you think of the acceptance rates of Georgetown University or the batting average of a struggling baseball player. According to a new study conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate in conjunction with the Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life, 15% is also the amount of those at the tail-end of the millennial generation who were raised Catholic and who have continued practicing their faith through adulthood. If that statistic sends a chill down your spine, you are not alone. It seems clear, especially when we juxtapose the data against those raised in the mid-twentieth century (40%), that this is an issue with a complex degree of causes that must be attended to with great intention and expediency.

Perhaps part of the solution that we seek lies in examining “what went right” so-to-speak with that 15%. To put it colloquially, “What’s the secret to the sauce?” In examining the upbringing of these adults, one finds a few key commonalities. Some you might expect: participation in religious education through Catholic schools or parish programs, attending weekly Mass, etc. But here’s where the data gets really interesting: there is a profound link between family life and faith life. These kids saw their parents participating in the Mass, prayed alongside them during family rosaries and nightly blessings, and shared time with them during service to the community and meals each evening. We can clearly see through the empirical data how the words of St. John Paul II come alive in his apostolic exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*: “Only by praying together with

their children can a father and mother — exercising their royal priesthood — penetrate the innermost depths of their children’s hearts and leave an impression that the future events in their lives will not be able to efface.” How fitting it is that family life should be the pathway by which God intends to become so deeply rooted in our souls, especially when we consider that God Himself is a communion of persons whose love is life-giving. When we know the love of family, we can know the love of God and the very core of His identity.

At Eastside Catholics, we continue to be committed to supporting all of our parents in embracing this role as the primary catechist and most important evangelist in their children’s lives. For many of our families, this is through our Family of Faith program. Our monthly sessions serve as faith formation classes and sacramental preparation for the children, and for the parents we aspire for these to be spaces where they can gather for meaningful conversation on how to foster their family’s relationship with the Triune God and give practical, daily witness to living sacramental lives. If your children are not enrolled in parochial school or a home-study program, I want to personally invite you to join us on this journey together. Our registrations close tomorrow for the 2024-2025 year, and we would love to have you walking with us to know the Lord in a deeper way and move the mark past 15%

**Aforementioned study can be found in “Raising Catholic kids: New study suggests what successful parents have in common” by Jonah McKeown published by Catholic News Agency**







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## 40 Days for Life

This past week kicked off the annual 40 Days for Life campaign, which seeks to end the practice of abortion through prayer and fasting. The campaign will last through November 3rd, with the entirety of the month of October typically being called Respect Life Month. As a first call to action during a month filled with opportunities for prayer, service and advocacy surrounding issues related to the protection of human dignity and life, we invite you to join us in this 40 Days campaign by volunteering a half hour of your time to pray outside of Planned Parenthood. Email Brigid Duffy at [bswartz@fuse.net](mailto:bswartz@fuse.net) for St. Cecilia time slots. St. Mary parishioners can visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A-CAA23AAFDC52-51541660-40days](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A-CAA23AAFDC52-51541660-40days) to sign up.



## Wedding Banns

### St. Cecilia

- Bann III James McComb & Paige Osterfield
- Bann III Timothy Wintering & Katie Ulrich
- Bann II Kevin Milligan & Elizabeth Coffey
- Bann II Conn Gerard & Alison Hayfer
- Bann I Anthony Puopolo & Ashley Citron
- Bann I David Lantz & Laura Keeney

### St. Mary

- Bann III Stephen Maurer & Emma Noe
- Bann II Trent Phillips & Emily Wenger





### First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Children preparing to receive the sacraments have begun their lessons and will be receiving the sacrament of penance as they prepare for First Communion. The first parent meeting is on September 30th at St. Mary's Robisch Hall at 6:15 PM for all of the parents whose children are signed up with Eastside Catholics. This meeting is mandatory for all families who have children intent on making their First Reconciliation and First Communion this year. Calendars, logistical details, and other preparatory notes will be shared, so it is vital you are in attendance.

### Confirmation Family Meeting

All Confirmandi and their parents are also reminded to save the date for the Confirmation Family Meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7 PM at St. Mary's Robisch Hall. This meeting is mandatory for all seventh graders intent on being confirmed this spring, as well as their parents. Calendars, logistical details, and other preparatory notes will be shared, so it is vital you are in attendance. In advance of the meeting, please ensure you have already confirmed your intent to have your child confirmed either through the parish schools or by completing the Family of Faith registration form found using this QR code. Please direct questions to Haley Metzger.



The Lord of the Rings, New Line Cinema

### Cocktails with the Catechism Encounter Jesus...At the Movies?

Enter one of the most fascinating crossovers the world has ever known: theology and human storytelling. Join Fr. Jacob Boddicker for a talk on Christological movie characters, from the likes of *Star Wars* to *The Lord of the Rings*, and discover how the story of salvation history is written on every human heart. The fun starts at 7 PM at Big Ash Brewing on Tuesday, October 22nd.

### All Saints Parade

Save the Date for our All Saints Parade on Sunday, November 3rd. We will once again host this opportunity at all three locations for the following Mass times: 9:30 AM at the Oratory, 10 AM at St. Cecilia, and 10:30 AM at St. Mary. If you are new to this tradition, simply have your child select a saint they wish to dress up as and then begin constructing their costume in the coming weeks. Remember, dark bath towels paired with white turtle-necks make great habits! Stay tuned for more details!







# *UPCOMING* EVENTS

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## BROTHERHOOD OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Men who have or wish to develop a devotion to the Blessed Virgin through the rosary are welcome to join the Brotherhood of the Holy Rosary on the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM to pray the rosary on the steps in front of Saint Cecilia Church. They will meet next on Saturday, October 5th, in the Mary transept for prayer intentions, move to the Madison Avenue front of the church for rosary prayer, then swing around the corner to the Saint Cecilia parish house for brunch and conversation and then return to church for 9 AM Mass. Consider inviting friends and family to join you.





## The Faces of EPIC

The faces of EPIC show seniors as the energetic, intelligent, enthusiastic people they are. You see laughter, wisdom, courage, inspiration in all of the faces. You see lives lived with deep faith and conviction. You see a willingness to share, reach out to others and welcome new faces.

Your parish senior ministry is thriving. Adventures abound! If you have not yet experienced an EPIC event, you should. Each month has a different event offering you the opportunity to be a part of our senior community. It gives you connection with fellow senior parishioners. We laugh. We sing. We dance. We eat. We learn. We pray. We share stories and offer friendships.

Contact me anytime, [mldrum@eastsideregion.org](mailto:mldrum@eastsideregion.org), to learn more. Perhaps you have an event suggestion or a speaker or a topic you feel is important to our well-being. Perhaps you will think about participating and experiencing the simple pleasure of being a part of something EPIC!

### October 26: Young Adult Bonfire Night with Deacon Nathan & Family

Love fall bonfires and chili? The Beiersdorfs do, and they are inviting our young adults to come out to their farm for a bonfire, rosary and stargazing, with some chili, drinks, and friends. Have a favorite chili recipe you'd love to share (or want to heat up some Sky-line)? Bring it along to share with everyone. More information on this can be found in the weekly young adult newsletter.

### Speed Dating Returns

Save the date! Speed dating is returning on November 16th. It's the perfect opportunity to "Fall in Love." Three couples who met at our speed dating events are engaged — you could be next! Registration will go live shortly. Stay tuned.



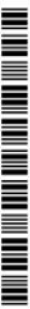


# NEWS & NOTES

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## 40S PLUS FUN BUNCH VISIT TO THE HARRIET BEECHER STOWE HOUSE

Join the 40s Plus Fun Bunch Sunday, October 6th, at 1 PM as they tour the Stowe House home of author Harriet Beecher Stowe who wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The house has been newly renovated to resemble how it was in the 1840s. There is a second floor on the tour but if you are unable to walk upstairs, accommodations will be made if you tell us one week ahead of time. The one hour tour costs \$7 at the door. There is a parking lot behind the house on 2950 Gilbert Avenue 45206. Please RSVP to [stcfunbunch@gmail.com](mailto:stcfunbunch@gmail.com)







### **Elderly and Homebound Ministry**

The Homebound Ministry group strives to connect with parishioners from St. Cecilia, the Oratory, and St. Mary who are temporarily or permanently not able to come to Mass and would still like to be involved in the community. If you or someone you know is interested in receiving weekly bulletins, connecting with another individual from the parish, saying the rosary with someone, or receiving communion, please let us know. Contact Laura Spaugh at 513-321-1207, ext. 414 or email [lspaugh@eastsideregion.org](mailto:lspaugh@eastsideregion.org).

### **Baptismal Garments**

Attention all parishes! We are looking for more volunteers to assist the Crafty Ladies of St. Mary in making these beautiful Baptismal Garments for our new baptized children. If you can sew or embroider we would love your help. A gift from our parishes to young families to let them know they are special and that we love them and will walk alongside them on their faith journey can be life changing. Please reach out to Laura Spaugh at 513-321-1207, ext. 414, or email her at [lspaugh@eastsideregion.org](mailto:lspaugh@eastsideregion.org).

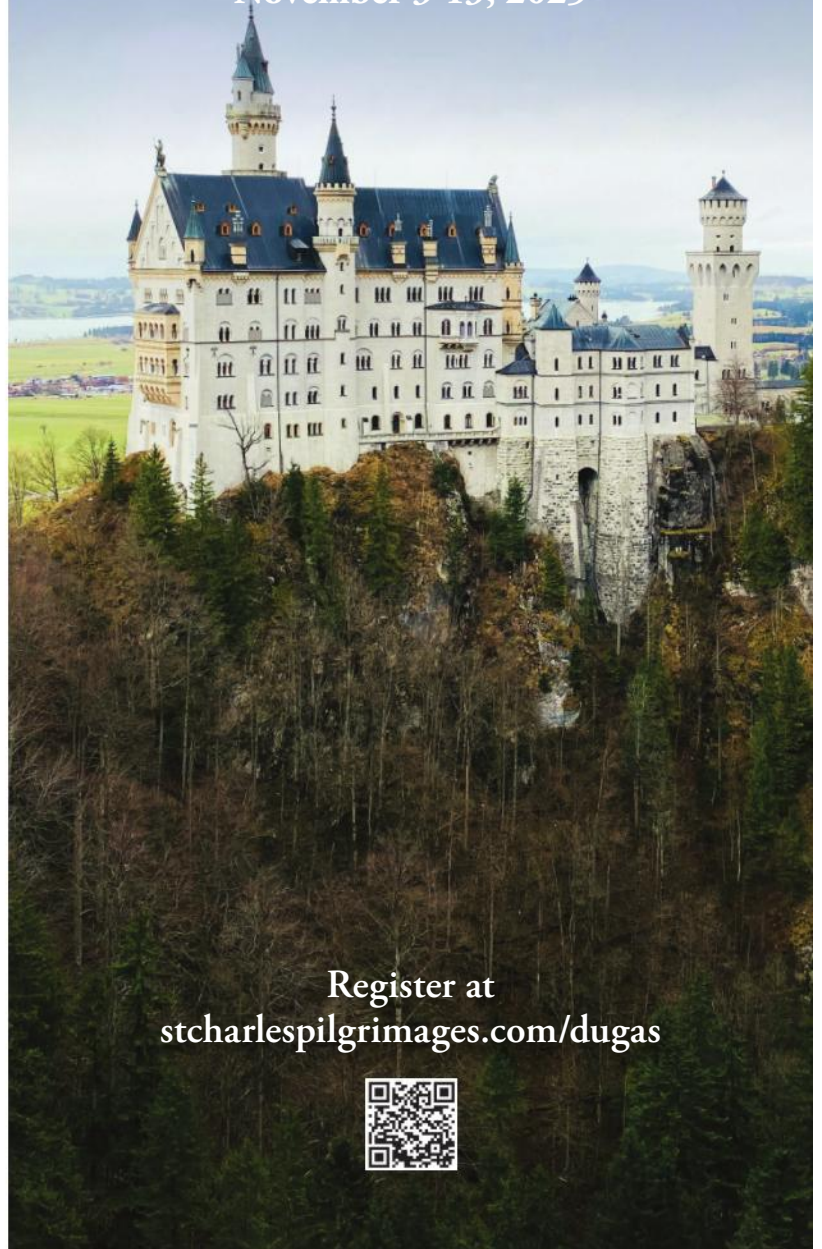
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& PRAGUE**

*with Fr. Alex Dugas*

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November 3-13, 2025



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# MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online at [eastside-catholics.org](http://eastside-catholics.org), under the "About" section. Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

## Monday / September 30

9:00 AM (STC) Barbara R. Grote †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Sebastian and Marlee Kunkel (Wedding Anniversary)  
5:30 PM (STM) Dorothy Taylor †

## Tuesday / October 1

9:00 AM (STC) Donald Carle †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Sister Margie Englert (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) Hugh Cahill †

## Wednesday / October 2

9:00 AM (STC) David & Clarice Carle (Wedding Anniversary)  
11:45 AM (OSJV) For Gabrielle's Exam & Blessings (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) Jeanne Collins (L)

## Thursday / October 3

9:00 AM (STC) The Spencer family (living and deceased)  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Cian Dankin (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) Kathleen "Taffy" Nichols †

## Friday / October 4

9:00 AM (STC) Nate Hertlein (L)  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Dee O'Connell (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) No Mass

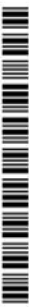
## Saturday / October 5

9:00 AM (STC) Former President Donald Trump (L)  
3:00 PM (OSJV) Fr. Anthony Marcelli (L)  
3:30 PM (STC) Joann Buchman †  
4:00 PM (STM) For the Living and Deceased Regional Families

## Sunday / October 6

8 AM (STC) Jeannette McCaughey †  
8:30:00 PM (STM) Robert Schell †  
9:30 AM (OSJV) Pat and Marge Forsthoefel †  
10:00 AM (STC) Ryan Mallory †  
10:30 AM (STM) Mary H. MacConnell †  
8:15 PM (STC) John Garmany †

† Deceased (L) Living



# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

For the week ending September 15, 2024

	St. Cecilia	St. Mary	The Oratory
Offertory	\$10,408.00	\$5,670.59	\$1,978.00
Online	\$9,314.85	\$12,675.43	\$527.80
Total Collection	\$19,722.85	\$18,346.02	\$2,505.80
<b>Avg. Collection</b>	<b>\$19,540.85</b>	<b>\$18,076.00</b>	<b>\$2,715.71</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$20,000.00	\$21,768.48	\$4,000.00

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21*

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