

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

# EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

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

## *Thanksgiving*

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, both spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, and our family and friends.

Source: catholic.org



*The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth* (1914), Jennie Augusta Brownscombe



Eastside Catholics is composed 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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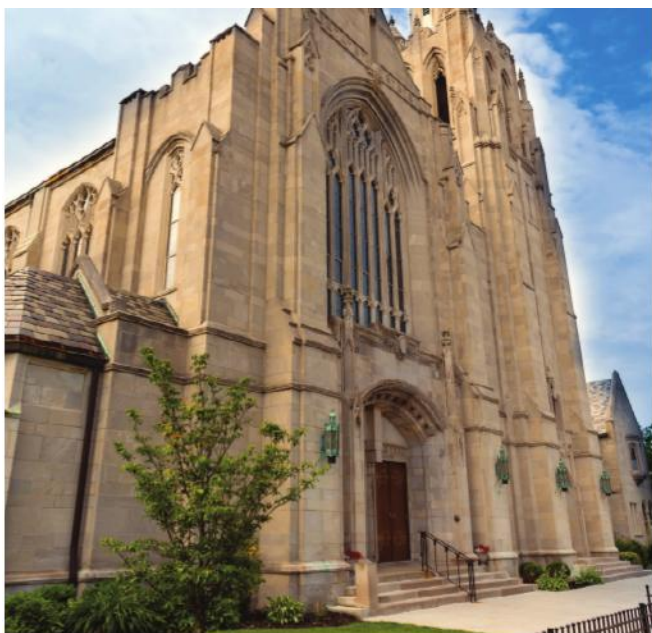
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Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038





## 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.

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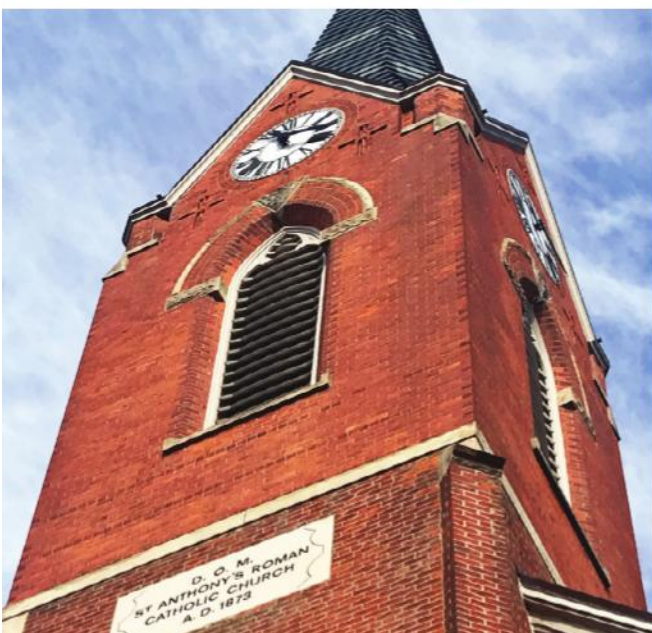
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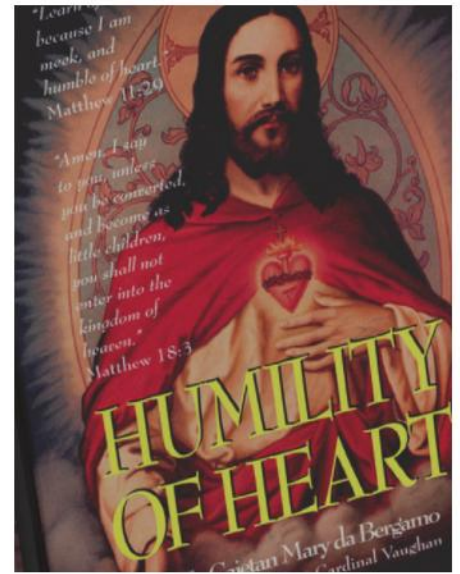
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# Pastor's *Corner*

## Thanksgiving 2024

As we begin our preparations to celebrate Thanksgiving next week, let us express our gratitude for all that we are blessed with in this life. I have found that it is more important and productive to express gratitude instead of complaining about things. Instead of trying to change all of the situations you cannot control, try and be thankful and change your attitude instead. Most people are good and their hearts are in the right place. God has given us free will and the majority of His people are there to help and support one another.

I am so grateful for the gift of the staff, parishioners, friends and family that are so supportive and kind and it has helped make my ministry something that I work hard on improving each day. I want everyone to have a deep and loving relationship with God and know how important it is, and what a gift it is, to come to church each week and worship Our Lord.

Next week I am asking you to prayerfully consider that one person you have been wanting to invite to Mass. Take time to share your journey to the Church and what it means to you and then be brave enough to share that caring wish of sharing God's love, and invite them to Mass for the Feast of Christ the King.

Amen? Amen. *Fr. Jean*

# Introducing



# TOGETHER *Sunday*

This year, our parish community will be making a special effort to invite Catholics who do not attend church regularly back to Mass. We have designated Sunday, November 24, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, as “Together Sunday” leading into the Advent and Christmas seasons. We ask each of you to assist with this effort. Please prayerfully consider one person who you can personally invite back to Mass, pray for that person, and then invite him or her to join us for Mass on Sunday, November 24. We are better together!



## Black Catholic History Month

Servant of God **Julia Greeley** was born into slavery in Hannibal, Missouri sometime between 1833 and 1848. Freed by Missouri’s Emancipation Act in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880 and was an outstanding supporter of all the parish. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. A daily communicant, Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918. As part of the Cause for Canonization, Julia’s mortal remains were transferred to Denver’s Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7, 2017.

## Join the Oratory in Praying for our Priests!

This week we are praying for: **Fr. Jonathon Jergens, Fr. Martin Fox, Fr. Jerome Bishop, Fr. David Howard and Fr. James Manning.** 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 ...

1 **New Staff Member.** Please welcome Charlene Schroder to our staff for the family of parishes! Charlene will be helping part time with Safe Parish and other administrative duties, including in our daily operations. She has been a member of St. Cecilia since 2015 and active with OCIA and a Eucharistic Minister for 8 years. She also helps the Family of Faith for our parishes. Welcome, Charlene!

2 **Playground.** I recently blessed the new playground on the St. Mary campus. The children are truly enjoying the wonderful new playground. A big thank you to all of those parents and supporters who made this dream come true.

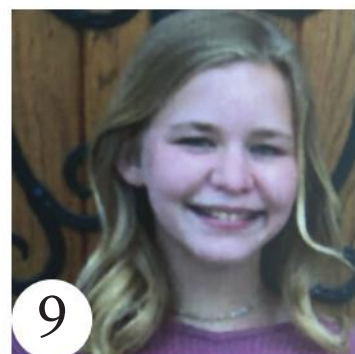
3 **Cocktails with the Catechism.** What a wonderful talk for all of the movie fans out there! Fr. Boddiker was able to choose characters from different movies that portrayed the different parts of a character that resembled Jesus. An educational evening for all!

4 **Cathy Schneider.** We gave Cathy a fond farewell for the many years she has been such a dedicated employee at St. Cecilia rectory. She has made my life (as well as Ripley's) a lot easier with her care of my home and office space. Cathy ... thank you so much for your hard work and dedication!

5-6 **Fr. Anthony Marcelli.** There were two recent Fr. Anthony sightings in Rome! Natalie (Leader of Mom's Group) and Luke Merry (Pastoral Council president of St. Cecilia) recently visited Rome and were able to have dinner and Mass with Fr. Anthony. Parishioner Lorraine Downing, our old DRE Cody Egner and Steve Sullivan, who does the layout for our bulletin, also ran into Fr. Anthony on their pilgrimage to Rome. It's so nice to see everyone visiting with him. I'm sure he appreciates it!

7-11 **National Merit Finalists.** In 2024, approximately 16,000 high school seniors nationwide were named National Merit Semifinalists. This is a significant accomplishment, as it means these students scored in the top 1% on the PSAT (The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.) Five of these students are St. Mary parishioners and graduates of the St. Mary School Class of 2021. Congratulations to Eleanor Smith, Anna Hamant, Evelyn Quint, Ben Manfroy, and Henry Leuenberger.





# Humility *of* Heart

/ by Erick Macek /

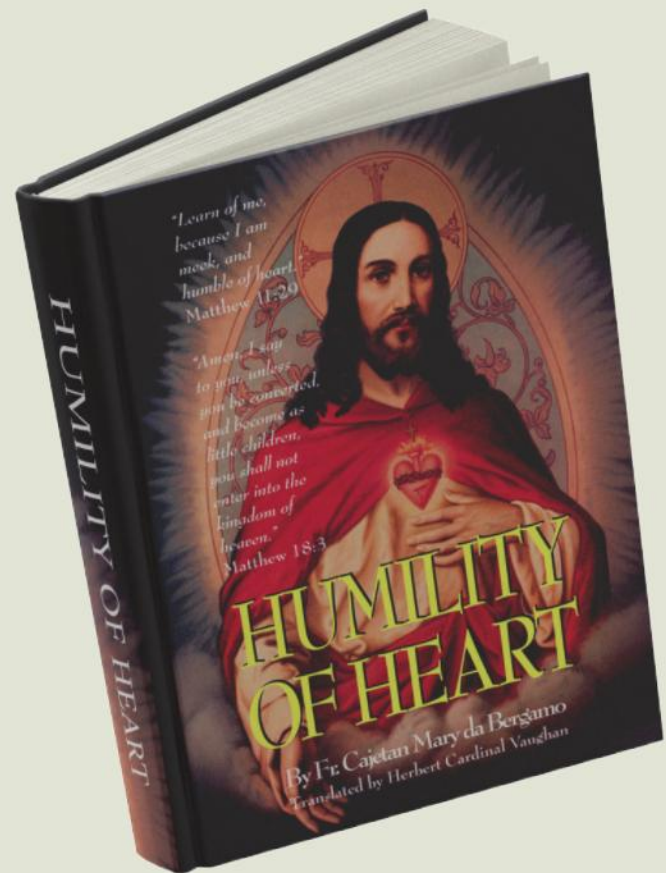
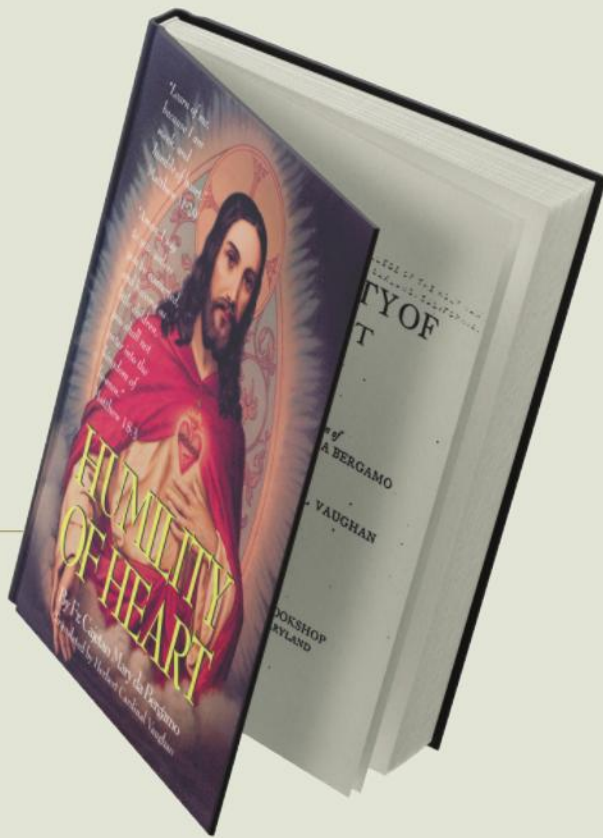
The Catechism defines humility as ***“the virtue by which a Christian acknowledges that God is the author of all good.”*** This powerful definition shifts our focus from dwelling on our own limitations to marveling at the greatness of God. It reminds us that true humility is not about feeling small but about recognizing the grandeur of the One who created and sustains all things. If we understand that God is the ultimate source of all goodness, we cannot mistakenly attribute that honor to ourselves.

Fr. Cajetan Mary da Bergamo masterfully delves into this profound truth in his classic work on the virtue of humility. He views humility not just as a fundamental Christian virtue but as the very bedrock on which all other virtues are built. Drawing from the

timeless wisdom of the saints and his rich experience as a spiritual director, Fr. da Bergamo provides readers with practical and inspiring guidance. His teachings are not abstract theories but actionable steps for living out humility in our everyday interactions and spiritual practices.

This book is an essential companion for anyone yearning to grow in holiness and deepen their relationship with God. It challenges and invites us to examine our hearts, discard the illusion of self-reliance, and joyfully submit to the truth that God is the author of every good thing. Fr. da Bergamo’s insights are a beacon for those committed to walking the path of genuine humility, leading to a life more fully centered on God’s infinite love and grace.





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*It is only by the  
measure of thy humility  
that thou canst hope to please God  
and save thyself, because it is certain  
that God 'will save the humble of spirit.*

*(Ps. 33:19—Page 60)*

# EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

## A Journey Through Church History: Looking Back at the Last Two Millennia

The history of the Church is not just the recitation of popes and saints; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. Picking up where we left off in this fall's study on the Early Church, in this study you will learn about the important people, places, and events in the last fifteen hundred years of Church history. You will discover the true stories behind the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, and the Protestant Reformation. You will also learn about the massive persecution of Christians in the twentieth century. Throughout, you will be gaining an understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit in our Church.

## Family of Faith Advent Retreat

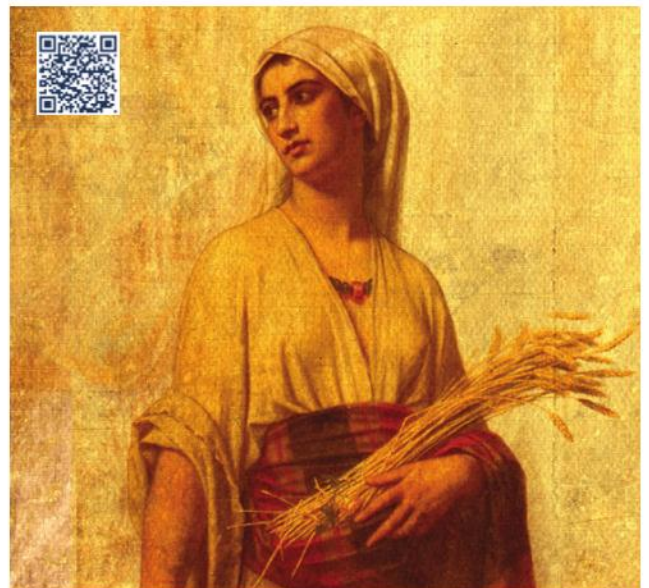
Our Family of Faith Community event for December will be our Advent Retreat on December 7 on St. Mary's campus from from 9–11:30 AM. The day will begin with Mass, followed by activities designed to help your family enter into the spirit of the Advent season. These include making your own Jesse tree, creating a family prayer calendar for Advent, and hearing a special music presentation. Register today!

## St. Mary School Moms Bible Study: Advent Edition

This Advent you are invited to once again join us for a special abridged study to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We will be using the Advent devotional "**A Thrill of Hope,**" published by Blessed is She. This book invites you to deepen your hope in the Lord this liturgical season as you journey alongside four women in Sacred Scripture who were on their way, hoping for a Savior. In praying together with this theme, we can become the women of hope that our world needs so desperately. Moms of all experience levels are welcome! Learn more by scanning the code!

## Advent Mission 2024

Join us for three evenings to prepare our hearts and reflect on the mystery of our Lord's long-foretold arrival at Christmas. Our Advent Mission will take place on Monday, December 16, and Tuesday, December 17, and will feature presentations by Fr. Jacob Willig. Then join us for a third night when choir members from across the Family will present Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 18. All three nights will begin at 7 PM and will take place at St. Mary Church in Hyde Park.





# EASTSIDE SACRAMENTS

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**Baptisms.** Welcome Emory, daughter of Stephanie and Tim Bonacum. Welcome Sullivan, son of Brandon and Lindsey Parr. Welcome Virginia Francis, daughter of Billy and Kelly Wersel. Welcome Eloise, daughter of Patrick and Emily Garlock. Welcome Bennett, son of Michael and Tara Lanham. And, welcome Rosie, daughter of Bridget and Robert Strum.

5-6

**Weddings.** Congratulations to Nicholas and Tara Taylor who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on Friday, October 26. Congratulations also to Jackson and Alexis Burton who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on Saturday, October 27.

7-8

**Funerals.** Rest in peace, Leslie Jean Rush, age 79. Her Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, October 28, 2024. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Monday, October 21 at St. Cecilia for Sebastian Karol Johnson, grandson of parishioners Joe and Terrie Kemper. Sebastian was 6 years old. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.



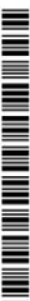


# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## THE EPIC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Parish family seniors, mark your calendars and plan to attend this merry party on Wednesday, December 11, from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM in Robisch Hall. You will be entertained by our St. Mary Children's Choir. You will have a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Our Crafty Ladies will have a table with fun Christmas items for you to shop if you like. This year our community outreach is "Seniors Gifting Children" and we will be collecting specific books and toys to support MEAC's ParentChild+ Literacy Program, ages 16 months to 4 years old. Please scan the attached QR code for their Amazon Wish List. You can purchase online and have the gifts sent to your address to bring to the party. You can also read the list and go to any bookstore or retail for these specific items. MEAC serves all of our areas, Madisonville, Oakley and Hyde Park. Please contact me at [mmandrum@eastsidecatholic.org](mailto:mmandrum@eastsidecatholic.org) RSVP for the party by Monday, December 2. There is no charge for this event.





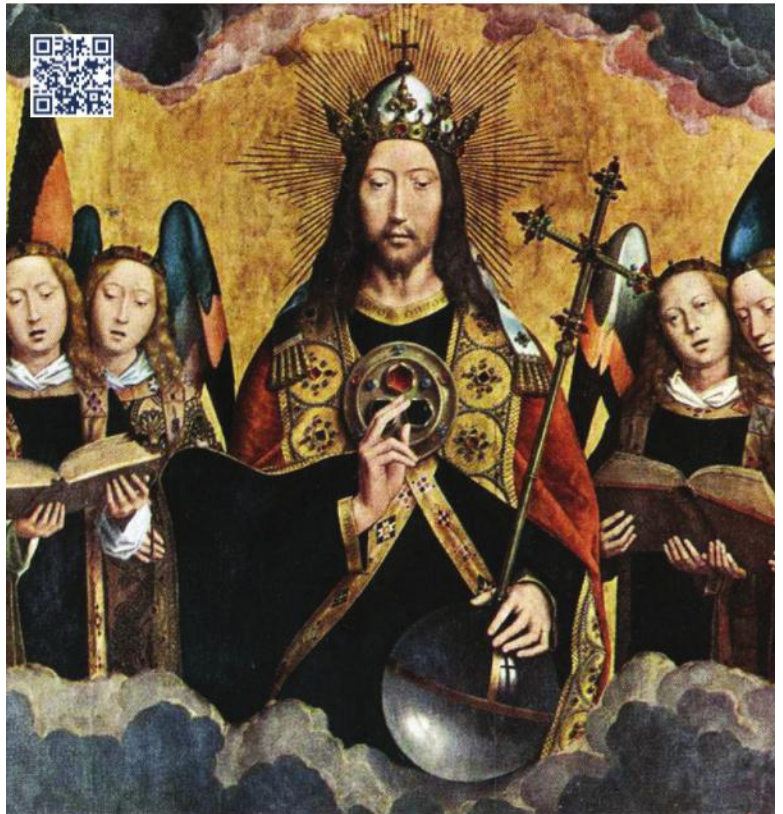
## **Drinking and Dining with the Saints: Living Liturgically All Year**

Long-Join parents from St. Mary School for a cocktail party on the eve of the feast of St. Nicholas. The event will be held on Thursday, December 5 from 6:30-8 PM in Robisch Hall. Enjoy delicious saint-themed concoctions and heavy apps and learn how our titular cookbooks can help your family celebrate the Catholic faith in new and delectable ways! RSVP using the QR code by December 1.



## **Cocktails with the Catechism Encounter Jesus...King of Kings**

In a world both fascinated by monarchs like Victoria and Elizabeth and critical of tyrants like Richard III, join Fr. Alex in reflecting upon our Lord's title of Christ the King and how this challenges and transforms our understanding of royal leadership. Join us at 7 pm on November 26 at Big Ash Brewing.



## **Annual Giving Tree Program**

The annual St. Cecilia Giving Tree program will begin next weekend and last until December 8! To participate, choose an ornament from the tree and purchase gifts for those in need this Christmas. Ornaments should then be attached to the gift. Return your gifts unwrapped to the St. Joseph altar immediately before or after any of the weekend Masses. Gift cards should be placed in the collection box. For security reasons please do not return gifts or gift cards to the church during the week. Thanks to all who are able to participate. Your donations are greatly appreciated by these organizations who work to bring everyday necessities and Christmas gifts to the individuals and families they serve!





# NEWS & NOTES

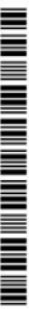
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## THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SAINT CECILIA

Once again we will be serving dinner in the parish commons at St. Cecilia on Thanksgiving Day from noon – 2 PM. All are invited and there is no charge for this complete dinner of turkey, dressing, gravy, vegetables, rolls, dessert and beverages. Deliveries are available by calling Margie at (513) 232-0266. All requests for meal deliveries must be made by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities available. We need people to carve turkeys, package meals for delivery, serve in the commons, engage in hospitality, deliver meals to people's homes, and assist with clean-up. Financial contributions are always appreciated.

The greatest need is for people to donate and roast a turkey. We use in excess of 60 each year. If you are able to help in this manner, please call Dee at (513) 871-4191. For any of the other volunteer opportunities, please contact Dan at (513) 478-0361. We hope to hear from you soon!





## Retrouvaille

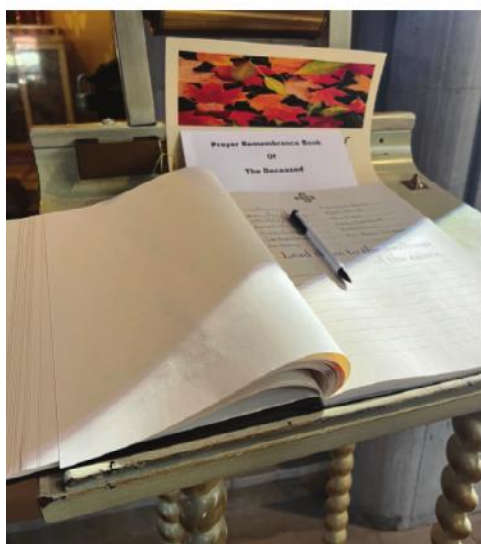
Couples who are struggling in their marriage often turn to their church for advice or resources. Retrouvaille can help!

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. The Cincinnati/Tri-State community is asking for your help to get the word out about our next program, which will begin with a weekend on January 3-5, 2025.

Retrouvaille is a proven marriage program that has been helping couples restore their marriage and rebuild their relationship since 1977. If you are interested in learning more about Retrouvaille, please visit their website at [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

## 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).



## Retirement Fund for Religious

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous December 7 and 8.



## Holiday Craft Sale

The Crafty Ladies of St. Mary will have their annual holiday sale on Saturday, Nov. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 1, after all the Masses, in the undercroft. There will be items for all ages. So, please consider doing some of your Christmas shopping with us. Refreshments will be available. See you there.

## Wall of The Faithful Departed and Book of Remembrance

Continuing throughout November, the Month of All Souls and the Faithful Departed, you are invited to keep your deceased loved ones present in our lives by adding to the St. Cecilia Parish Wall of the Faithful Departed and to our Book of Remembrance. You may add photos and/or prayer cards of your loved ones to the boards located on the pillars in the front of the church, as well as inscribe their name(s) in the Book of Intentions located by the St. Joseph altar near the sanctuary in order for them to be remembered as we pray daily for their souls to reach their final reward of eternal life with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online at [eastsidecatholics.org](http://eastsidecatholics.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 / November 18

9:00 AM (STC) Harold Smith †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Jay Fleming (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) Walter Cotton †

## Tuesday / November 19

9:00 AM (STC) The Hice Family  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Carol Drummey (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) Susan Ramsey †

## Wednesday / November 20

9:00 AM (STC) Anne Taylor †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Peggy Possert (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) Michael DiPuccio †

## Thursday / November 21

9:00 AM (STC) Sister Cecilia Rose, SV (L)  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Sadie Garamillo †  
5:30 PM (STM) Marilouise Wall (L)

## Friday / November 22

9:00 AM (STC) Helen V. Rabe †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Fr. Anthony Marcelli (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) No Mass

## Saturday / November 23

9:00 AM (STC) Anthony Trillo †  
3:00 PM (OSJV) Ed Kinney †  
3:30 PM (STC) For the Living and Deceased Regional Families  
4:00 PM (STM) Mary Margaret Stewart & Edwin Stewart (Anniversary)

## Sunday / November 24

8 AM (STC) Lois Zepf †  
8:30 AM (STM) Zac Bush (L)  
9:30 AM (OSJV) Karen Hartje †  
10:00 AM (STC) Marriage of Elizabeth and Covey Emmert  
10:30 AM (STM) Fred "Dick" Schneider †  
8:15 PM (STC) Christy VonAllmen †

† Deceased (L) Living





# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

For the week ending November 3, 2024

	St. Cecilia	St. Mary	The Oratory
Offertory	\$12,776.00	\$8,598.00	\$4,445.00
Online	\$11,005.15	\$15,540.00	\$706.99
Total Collection	\$23,781.15	\$24,138.00	\$5,151.99
<b>Avg. Collection</b>	<b>\$19,542.45</b>	<b>\$18,386.00</b>	<b>\$3,213.25</b>
Budgeted Weekly	\$20,000.00	\$21,768.00	\$4,000.00

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