

DECEMBER 1, 2024

EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

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



The First Sunday of
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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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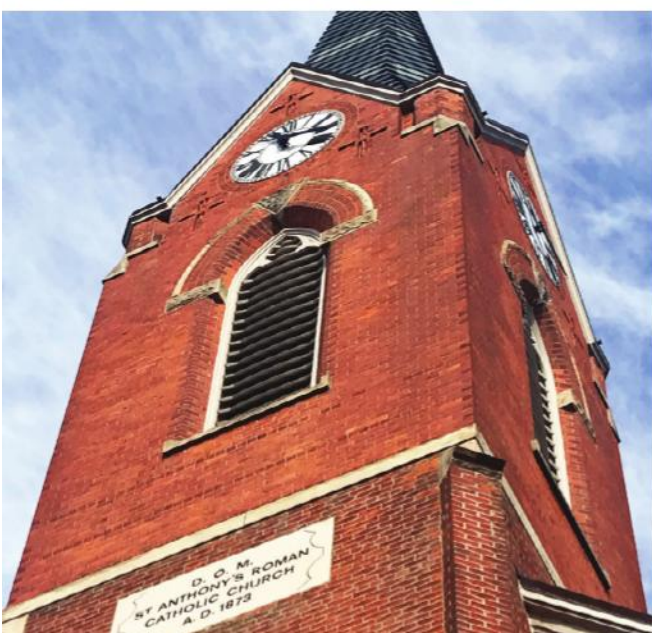
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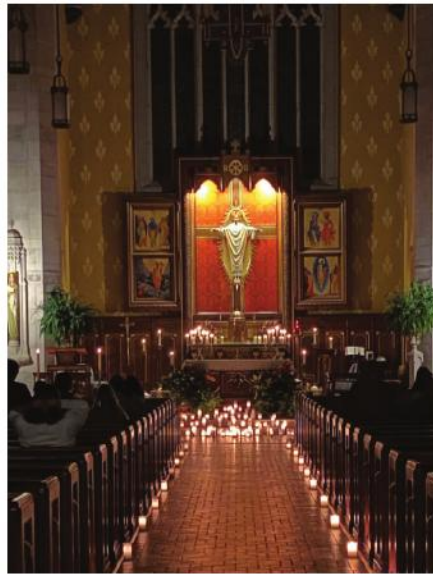
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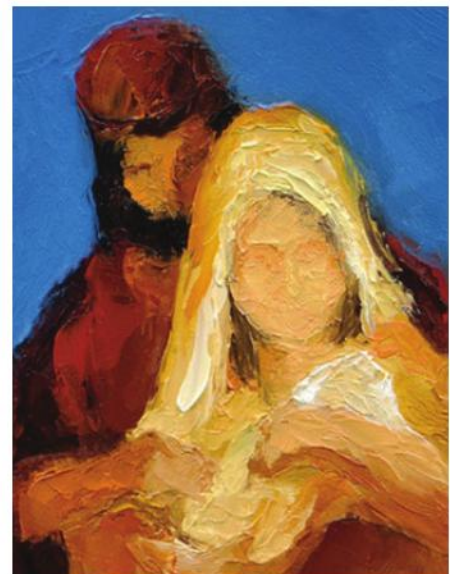
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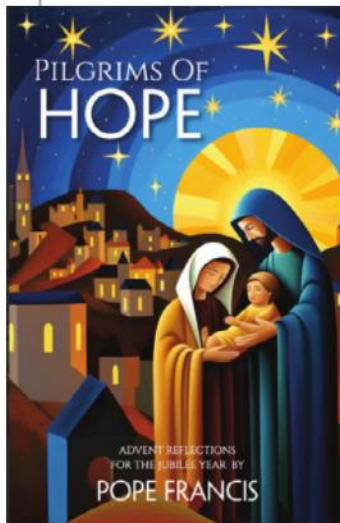
Internal communications. This section focuses on details and announcements from us.



Pastor's *Corner*

This Sunday we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. The coming of the Lord is drawing near. His birth is such a joyful and gracious time of the year for Catholics. These next few weeks we have time to share this joy and the buildup of excitement during Advent preparing us to celebrate Christmas Day.

The First Sunday of Advent



This year we will be reading the book, *Pilgrims of Hope: Advent Reflections for the Jubilee Year* by Pope Francis. This booklet helps the reader focus on the true meaning of our Christian pilgrimage: seeking, encountering, and following Jesus. Guided by the Pope's reflections, the reader is invited to engage daily in meditation, prayer, and Scripture to draw closer to Christ and to celebrate the divine incarnation and embrace the sanctifying grace of God's presence.

Amen? Amen.

To Jesus



SAVE THE CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES!

St. Cecilia: 12 AM (Midnight) and 10 AM **St. Mary:** 10 AM

The Oratory: 10 AM



The Sacraments

Sacramental Forms Due

Sacramental parents are reminded to submit their registration form, baptismal record, and sponsor application form (if in seventh grade) by this **Sunday, December 1**. These documents should be given to your second grade teacher or submitted directly to Laura Spaugh. Questions can be directed to Laura at lspaugh@eastsideregion.org. We must have these documents for your child to make their First Reconciliation next week, so please be timely!



Christmas Pageant

Join us for the Homeschool Families annual Christmas pageant! It will be held in the St. Cecilia gym on Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 AM. This is a really fun play for little ones.

Candy Cane Sale

The St. Cecilia School annual candy cane sale will be Tuesday, December 3 through Thursday, December 5. Candy canes will be passed out to students Friday, December 6. All candy canes will be \$.50 each and will help support families in need during this Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a candy cane and write a note to your child, you can do so in the office! Want your child to send a candy cane to each of his/her classmates, just drop off \$10 in the school office, and we will send a candy cane from your child to all classmates! *Any parents that would like to donate candy canes or a goodwill donation that will be included in our fund to support families in need, please drop these off in the school office.*



Giving Trees!

Please remember to take an ornament with a gift idea off of our Giving Trees! Each gift you buy will provide a child or family in need with a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

Join the Oratory in Praying for our Priests!

This week we are praying for: **Bob Farrell, Fr. Craig Best, Fr. Patrick Blenman, Fr. Dale Peterka and Fr. Ned Brown**. 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

From the desk of Father Jamie ...

1 **Speed Dating.** Our fall speed dating event went great! It was nice to see so many young adults gather on Saturday evening.

2-3 **Men's Guild.** Our Men's Guild has been dutifully working on the property at The Oratory helping make the grounds look so nice. A big thank you to the Bulmans for leading the charge and for all of the men of the Guild who have volunteered to help out.

4-5 **Vocations Day.** A big thank you to Haley Metzger and her team for putting together a wonderful program for the students of St. Mary School. With the help of Tom Lieser, Ron Lamping and the staff, the older students were able to visit our local seminary and religious sisters. The younger students got to hear talks and see demonstrations on how vocations are lived out in different ways at the school. All had a wonderful time.



FAMILY TRADITIONS *BOTH OLD AND NEW*

by Haley Metzger

This time of year, each of us find ourselves reflecting on traditions: picking the family Christmas tree, watching the favorite holiday film, or enjoying daily chocolate tabs from our candy calendars. There's a sweetness to the routine of traditions in their reliability and nostalgia. Amidst the changes of my life over the past few years, I've come to not only treasure those traditions that have always been a part of each season since I was young but also look forward to the new ones created with my husband. Further, it's been incredible to participate in those that he grew up with and experience them alongside his family, who are now also my own.

It strikes me when I reflect on our Advent offerings this year how much our Eastside Catholic family is probably experiencing this, as well. Even though we have been made a family through Beacons of Light, we are still learning "what the family does" each season that is different from our previous experience. Additionally, there is excitement in reflecting upon what our "marriage" will create that is new. So, that being said, what are all the old, new, and common traditions that we have to offer to prepare our hearts for Christmas? And, perhaps, how are you being invited this year to mix things up and see what cool things" the in-laws" have in store?

First of all, we have opportunities to gather. Parishioners and guests are invited to gather December 16-18 for "Prepare the Way" featuring our two-night Advent Mission and Lessons and Carols. This will be a beautiful opportunity to come together and reflect upon our Lord's long-awaited coming through Sacred Scripture and song with the help of Fr. Jacob Willig and our brilliant music directors.

We also continue to offer our Young Adult Advent Study for those wishing to gather together weekly for lectio divina and discussion, and this year, for the first time, our St. Mary Moms' Bible Study will have an Advent Study, too!

EPIC gives our seniors the opportunity to not only gather this Advent but to serve. Their Christmas party will feature not only a chance to celebrate the holidays with friends but also invite all attendees to donate books and toys to children in need. All of us at the parishes are also invited to consider lending a hand this Advent season by participating in the long-standing tradition of the giving tree and purchasing a gift or gift cards for those in our community. What better way to adopt the spirit of charity of our Lord (and St. Nick)?

We know, however, that one of the best commitments we can make this season is simply daily prayer and time spent with our Lord. Mother Teresa poses a crucial question to us when she asks "At this Christmas, when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?" As in the past, we will continue to offer daily devotionals that offer reflections to help prepare a proper place for Christ to come dwell this December. This year we are excited to have also ordered several copies of the children's edition to continue engaging the little ones in their own preparation for the coming of Jesus in the manger of their hearts.

This holiday season let's treasure old traditions and new as we prepare as one family, one Body of Christ, for this most sacred Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord! O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

A TIME FOR GIVING

CASH GIFTS

A cash gift of any amount is a convenient and popular way to show your faithful support for the church and our ministries. If you itemize, the full amount of your gift qualifies for a 2024 charitable income tax deduction. Make certain your check is dated 2024 and received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2024, to receive a deduction this year..

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If you own investments that have increased in value (stocks, bonds, or mutual funds), you can donate them to the church and take a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value and avoid declaring the capital gain of the assets as income. Needs to be received by December 20, 2024.

Information needed for a regular Stock donation (NON ACATS):

If you currently hold shares with a broker, please give the following information to your broker.

- Church Specific Account Name: **St. Cecilia Parish or St. Mary Hyde Park**
- Church Specific Account Number, including two letter ACRO identifier: **(STC) 0104471751BG or (SMHP) 0104471751CG**
- **Receiving Firm Name: Fifth Third (10016) (Same for all)**
- Receiving Firm DTC: **2116 (Same for all)**
- **MUST HAVE DONOR NAME OR WILL BE REJECTED**

OR the ACATS INSTRUCTIONS for regular stock donations and/or Mutual Funds:

- **The acct# should be 01-01-000-4471751 (14 digits)**
- **Receiving Firm DTC: 2116**
- **Put donors name, the parish/organization name, and the two letter ACRO (BG) in the comment field.**

MAKE A GIFT WITH YOUR IRA

Congress made the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) a permanent rule in 2015. It allows owners of a traditional IRA to exclude RMDs from their adjusted gross income (AGI) if they give the money to an approved charity, also known as a qualified charitable organization. The QCD rule allows you to give the amount you donate from your IRA directly to charity without ever receiving it as income. Therefore, you pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may also help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax. Best of all, you can start taking QCDs at age 70½; you don't have to wait until you hit 73.

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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 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!



Prepare the Way — 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

- 1-2** **Congratulations!** to Seth and Sierra Donovan who celebrated the sacrament of marriage on Saturday, November 16. Seth is a long-time parishioner of St. Cecilia and serves Masses on the weekends. And congratulations to Eric and Caitlin Siereveld who celebrated the sacrament of marriage at St. Mary on Saturday, November 16. Please keep them in your prayers!
- 3** **Baptism.** Welcome, child of God, Devon, son of Shankar and Kristen Narayanan-Mendoza.
- 4** **First Communion.** Congratulations to St. Cecilia student Mia Rodrigues who celebrated her First Communion on Saturday, November 16.
- 5** **Convalidation.** Congratulations to Jacob and Melinda MacDonald who had their marriage convalidated on Saturday, November 16.

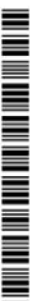




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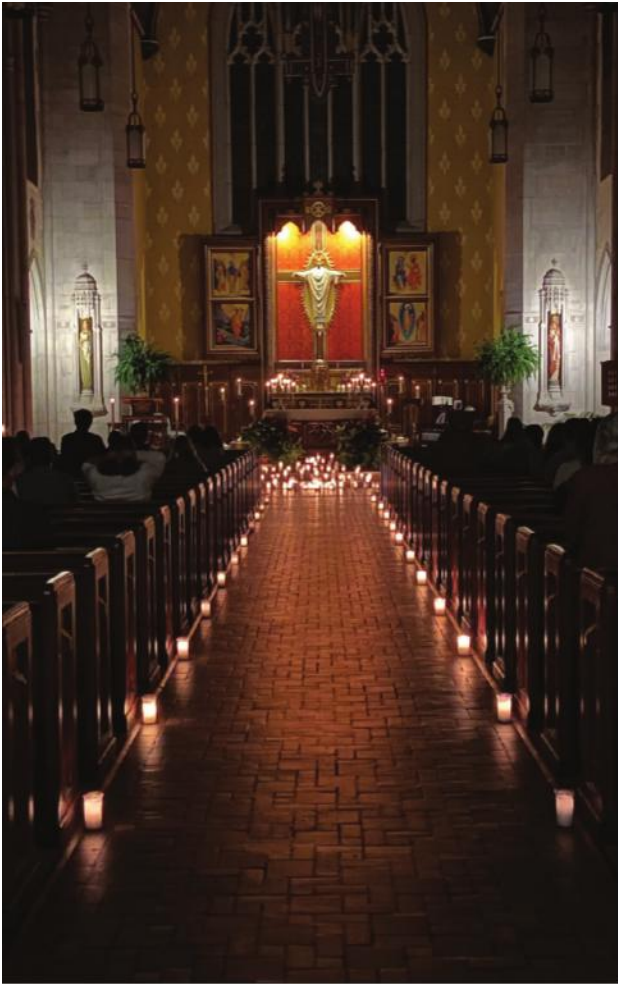
THE EPIC CHRISTMAS PARTY

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 RSVP for the party by Monday, December 2. There is no charge for this event.



Candlelight Mass

The next Young Adult Candlelight Mass is December 12 at St. Cecilia, with Confessions at 6:30 and Mass at 7 PM. A social will follow.



The Fun Bunch Chili Cook Off

Get your favorite recipe, don your chef hat and apron, make a pot of your favorite chili and join the 40s Plus Fun Bunch for a chili cook off in the St. Cecilia Commons area on Sunday, January 12 at 5 PM.

In addition, we will also have some tables set up to play the very fun card game "31" after you finish dinner.

More details to follow, but mark your calendars for January 12 at 5PM and be thinking of your best chili recipe! RSVP to stcfunbunch@gmail.com if you would like to join the party.

Save the Date: Shrines and Steins Pilgrimage Information Session

Have you ever dreamed of frolicking through the streets of Salzburg like Maria Von Trapp, touring fairytale-inspiring castles, or seeing the original statue of the Infant of Prague? If so, come learn more about our upcoming Eastside Catholics pilgrimage to Prague, Austria, and Germany! There are still a few seats open for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Our information session will be hosted on Thursday, January 16th at 7 PM in Robisch Hall. Come hear more about the itinerary, receive general tips on traveling to Germany, Austria, & Prague, and have an opportunity to ask questions about the pilgrimage. Learn more about the pilgrimage and register by visiting www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/dugas.





NEWS & NOTES

YOUNG ADULT ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Join other Young Adults from the Eastside Family for a special Advent Bible Study as we prepare our hearts for the season of Christmas. This year we will be participating in the program, "Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary," created by Ascension Press and hosted by Fr. Mark Touts. Walk with us as we encounter the places, people, and events that surrounded Christ's birth thousands of years ago and reflect more deeply upon God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises to His people!

This small group study will be offered on Monday nights at 7:30 pm at St. Cecilia in the Parish House. The dates are as follows: December 2, December 9, December 16, and December 23. We will be completing a group order for books so that they can be discounted with a group rate, and the form for this can be found below. If you are unable to join us for our meetings, please know that you are still welcome to order a devotional to walk with us in spirit while completing the study independently. Books will be available for pickup both in the back of St. Cecilia's the first week of Advent, as well as as the first session of the study. Please reach out to MaryBeth (medmundson@eastsideregion.org) with questions. We hope you'll join us this Advent Season to prepare our hearts for the Christmas season.





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.

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 on December 7 and 8.



Eucharistic Exposition Adorers Needed

We are in immediate need of adorers at St. Cecilia on Wednesdays for our all-day Adoration especially during the hours of 11 AM – 4 PM. A half-hour to an hour commitment is workable. Please prayerfully consider giving time to the Lord. Please call or text Mary Lou Huth at (513) 908-6810 or email her at marylouhuth@yahoo.com to sign up.

Marriage Solutions

If you are having trouble within your marriage, especially if you are considering separation, the Church is here to help you. There is no such thing as Catholic divorce, as marriage is a permanent, unbreakable institution. Even if you think you and your spouse are beyond all reconciliation, there is hope and there is help. Even if you are separated or civilly divorced, your marriage bond is not broken. Please reach out to Deacon Nathan (deaconnathan@stceciliacincinnati.org) for a confidential meeting. Our clergy will either try to help you here, or guide you toward someone who can.

However, there are times when two people have attempted marriage invalidly, have separated, and are in need of the Church's help in order to marry in the future. Catholics who are in this state do not need to refrain from the Sacraments unless they have already attempted marriage again or are in a relationship with a person other than their spouse. If you suspect your prior marriage may be invalid, we can help with the annulment process. Please reach out to Joe Fondacaro at 513-871-5757, ext. 222, for help. All inquiries regarding your current or past marriage are kept in the strictest confidence.

The Sacred Heart Ministry

This new ministry will promote devotion and we are inviting our parish family to "Behold This Heart that has loved men so much."

We will be initiating First Friday devotion and other worship opportunities. And we will be assisting in the enthronement of The Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home. To participate in the Sacred Heart ministry, or to learn more, contact Grace Spencer at 513-628-3850 or gracemspencer61@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online at 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 / December 2

9:00 AM (STC) John Matthew
11:45 AM (OSJV) Jessica Herring Birthday Intentions
5:30 PM (STM) Alice and Russ Romanelli †

Tuesday / December 3

9:00 AM (STC) Judy Squire †
11:45 AM (OSJV) Emily Ingram (L)
5:30 PM (STM) Cary Richard Schmidt †

Wednesday / December 4

9:00 AM (STC) Mildred Staun †
11:45 AM (OSJV) Labron Miller II Birthday Intentions
5:30 PM (STM) Clara & George Rosen †

Thursday / December 5

9:00 AM (STC) Glen Sack (L)
11:45 AM (OSJV) Emily Ingram (L)
5:30 PM (STM) Brent Cahill Wermes †

Friday / December 6

9:00 AM (STC) Glen Sack (L)
11:45 AM (OSJV) Drew Barton †
5:30 PM (STM) No Mass

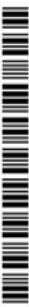
Saturday / December 7

9:00 AM (STC) Living and deceased Daugherty Family members
3:00 PM (OSJV) For the Living and Deceased Regional Families
3:30 PM (STC) Michael Michel †
4:00 PM (STM) Deceased Members of the Kadon Family †

Sunday / December 8

8 AM (STC) James D. Carle †
8:30 AM (STM) Honorable David J Albanese †
9:30 AM (OSJV) Labron Miller †
10:00 AM (STC) Cindy Phillips †
10:30 AM (STM) Dr. & Mrs. Esley R. Froats †
8:15 PM (STC) Mabel Smith †

† Deceased (L) Living



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

For the week ending November 17, 2024

	St. Cecilia	St. Mary	The Oratory
Offertory	\$9,134.00	\$8,689.00	\$2,812.00
Online	\$10,367.44	\$13,258.00	\$606.40
Total Collection	\$19,501.44	\$21,947.00	\$3,418.40
Avg. Collection	\$19,533.84	\$18,423.00	\$3,234.57
Budgeted Weekly	\$20,000.00	\$21,768.00	\$4,000.00

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

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