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# EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

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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.

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

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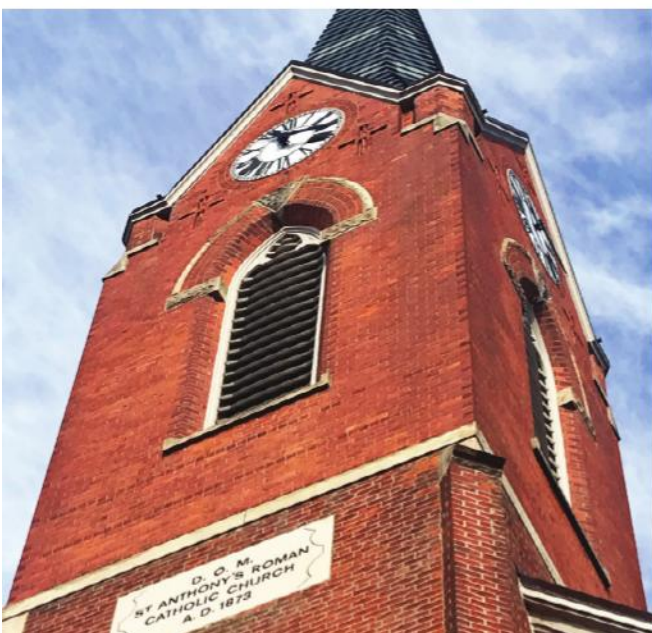
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# Pastor's *Corner*

## The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Each year we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Since it lands on a Sunday this year it was transferred to Monday. The Vatican has clarified that the "feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." The bishops have corrected this in the United States so this Monday we will be observing this Holy Day of Obligation.

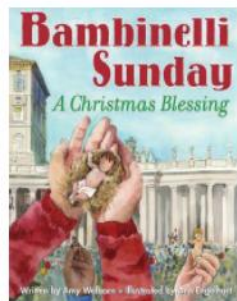
### **Masses:**

- **St. Cecilia — 9 AM (school Mass), 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM**
- **St. Mary— 9 AM (school Mass) and 7 PM**
- **The Oratory — 11:45 AM**

Amen? Amen.

## Blessing of the Straw

There is a practice of adding real straw for the Baby Jesus in the Nativity set to help us prepare for His birth during the Advent season. We will have blessed straw at each of our churches to represent the spiritual symbol of our hearts opening up and preparing for Christmas. Please take a small bundle of blessed straw for your manger scene.



## Bambinelli Sunday

A tradition that was started by St. John Paul II was the Blessing of the Bambinelli. On the third Sunday of Advent, children and families bring the Christ Child (Bambinelli) from their Nativity sets to be blessed. Next weekend — December 14-15 — bring your Baby Jesus figurines and we will bless them at Mass. There is also a beautiful picture book that tells the story of this tradition.



## 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.



## 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: **Fr. Matthew Feist, Fr. Stephen Jones, Fr. James Reutter, Fr. Donald Rettig, and Fr. Rick Walling.** 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.



## SAVE THE CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES!

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



# PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

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From the desk of Father Jamie ...

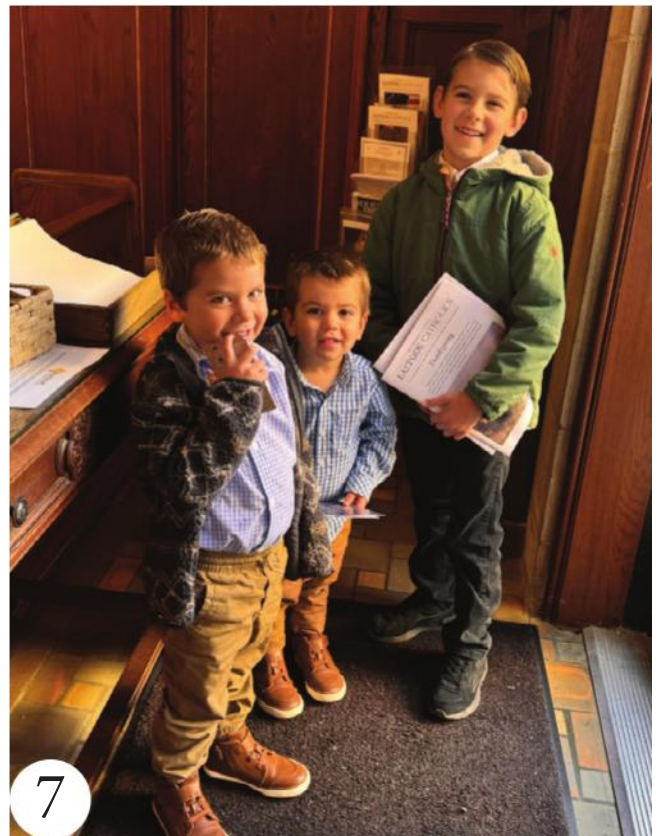
1 **AHG Bake Sale.** I was so impressed with our American Heritage Girls troop at St. Cecilia. Not only did they do a wonderful job with selling their baked goods — everthing was so delicious! The parishioners were very grateful!

2-5 **Together Sunday.** We had a lot of visitors for our *Together Sunday* Masses. Each church really had their churches looking nice and the music was elevated for the entrance of our True King! Thank you to all of those who helped with hospitality at each church. Our visitors were made to feel so welcome.

6 **Cocktails with the Catechism.** Fr. Alex did a terrific job presenting his talk on *Encountering Jesus...King of Kings!* Another nice crowd gathered at Big Ash Brewing to hear him talk about Christ our King. Thank you to all those who attended.

7 **Feast of St. Cecilia.** The homeschool children at St. Cecilia passed out St. Cecilia holy cards at each of the doors on the Sunday we celebrated her feast day. We are so blessed to have these children always ready to help out their parish!





# MOTHER

## *MOST PURE*

by David Homoelle

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, remembering the special grace of purity bestowed on the Blessed Mother from the moment of her conception. Mary was created pure, free from original sin, and remained so her whole life. The miracle of the Immaculate Conception, therefore, is not only that Mary was created pure, but that she stayed pure. Eve, the first woman, was also immaculately conceived, yet she did not remain so. As we ponder the purity of Mary this day, let us remember that she was given no grace that is not available to us also. Like Mary, we too can be free from original sin through the grace of Baptism. We also carry the Lord inside of us after receiving Communion at Mass, just as Mary carried our Lord in her womb. The life of Mary is not meant to be unique, but the model for how we ought to live our lives. Mary was given purity as a free gift, but also lived in that gift her whole life. This is why we call the Church holy, not because the person in the pew next to you is perfect, but we have at least

one perfect member, Mary, who is the safeguard of the Church's holiness. Forever in Heaven, she is the guarantee that the Catholic Church is and always will be pure. And this holiness stems from her faith. Mary was faithful to the will of God perfectly in her life, from the Annunciation where she agreed to en flesh God with a human nature to the Cross where she gave him back to his Father and allowed him to be mutilated out of love for us. Her radical receptivity to the will of God was the safeguard of her purity. All of us, as children of God and Mary, are called to be like our Mother. God's desires ought to be our desires and the gift of purity that he gives to us is one that is meant to be lived out. This Feast of the Immaculate Conception, renew in your hearts the desire to be pure and enact that desire in your life through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the triple crown of a holy life. May the Most Blessed Mother intercede for us that we may be given a desire for purity and the grace to let it envelop our entire being.



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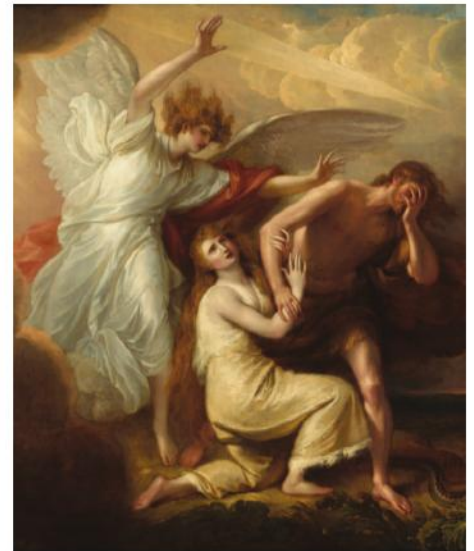
## Discover the Next Chapter of our Family Story

This fall, about forty parishioners from across our Family embarked on a journey of learning about the earliest origins of our Catholic faith through our Early Church Study. We have dialogued about heresies that have plagued the Church since its inception, as well as those that have reappeared in the modern world. We have come face to face with tyrannical leaders whose orders led to the martyrdom of some of our most beloved saints. We have seen the Church grow and mature, settling conflicts and expertly evangelizing those all across the Roman empire. Now, we turn our attention forward to all that lies beyond that first 500 years: the Crusades, the Reformation, the Enlightenment, and the age of secularism. Join us as we continue to discover the richness of our family story, the heritage that is our Catholic faith. Sign up for classes beginning on January 6 using the link below; we promise you'll be glad you did!



## St. Mary School Moms Spring Bible Study

Is it just us, or is the Bible sometimes really difficult to understand? So many of us want to dive right in, but we find ourselves in need of context for the different books and an overall road map of Sacred Scripture. Our upcoming study, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Moms from St. Mary School are invited to join us starting January 7 to discover together the story of salvation history and understand how each of us fit into God's plan. All experience levels are welcome! Learn more by scanning the QR code!



## The Chosen Conversations and Commentary...Continues!

After an enlightening fall diving into the first four episodes of *The Chosen* and listening to discussions between faith leaders and the show's director, we are excited to continue this opportunity for the coming spring. Join us Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 AM in the Marian Room on St. Mary's campus for conversations surrounding this Biblical series that has taken the world by storm. Those who have both seen *The Chosen* previously and new viewers are welcome! Learn more by scanning the code or visiting [eastsidecatholics.org/the-chosen-study](http://eastsidecatholics.org/the-chosen-study).



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## EPIC

### Extraordinary Parishioners Involved in Community 65+

It has been a fun and adventurous year! Thank you to all who support our program and events. EPIC is about and for you. A special thanks to the EPIC Committee, Cathy Colque, Ron Lamping, Janet Buening, Marie O'Donnell, Chris Carnes, Bea Randle and Donna Mancini. They have creative ideas and are dedicated to enhancing the lives of our senior parishioners. We wish you all a very blessed and joyful Christmas as we celebrate our greatest gift, Jesus. We have another exciting year planned for 2025. Watch your bulletins for upcoming events.

God bless us all.

Mary Landrum, EPIC Chair



# EASTSIDE BAPTISMS

**1-3 Baptisms.** Welcome Eloise, daughter of James and Rachel Baunchalk. Welcome Margo, daughter of Brian and Patricia Young. And, welcome Clara, daughter of Kelly and Emily Cotes.





# 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.





## 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.

## 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 16 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](http://www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/dugas).

## The Fun Bunch Chili Cook Off

Join the 40s Plus Fun Bunch for a chili cook off in the St. Cecilia Commons area on Sunday, January 12 at 5 PM. 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](mailto:stcfunbunch@gmail.com) if you would like to join the party.



## Grief Support

If you are grieving a loss, please come to this meeting on Thursday, December 12, at St. Mary at 6:15 PM (after the 5:30 Mass). You are welcome to bring a friend. Please come to listen, to share, to pray and to heal. If you have any questions, please call or text Peggy Lane at 724-759-0085.





# NEWS & NOTES

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## ADVENT MISSION 2024 — PREPARE THE WAY DECEMBER 16-18

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.







### **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 Spaug at 513-321-1207, ext. 414, or email [lspaug@eastsideregion.org](mailto:lspaug@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 this weekend.



### **A Thanksgiving Thank You**

Our sincerest thanks to all who assisted with this year's Thanksgiving dinner at St. Cecilia — from those who donated and roasted turkeys in their homes to those who delivered hundreds of meals to people in their homes, helped carve turkeys, boxed dinners to go, served those who joined us in the Commons, cleared tables, washed dishes, and helped with clean-up.

Special thanks for many hours on the phone to Margie Dorn (delivery reservations) and Dee O'Connell (turkey donations).

Finally, thanks to those who assisted with their financial contributions and the following businesses who help us each year:

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### **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](mailto:marylouhuth@yahoo.com) to sign up.

### **Christmas Flowers**

St. Cecilia is once again inviting parishioners to remember or honor someone special by making a donation toward our Christmas flowers and decorations in that person's name. Place the request in the specially marked envelope you received in the mail. There are also envelopes in the pews and at the doors. You may drop your envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Thank you!



At St. Mary you can also give a gift in loving memory of or in honor of a loved one and help offset the cost of the beautiful altar flowers this Christmas season. Use the QR code at left to donate. Thank you!

# 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 / December 9

9:00 AM (STC) Scout Vehr †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) The Trillo and Palermo families †  
12:10 PM (STC) Damian Nathaniel Maria Beiersdorfer  
5:30 PM (STM) Clara & George Rosen †

## Tuesday / December 10

9:00 AM (STC) Bob Huelsman †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Norby Swarts †  
5:30 PM (STM) For the Soul of Ray Grijalba †

## Wednesday / December 11

9:00 AM (STC) Nora Greene †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Michael Ingram (L)  
5:30 PM (STM) Clara & George Rosen †

## Thursday / December 12

9:00 AM (STC) Stella DeBlasio †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Kathleen Rabe Kiechmier †  
5:30 PM (STM) For Sara's daughter Julie and blessings at her job  
7 PM (STC) For Sara's daughter Julie and blessings at her job

## Friday / December 13

9:00 AM (STC) Dick Jackson †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Mack Sure †  
5:30 PM (STM) No Mass

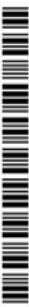
## Saturday / December 14

9:00 AM (STC) Mike Laage †  
3:00 PM (OSJV) Mary L. O'Connell †  
3:30 PM (STC) William Kowalczyk †  
4:00 PM (STM) Mary Frey †

## Sunday / December 15

8 AM (STC) Don Mathews (L)  
8:30 AM (STM) Mary Frey †  
9:30 AM (OSJV) For the Living and Deceased Regional Families  
10:00 AM (STC) Fr. Anthony Marcelli (L)  
10:30 AM (STM) Thomas Rink †  
8:15 PM (STC) Ken Miller †

† Deceased (L) Living



# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

For the week ending November 24, 2024

	St. Cecilia	St. Mary	The Oratory
Offertory	\$8,423.00	\$8,689.00	\$2,506.00
Online	\$8,956.35	\$13,258.00	\$906.95
Total Collection	\$17,379.35	\$21,947.00	\$3,412.95
<b>Avg. Collection</b>	<b>\$19,431.25</b>	<b>\$18,423.00</b>	<b>\$3,243.06</b>
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*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21*

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