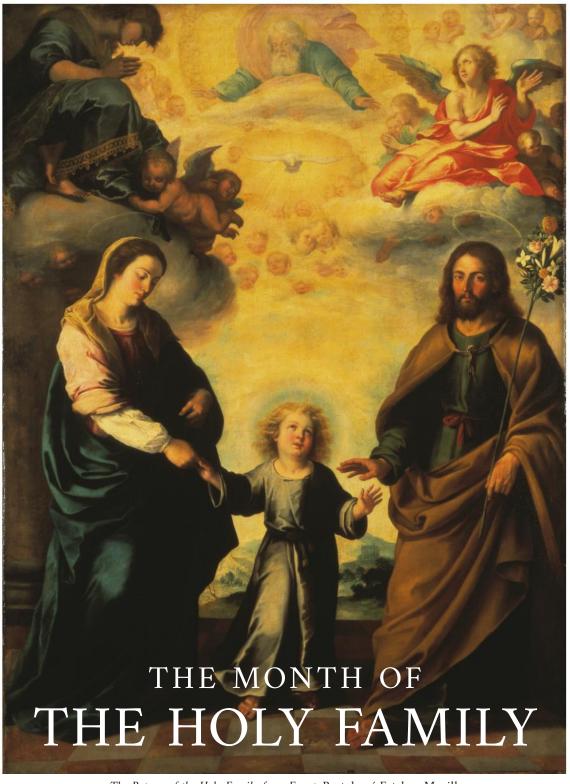
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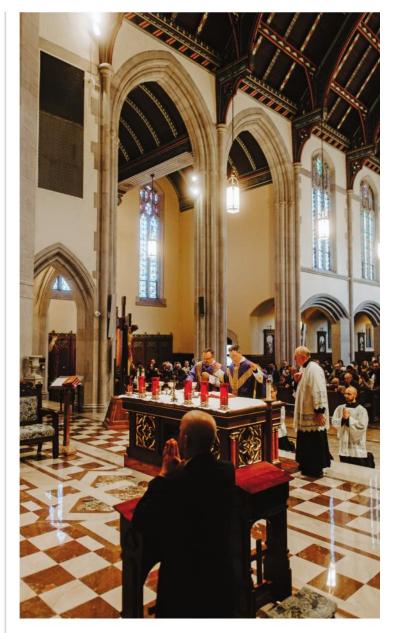
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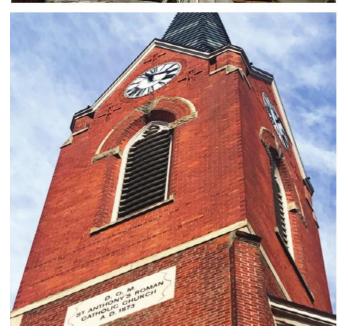
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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.

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Pastor's Corner

The Month of the Holy Family

February is the month of the Holy Family. Our role models as a family are Mary and Joseph and the virtues they exemplify is a guide for every parent. In the family we come together to worship and to connect with God. We can teach children about the traditions of our faith, but more than that we have to bring them to Mass and help them get closer to God, through prayer, being in His presence, and knowing His Word. They will then get a deeper understanding of God

One way families can grow closer together and grow in faith is by praying the rosary together. If you haven't had the opportunity to listen to The Rosary in a Year, I encourage you to start. It is presented daily but if you miss a few you can always get back on track.

Amen? Amen.

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World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week

These two special events are celebrated in February and this year it ends on Valentines Day! In the Eastside Family we will be celebrating on February 9 by blessing all of the married couples at each Mass. This year's theme is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal, Pursue a Lasting Love." This week, throughout parishes in our country, we take the opportunity to focus on the culture of life and love that begins with marriage and family. If you are hitting a marriage milestone of 25 or 50 years, please let us know! Email Marta at mmisleh@ eastsideregion.org. And, send us a photo of your wedding day so we can share it in the Pastor's Ramblings!

Feast of St. Blaise

The Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3. We honor this saint with the blessing of throats. It is said that St. Blaise cured a boy who was choking on a fishbone.



We now pray to him to heal and protect us from throat and other ailments. This weekend a priest or other minister will hold candles in the shape of a cross over the person's throat and say the prayer: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you

from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Join the Oratory in Praying for our Priests!

This week we are praying for Father Christian Cone-Lombarte, Father Roberto Bacerra Reyes, Father Chris Worland, Father Oscar Seger, and Father Alex Witt. 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 ...

- Kiosk Restocked. The kiosks have been restocked! Popular options like our Mass coloring books and titles focused on the Eucharist are back, with some incredible additions like the 20 Questions Series from Catholic Answers and a short biography on the life of soon to be St. Carlo Acutis! Pick up one of these reads with a goodwill donation this Sunday!
- **Skate Night.** On Saturday, January 18, a group of our young adults went skating on Fountain Square for a winter evening of fun.
- Italian Dinner. The Kunaths won the Italian dinner at the St. Cecilia festival Bid-n-Buy. Chefs Larry Misleh and Shannon Benvenuti prepared the incredible meal. It was an enjoyable evening with great food and company.
- New Baby! St. Cecilia Music Director, Ryan Leep and his wife Kristen, welcomed their new baby boy, Zachary Alphonsus.
- Congratulations to Nazle and Jeff Hockman on their recent wedding convalidation at St. Cecilia!
- Welcome, Children of God. Welcome Jude, son of Joseph and Christina McKinney. Welcome Roman, son of Elizabeth and Christian Zapapta.
- Goodbye, Hello. We are sad to see Joe Grote go as he moves on to a special position with the Serenelli Project. This ministry has been growing and the needs are many so we wish Joe all the best. Please keep him in your prayers as he moves forward. Welcome, Ken Jackson, who will be the new facilities manager for the Eastside Family. Ken is a long-time parishioner of St. Cecilia and his family owned a business in Hyde Park, very close to St. Mary Church! We are very excited to have Ken as part of the team.



















CANDLEMAS

by Zach Jarrell

Light. Fire. Total sacrifice.

Candles seem to hold a natural religious symbolism, automatically bringing a greater solemnity to whatever occasion in which they are present. Reflecting on these qualities of light, fire, and total sacrifice, we can see the ways in which they symbolize Christ.

Christ is the light of the world. In our Gospel this week, we hear Simeon say that he is a "light for revelation to the Gentiles." Like a candle in the dark, Christ speaks of the light to Nicodemus during their clandestine nighttime encounter. In a dark world, Christ comes to show us a way, to guide us to his Father's house, where we can find peace and comfort.

Christ also comes as the "refiner's fire," which we hear in this great prophecy from Malachi in our first reading. At Baptism, we give a candle to our newest family member, representing the work God has done within her. The Holy Spirit enters our hearts, stoking the flame of charity that He might purify our souls. He warms our hearts of stone that they may be His dwelling place.

And like a candle that reaches its end, Christ came to give all that he had. To produce light and heat, Christ must sacrifice himself. As the author of Hebrews tells us, Jesus shared completely in our flesh, "that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil." To rescue us from our destiny of a cold, dark slavery to Satan, Christ goes to war, laying down everything so that we may live.

February 2 — 40 days after the birth of Christ — we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the Temple. Traditionally, this day is also known as Candlemas because it is the day on which we bless the candles that will be used in the church for the entire year. This Candlemas, ponder Christ in your heart, Christ who is our light, our fire, and our sacrifice.







EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

A ROMANTIC NIGHT OUT ... WITH A SPRINKLE OF CANON LAW

February 18 | Big Ash Brewing

Is an annulment just a Catholic version of divorce? Do Catholics really have to be married in the Church? What does it mean that a marriage is invalid? Each year during Stump the Priests, we receive enough questions about the sacrament of Holy Matrimony that we could fill a whole presentation with these answers; so that's exactly what we did! Coming off the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day, join Fr. Andrew Moss, beloved former celebrant of the Sunday 8:15 PM Mass at St. Cecilia and canon lawyer, for a deep dive into the framework of this sacrament of service and clarification of some of the Church's most commonly misunderstood teachings surrounding Catholic marriage. Come one, come all for this night of love amidst the legalese!

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Come celebrate the gift of love with us. God blesses us with human love for each other and HIS infinite Love for us all.

Johnis Thomas, a St. Cecilia parishioner, will share her story on how God's perfect love transformed her life. Join us to hear this remarkable story. We will have a warm, comforting lunch along with Valentine Day desserts and chocolates. Wear pink or red to add to the party flare. Come be our Valentine and enjoy time with your fellow senior parishioners. RSVP to Mary Landrum by February 4 at mlandrum@eastsideregion.org Reservations are required. There is no charge for this event.

St. Mary Hospitality and Welcoming Committee Leads Needed!

We are seeking volunteers to start a hospitality team at St. Mary. This team will be in charge of creating a welcoming environment at events; this includes setting up food and drinks while also placing tablecloths and decorations to make our space feel inviting. The big hope is that this Hospitality Team will help us to resurrect Fellowship Sundays, bringing back monthly coffee and donuts in Robisch! If you love attention to detail, have organizational skills and love to make things look special, please join this team. Additionally, if you are interested in reaching out to new parishioners at St. Mary and serving on the Welcoming Committee, please also reach out. This opportunity involves minimal time commitment but leaves a big impact on the newest members of our community! Inquiries for both teams can contact Haley Metzger at hmetzger@ eastsideregion.org.









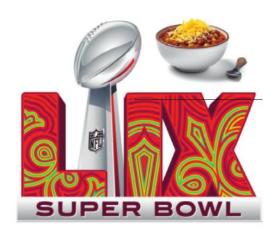
UPCOMING

EVENTS

GOOD NEWS! BOOK FAIR

Everyone is welcome to drop by the St. Cecilia School Book Fair after Masses next weekend (February 8-9 in the school cafeteria (Commons) on Saturday from 4:30-5:30 PM and Sunday from 9-10 AM and 11 AM-12:30 PM. And after school on Thursday, February 13 from 1-3 PM in the school gym. New releases, best sellers, classics, games, sports, adventure, history, cooking and fun and inspiring books ... for the whole family! All books are appropriate and align with our Catholics values. You can also shop online at www.GoodNewsBookFair.com/Virtual-Fair. Enter code STC2025 at checkout.





Young Adult Super Bowl Chili Cookoff

Join us on February 9, in the St. Cecilia Commons. The Chili Cookoff will start at 3 PM with Super Bowl Kickoff at 6:30 PM.

To enter your chili in the contest register at eastsidefaith.org/young-adult-chili-cookoff. If you don't make chili, please still come, hang out, and try the different recipes available!

Register and tell us what you plan on bringing. Registration will close on February 2, a week before the competition, so we can properly prepare.

Come for the whole day, just for the chili cookoff, or just for the Super Bowl. Either way, we can't wait to see you all there.



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Boys and Girls **LITTLE SPIKERS VOLLEYBALL**- Grades K-8

BASEBALL - Grades K-8









NEWS & **NOTES**

CRIB FOR LIFE

Again this year, there will be a crib in church at St. Cecilia. We are collecting baby items that will be donated, through Pregnancy Center Plus, to families in need. Many parishioners find this to be a positive way to express their support for the pro-life movement. There is a list of suggested items attached to the crib and we will be collecting baby supplies through February 23. Your participation is welcome and appreciated!

THE LITTLE WAY OF EVANGELIZATION

A Workshop Designed for Discipleship with Zach Jarrell

Saturday February 15 | 9AM-2 PM



Our churches are blessed with an abundance of ministries with an abundance of leaders. On February 15, join seminarian and former FOCUS missionary, Zach Jarrell, for a discipleship workshop to help form our current leaders and raise up new ones. The goal of this workshop will be to provide tools and support in bringing a mindset of evangelization to all that we do, as well as provide an opportunity for community and fellowship among our leaders. The workshop will begin with 9 AM Mass at St. Cecilia in the church and continue until 2 PM in the Commons. Lunch will be provided, and registration is required for attendance. There is no cost to attend this formation opportunity. Please bring a Catholic Bible, pen or pencil and a notebook.

We hope you will be able to join us for this incredible opportunity to discover the "little way of evangelization"! Please register by Tuesday, February 11.

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 Ispaugh@eastsideregion.org. **Our next meeting will be on February 13 at 7 PM in the Marian Room in Seton Center at St Mary Campus.**

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Monday / February 3

9:00 AM (STC) William Stemann +

11:45 AM (OSJV) Cathleen Mary Francis Hice +

5:30 PM (STM) Mabel Smith +

Tuesday / February 4

9:00 AM (STC) Mary Cheesman + 11:45 AM (OSJV) Kent Jacob + 5:30 PM (STM) JoAnn Speaker +

Wednesday / February 5

9:00 AM (STC) Bob Hale +

11:45 AM (OSJV) Spiritual and Physical Wellbeing of Mrs. Margaret Schay

5:30 PM (STM) Fr. Dominic Petan (L)

Thursday / February 6

9:00 AM (STC) Gabriel Rauch (L) 11:45 AM (OSJV) Spencer Hall + 5:30 PM (STM) John Mathew

Friday / February 7

9:00 AM (STC) Helen Davis (L) 11:45 AM (OSJV) Robert Young +

5:30 PM (STM) No Mass

Saturday / February 8

9:00 AM (STC) Jessica Bauer-Nilsen (L)

3:00 PM (OSJV) Spencer Hall + 3:30 PM (STC) Mabel Smith +

4:00 PM (STM) Pete and Louise Darin +

Sunday / February 9

8 AM (STC) For the Living and Deceased Regional Families

8:30 AM (STM) Anthony DiLallo + 9:30 AM (OSJV) Mabel Smith +

10:00 AM (STC) Ingrid Susie Hoffmann (L)

10:30 AM (STM) Ed Castelllini +

8:15 PM (STC) Fr. Anthony Marcelli (L)

+ Deceased (L) Living

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

For the week ending January 19, 2025

	St. Cecilia	St. Mary	The Oratory
Offertory	\$7,837.00	\$13,088.00	\$2,583.00
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Total Collection	\$17,378.15	\$26,388 .00	\$3,461.00
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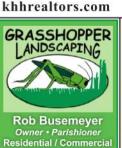
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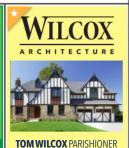
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