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WEEKEND MASSES: Sqt. 4 PM & Sun. 8 & 10 AM DAILY MASSES: Mon.-Sat. 9 AM, Wed. 6:45 AM

THE ROSARY: Mon.-Sat. 8:40 AM

DAILY COMMUNION SERVICE: Mon.-Sat. 8 AM HOLY DAY MASSES: 9 AM, 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM H

LATIN MASSES: Tues. 9 AM

CONFESSIONS: Mon.-Sat. 9:30 AM, Wed. 7:05-7:15 AM and 7:05-7:50 PM, Sat. 3-3:30 PM, Sun. 7-7:30 AM and 9-9:30 AM

ADORATION: Wed. 9:30 AM-8 PM

HOLY HOUR: Wed. 7-8 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fri. 9:30 AM

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Please register for your baptism at www.stceciliacincinnati.org under the Sacraments

tab. You can also select your class dates there.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARGARET-ST. JOHN:

Mon.-Fri. 11:45 AM, Sat. 3 PM, Sun. 9 & 11 AM

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. ANTHONY:

Sun. 8:30 & 11:30 AM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 (Saint Agatha)

8:00 AM Communion Service H

9:00 AM Amelia Palermo Off Palermo Family \square

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (Saint Paul Miki & Companions)

8:00 AM Communion Service

S 9:00 AM Dr. John E. Finke Sr. Off Peggy Becker Jackson

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 I

Special Intentions of St. Cecilia Families 6:45 AM

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Bette Keys Off Peggy Jackson

0 9:30 AM Eucharist Adoration (9:30 AM-8 PM) Holy Hour 7-8 PM with

Confessions until 7:50 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 (Saints Jerome Emiliani &

Josephine Bakhita)

8:00 AM Communion Service 0

9:00 AM Special Intentions of St. Cecilia Families

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 (Saint Scholastica)

8:00 AM Communion Service

H 9:00 AM Gladys Stratman Off The Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Z 8:00 AM Communion Service

> 9:00 AM Mary Sue Duerson Off Colleen Farrell

4:00 PM Nancy Hogan Off Peggy Brewer

S SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

⋖ 8:00 AM Special Intentions of St. Cecilia Families

10:00 AM Tom Wellman Off Donna Haithcoat



Our Young Adults group will be hosting Donut Sunday on Feb. 11. Please join other young adults and the

parish community as a whole after the 8 and 10 AM Masses in the Commons.



Month of the Holy Family

This month we celebrate the Holy Family. To live like the Holy Family, one has to be able to make sacrifices, live virtuously, live the faith, and be close to Our Lord.

Sadly, we see many marriages that fail in our world today. We must help our couples renew their spirit and live like the Holy Family. It is not easy to truly live the faith and live God's will and not our own.

One way to do this is to pray as a family and to help one another to attend Mass. Some mornings it is hard to wake up and get going. Make a plan as a family to meet at Mass and then go out to breakfast together. Hold each other accountable. Remind each other about the gift of receiving Eucharist. It is important to continue to put God and faith first to keep our families strong and faithful.

Amen? Amen!



It is with great sadness and a very heavy heart that I write to share that 6th- and 7thgrade teacher Jessie Tillery passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 24. Please pray for her family

and our entire school community as we grieve the loss of a daughter, a sister, a mentor, a colleague, and a friend. May she find eternal rest with our Father in heaven.

to Jame

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5-11

MONDAY 9 AM

J. Brown (Acolyte 1) C. Herzner (Acolyte 2)

TUESDAY 9 AM

B. Valdes-Johnston (Acolyte 1) B.S. Dalessandro (Acolyte 2)

WEDNESDAY 9 AM

B. Krietemeyer (Acolyte 1) E. Garcia (Acolyte 2)

THURSDAY 9 AM

School (Assigned)

FRIDAY 9 AM

J. Hilgefort (Acolyte 1)
J. Hilgefort (Acolyte 2)

SATURDAY 9 AM

H. Hernandez (Acolyte 1)
J. Escobar (Acolyte 2)

SATURDAY 4 PM

J. Weber (Acolyte 1)
J. Prues (Acolyte 2)

SUNDAY 8 AM

R. Peddicord (Acolyte 1) C. Brereton (Acolyte 2)

SUNDAY 10 AM

D. Donovan (Crucifer)

E. Donovan (Acolyte 1)

J. Donovan (Acolyte 2)

A. Thompson (Extra)



We are a now just a week and a half away from the beginning of Lent. To close out Ordinary Time, we will have a half-hour prayer service

on **Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 PM**, just before the annual Mardi Gras Ice Cream Social.

This prayer service will include the solemn closing of the back altar doors, the addition of violet décor to the sanctuary and the singing of the last "Alleluia." The prayers will conclude with the burning of last year's palms. The ashes of the palms will be used for the Ash Wednesday Masses.

The Moms Group recently presented two families in our parish who have grown their families through adoption when Allison Mooney and Tricia Biersdorfer shared their journeys with adoption. The Moms have also enjoyed two playdates in their updated playroom space in the parish house. February meetings will be February 6 and 20 from 7-9 PM in the parish house. Meetings are open to all moms of young children.

Those who have been married 25 years or more are invited to a special breakfast in the St. Cecilia Commons after the 10 AM Mass on Feb. 18. Please RSVP to Colleen Donovan at gdonovan@fuse.net if you will be attending the breakfast. If you can't make the breakfast, take note that all Masses the weekend of February 17-18 will include a blessing for married couples.



EASTSIDE FAITH



Crebo (I Believe)

What is moral relativism?

Moral relativism is the view that moral judgments are true or false only relative to some particular standpoint (for instance, that of a culture or a historical period) and that no standpoint is uniquely privileged over all others. Basically, it teaches that what is true for one person may not be what is true for another depending on differences of belief/opinion.

Naturally, one can see how this viewpoint is incompatible with the Church's teaching on truth and the very person of Jesus Christ. We as Catholics believe in objective truth; right and wrong; moral and immoral. Truth cannot authentically be "true" if it is not true for everyone. Jesus Christ is the ultimate truth. Let us turn to him daily seeking his love and mercy.

A Gospel Reflection

by Father Jason Williams

MARK 1:29-39

"Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases."

Last week we witnessed how Jesus gave evidence of his divine authority by casting out demons. Today we have further proof that Jesus is ushering in the Kingdom of God. He is our Savior, the one who frees us from sin and comes that we might have life, life in abundance. So, hand in hand with freeing us from the power of evil, Jesus also can restore life to those who are sick.

Simon's mother-in-law is ill, and the disciples immediately tell Jesus about her. This is a great lesson for any follower of Christ: our first instinct should be to tell Jesus what is going on in our lives, for better or for worse. These small acts of faith – sharing what's going on in our lives with Jesus – can have great effects, because God wants to touch our lives with his grace. Just as we share ourselves with him, he desires to share his life with us.

This communication with God about everyday happenings is a simple step we can take to a fuller life of prayer. Let's stop and reflect: What is going on in my life that I can share with God today? What parts of my life can stand to be touched by God's grace, his own divine life? What do I wish in me was more like Jesus? Think about it; tell him about it.

PINTS PRIESTS

We will be hosting a Young Adult speaker series during Lent called **Pints with Priests.** Each evening's discussion will be led by a different priest. Afterwards, there will be time for Q & A and socializing. They will take place at 8 PM at The Cellar at Oakley Wines (4011 Allston St.), directly following the Holy Hour at St. Cecilia on Wednesday nights. **Dates to save:** 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, and 3/14.

Meet our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates



Favorite Bible Verse: Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." – *John 8:12* **Favorite Saint:** St. Hildegard von

Ringen

Why Do You Want to Become Catholic: I noticed the joy, commitment to others, and extension of love in my Catholic friends around me — I saw who Jesus was through them. I wanted to experience the love they had shown me, but more importantly I wanted to be part of it. I knew I had faith in Christ but deepening that understanding of my faith finally led me to the Church. For this and those around me, I am thankful!



STEVEN VICTOR KING

Favorite Bible Verse: The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'after me comes a man who ranks ahead of me

because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." – *John 1:29-34*

Favorite Saint: St. Francis of Assisi

Why Do You Want to Become Catholic: I wish to become Catholic so I can learn to foster a closer relationship with God and become a better person.

Pensamientos Evangélicos

Jesús es Señor de los vivos. ¿Qué pasa en mi vida hoy qué podría compartir con el Salvador?

"Jesus is Lord of the living. What is happening in my life today that I could share with the Savior?"

Captain Guy Gruters: A Story of Faith and Forgiveness

Captain Guy Gruters (USAF Ret.) will speak on **Saturday**, **Feb. 3, at 10 AM at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center.** Captain Gruters credits God for his survival of five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Although Captain Gruters was extremely challenged by hunger, pain, humiliation, and the loss of all material goods, he did have one possession — HOPE. God became



his only hope in a totally hopeless existence and God's indwelling came to him in a personal way.

There will be a Rosary prayed at 9 AM followed by Mass and a

testimony by Captain Gruters at 10 AM. No reservations are necessary and there will be no charge, although a freewill offering will be taken at the conclusion of his talk to defray the costs. Please mark your calendar and tell others about this unique event.

FaithTalks: Cincinnati Catholic History

Join Fr. David J. Endres on Thursday, **Feb. 8**, at 7 PM at Our Lord Christ the King Parish Center, Ellison Ave., in Mt. Lookout for a look at the history of Catholicism in the Queen City. Refreshments served starting at 6:45 PM.

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

A concert in a celebration of Black History Month

Saturday, Feb. 10, at 2 PM ST. ANTHONY CHURCH 6104 Desmond St., Madisonville



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A LENTEN MISSION with Fr. Earl Fernandes

February 25-27 7 PM each evening at Saint Cecilia Church

On the last night of the mission, there will be confessions from 7-9. It is the evening of THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU. Priests will hear confessions during and after the talk.



SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR REGIONAL FISH FRIES AT SAINT CECILIA COMMONS — FEB. 16 AND 23 — FROM 4-7:30 PM AT SMSJ CAFETERIA — MARCH 2, 9, AND 16 — FROM 5:30-7 PM

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS





SECOND-GRADE CLASSROOM: I visited the second-grade classroom (*photo 1*) last week to talk to the students about the Mass and Eucharist. I brought my mini altar table and sacristy and showed them the way we "set the table" for Mass. The children were very attentive and had wonderful questions. I was so impressed by the way they answered my questions correctly. I want to thank their teacher, Ms. Pearson, for preparing the children so well and giving me a chance to spend time with them.

**WELCOME*, CHILDREN OF GOD: Welcome to twins boys Sebastian and Diego Waddell, sons of Ricky and Yuliana Waddell. The boys were baptized January 21 (*photo 2*).

**MARCH FOR LIFE: Every year our seminarians (*photo 3-5*) attend the March for Life. I'm sure it is a strong statement for them to be part of this amazing day of unity. The large group of people walking en masse is so impressive. To see over 100,000 people marching is such a powerful experience. I am glad that they are given this chance to participate and hope to go again myself.

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY*: The local Pro-Life Rosary march (*photo 6*) was well attended this year — its 34th year. The pro-life groups start at city hall and process around the downtown area. A statue of the Blessed Mother is carried in procession. What a beautiful witness this group made in representing all of those who could not make the march in Washington, DC.

**SEMINARY FUN*: Scott Brand, one of our seminarians, took some time out of his studies to enjoy the recent snowy weather. Some well-deserved time to relax and create some "Catholic" snowmen (*photo 7*)!











Prayer Intentions for the Week

We pray that God grant comfort to the **Tillery family** and **St. Cecilia School students and staff**. Contact Barb Browarsky at the parish office, (513) 871-5757, ext. 202, with Mass and sanctuary devotional candle intention requests. All requests are honored for two weeks with the individual's or family's approval.

Encounter Lent

Join our parish—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at any church door beginning on Feb. 14. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbors.

The Dresser Project

Through the Dresser Project, we collect baby items that will be donated, through Pregnancy Center East, to a mother who has made the choice of life for her unborn child. This year's dresser can be found in the vestibule with a list of suggested items. We are collecting baby items through Sunday, February 11.

Lenten Meditation Books

These "Little Black Books" contain brief daily reflections on the Passion according to John and will help you grow closer to Christ as you explore the depths of Scripture and experience God's love during this Lenten season and will be available after the Masses next weekend.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

This is **Commitment Weekend** for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are Impacting the Story through local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! You will find extra pledge envelopes in the pews for your convenience this weekend. To make a gift online, visit CatholicAppeal.net. *Thank you!*

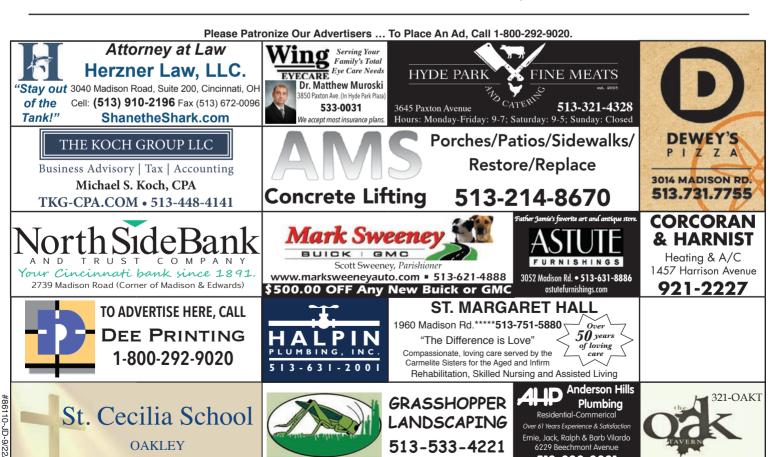
Palms to Be Collected

Every year before Ash Wednesday, we collect the palms from previous Palm Sunday services and then burn them as part of our closing of Ordinary Time. Please bring in your palms, and place them in the bins that are located at all the doors.

Congratulations

St. Cecilia parishioner **Madelyn O'Connell** earned First Honors for the Second Quarter of the 2017-18 school year at St. Ursula Academy. Job well done!

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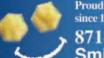
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