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St. Cecilia Church, Oakley & The Oratory of St. John Vianney, Madisonville

December 10, 2023 | The Second Sunday of Advent

ADVENT MISSION 2023

Encountering the Holy Family

with Monsignor Frank Lane

DECEMBER 18-20





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. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

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 and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit eastsidefaith.org or call the appropriate parish office.

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Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038

Mass Intentions (St. Cecilia & the Oratory)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9 AM (STC) Nora Green

11:45 AM (OSJV) Rev. Jerome Kuhlmann 🖶

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9 AM (STC) Stella DeBlasio

11:45 AM (OSJV) Eileen Schwallie-Fron 🖶

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9 AM (STC) Mildred Staun 11:45 AM (OSJV) Mac Scheuer 🖶

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9 AM (STC) Kathleen Rabe Kirchmier 11:45 AM (OSJV) Mrs. Juanita Borer 🗣

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

9 AM (STC) Emily Ingram (for healing)

11:45 AM (OSJV) Mary and Bill Hardt (Wedding Anniversary)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9 AM (STC) James Raymond ⊕

3 PM (OSJV) Cathleen Mary Francis Hice 🖶

3:30 PM (STC) Rose Marie Nolan 🖶

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8 AM (STC) Glen McGraw (L) 9:30 AM (OSJV) Karen Hartje ♣ 10 AM (STC) John Alex Sequeira ♣ 8:15 PM (STC) Rosemary Eagan ♣

Wedding Banns

No wedding banns this week.

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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

I am so excited to invite everyone to the Advent Mission this year on December 18-20 and to welcome back Monsignor Frank Lane. The mission is titled *Encountering the Holy Family*. Each night he will help us get closer to St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother, and have an encounter with Jesus. The first two nights will be held at St. Mary Church. The final night we will be at St. Cecilia. After the talk on the final night we will have a candlelit Holy Hour with hymns. Please commit to making it all three nights as the final weeks of your Advent preparations come to an end. There is no greater gift than the Holy Family. Let us gather to pray and learn more about how we

can deepen our encounter with them. What a great way to walk into our Christmas celebration!

Amen? Amen!





On December 16, at 7AM, a Rorate Mass will be offered at St. Cecilia. This Mass takes its name from the chant antiphon which begins the Mass: *Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum* — "Drop down dew, you heavens from above, and let clouds rain down the just." This Mass, a votive Mass dedicated to Our Lady, is a long standing Advent tradition. On a Saturday in Advent, the faithful gather in darkness early in the morning in a church lit only by candlelight. As the Mass continues, the sun begins to rise and brighten the Church.

As Mary awaited the coming of her son, we await the coming of the Light of the World. A people who wait in darkness, will see a great light. Please join us as we honor the Mother of God and anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

Mass will be offered by Fr. Jamie, with Gregorian chant sung by Fr. Alex.

Christmas Pageant

You are invited to join the St. Cecilia homeschool community in attending their first Christmas pageant. The homeschool children will be putting on the play "Ad Jesum Per Mariam" (*To Jesus Through Mary*) next **Saturday, December 16 at 10 am, in the St. Cecilia school gym.** Please join us afterwards for light refreshments and fellowship.



From the Oratory of Saint John Vianney

The Oratory is part of St. Cecilia Parish and devoted to prayer for the priests of our Archdiocese, through the intercession of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. Please join us this week in praying for: Fr. Jarred Kohn, Fr. Steve Mondiek, Fr. Aaron Hess, Fr. Andrew Reckers (Holy Angels, Sidney) Fr. Dennis Niemeier (retired). Special thanks to those who have offered to help send notes of thanks and encouragement to the priests we are praying for each week!

Saint Vincent de Paul Society needs following items to our food pantry (there is a shelf in the back of church): Spaghetti sauce, hand soap, mustard/ketchup, pancake mix/syrup, dish soap, canned vegetables and soup, applesauce/canned fruit, jelly, cereal. Thank you!

Christmas Caroling! Save the date to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors! Following the 3 PM Mass on **Saturday, December 16**, we will enjoy a pizza dinner together, head out in groups to go caroling, then regather for hot chocolate. All are welcome!

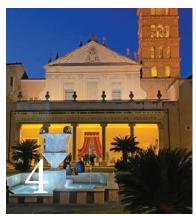
PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

1 REQUIEM MASS. We had a lovely turn out for the Requiem Mass at the Oratory. We gathered at 7 PM and heard the beautiful singing of the Schmid family. Fr. Alex presided over the Mass. It was a reverent and moving evening spent praying for those that we lost throughout the year. 2, 3 THANKSGIVING DINNER. A big thank you to Dan O'Connell and all of the volunteers who made this year's Thanksgiving dinner another success. So many people gathered together and enjoyed good food and companionship. A true blessing for all involved. And, so happy that Fr. Jacob was able to stop by! 4, 5 SOLEMNITY OF ST. CECILIA. Fr. Anthony Marcelli celebrated Mass at St. Cecilia Church in Rome on the feast day — November 21. He was also able to visit with parishioners Tom and Terry Hale during their trip to Italy. 6 THANKFUL FOR FAMILY. I had a wonderful time with my family over Thanksgiving. My niece and goddaughter (twins) celebrated their birthday while they were visiting from St. Louis. They loved their Bengal hoodies! I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with friends and family as we all thanked God for of our blessings. 7 CONGRATULATIONS to Evan and Rachel Adkins who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, November 18. 8, 9 WELCOME, CHILDREN OF GOD, Ava Grace and Jackson Robert, children of Matthew and Katie Wagner, were baptized back on July 30 (sorry about that!). Ava and Jackson's cousin, William Robert, was baptized on November 19 by Fr. Anthony Brausch at St. Cecilia. William Robert's parents are Luke and Paige Massa. 10 THE BIG 8-0 On November 29, parishioner Joe Fondacaro celebrated his 80th birthday! I am so grateful for all of the support and dedication Joe has for St. Cecilia Parish and for my priestly work. He has been so helpful in his role as acolyte — helping with many sacramental duties as well as taking on the annulment ministry in our family of parishes. Happy birthday, Joe!





















BOOK REVIEW

The Catechist's Corner

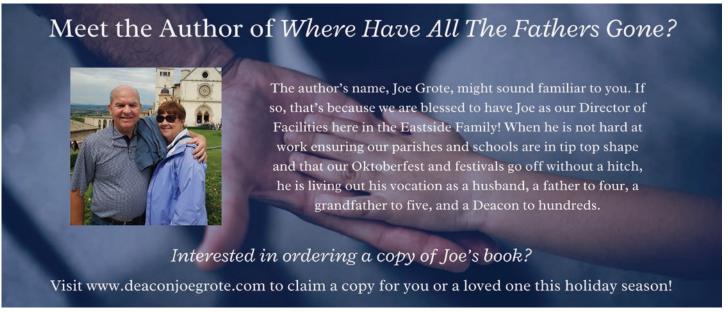
The Glories of Mary by St. Alphonsus de Ligouri



One need not look far into the tradition of the Catholic Church to see its extreme love and devotion to our Lord's Blessed Mother. Alphonsus Liguori's *The Glories of Mary* has stood the test of time as a classic among Marian devotional books in this tradition. From the 7 Sorrows of Mary to her virtues to a line by line meditation on the Salve Regina, St. Alphonsus gives us a masterfully crafted guide to why we should love Mary. First of all, she is the Mother

of God. There is no one who loves Mary more than her Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we are reminded of that love Jesus has for her. God, in creating his own mother, made her the most perfect and beautiful woman to ever live, free from the stain of Original Sin. Anything Mary asks of her Son is guaranteed to be given to her, leading St. Alphonsus to call Mary the "Treasurer of all Divine Graces." It is through the hands of Mary that God's grace flows onto his people because she is the most merciful of all the souls in heaven. Secondly, since Christ gave us his Mother to be our Mother, we are her children too. So, next to God himself, no one loves you more than Mary. She desires to bestow endless graces upon you from her Son and will always intercede for you before him if you have recourse to her. St. Alphonsus tells many stories throughout *The* Glories of Mary about how our Blessed Mother's intercession saved poor souls from damnation and how one word from her in favor of you silences all accusations the devil can throw at you. I cannot recommend this book highly enough for anyone searching for a way to deepen their devotion to Mary and, with the saints, fall in love with her. (Reviewed by David Homoelle)





Make your plans now for Christmas

The fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve this year, so make plans now to attend two Masses December 23-25. The schedule for the fourth Sunday of Advent reflects an added Mass on Saturday and fewer Mass times on Sunday. We are adding an extra vigil Mass at St. Cecilia so you can fulfill your Sunday obligation. We very much encourage you to attend this Mass if you intend on attending a Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas Vigil liturgies are on Sunday and Christmas Day Masses on Monday. Please check the complete schedule below!

+ Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday December 23

3:00 PM	Oratory
3:30 PM	St. Cecilia
4:00 PM	St. Mary
5:00 PM	St. Cecilia

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM	St. Cecilia
8:30 AM	St. Mary
9:30 AM	Oratory

+ Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24

3 PM	Oratory
3 PM	St. Mary
3 PM	St. Cecilia
5:00 PM	St. Cecilia
5:30 PM	St. Mary
10:30 PM	St. Mary
Midnight	St. Cecilia

Monday, December 25

10 AM	Oratory
10 AM	St. Mary
10 A M	St. Cecilia

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

SAINT CECILIA GIVING TREE

This is the final weekend of the Giving Tree program. If you would like to donate a gift or gift card, you have until noon (on Sunday) to bring them to the St. Joseph altar before gift deliveries occur. Thank you so much to all who have already participated in making a difference for those in need this Christmas.

THE WILD DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIR

Thursday Morning Study

JANUARY 11TH-FEBRUARY 15TH 9-10:30 AM ST. MARY HYDE PARK-MARIAN ROOM

The Tuesday Morning Study group will be moving to Thursdays for Spring 2024! Join this dynamic group for reflection on the Holy Spirit with the final six episodes of the FORMED series, The Wild Goose. A reminder that while consistent attendance will only continue to enhance your experience, each episode can be viewed as a stand-alone short feature. Consequently, don't worry if you can't make it to all of the gatherings or if you did not attend the fall sessions. Each individual session has much to offer! Your presence is welcome for as much of the series as possible!

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Monday 12.18: Encountering St. Joseph (St. Mary)

Tuesday 12.19: *Encountering the Blessed Mother* (St. Mary)

Wednesday 12.20: *Encountering Jesus* (St. Cecilia) Followed by a candlelit Holy Hour with hymns.

Prepare yourself for the birth of the Savior of the world.

COCKTAILS with the CATECHISM

"ENCOUNTER JESUS..." WINTER 2024 SERIES LINEUP

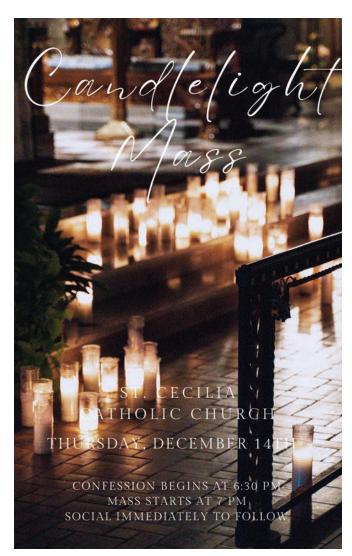


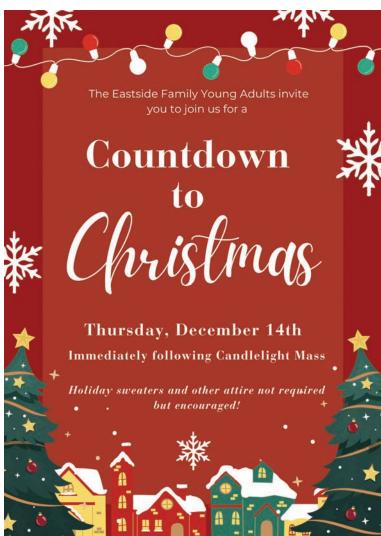
JAN 23 "Beauty Ever Ancient, Ever New" w/ FATHER ALEX DUGAS

FEB 19-21

"Master to the Disciples" w/ LAVINIA SPIRITO (Lenten Mission at St. Cecilia)

"The Divine Physician" w/ LUKAS VAN BERKUM







Do you have a desire to become a better husband and lather and at the same time improve your relationship with God, our Almighty Father? Would you like to meet other men like you and explore real-life questions about being a Catholic Father today?

If yes, the FATHERS TEAM offers practical advice, fellowship, and encouragement to men, to build their capacity to be devoted spiritual leaders for their families and grow closer in their relationship to God.

For more information on meeting times and how to get connected visit us at

www.eastsidefaith.org/fathers-team

A CASH GIFT in 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 2023 charitable income tax deduction. Make certain your check is dated 2023 and received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, to receive a deduction this year.

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.

GIVING UNNEEDED LIFE INSURANCE Do you own an old life insurance policy that is no longer needed? Perhaps the purpose for the policy no longer exists (your children are grown, or your mortgage is paid off) or your financial situation has changed and mitigates the need for the insurance. Consider giving the policy to the church and receive a charitable income tax deduction for the lesser of your cost basis or the replacement value. This is a great way to benefit a cause you support without reducing your checking account. If the value is more than you wish to donate, consider cashing in the policy and giving a lesser portion. Your gift may sufficiently reduce or eliminate any potential taxes due from the sale. Please speak to your insurance advisor for more information.

Year-end is also the Christmas season. For many Catholics, this is an occasion to give in gratitude for God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ. In all our giving, let us never forget these familiar words, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son..." Why not make a special effort to honor Him in your giving this Christmas season—perhaps the most important gift you give? May God bless you as you make this expression of your faith.

*As always, please consult your tax and/or insurance advisor for any questions or concerns you may have regarding tax deductible or charitable donations.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

SAINT CECILIA	
Offertory	\$7,302.00
Online	\$10,108.31
Total Collection	\$17,410.31
Average Weekly Collection	\$18,445.65
Weekly budgeted	\$22,000.00
THE ORATORY	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,740.10
Online	\$362.50
Total Collection	\$2,102.60
Average Weekly Collection	\$2,517.73
Weekly budgeted	\$4,000.00

Join the Worship Commission!

We are also blessed with a dedicated Worship Commission that plays a vital role in ensuring our liturgies are well executed, and this commission is in need of additional members. Please give some prayerful thought to becoming a part of this parish group. You will grow in your faith, be a good steward and get to work with some very dedicated fellow parishioners all at the same time. Contact Terrie Kemper at happykemper@fuse.net for more information.

Christmas Flowers

Our beautiful St. Cecilia Church looks its best when in full decoration for special occasions like Christmas and Easter. We are again inviting our 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!

We thank them and encourage

you to support their businesses.

Eucharistic Exposition Adorers Needed

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Every Wednesday we are privileged to adore Jesus in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is an immediate need for new adorers during the 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. time slots. A half-hour commitment during these times is workable, if it fits your availability. Please prayerfully consider giving a bit of your time to the Lord. If you are unable to commit to a definite adoration time each week, perhaps consider becoming a substitute adorer. Please call or text Mary Lou Huth at (513) 908-6810 or email at marylouhuth@yahoo.com to sign up.



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