

# EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

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

The background of the entire page is a reproduction of the painting 'The Immaculate Conception' by Anton Raphael Mengs. It depicts the Virgin Mary standing on a crescent moon, holding a lily in her right hand and a book in her left. She is wearing a white gown and a blue mantle. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

## The Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Holy Day Masses — Monday, December 8**

**St. Cecilia: 9 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM**

**St. Mary: 6:45 AM, 9 AM & 5:30 PM**

**The Oratory: 11:45 AM**

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**

*The Immaculate Conception* | Anton Raphael Mengs

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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 daily Masses. One hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

## Our Churches

**St. Cecilia** (Oakley)

3105 Madison Road, Cincinnati OH 45209

Office: (513) 871-5757 | Office Hours, Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM - 3 PM

[www.stceciliacincinnati.org](http://www.stceciliacincinnati.org)

St. Cecilia — St. Vincent de Paul Society: (513) 871-5757, ext. 1

**St. Mary** (Hyde Park)

2853 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208

Office: (513) 321-1207 | Office Hours, Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM - 3 PM

[www.smchp.org](http://www.smchp.org)

St. Mary — St. Vincent de Paul Society: (513) 321-1207, ext. 1

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church** (Madisonville)

6104 Desmond Street, Cincinnati, OH 45227

(513) 271-0920

[www.eastsidefaith.org](http://www.eastsidefaith.org)

Oratory — St. Vincent de Paul Society: (513) 271-0856, ext. 1

## New Parishioner Registration



**St. Cecilia** (Oakley) **The Oratory** (Madisonville)

[eastsidefaith.org/new-parishioner-cecilia](http://eastsidefaith.org/new-parishioner-cecilia)

**St. Mary** Hyde Park

[eastsidefaith.org/new-parishioner-mary](http://eastsidefaith.org/new-parishioner-mary)

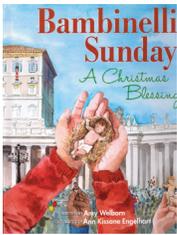




This Monday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which celebrates the moment when Mary herself was conceived without sin, prepared by God from the very beginning to bear the Christ Child. Her immaculate beginning reveals God's desire to draw humanity back to holiness through His Son. In this spirit of grace and anticipation, our Advent Mission (December 15-17 at St. Mary) will explore how Jesus draws us into His Sacred Heart. Fr. Jones will help us discover how a deeper life of prayer opens the door to Jesus' heart, where He offers peace, love, and transforming grace (more details on page 6). As we journey through Advent, we follow Mary's example of openness and trust, allowing Christ to lead us ever closer to His Sacred Heart as we await His coming.

### December Schedule of Events

- 12/7 Blessing of Straw
- 12/8 Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
- 12/10 EPIC Christmas Party
- 12/11 Candlelight Mass
- 12/12 Las Posadas St. Cecilia School (6-10 PM)
- 12/13 St. Lucy 7 AM Mass / Reception in Commons
- 12/14 Bambinelli Blessing
- 12/14 Homeschool Pageant (11:30 AM)
- 12/14 Women's Monthly Dinner Potluck
- 12/14 Family of Faith Classes
- 12/15-17 Advent Mission with Fr. Stephen Jones
- 12/17 Lessons and Carols / SMS K-1st Christmas Play
- 12/20-1/4 St. Cecilia & St. Mary Schools Christmas Break
- 12/21 Expectant Mother's Blessing
- 12/24-25 Christmas!



### Bambinelli Sunday

Please bring your infant Jesus figurine to any of the Masses next weekend to have them blessed. This tradition was started by Pope John Paul the II to remind children about the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus' birth. There is a beautifully illustrated book (*above*) you can read to your family each year as well.

**“The Son of God became man for our salvation, but only in Mary and through Mary.” - Saint Louis Marie de Montfort**



### Giving Tree Programs

For safety reasons, please drop off gifts before and after weekend Masses.

**The Oratory:** Please return your gift with the ornament attached by December 14. Donations support St. Vincent de Paul, MEAC, and Pregnancy Center Plus.

**St. Mary:** Gifts are due December 14 and will provide toys for children served by NewPath and St. Bernard Church through the Knights of Peter Claver.

**St. Cecilia:** Please return gifts by **this Sunday, December 7**. Choose an ornament and return your unwrapped gift before or after weekend Masses at the St. Joseph altar; place gift cards in the collection box.

### Join The Oratory in Praying for our Priests!

This week we are praying for **Fr. Jerome Bishop, Fr. Martin Fox, Fr. David Howard, Fr. Jonathan Jergens, and Fr. Timothy Ralston**. May their lives and ministry bear witness to the mercy and faithfulness of God.

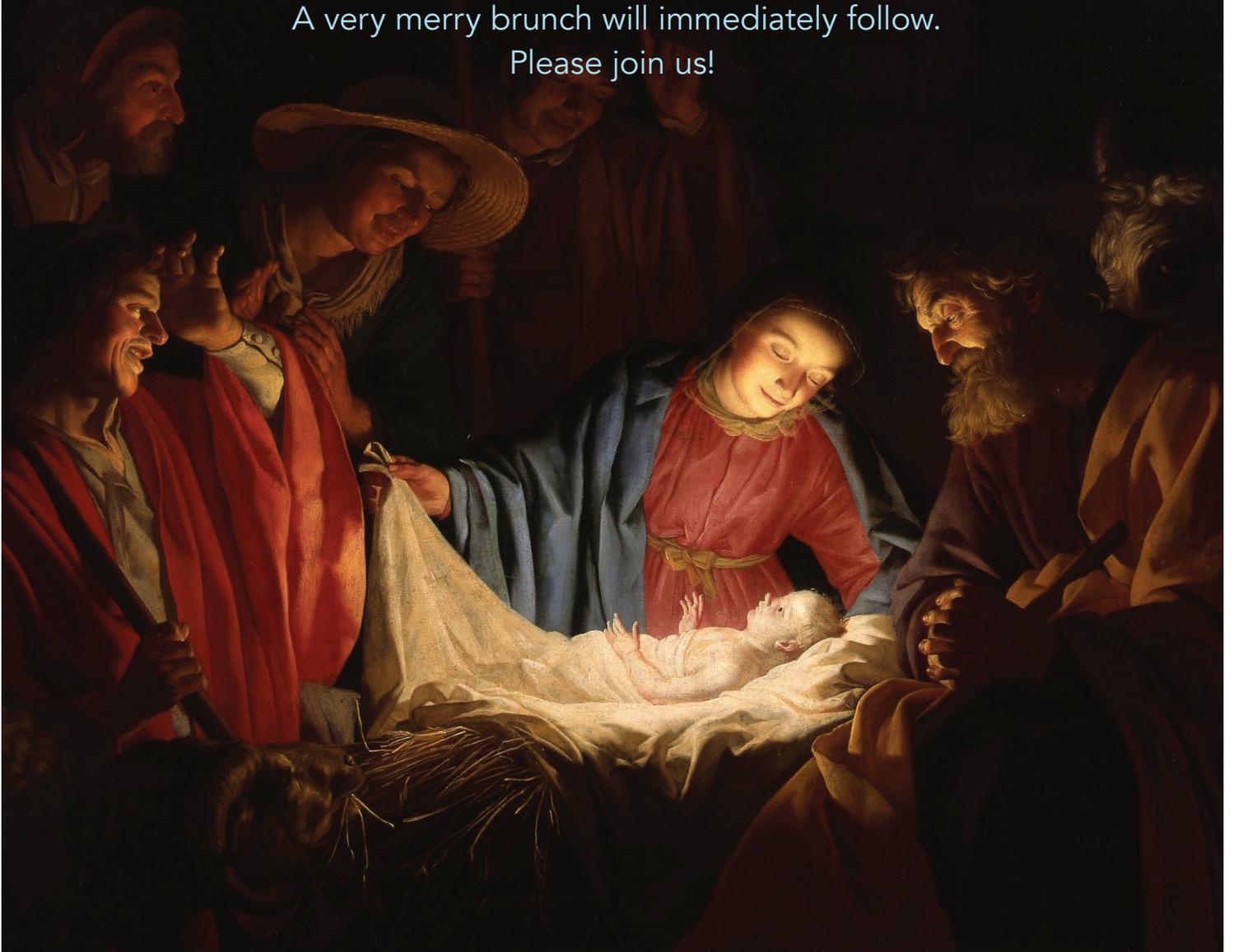
# Ludus de Nativitate

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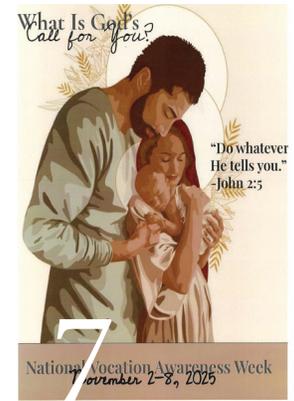
The Third Annual Homeschool Nativity Pageant  
Sunday, **December 14**, at 11:30 AM  
Saint Cecilia School Gym

Celebrate with us the season of Advent.  
Come, sing and support the efforts of these children.

A very merry brunch will immediately follow.  
Please join us!



**1-3 | Welcome Children of God**, Simon Andrew, son of Duncan and Hannah Keegan. Welcome Robert Wallingford, son of Brian and Andie Birkmeyer. Welcome Quinn Courtright, daughter of Thomas and Taryn Drought. **4 | Shrines & Steins Pilgrimage** Earlier this month about 35 pilgrims joined Fr. Alex Dugas for a journey to Prague, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich. They prayed before the Infant of Prague, stopped at magnificent cathedrals, a Marian shrine, a truly spectacular castle and enjoyed a few brats and a little beer. **5-7 | Vocations Posters.** The St. Mary students had a Vocations poster contest during National Vocations Awareness Week. The three finalists are having large posters created and they will hang in the hallway of the school. These posters all had a wonderful description of the different vocations we can choose as Catholics. It was difficult to pick a winner. **8 | Congratulations!** William and Ireland Alander celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday, November 21. **9 | American Heritage Girls Bake Sale.** Thank you to everyone for helping support the AHG troop. They had a great variety of wonderful baked goods and everyone was happy to support such a wonderful group of girls! **10 | Christ the King Schola.** The children's schola at St. Mary sang at Mass on the Feast of Christ the King. It was well worth all the hard work the children and the Buiels put into the practices.



### The Feast of Saint Lucy

Join us on **December 13** for a special candlelit, morning Mass at 7 AM in St. Cecilia Church to celebrate St. Lucy. Then come to the Commons immediately following for cinnamon rolls, coffee, and other warm beverages. This is an event perfect for the whole family as we journey through the season of Advent. We hope you will join us.



### St. Mary Mom's Advent Bible Study

Starting December 2  
Tuesdays at 9AM



School moms are invited to join us for three weeks of coffee, conversation and prayer after the morning drop-off. All experience levels are welcome.

Sign up at:  
[eastsidefaith.org/sms-moms-bible-study](http://eastsidefaith.org/sms-moms-bible-study)



### ADVENT MISSION 2025

#### Dwelling in the Heart of Christ

*Preparing for the Coming of the King through Prayer*

December 15-17  
7-8 PM

Saint Mary  
Church

Join Fr. Stephen Jones for this two-part series (December 15-16) designed to deepen your spiritual journey. Discover how Jesus draws us tenderly into His Sacred Heart. We will see how Christ's invitation to a deeper prayer life opens the door to His heart; offering peace, love, and grace as we await His coming. Lesson and Carols will complete the series on Wednesday evening, December 17.

## Questions about the Catholic Faith?

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic? Submit an inquiry today using the QR code at right or contact Haley at [hmetzger@eastsidecatholics.org](mailto:hmetzger@eastsidecatholics.org) to learn more about the Catholic faith and how to become a fully-initiated member. Remember, if you want to be a sponsor or godparent, this is a canonical requirement that we can help you with!

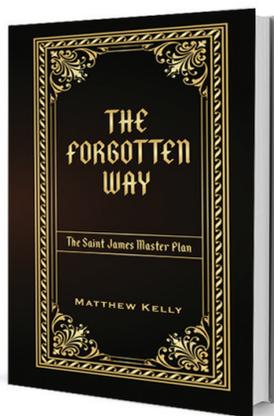


### Men's Ignatian Weekend Retreat

**January 2-4** at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Milford, encounter the heart of Jesus in the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius with Fr. Jim Kubicki, S.J. and develop a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus. The fee is \$310. Visit [jesuitspiritualcenter.com/iwr](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/iwr) for more information. Email [reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com](mailto:reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com) to save your spot.

### Future Godparent or Sponsor Role?

One of the most important requirements to serve in these roles is for you to have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Do you, or someone you know, need assistance completing these? Reach out to Haley Metzger, at [hmetzger@eastsideregion.org](mailto:hmetzger@eastsideregion.org), to get this process started. This process usually takes only weeks, but do not delay!



### *The Forgotten Way* Bible Study

Inspired by the often-ignored writings of St. James, best-selling author Matthew Kelly has crafted a uniquely powerful guide based on one epic spiritual truth: governing your speech is a sure path to holiness. The simplicity and practicality of this great spiritual truth

make it remarkable. Come discover *The Forgotten Way*, starting **January 5**, at 7 PM, in Robisch Hall at St. Mary. Register online at [eastsidefaith.org/the-forgotten-way](http://eastsidefaith.org/the-forgotten-way).

### Married Outside of the Catholic Church?

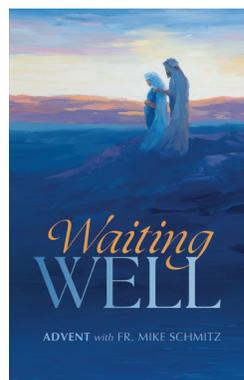
Many of us were not taught that as baptized Catholics we are required to be married in a Catholic Church or obtain permission from the Archbishop to be married in a non-Catholic ceremony. In order to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church, including serving as a godparent or sponsor and receiving the Eucharist, our marriages must first be deemed valid by the Church. However, this is easily amended through a convalidation. Contact Sarah LaBarge at [slabarge@eastsideregion.org](mailto:slabarge@eastsideregion.org) for more info.

### Eucharistic Exposition Adorers Needed

We are in immediate need of substitute adorers at St. Cecilia on Wednesdays for our all-day Adoration. We also need a few permanent adorers at various hours. Please prayerfully consider giving an hour to the Lord. Call or text Mary Lou Huth at (513) 908-6810 or email at [marylouhuth@yahoo.com](mailto:marylouhuth@yahoo.com) to sign up.

### Young Adult Advent Study

Join us for *Waiting Well with Father Mike Schmitz*, which



focuses on how we can have a joyful heart during seasons of waiting. Sign up using the QR code. The study will be on **Monday nights (December 8, 15 and December 22)** at 7 PM at St. Mary's Robish Hall. A great way to prepare your hearts for Christmas.



## Retirement Fund for Religious

Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. 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. A collection will be taken next weekend, **December 13-14**. Please be generous.

## EPIC: Seniors with Christmas Spirit

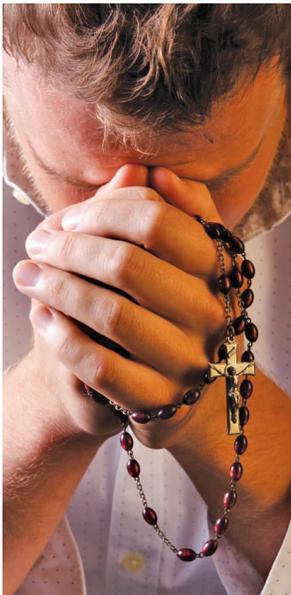
EPIC will be collecting items for the Mary Magdalen House. "Mary Magdalen House has provided showers, laundry, and other dignity-promoting services in Cincinnati since 1988. It is because of people like you and groups like EPIC and the Eastside Catholic parishes that we can continue to make sure people experiencing homelessness in our area able to stay safe and warm in the winter."



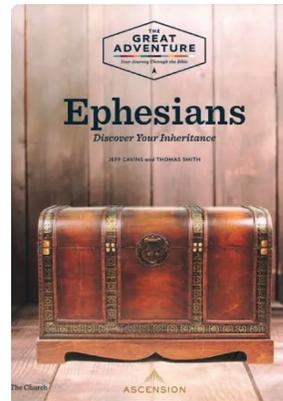
Please join us in our efforts to help others. We will be collecting new men's underwear and socks as well as hygiene items (soaps, toothbrushes, hair ties, etc.) There is also a need for XL+ hoodies and coats, winter hats, gloves, sweatshirts and sweatpants. **Contact Mary Landrum for more information or to donate at [mlandrum@eastsideregion.org](mailto:mlandrum@eastsideregion.org).** We will be collecting these items through December 10. May the true spirit of Christmas shine through us all.

## EASTSIDE CATHOLICS MEN'S GUILD

*"That I may die so that others may live."*  
- MEN'S GUILD MOTTO



Are you interested in forging new friendships, growing in knowledge of the Catholic faith, using your gifts to aid those in the community, and enjoying a glass of bourbon after Wednesday night Adoration? Monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM, in the St. Cecilia Commons. Questions? Contact [mensguild@eastsideregion.org](mailto:mensguild@eastsideregion.org).



## St. Mary Mom's Winter Bible Study

St. Mary School moms of all experience levels are welcome to join our Winter Bible Study: Ephesians, Discover Your Inheritance! Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ.

In fact, its six short chapters contain some of the most discussed passages in the New Testament. Join us weekly on Tuesday mornings at 9 AM beginning on **January 6** in the Marian Room of St. Mary's Seton Center. To learn more or to sign up, visit [eastsidefaith.org/ephesians-study](http://eastsidefaith.org/ephesians-study).

## Candlelight Mass

Thursday, December 11 | St. Cecilia Church

Confessions begin at 6:30 PM.

Mass is at 7 PM with a social immediately after.

## Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to remember or honor someone special by making a donation toward our Christmas flowers and decorations in that person's name. You may use envelopes that will be in the pews and at the doors and drop them in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. You can also donate using the QR codes below. Thank you for helping us make Christmas beautiful!

St. Cecilia



St. Mary



The Oratory



## 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. All inquiries are kept in the strictest confidence.

## YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

As we approach the end of 2025, consider these meaningful ways to support our parish and ministries:

**Cash Gifts** – A simple and impactful way to give. **To qualify for a 2025 tax deduction, ensure your gift is dated and postmarked by December 31, 2025.**

**Gifts of Appreciated Securities** – Donate appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds to avoid capital gains tax and receive a deduction for the full market value. **Must be received by December 20, 2025.**

### Stock Transfer Instructions

- Account Name: St. Cecilia Parish (STC) or St. Mary Hyde Park (SMHP)
- Account Numbers: STC – 0104471751BG  
SMHP – 0104471751CG
- Receiving Firm: Fifth Third (DTC 2116)
- ACATS Transfers: Use acct# 01-01-000-4471751 and include donor name, parish, and ACRO (BG or CG) in comments. Note: *Donor name is required for processing*

**IRA Charitable Gifts** – If you're 70½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your traditional IRA. **This gift: 1) Counts toward your RMD 2) Is excluded from taxable income 3) May reduce Medicare premiums and taxable Social Security.**

**Tax-Wise Planning** – Accelerating 2026 gifts into 2025 may help you itemize deductions. Standard deduction thresholds: **1) Joint: \$31,500 2) Head of Household: \$23,625 3) Single: \$15,750 4) Additional: \$2,000 per person age 65+**

**Support Our Schools via SGO** – Donate to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) and direct funds to St. Mary School or St. Cecilia School. Receive a dollar-for-dollar Ohio tax credit:

- Up to \$750 per individual / \$1,500 per couple
- Visit: [catholicbestchoice.org/sgo](http://catholicbestchoice.org/sgo)
- Or scan the QR code at right



**Please consult your tax or financial advisor for guidance on charitable giving and deductions.**



Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online under the "About" section at [eastsidecatholics.org](http://eastsidecatholics.org). Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in a clearly-marked envelope 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 8**

9:00 AM (STC) Angelo Santoro †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Labron Miller †  
5:30 PM (STM) Luz Garcia †

## **Tuesday / December 9**

9:00 AM (STC) Scout Vehr †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Mary Jo Alibrio †  
5:30 PM (STM) Daniel Riehle †

## **Wednesday / December 10**

9:00 AM (STC) Fr. Alex Dugas (L)  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Mary Snider †  
5:30 PM (STM) Catherine Baumer †

## **Thursday / December 11**

9:00 AM (STC) Nora Greene †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Family of Carol and Dan Cook  
5:30 PM (STM) Ann Butler †  
7:00 PM (STC) Lewis Kuglics †

## **Friday / December 12**

9:00 AM (STC) Kathleen Rabe Kirchmier †  
11:45 AM (OSJV) Ron Meldon †  
5:30 PM (STM) No Mass

## **Saturday / December 13**

9:00 AM (STC) Families and Friends of Eastside Catholics  
3:00 PM (OSJV) Brian Rich †  
3:30 PM (STC) Mary Frey †  
4:00 PM (STM) Mary Jo Hutchinson †

## **Sunday / December 14**

8:00 AM (STC) Fr. Rob Jack †  
8:30 AM (STM) Ed Castellini †  
9:30 AM (OSJV) For Living and Deceased Regional Families  
10:00 AM (STC) Jeannette McCaughey †  
10:30 AM (STM) Davey Lee Farris Jr †  
8:15 PM (STC) Charles Evans †

† Deceased (L) Living

For the week ending November 23, 2025

	St. Cecilia	St. Mary	The Oratory
Offertory	\$13,858.00	\$13,808.00	\$2,352.00
Online	\$8,232.93	\$11,979.00	\$723.02
Total Collection	\$22,091.93	\$25,787.00	\$3,075.02
<b>Avg. Collection</b>	<b>\$21,890.90</b>	<b>\$20,803.00</b>	<b>\$4,164.79</b>
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