

# WEEKLY WORD



## A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians:

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

As I looked for something to reflect upon this week, there were a lot to choose from. Today is the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. We have the feast of the Guardian Angels and the feast of St. Francis of Assisi this week. October is dedicated to the Rosary and to Respect Life. Where do begin?

Then I went to the 9:30 Mass this morning. Fr. Chris based his homily on this reading. Instead of rephrasing his homily, you can go to the livestream tab on the parish Facebook page. Here it is the link for you:

<https://www.facebook.com/stceciliachurchfoxchase/videos/302307149189606>

As for my reflection, I think the picture above says it all. Let us complete the joy that Paul speaks of "by being of the same mind, having the same love, and be in full accord and of one mind." Could you imagine our world, city, school, and families if we were of the same mind! Let's try really hard this week and let's have a great week!!

God bless you,  
Sister Catherine Irene, IHM

## Upcoming Events

October 3	Student Council speeches at 1:30 in Church. Grades 4 to 8; Elections to follow Homeroom Representative Elections Grades 3 to 6 Choir Starts today, at 3:00 p.m., with Mrs. Orlen in Room 6B
<b>RED OCTOBER</b>	<b>Phillies Playoffs begin today! Wear RED or Phillies shirts over your uniforms today!</b> <b>Memorial Mass at 7:00 p.m. for Richard Lucas, the brother of Fr. Lucas</b>
October 4	Blessing of Animals on Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: 6:30 p.m.
<b>October 6</b>	<b>St. Cecilia School Alumni Happy Hour, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>CAMILLA HALL OKTOBERFEST: 10:0 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Camilla Hall, Malvern, PA</b>
October 9	Faculty Professional Development Meeting: No School for Students
October 10 – 13	Principals' Conference at Cape May: Sister Catherine will attend
<b>October 14</b>	<b>St. Cecilia Parish Fall Festival, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b>
October 16 – 20	Progress Reports updated on FACTS.
October 18	School Mass and Student Council Installation, 10:00 a.m.
October 27	Health Screenings by Salus
October 28	Trunk or Treat: after 5:00 Mass
October 31	Monster Mash (Set up the day before): Auditorium.
<b>November 1</b>	<b>All Saints' Day: Holyday of Obligation: NO SCHOOL</b>
November 2	Winter Uniforms begin: Health Screenings with Salus
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Parent-Teacher Conference: to plan ahead!!! It's been added to the calendar 😊</b>

*Blessing of Animals*



**Feast of St. Francis**  
Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 6:30pm  
St. Cecilia Convent Lawn  
525 Rhawn Street

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ST. CECILIA PARISH**  
535 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111

**FALL FESTIVAL**

**Free Event**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH**  
**11AM - 3PM**

CRAFT FAIR	BOUNCE HOUSES	GAMES
FACE PAINTING	BALLOON ANIMALS	FOOD TRUCKS

Check out the Weekly Update video from Fr. Chris:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVwTev9dVEw>

Check out the new St. Cecilia Scrip program! Go to:  
<https://scsfoxchase.org/scrip>

**Recess and Lunch Volunteers:** Thank you for the many volunteers that are helping with lunch and recess. Please check our sign-up genius and fill it in whenever you can! Even if it fills up, if you have your clearances, then you can still come. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!** Go to:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA4A728A7F5C43-44509898-saint#/>



**Jeanes Street** is now closed to all walking and driving traffic.

**Stanwood Entrance:** Parents may walk their children to the line of cones. Only children will go past the cones. We are trying to make sure that only students enter the school.

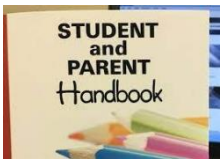
**Rhawn Street:** There is a coned pathway for students to walk to the school buildings. Students and families will walk between the cones and the convent grass. This will eliminate students walking diagonally across the parking lot. Students should not come through the parking lot by the church; they should only walk in between the cones and the convent. (We will use this same route for dismissal for all exiting by Rhawn Street.)

**Student Arrival Times and Locations:**

- Before 7:30 – All students go directly to the Cafeteria.
- At 7:30 – Grades 6 to 8 go directly to their classrooms.
- From 7:30 – 7:45 – Grades K to 5 go to the gym and enter through the gym door.
- From 7:45 – 8:00 – Grades PK to 5 enter the main door with the doorbell.
- After 8:00 – All Students must report to the main office.

**Dismissal:** Students who need to meet siblings will either wait **inside** the Stanwood Schoolyard or wait by the Blessed Mother grotto in front of the convent, if exiting on Rhawn Street. Students and families must cross by the crossing guard and inside the cross. There is to be **NO DOUBLE PARKING OR CROSSING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREETS.** Thank you for all your help as we try to foster safer routines and strategies!

**School Hours:** School begins at 8:00 a.m. with prayer. All students should be in their classrooms by that time. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance!



**School Handbook:** The updated school handbook is now posted on our website. It can be found in the Parent Portal section. The handbook also includes our new discipline policy. The new policy goes into effect tomorrow, as we turn the calendar to October!

To check it out, please go to our website at: <https://scsfoxchase.org/saint-cecilia-handbook>



**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sister Susan Joseph Porvaznik. Sister Susan died very suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday, 9/25. Her funeral is tomorrow Monday, October 2. Sister Susan and I entered the convent together in 1986. She was a wonderful IHM Sister! For the past 14 years, she has served the students and families of Villa Maria Academy, Lower School, as principal for 12 years and as Vice-Principal for the first two years. Villa Maria Lower School is an all-girls school located on the grounds of our Motherhouse. Please keep Sister Susan's family and friends in your prayers. Please also pray for the girls of VMA, teachers, and families, as well as our IHM Sisters. ***Eternal Rest Grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her! May her soul and the souls of all of the faithful departed, rest in peace! Amen***





We want to share some good news from the [Breathing Room Foundation](#) Facebook page:

Thank you to Ellie, a seventh grader at St. Cecilia School, who put together snack bags for BRF recipients with beautiful notes of support! These snack bags will go in comfort bags that recipients can easily grab as they head to their cancer treatment, and the notes of cheer will remind them they're not alone in their fight! Thank you, Ellie!

***Your SCS family is so proud of you!!!***



We are grateful to Dan Brady who, with his fellow Scouts, did a great thing in our campus today and beautified our Marian Grotto, Pieta and fence along Stanwood Avenue. Well done! We are grateful to all of the donors as well!

***On a personal note, our IHM Sisters are so grateful! Thank you!!***

