

WEEKLY WORD

November 2, 2025

Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

Pope St. John Paul II said, "In a spirit of profound adoration of the Most Holy Trinity, we join all the saints who eternally celebrate the heavenly liturgy, to offer thanks again with them to our God for the wonders he has accomplished in the history of salvation...for having raised up in the Church a great multitude of saints, whom no one could count...not only the saints and blessed we honor during the liturgical year, but also the anonymous saints known only to him. Mothers and fathers of families, who in their daily devotion to their children made an effective contribution to the Church's growth and to the building of society; priests, sisters, and lay people who, like candles lit before the altar of the Lord, were consumed in offering material and spiritual aid to their neighbor in need; men and women missionaries, who left everything to bring the Gospel message to every part of the world."

We are all called to be saints. We are all called to holiness. We are all called to help our neighbor, to help create a better society, and to bring the Gospel to all we meet.

I like that St. John Paul II said that our mothers and fathers are saints. They might not have a day dedicated to them, but we know God because of them. For me (and for my brothers and sisters), we believe that our parents are truly saints in heaven! As we move from All Saints' Day to All Souls' Day, let us remember all of our family members, friends, and alumni who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Have a great week!
God bless,
Sister Catherine

ST. CECILIA STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD COLLECTION
Our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection will take place from November 3 – 14. Each grade is asked to bring in specific items. All donations will be sent to local food pantries to help those in our area are in need. Please send your donations in by Friday, November 14. A flyer will be sent home and is included in the Weekly Word and will be posted. Thank you for your support!



NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING:
TUESDAY, November 4, 2025
7:00 p.m., Auditorium.
Jackpot: \$52,000

LOOKING AHEAD



November

- 1 Nazareth/Holy Ghost Math Competition
- 3 Winter Uniforms begin today
- 3 School Pictures will be taken today -
- 4 District Principals' Meeting: 8:30 a.m.
- 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Parent Teacher Conferences: No School for Students
- 11 Student Council serves lunch to Veterans
- 16-18 St. Cecilia Parish - 40 Hours: 7:00 pm Church
- 24 School Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Parish Security Meeting at 7:15 pm
- 25 School Mass at 10:00 a.m. for
Thanksgiving for 100 Years of SCS
Thanksgiving Break begins at end of school day
- 26 - 28 Thanksgiving Holidays: NO SCHOOL
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving: NO SCHOOL
- 27 Thanksgiving Holiday: NO SCHOOL

December

- 1 Classes Resume after Thanksgiving
- 3 Secret Santa Shop
Catholicism 101: God Speaks: The Bible, 7-8 pm
- 5 Faculty Meeting: No School for Students
- 6 First Reconciliation

School Mass Directives

On Tuesday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m., we will have our next school mass. At that time, we will celebrate a mass of thanksgiving for the 100 years of St. Cecilia School. If you are able, we invite our families to join our faculty, staff, and students for this special mass. We remind you that once the mass begins, the doors will be closed and locked. No one, including parents, late students, or staff members, will enter the church once the mass begins. Staff members will monitor the doors during the mass. If a student needs to leave during mass, then he or she will remain in the reception room. Thank you for your assistance and support of this safety procedure.



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Reminders:

- **School Pictures:** Our school pictures will be taken tomorrow, November 3. The Winter Uniform also begins on this day. Students will wear their winter uniform for their picture or they may wear nice clothes for their pictures. Please do not wear your gym uniform for pictures. For students who have gym class, they may wear sneakers with their winter uniform. Grade 8 will take their pictures in a graduation robe. Thank you!
- **Winter Uniforms:** The Winter Uniform Dress Code may be found on the website. Please review the requirements for the regular uniform and for the gym uniforms. Shorts may not be worn at this time unless they are under the sweatpants. Go to <https://scsfoxchase.org/student-dress-code> Thank you for your assistance with following the dress code. Please review the uniform policy about uniform length, knee socks, earrings, length and color of the hair, wearing of ties, sweaters/vests and all of the requirements of the dress code. Thank you for your support!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Our conferences for Grades K to 8 will take place on Thursday afternoon and evening and on Friday morning. There is NO SCHOOL for students on Friday. If you have not done so, please sign up as soon as possible. You can still find the links on the website, under the Weekly Word – Important Reminders from October 29 or click this link to get to the reminder page: [Conference links](#)
- **Thank you to the Home and School:** Thank you to the Home and School and their committees for our very successful and enjoyable October events. The Trunk or Treat was a GREAT event and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the beautiful night! Thank you to the committee and to all of the volunteers for your planning of the night! Thank you for all of your help and support with the Monster Mash! I think it had to be the best one yet. I always enjoy how our Buddies teach their little buddies a new dance and how our Student Council is always ready to lead the dancing and organize those fun, yet easy, circle dances.
- **Nazareth/Holy Ghost Prep Math Competition:** Congratulations to our 7th and 8th Grade Math Teams who both placed second overall. The 7th Grade Math Team members are: Attis Rudic, Steven Nguyen, Penelope Mullin, and Khushali Vania. Our 8th Grade Team members are: Caitlin Titus, Pablo Perez Connor Whalen, and Ethan Gidaro. We send additional congratulations to Steven Nguyen for his 3rd place finish among all of the 7th Grade boys. Thank you and congratulations to Mary Cihak, their teacher and coach!! Great job!
- **Traffic Reminders:** Please do not make a U-turn on either Stanwood or Rhawn Street. I have seen drivers do this recently. Please do not cross in the middle of the street as well. PLEASE use the CROSSWALKS. It is too scary to think about a fast driver turning the corner and not expecting a parent and a little child crossing in the street. Also, please remember that we are trying to wait until all students cross in front of the church or meet their parents before we allow cars to drive out of the Rhawn Street. Some are pulling out early and then have to wait. This blocks the path for the school buses. If everyone can wait a few extra minutes, all of our children will be safe. Please do not double park on Stanwood. This creates major problems as well. Thank you!
- **Volunteers:** Thank you to our parents and family members who help out at recess and in the cafeteria. We are most grateful. As long as you have your clearances, you may help. Please know that your extra eyes at recess and your extra hands in the cafeteria, do help SO much!
Also, we are grateful to all of our Lucky Notes Lottery Volunteers! As the jackpot increases, so does our ticket sales. So, if you have free Tuesday, please come and help to stamp and check tickets. We begin around 6:15, every Tuesday night, in the auditorium! Thank you!



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Father Chris and Pre-K for tour of Church



NAZARETH/HOLY GHOST PREP MATH COMPETITION:



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Faculty on Halloween



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Monster Mash

