

# WEEKLY WORD

November 25, 2025

Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is also the end of the liturgical year. While we think of a king, we might envision a person with a crown of jewels. Jesus Christ, our King of Kings, wears a crown of thorns. While a king might lead his people to victory over an enemy, our King of Kings leads us to victory over our enemy of the devil and sin through His death and resurrection.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King, the beginning and end of all things, You have made your Church to be a people that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom.*

*By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body, called to live as one family of God.*

*Fill our hearts with your grace, that we would be close to you by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.*

*Give us the patience to share one another's burdens, and give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.*

*May we remain with you always. Amen.*

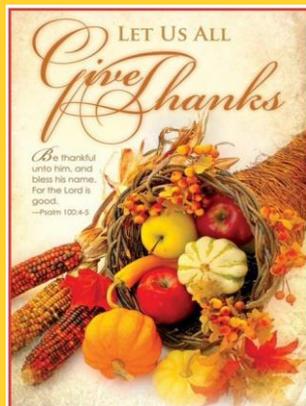
On Thursday, we celebrate Thanksgiving. There has been much written about gratitude leads us to grateful heart leads to a healthier and happier life. In a recent article in Momentum, Bonita Jungels, Ed.D. spoke of how believers are invited into "an ongoing participation in gratitude, recognizing God's presence and grace in daily life."

So, let's always notice God's presence and grace in our daily lives, remember what God has done for us and be grateful.

Please know that I am grateful for all you do for your children and for our school.

I will remember you in my prayers, especially at Mass on Thanksgiving! Happy Thanksgiving!

God bless,  
Sister Catherine



**NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING:**  
**TUESDAY, November 25, 2025**  
**7:00 p.m., Auditorium.**  
**Jackpot: \$55,000**

## LOOKING AHEAD



### November

- 24 School Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Parish Security Meeting at 7:15 pm
- 25 School Mass at 10:00 a.m. in 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
- 2-3 Secret Santa Shop
- 3 Catholicism 101: God Speaks: The Bible, 7-8 pm
- 5 Faculty Meeting: No School for Students
- 6 First Reconciliation
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception: SCHOOL DAY  
School Mass at 10:00 am
- 10 Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Strings Concert at 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Kindergarten Christmas Pageant, 1:00 p.m., Aud.
- 18 Pre-K Christmas Pageant, 9:30 a.m. in Auditorium
- 19 Christmas Pageant and Tableau, Grades 1-4 and 8.  
1:30 p.m. in Church;  
Christmas Vacation begins at Dismissal on 12/19

### 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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# Sister Catherine's

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November 23, 2025

**FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS:** Over 62% of our families who applied for FINANCIAL AID received it. In order to receive any financial aid, however, a family must apply. It is now time to apply for Financial Aid for the 2026-2027 school year. We ask that EVERY family complete the financial aid packet with **FACTS GRANT AND AID**. This is required if you want to apply for the OLPH Scholarship and for the Parish Scholarships for both St. Cecilia and St. William Parishes.

To apply, you can go to your **FACTS FAMILY PORTAL** and begin there. Please, if you need any help, you may contact Mrs. Jackie Hayes, our Tuition Manager, [tuition@stceciliafc.com](mailto:tuition@stceciliafc.com) or Sister Catherine at [sistercatherine@stceciliafc.com](mailto:sistercatherine@stceciliafc.com).

Finally, if you want to be considered for the **Children's Scholarship Fund** for a child who has never received this scholarship, you must enter the lottery. Please do not forget to apply. CSFP's Scholarship Lottery Application will close on March 1, 2026. Thank you!

**Student Sickness Reminders:** Please know that if students have a fever, then they must be fever free, without medicine, for 24 hours before they can return to school. Also, if you receive a call that your child go sick and needs to go home, please go to the entrance to Reception Room D – the long awning across from the convent - to pick you your sick child. The children will wait in the nurse's office or in Sister Betty Ann's office. Also, just to keep you informed, Mrs. Smith, our nurse, shared that some of the local schools have had reports of **HFT - hand, foot, and mouth disease**. This is highly contagious. We do not have any confirmed cases, but we still want to let you know in order to be aware and prepared. If you suspect your child might have HFT, please keep him or her and go to the doctor. We want to make sure that we stay as healthy as possible. TY!

**Update on Mrs. Debbie Pio:** Our K – 2 Title I Reading Teacher, Mrs. Debbie Pio, has been diagnosed with a late-stage cancer. She is taking a leave of absence to start treatments and focus on her health. She appreciates and welcomes all prayers at this time. Thank you in advance for your prayerful support of Mrs. Pio and her family.

To sign up to volunteer for the Santa Secret Shop, go to [Secret Santa Sign-up Genius](#)

We invite all parents to the next Catholicism 101 class. We especially encourage the parents of sacramental students in Grades 2 and 7.



Santa Secret Shop Schedule  
2025

Tuesday, December 2	Times
1B and 8B	8:15 - 8:55
1A and 8C	9:05 - 9:45
8A and KA	9:55 - 10:35
8A and KB	10:10 - 10:50
3A and 6A	10:50 - 11:30
Lunch	12:20 - 1:00
3B and 6B	1:05 - 1:45
PreK and 7C	1:45 - 2:25
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Wednesday, December 3	Times
2B and 5B	8:15 - 8:55
2A and 5A	9:05 - 9:45
4B and 7B	9:55 - 10:35
4A and 7A	10:45 - 11:25
Make-up times	11:00 - 11:30
Clean-up	11:30

## THE BIBLE IN ONE HOUR



Join Fr. Chris for an engaging introduction to the Bible that will help you understand how it was formed, how to interpret it, and how God's Word can speak to you today!

**DECEMBER 3, 2025 | 7:00 PM**

Saint Cecilia Auditorium in Fox Chase  
Free Childcare Available  
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