

# WEEKLY WORD

May 18, 2025



From the Homily at the Inaugural Mass  
Pope Leo XIV

In the words of St. Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbor" (Serm. 359,9).

Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion, and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of goodwill, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk toward God and love one another.

For the entire homily, go to:  
[Pope Leo XIV Inauguration Mass](#)

Dear St. Cecilia School Community,

I hope that you have come enjoyed Pope Leo XIV's homily. His message is one of love and hope. As I encourage everyone in school every day, if we can truly follow Jesus and His call to love one another, we will value and respect every person. Our world, including our neighborhoods, will be places where "peace reigns!" Can we all start today?

God bless you,  
Sister Catherine

## NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING:

**TUESDAY, May 20**

**7:00 p.m., Auditorium.**

**Jackpot: \$28,000**



## LOOKING AHEAD



### May

- 19 School Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Grade 6 Class Trip
- 21 Spring Band Concert, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Science Olympiad for Grades 4 and 5
- 23 Red, White, and Blue Day for Pre-K  
Grade 7 Class Trip
- 26 Memorial Day: School Holiday
- 27 Favorite Team Day – Pre-K
- 28 Fancy Day – Pre-K
- 29 Ascension Thursday: School Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.  
**WALKATHON!**
- 30 Grade 1 Class Trip; Letter People Parade for Pre-K
- 30 SCS Night at the Phillies!**

### June

- 2 Almost Kindergarteners Day – Pre-K  
**STRINGS SPRING CONCERT, 7:00 pm in Auditorium**
- 3 Teddy Bear Picnic – Pre-K
- 4 Wacky Wednesday – Pre-K
- 5 End-of-Year Celebration, 10:00 a.m.- Pre-K  
Beach Day – Kindergarten
- 6 Kindergarten Closing – 10:00 a.m.
- 9 – 12 NOON DISMISSAL each day
- 9 Last Day for Grade 8
- 10 Grade 8 Dance in the evening
- 11 Grade 8 Graduation Mass at 5:00 p.m.
- 12 Last Day of School: Closing Mass, 10:00 a.m.  
NOON DISMISSAL
- 13 Final Day for Teachers



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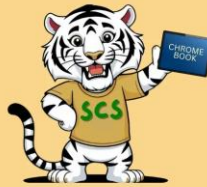
### REMINDERS AND MORE EVENTS

#### WALKATHON INFORMATION:

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 29 (AFTER THE 10:00 MASS)

Have you created your website for your child to raise donations for the Walkathon? You should have received an email to do so. If you are unsure how to create the page, please email [stceciliawat@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliawat@gmail.com). In the meantime, go to our Walkathon website at <https://my.cheddarup.com/me/scs-walk-a-thon-2025> or click the logo below. You will see the donors, classrooms, and more. Incentives and prizes will be sent home tomorrow in a separate email.

### ST. CECILIA SCHOOL ANNUAL WALK A THON



STREAM into the Future:  
Walking for Tech & Education

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May Procession: On Friday, May 16, we honored our Blessed Mother with our annual May Procession. Due to the predicted storms, we stayed inside. We still had a beautiful celebration! May our Blessed Mother intercede for you and your families!



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### Final Assessment Schedule - 2025

MEMORIAL DAY IS MONDAY, MAY 26 – SCHOOOL HOLIDAY

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS THURSDAY, MAY 29.

WALKATHON IS ALSO ON MAY 29.

**Grades 1 & 2:** May 28 or May 30 – Reading Test and Spelling Test

June 2 – No Final Assessment

June 3 – Religion Assessment

June 4 – Math Assessment

June 5 – ELA Assessment

June 6 – Make-up Tests and Final Tests/Projects

**Grade 3:** May 28 or 30 – Reading Test and Spelling Test

June 2 – No Final Assessments

June 3 – Religion Assessment

June 4 – Math Assessment

June 5 – ELA Assessment

June 6 – Make-up Tests and Final Tests/Projects

**Grade 4:** May 28 or 30 – Reading Test and Spelling Test

June 2 – Religion Assessment

June 3 – Math and Science Assessments

June 4 – ELA Assessment

June 5 – Social Studies Assessment

June 6 – Make-up Tests and Final Tests/Projects

**Grade 5:** May 28 or 30 – Reading Test and Spelling Test

June 2 – Religion Assessment

**June 3 – Science Assessment**

June 4 – Math Assessment

**June 5 – ELA and Social Studies Assessments**

June 6 – Make-up Tests and Final Tests/Projects

**Grade 6:** May 28 or 30 – Reading Test and Spelling Test

June 2 – Religion Assessment

June 3 – Math and Social Studies Assessments

June 4 – ELA Assessment

June 5 – Science Assessment

June 6 – Make-up Tests and Final Tests/Projects

**Grade 7:** May 28 or 30 – Reading Test and Spelling Test

June 2 – Religion Assessment

June 3 – Math and Social Studies Assessments

June 4 – ELA Assessment and Vocabulary

June 5 – Science Assessment

June 6 – Make-up Tests and Final Tests/Projects

**Grade 8:** **May 28 – Vocabulary Final Assessment**

**May 30 – Religion and HONORS MATH**

June 2 – Science and Math

June 3 – Social Studies and Reading

June 4 – **ELA Assessment**

June 5 – Make-up Tests and Final Tests/Projects

June 6 – No classes for Grade 8 – Teacher Workday

**Please note:**

Pre-K closing is June 5 at 10:00 a.m.

K closing is June 6 at 10:00 a.m.

All exams should be finished by that time so siblings may attend those closing exercises. TY