

WEEKLY WORD

January 4, 2026

+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear how the Wise Men followed the star until it came to rest over the place where Jesus was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped Jesus, and offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." The light of star led the Wise Men to the Light of the World!

Jesus came that ALL people might find true and lasting peace with God. The story of the Wise Men shows how God plans to save ALL people. ALL people are invited to follow the light of Christ. We can all ask ourselves: Do I bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of my life and testimony? As we begin this New Year, may this be our goal every day: to bring the light of Jesus to ALL!

Happy New Year!
God bless,
Sister Catherine

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet."



School Mass and Pageant Directives

We remind you of SAFETY PROCEDURES that we follow for any event in the Church. Once the mass begins (usually 10:00 am), the doors will be closed and locked. No one, including parents, late students, or staff members, will enter the church once the mass or pageant 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. Our next school mass is January 29, 2026!



NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING:
TUESDAY, January 6, 2026
7:00 p.m., Auditorium.
Jackpot: \$60,000

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

LOOKING AHEAD



January

- 5 Classes Resume! Welcome back!
12 String Lessons begin again
19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL
22 Day of Prayer for the Protection of Human Life
25-31 Catholic Schools Week
25 Opening Mass at 11:00 am followed by Open House
27 EITC Breakfast: Advancement Office at 7:00 am
29 School Mass at 10:00 am

February

- 11 Religion Bee at Archbishop Ryan
13 Sweethearts' Dance
16 Presidents' Day: School Holiday
18 Ash Wednesday



Eternal Rest for Mrs. Pio: As you know from my email last week, Mrs. Pio, our Catapult Title I Reading Specialist, died on Christmas night. From the moment she received her diagnosis, Mrs. Pio's faith was so strong. She shared with me that she hoped to be here for Christmas. On Christmas, she was with her family. By Christmas night, she entered Eternal Life with Jesus! The message on her holy card, which was a bookmark, was: Her life was a song of faith, service, and love. May we honor her by living brightly, loving generously, and celebrating always!

We will celebrate Mrs. Pio's life at our school mass on January 29, at 10:00 a.m. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this mass.



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In this spirit of **GRATEFULNESS AND GRATITUDE**, thank you for your prayers, gifts, cards, and many thoughtful messages at Christmas.

We deeply appreciate your many kindnesses!

We hope you have a wonderful New Year!

God bless you,  
Sister Catherine and Sister Ann

# Sister Catherine's

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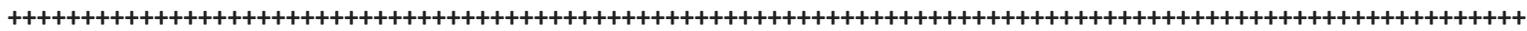
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### **VERY IMPORTANT: FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS:**

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@stcecilifc.com](mailto:tuition@stcecilifc.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!



# SCHOOL NEWS

**ST. CECILIA SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION**

**2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR  
OPENS JANUARY 9, 2026**

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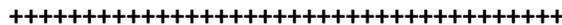
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SOON**

### Upcoming Parish Events



#### **COFFEE AND DONUTS!!!**

Join St. Cecilia Parish on January 11th after the 11:00 am Mass for coffee, tea, juice and donuts. More importantly, there is time to meet others in the parish as we share life. There is no cost, and all are welcome!



**New Bible Study:** Join Father Chris and dozens of other disciples for a five-week study of the Letter to the Hebrews. This New Testament Letter offers us great insights on living our faith today. They gather Wednesdays, starting January 7 at 7pm in the Auditorium. Free childcare is available as well, Bring a friend. Tell your neighbors. No cost. No experience necessary. Bring a Bible or download one on your phone. If you have questions, contact Mike Tate in the Parish Office.

YOU'RE INVITED TO

100<sup>th</sup>

*Anniversary* ✨

CELEBRATION  
FOR ST. CECILIA  
SCHOOL

✨  
Saturday, March 28, 2026

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

School Auditorium \$35 per ticket

BYOB. beer and food provided

Tickets on sale 1/15/26