

“We have to look together on how to be a missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love.”

-Pope Leo XIV

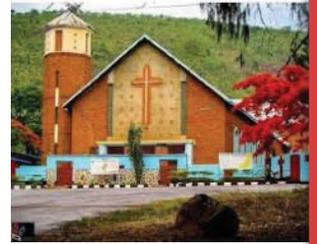


Saint Cecilia Church

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR THE MISSIONS IN ZAMBIA!



SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MISSIONARY APPEAL 2025



As you know, each year we invite a missionary priest to speak to us through the good offices of the Propagation of the Faith in order that we might support the important work of spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

This year, a priest of the Diocese of Chipata in Zambia was supposed to join us for all the Masses this weekend. However, because of difficulties with securing a visa, no priest will be able to join us. Instead, I have asked Father Jacob Zulu, a priest of the Diocese of Chipata, to write to you describing the important work which your missionary contribution to the missions in Zambia can support. A second collection will be taken up for these missions next Sunday at all Masses.

Mission Appeal-2025 for the Catholic Diocese of Chipata-Zambia

My dear brothers and sisters,

The Diocese of Chipata is delighted to be able to participate in a Mission Appeal in this parish. The Chipata Diocese is found in Zambia, Africa; the Southern Part of Africa, with neighboring countries such as; Zimbabwe, Botswana, Tanzania, Namibia, Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique and Angola. Which means Zambia is inland with coast outlet.

The Diocese of Chipata is grateful to the Pontifical Mission Society who invited us to be able to participate in this Mission Appeal. The Church is Missionary by nature and through our Baptismal promises we are all called to be missionaries to the whole world. Your participation in this mission appeal will ensure that our brothers and sisters in far flung places in the Mission territories receive the sacraments.

Chipata Diocese, which comprises all of the Eastern Province of Zambia, covers an area of 69,000 sq Kilometers, and has a population of 2,592,661 (or 15.5% of the national population). The Diocese of Chipata is in a rural portion of Zambia where about 90% of the people are peasant farmers. The total population of Baptized Catholics is slightly more than 750,000.

The Diocese has thirty-six parishes (full and sub parishes), Eighteen Mission Education Institutions and nine Mission Health Facilities. Most parishes are in remote places and are

isolated by lack of road and telephone networks. Long distances between our institutions demand good transport and fuel, as some routes are really dangerous. As a Church, we are negatively and greatly affected with the external political and economic factors. The recent government removal of a subsidy on petroleum products and consumables in Zambia just sparked a rise in fuel. The rural aspect of this Diocese presupposes little money in circulation among its people. The major source of income is agriculture.

This application is therefore in view of seeking assistance through a Mission appeal to address the pastoral challenges facing our Diocese in the education of our seminarians and continuing formation of our priests.

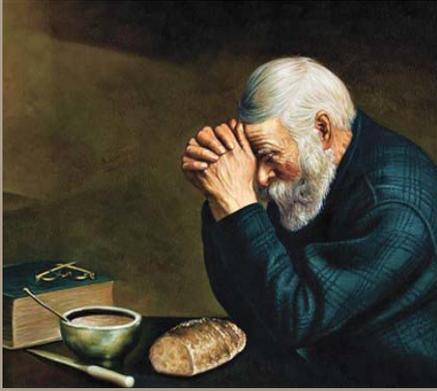
Seminarian Education support: The number of young men joining the seminary to train as future priests for our Diocese has continued growing in the recent past. Unfortunately while it is good news to have large numbers of seminarians, it increases the cost of training them. The economy is currently not doing well in Zambia with prices of most commodities very high; the training of seminarians has become equally expensive. There has been some local effort to raise funds for the training of seminarians though not adequate to cover all the training expenses. Our Christians wallow in abject poverty with little or no substantial income to be able to adequately support the church. For example, one seminarian has just completed high school in our Diocese and has approached the Vocations Director to enter the Seminary. He has been told he has to wait until next year when the Diocese has enough money to send him to the Major Seminary. Your participation in this mission appeal will ensure that he is sent to the Seminary to train as a Priest.

Priest on-going formation/sabbatical programs: It is important that from time to time a priest goes for ongoing formation (retreats) and sabbatical programs. Often when priests don't go for these on-going formation programs, they burn out. Their health is important if they are to carry on with the work of evangelization. It has always been a challenge to find money to pay for retreats for priests and pay for their sabbatical programs. Through this Mission Appeal, you will help the priests in Chipata Diocese do their retreats and other on-going Formation programs



It is our hope and prayer that through this Mission Appeal, you will participate in helping our brothers and sisters receive the much needed sacraments and also the above challenges will be addressed to ensure a smooth pastoral program for the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and salvation of all.

Father Jacob Zulu, Diocese of Chipata in Zambia



PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Steve Augat, Lindsey Booth, Judith Melanson, John Nelson, John Bessette, Claudette Guilmette, Wayne G., Stephanie St. G., Christina Fernet, Claudette Lucas, Klye Eaton, Rita Churri and John LaFortune.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently especially; Joseph "Max" Beaudoin and John Joseph Leger. Pray for their families, as well, that they may be consoled by the promises of Christ.

If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.

**LAST WEEKEND'S
PARISH COLLECTIONS
TOTALLED \$7,083.**



Are you or someone you know interested in exploring Catholicism or completing Confirmation?

- If you or someone you know is not Catholic but is interested in learning about our beliefs and practices, feel free to contact us. There is no pressure whatsoever to join. Curious people are welcome to ask questions, learn, investigate and then choose to either stay or go.
 - If you are already Christian but raised in another Christian community and are interested in possibly becoming Catholic, call us.
 - If you are an adult Catholic who never received Confirmation or First Communion and are thinking about completing your sacraments, we can prepare you for that.
 - If you are married or engaged to a Catholic and wonder what they believe, we can help you with that.
- If any of these apply to you or someone you know, feel free to contact us.

What is the Schedule?

Our OCIA will begin Sunday, September 7th, 2025. We meet every Sunday from 10:00-11:00 AM.

If you would like to find out more about Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, please contact:

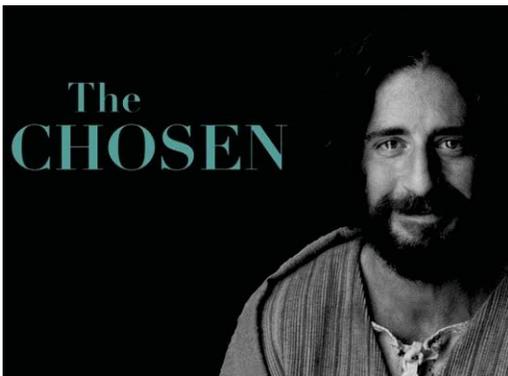
Patricia Secino

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We will be starting up our Bible Study in September. Our study will be on “The Chosen”, a groundbreaking television series about the life of Jesus. What does it actually mean to be chosen? Let’s find out as we delve into the Old Testament leading to the New Testament, which leads us to Jesus. We will begin this study on Thursday, September 11th at the Parish Center from 9:30am to 11:00am and repeated that same evening from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Please contact Pat Secino at the Rectory at 978-537-6541 or email psecino@stceciliachurch.net and let her know what time works best for you.

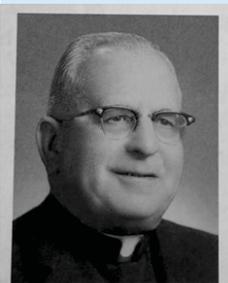
Volunteers Needed for Religious Education



Helping our children grow in their faith journey can be so rewarding!

Can you help?

This coming year, we need someone to share their faith with our 6th grade children. Our program would also benefit with assistants in the classrooms, especially Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and substitute teachers on Sunday mornings. If you are feeling a tug on your heart and would like more information, please call Paula at 978-537-5596 or e-mail her at pd@stceciliachurch.net.



Msgr. Arthur J. Gravel

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

The 1950s were a time of transition and change for St. Cecilia’s Parish as well as time of many firsts. While the parish was established by Bishop Beaven of Springfield and Fathers Balthasard, Chicoine and Boutin were assigned to the parish by the bishop of Springfield, Father Gravel was the first to be assigned to St. Cecilia’s Parish by Bishop John J. Wright of the newly created Diocese of Worcester. On March 7, 1950, Pope Pius XII removed Worcester County from the Diocese of Springfield and established the Diocese of Worcester.

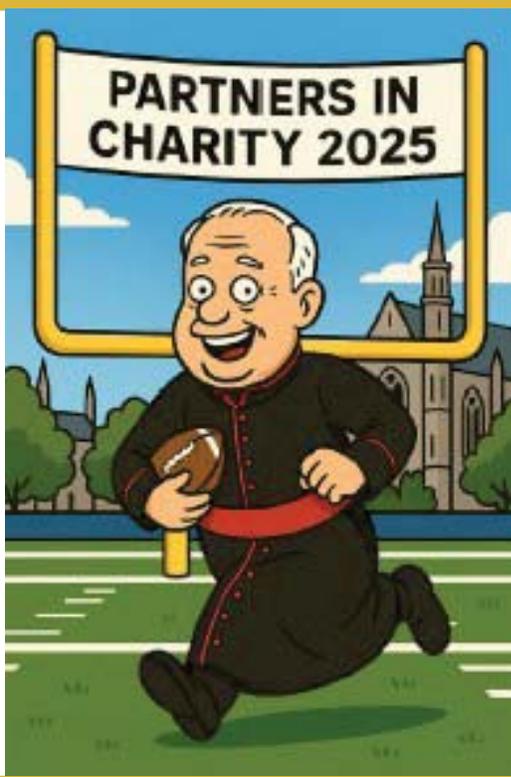
Father Gravel was assigned to St. Cecilia Parish in September of 1950. Not only was Father Gravel the first pastor assigned to St. Cecilia in the newly established Diocese, he was the first of four monsignors to serve as pastor of St. Cecilia’s Parish. Monsignor Gravel was named a monsignor on October 28, 1955.



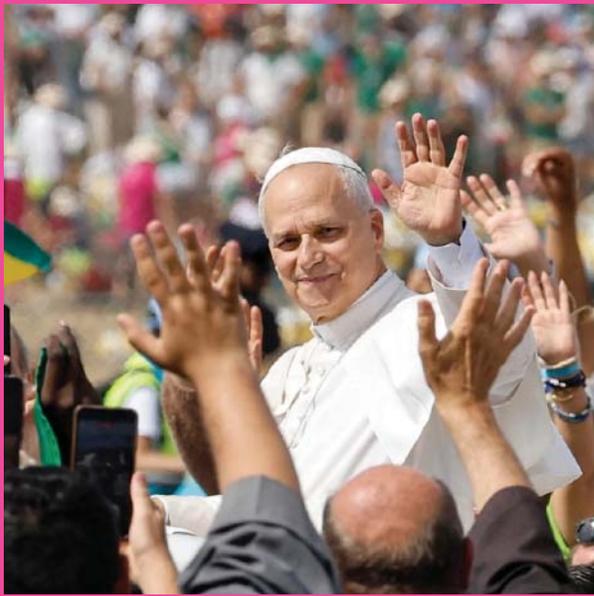
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Once again, Saint Cecilia has exceeded our goal and raised \$53,000 for Partners in Charity. Your generosity continues to inspire the rest of the Diocese and you make me proud to be your pastor!

Monsignor Moroney



Congratulations to Collins Ann Cardigan, Anderson Thomas McGonagle and Lillian Grace McGonagle, all of whom were Baptized last Sunday afternoon! Here they are pictured with their parents and godparents.

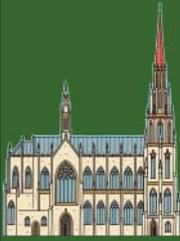


Pope Leo XIV spoke to over a million young people this past week at the Jubilee of Youth in Rome. During his remarks he reminded them that **“we are closer than ever to young people who suffer the most serious evils, which are caused by other human beings,”** Leo said. **“We are with the young people of Gaza. We are with the young people of Ukraine, with those of every land bloodied by war.”** He continued, **“My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible. A world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons, but with dialogue.”**

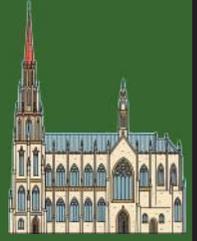


Meanwhile, many of our dedicated Altar Servers spent a day at Canoe Lake Park enjoying the beautiful weather and having fun on the rides. We are always grateful to our servers for their dedication and prayerful good service at the Altar of God!





THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday August 16 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 204*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Howard Barnaby, Sr. (53rd anniv.), by Kathy (Church)

Sunday August 17 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 204*

7:00am Mass for Arthur and Jeannette St. Yves, by Paul Melanson (Church)
9:45am Mass for Deceased members of Hamel and Rheault families, by the family (Church)
11:15am Mass for Roland and Victorine Aubuchon, by the family (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday August 18 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Father Thomas H. Hultquist, by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard and Al and Terry Lamoureux (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday August 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Victor Amenta, Jr., by his wife, Carol (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday August 20 Saint Bernard

9:00am Mass for Lien (Theresa) Le, by her family (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Paul Aubuchon (1st anniv.), by his family (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday August 21 Saint Pius

9:00am Mass for Yvonne Legassey, by her husband, Juan Allendes (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Mass for Dr. Richard T. Secino (6th anniv.), by his wife (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts at 6:30pm

Saturday August 23 Weekday in Ordinary Time

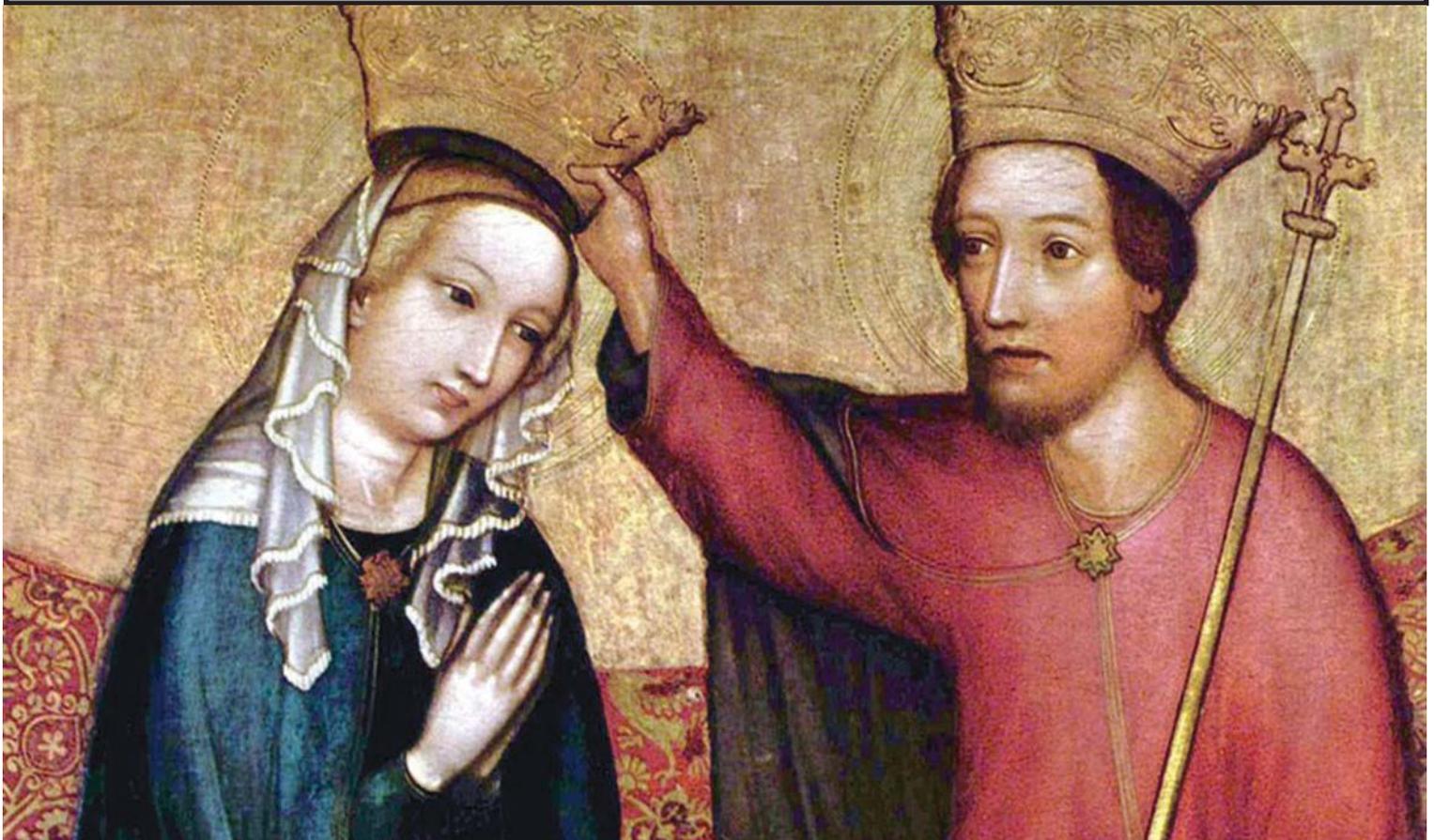
9:00am Mass for Charles and Mildred Bilodeau, by last will (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday August 23 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 206*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for John Leger, by the Leger family (Church)

Sunday August 24 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 206*

7:00am Mass for John Amico, by the family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Anita Frechette, by Austin and Debby Courtney (Church)
11:15am Mass for Joseph J.D. LeBlanc, by Mrs. Yvette Richard and Rose Richard (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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