

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



A Prayer for the Family

Jesus, our most loving redeemer,
You came to enlighten the world
with your teaching and example.

You willed to spend the greater part of Your life
in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph
in the poor home of Nazareth.

In this way, You sanctified that family,
which was to be an example for all Christian families.

Graciously accept our family,
which we dedicate and consecrate to You this day.

Be pleased to protect, guard, and keep it
in holy fear, in peace,

and in the harmony of Christian charity.

By conforming ourselves to the Divine model
of Your family,
may we attain to eternal happiness.

New St. Joseph People's Prayer Book



Mass of the Solemnity of Mary – New Year's Day A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31 (Spanish Vigil Mass) 7:00pm

Thursday, January 1 8:00am 10:00am

Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3 (Vigil) 5:00pm

Sunday, January 4

7:30am 9:00am 10:45am 12:30pm 2:30pm (Spanish)

CHRISTMAS 2014 thru EPIPHANY 2015

NOTE: This bulletin went to press on December 17, 2014.

Please see our website and/or listen to Mass announcements for any updates.

Sunday, December 28, 2014

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First Reading:	Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Psalm:	Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9
Second Reading:	Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel:	Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, January 4, 2015

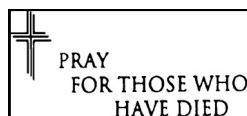
The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading:	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm:	Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Second Reading:	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel:	Matthew 2:1-12



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
for the sick and dying and pro-life causes
Monday evenings at 7:00pm
in the Adoration Chapel.



Jean Barry,
Florence DeBruyne

VOCATION COMMITTEE

**We ask each parishioner to pray the following
Petition to God:**

**“That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the
Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster
each of their children’s vocations in Christ and especially
welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters,”**

We pray to the Lord.

MONASTIC VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Mount Angel Abbey invites men, 18-45 years of age
who are discerning a monastic vocation, to join us
for a three-day discernment retreat experience on
Friday, January 9th—Sunday, January 11th, 2015.

Please contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at
503-845-3123, Odo.recker@mtangel.edu, or visit
website www.mountangelabbey.org.

Mass Intentions

December 27, 2014 —January 10, 2015

Saturday, December 27th

5:00pm †Alfred Dinges--Leona

Sunday, December 28th

7:30am †Bob Welter—Arlene
9:00am Int. Bill & Kathy Johnson--Judy
10:45am People of St. Cecilia
12:30pm †Priscilla Verzosa—Sarmiento Family
2:30pm †Helen F. Mode—Allison Finney

Monday, December 29th

8:00am †Vi Boyd--Virginia

Tuesday, December 30th

8:00am †Agnes Van Loo--Family

Wednesday, December 31st

8:00am Int. St. Jude Guild Members
7:00pm Int. Ascencio Family--Erika

Thursday, January 1st - New Year's Day

8:00am †Alfred Dinges—Leona Dinges
10:00am Special Intention—Cheryl Motal

Friday, January 2nd

8:00am †Jesse Ruiz--sister

Saturday, January 3rd

8:00am Int. Fr. Pat McNamee—Vocations Committee
5:00pm †Dorothy Milo—Gerig Family

Sunday, January 4th - Epiphany

7:30am †Nathan Hollingsworth--Mom
9:00am People of St. Cecilia
10:45am Int. Fr. Joseph Nguyen—Vocations Committee
12:30pm Special Intention—Barbara McQueen
2:30pm †Helen F. Mode—Allison Finney

Monday, January 5th

8:00am †Elsie Hermens—Kathie Dias

Tuesday, January 6th

8:00am †Sandra Meienberg—Judy Winczewski

Wednesday, January 7th

8:00am †Sonia Beckenstern—Judy Winczewski

Thursday, January 8th

8:00am †Floyd R. Mode—Allison Finney

Friday, January 9th

8:00am Margaret Johnson—Gloria Bernard

Saturday, January 10th

8:00am †Tessie Pliska—Van Daam Family

MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS



**WE WISH YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY A HAPPY AND
BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT!**

ST. CECILIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ages 18 years & older

Sunday nights, 7:30pm, Activity Center

**December 28
January 4, 11, 18**

Organizer is Mike Droessler, mikedbball@gmail.com



Respect Life News— Feast of the Holy Innocents

Rosary and Mass for the Little Saints will be on Monday, December 29, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church (3145 SW 192nd Avenue, Aloha) beginning at 6:30 PM.

A reception will follow. This bilingual Mass remembers all deceased children, especially those who have

died before birth or baptism, and for victims of abortion. Celebrated by Bishop Ken Steiner.

Save the Date: Roe vs Wade Memorial,
Sunday, January 18, in Portland



Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Reaching out to people in need of comfort,
Prayer Shawls are "gifted" to those
experiencing illness, recovery, loss
or any of life's stressful situations.*

Please pray for all the Prayer Shawl recipients.
If you are interested in joining our ministry as a knitter
or to request a Prayer Shawl, contact:

Jeannine Hooper 503-891-0587 or
Marylyn Klesh 503-579-3767 kleshmr@comcast.net

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6th
at 10:30am in the NE Room
of the Parish Center.**

Visitors are always welcome!

Contemplative Prayer Group: 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Meets on January 10th and 24th in the Parish Center—
NE Conference Room from 3:15 to 4:45 pm.

Will include periods of silent prayer and lectio divina.

For additional information, call Marylyn Klesh at
503-866-2478 or kleshmr@comcast.net.

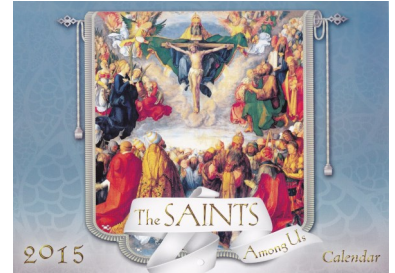
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 24th at noon—Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25th—Christmas

Thursday, January 1st—New Year's Day

Thank you, thank you
Alan Howard and
Pegg Paxson &
Springer Funeral
Chapel for the
beautiful 2015
"The SAINTS Among
Us" calendars!



Thank you Bob Stockert for the beautiful Manger
you hand crafted for our Parish Office Crèche

St. Therese Altar Guild Wishes to Express Our Appreciation

to the parishioners who
supported our Poinsettia and Small
Arrangements Sale so the Guild can continue
its mission of providing flowers for the altar.

And, to those who purchased Poinsettia's
"in memory of," a listing of those who were
remembered during this most holy of all seasons will be
posted in the glassed-in case in the vestibule of the church.



**THANK YOU FARMINGTON GARDENS FOR YOUR
DONATION OF WREATHS AND GARLANDS FOR
DECORATING ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES!

Don & Laverne Dalebroux, December 27, 59 years
Peter & Patricia Reding, December 31, 67 years
John & Ann Vhay, December 31, 54 years
Rene & Shirley Lacambre, January 7, 25 years
Paul & Ann Levasseur, January 24, 46 years

Nursery & Pre-K on Sunday's @ 9:00am
Kinder "Believers", Sunday's 10:15-11:30am
Betsy Willing, ext. 163
bwilling@stceciliachurch.org



The Nursery is OPEN
during the
9:00am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children, K-5th grades, are invited to attend during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Children process to the Parish Center with adults during the Liturgy of the Word and then return to celebrate the rest of Mass in the Church.

Adult/Youth Volunteers are needed.

If interested in helping, please call
Vicki Giampietro at 503-639-8745.



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Believers grades 1-2

Disciples grades 3-5

Meet Sunday Mornings 10:15-11:30am

Amy Maris-Volf, ext. 172

amaris-volf@stceciliachurch.org

Happy Epiphany!!!

Upcoming dates

January 4th Welcome Back!!!

January 11th Regular Classes— grades 1,3,4,5

January 11th Seekers Sacrament Prep— 2-5th grades

January 18th Regular Class

January 25 Children's Safe Environment Class, grades K-5,
in Parish Center



First Eucharist Preparation

SEEKERS Grades 2-5,

English Program

Sunday Mornings, 10:15-11:30am

Amy Maris-Volf, ext. 172

amaris-volf@stceciliachurch.org

*Registration is **CLOSED this year's** for Sacrament Preparation.

*Thank you to all who came to the 2nd session!

***Next Session:**

JANUARY 11, 10:15-11:30am

ADULT/Child together in the Parish Center

Homework: Please remember to work on your
lesson poster and **INTERVIEW** questions.

Due January 11th: Poster and Interview questions.

Save the Date: January 24—First Reconciliation

Middle & High School Youth Ministry

Mary Kiefer, ext. 171

mkiefer@stceciliachurch.org

Youth Ministry Bowling Fundraiser at Park Lanes in
Hillsboro on **Dec. 21 and 28.**

\$10.00 includes shoe rental and as many games as you can bowl.

(Parent leads needed on the 21st for middle school time and on the 28th for both times. Do sign up, collect money, and be an adult presence.)

Middle School : 3:30-5:30pm

High School : 9:00-11:00pm

Please let me know if you plan to attend and how many friends you are bringing, so they can reserve the lanes for our group.

January 4th - Faith Formation resumes at normal time for middle and high youth. Bring a breakfast food item to share for a potluck.

Prayers for Ana - gather at 9:30am in the Adoration Chapel.

Confirmation Candidates this gathering is **WITH YOUR SPONSOR**. It is **also a potluck**, so please bring food to share.

WE NEED: a copy of your Baptismal Certificate **AND** the name and contact info of your sponsor ASAP! They need to be a Baptized Catholic who has also received Confirmation.

SUPPORT YOUTH MINISTRY

Volunteers

Adults to get involved in youth ministry, especially men, are needed. The young people of our parish need to have men and women who love Jesus and love being Catholic to walk this journey of faith in this life with them. The more adults that get involved directly affects what we can offer in a comprehensive youth ministry outreach. Thanks for prayerfully considering how you can help.

Redeemable Bottle and Can RETURN

ONLY containers labeled Oregon – 5 cent, PLEASE!

This is an **ongoing fundraiser**, drop bags off at back of Parish Office building. **Volunteers are needed** to drive bags to Bottle Drop locations in the greater Portland Metro Area. If you drive to NE or Oregon City locations, please contact Mary...this would be a HUGE help.

Flamingo Flocking

Surprise someone with a flock of pink flamingos in their front yard for a birthday, anniversary, or special accomplishment. Suggested donation is \$20.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast – January 11th

Come enjoy a delicious homemade breakfast cooked by the Knights and SUPPORT youth ministry.

MINISTERIO HISPANO - PARROQUIA SANTA CECILIA, BEAVERTON

Coordinador: Diácono Bill Richardson

Sacerdotes: P. Cary Reniva y P. Marcos Bentz

Secretaria: Erika Ascencio

Teléfono oficina: 503-644-2619, Ext. 161 o Ext. 176

Horas de oficina en español: de Lunes a Jueves de 2:00 a 5:00 PM

FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA **28 DE DICIEMBRE, 2014**

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA NOS LLAMA

Las hermosas lecturas bíblicas de la Misa de hoy nos hablan de la gran fe de nuestros antepasados espirituales. Tanto Abraham y Sara, como San José y la virgen María, manifestaron una confianza profunda en el poder y la misericordia de Dios en sus vidas, y no fueron defraudados.

Nos invita esa misma Sagrada Familia a crecer en nuestra propia fe, y, junto con nuestras familias, incorporar prácticas en común que nos vayan lentamente acercando a Dios y ayudándonos a vivir más en unión y conformes a Su voluntad, es decir, en el camino seguro a la santidad.

NAVIDAD: LUZ ESPLENDOROSA

En la NAVIDAD la estrella que guía a los reyes magos representa la LUZ de Cristo: una luz que penetra profundamente la OSCURIDAD que encontramos dentro de nuestro corazón. DIOS desea mucho ir iluminando esas tinieblas, esos lugares oscuros que nos inquietan, y nos trae su paz y un gozo extraordinario.

¿Qué es lo que nos pide?

Que velemos, que estemos listos, buscando tiempos y momentos de SILENCIO, para poderlo reconocer, y abrir cuando toque.

MISA DE AÑO NUEVO: DICIEMBRE 31

Este año, por primera vez, tendremos la oportunidad de celebrar la fiesta de la Virgen María, Madre de Dios, la noche anterior, a las 7 PM. Esta fiesta, celebrada cada año el 1 de enero, honra a Nuestra Santísima Madre como la madre de Jesús, Hijo único de Dios y segunda persona de la Santísima Trinidad.

Muchos se pueden bien preguntar, ¿Y por qué tantas celebraciones de la Virgen María? Tenemos el 8 y 12 de diciembre (Inmaculada Concepción y N. Sra. de Guadalupe), el 15 de agosto (la Asunción de la Virgen al cielo), el 25 de marzo (la Anunciación), etc. ¿No será que algunos la quieren elevar a ser como una diosa, en competencia con Dios mismo?

Absolutamente que no. Hay muchas razones por las que queremos, como católicos, honrar y venerar a nuestra Madre, y darle en la Iglesia el lugar que le corresponde. Pero ese lugar no es, ni debería ser jamás, al mismo nivel que Dios. Ella es y siempre será, una creatura, igual que nosotros.

Pero, por obra y designio de Dios, María es la imagen de la Iglesia, aquello que todos estamos creados para alcanzar, por fe y luchando por caminar hacia la santidad en humildad. María tiene un lugar especial en nuestra Iglesia porque es la que nos expresa, con su presencia y su ejemplo de vida, el plan de Dios PARA NOSOTROS, aunque demasiado a menudo se nos olvida.

Esa de la razón por la que la Iglesia busca de muchas maneras mantenerla ante nuestros ojos con fiestas hermosas. Y es por eso que la venimos a honrar este miércoles 31 de diciembre en una Misa a las 7 PM.

GRACIAS POR LA HERMOSA OBRA

Estamos sumamente agradecidos, como comunidad, por todo el trabajo y esfuerzo de las personas que se dedicaron a preparar las diferentes actividades y experiencias de LA CELEBRACIÓN DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE el 12 de diciembre. Nosotros pudimos sentir el amor de Dios a través de la música, la danza, la obra de la historia de San Juan Diego, la Santa Misa, la presentación del tema de la vigilia, la oración en sus diferentes momentos y expresiones, el pan y el café de la noche, el servicio humilde ofrecido por los servidores, y muchas otras expresiones de amor y bienvenida que estuvieron presentes.

Gracias, muchas gracias A TODOS.

La Virgen sonrío y se alegra por estos gestos de amor que le ofrecemos.

PARA LOS QUE DESEAN CASARSE

Si usted y su novio (o novia) están pensando en casarse en la Iglesia dentro del próximo año, no es demasiado temprano para averiguar sobre los diferentes pasos que se toman en preparación para este sacramento.

La próxima serie de pláticas pre-matrimoniales en Santa Cecilia se ofrecerán comenzando el lunes, 5 de enero, 2015. Las personas tomando estas pláticas típicamente estarían pensando en casarse en, o cerca del verano del mismo año (junio, julio, o agosto). Haga una cita con nuestro párroco, el Padre Cary, a través de la secretaria, para darse a conocer y empezar el proceso.

PLÁTICAS PARA BAUTISMO

Padres y padrinos: necesitan pasar por la oficina para llenar el formulario. Las siguientes pláticas serán los JUEVES 8 y 15 de enero.

MENSAJE MARIANO

“¡Queridos hijos! Hoy los invito y los animo a la oración por la paz. Los invito especialmente hoy, trayéndoles en mis brazos a Jesús recién nacido, a unirse a Él por la oración y llegar a ser un signo para este mundo turbado. Anímense los unos a los otros, hijitos, a la oración y al amor. Que vuestra fe sea para los otros, un estímulo para creer más y amar más. Los bendigo a todos y los invito a estar más cerca de mi Corazón y el Corazón del Niño Jesús. ¡Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado!” 25 de diciembre, 2001.

OFERTORIO

Estas cantidades abajo son lo que aportamos en nuestra Misa de español. No se olviden de ofrecer LA PRIMERA HORA de nuestro trabajo de la semana a nuestro Señor.

11/16/14 \$1,651

11/09/14 \$1,643

Gracias por su continua generosidad en el trabajo de Nuestro Señor.

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Greetings of peace and joy!

This special issue of the bulletin for the first week of Christmas to the Sunday of Epiphany aims to give you an overview on how the parish has been responding and living out the call to be the “*salt and light of the world*” for the first half of the fiscal year (July to December).

I asked our school principal and the parish staff, including the coordinators of some of our key programs and ministries, to highlight the important events for the first part of the year and also to give you a heads up of the exciting activities and projects for the remaining months (January to June). Lots of things have happened for the past six months, and it's impossible to document them all here. But it is our hope that this special bulletin issue will give you an overview of the state of affairs of our parish and school family. Thus, the name “Good News Bulletin” – a proclamation of God's love and care for our St. Cecilia parish community and also our collective effort to build up God's kingdom in Beaverton.

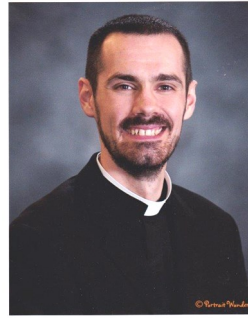
It's only been six months since I first arrived here at St. Cecilia's, but I have felt very much at home already. A parishioner asked me a few weeks ago if I am still in the “honeymoon” stage. I told her that with how busy our parish is, I did not even know what a honeymoon stage looks like. But I am not complaining; it's been truly a grace-filled six months. I am deeply edified and inspired with the kindness, dedication, enthusiasm, generosity and joy of our parish staff and of so many volunteers who keep St. Cecilia's - a vibrant, thriving and Gospel-centered community. I am profoundly thankful to the members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, whom I rely heavily in evaluating our pastoral plans and priorities to make sure that we are responding prudently and responsibly to the needs of our parish and the school. My close collaboration with them not only makes my ministry easier, enjoyable and fruitful, but also proves that we all need one another to continue the work of evangelization.

It is my hope and prayer, that as we celebrate this joyous season of Christ's birth, we may also be filled with the peace and contentment that only God can bring — thus transforming our relationships as meeting places of God's manifold grace. Let the opening prayer for the Christmas Dawn Mass be our prayer as well for this entire season of Christmas:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your
incarnate Word,
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,
may also shine through in our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.” Amen.

A Blessed Christmas again to each and every one of you!
—Fr. Cary

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



My heart is full when I think about these last six months since I arrived here at St. Cecilia's. I have been overwhelmed by your generosity, openness, and encouragement of me in my ministry and vocation as a priest. Thank you! It is very encouraging that one of the greatest ‘problems’ we encountered

upon arrival this summer was *not enough confession time!* This is a sign of good spiritual health when so many people have the desire to be reconciled to God and forgiven of their sins. In our culture, so often we excuse our sin and shift the blame to someone else for our problems. But when we do this, we slowly lose the ability to recognize the good news of the Christmas message—we are sinners, but God has come to *save* us from our sins!

This year we have seen much evil in our world and division in our own nation. But the darkness of evil in our world or in our own hearts is no match for the light of Christ, if only we will let Him in. “Do not be afraid,” St. John Paul II said, “Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid” (Inauguration homily, 1978). The joy of Christ's coming gives us the power to be agents of peace, proclaiming the saving truth of the Gospel: “God so loved the world, that He sent His only begotten Son; so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). Do not be afraid to invite Jesus into your heart today and to speak about Him to others—Jesus is the only one who can bring peace to our families, our Church, and our world! May the prince of peace, Emanuel, God with us, Jesus Christ our Lord, be with us today and every day of our lives.

God Bless you all!
Fr. Mark Bentz

COMMUNION VISITOR/FAITH FORMATION PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM

Our Homebound/or Sick parishioners have partnered with our Faith Formation First Eucharist students for a few years now. It is a way for both to be part of the greater community of St. Cecilia. Here is one family's story:

“My great-granddaughter became a prayer-partner when she was preparing for First Communion. She has continued that relationship for the last 2 years, and both she and the person I visit to give Communion, value it. We pray for her every night, and they exchange pictures and cards. Sarah has also gone with me to visit her several times. If children (and parents) are willing to take an active role in this program, I heartily support it.”

Anita Lee Wynne, Communion Visitor
Sarah Brewer, Granddaughter



DONNA'S "DOUGH" TOUCHES THE WORLD

It's Saturday and Donna Schuetze and her half dozen elves are elbow deep in sugar, cinnamon and yeast dough. The Activity Center is beginning to smell a lot like Santa's kitchen as the Social Concerns pastry chefs roll, cut and bake 100 dozen cinnamon rolls.

Those who buy and consume the tasty confections after Mass seldom consider the 100 pounds of flour and even more hours invested to make the cinnamon rolls materialize on metal sales carts outside church doors four times a year.

Every one of those tasty rolls purchased sends a dollar to make life easier for people like Matt, a cancer survivor who lives in a boarding hotel near Burnside Street. His meager disability check leaves him bare subsistence in his low-rent neighborhood. A neighborhood he escapes once a year when "dough" from those roll sales buys for clients of the McDonald Center a Social Concerns outing to places like Wildwood Park where he can hike along a salmon stream or play ball with his friends.

That cinnamon roll "dough" also pays for school tuition for a Kenyan orphan, feeds and clothes homeless women at Rose Haven, provides assistance to parishioners at Christ the King sister parish in Shiprock New Mexico, and builds a church in American Samoa.

And the rolls are delicious!



COMMUNION VISITORS

Visiting the Sick and/or Homebound is one of the oldest ministries in the Catholic Church. From the earliest days of services in the home, the "ministers" would take the blessed bread to those unable to attend. It continued as a practice with the building of churches. Deacons would visit the sick and the lonely with food and the Eucharist. Our Church today recognizes this ministry as one of its most important. St. Cecilia Church has the honor of having the largest team of Extra-ordinary Ministers to the Homebound (Communion Visitors) in the Portland Archdiocese...62 devoted members, dedicated weekly to taking the Lord to those who can no longer join us at Mass. Every single one of them would tell you that THEY RECEIVE AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE, FROM "SERVING" IN THIS MINISTRY. We visit over 165 people weekly, in 9 foster care homes, 14 senior living or care facilities, and 25 private homes.



COMMUNION VISITORS (cont.)

I received a new request to bring Communion to a long-time parishioner who has been moved to a private care home and is on hospice for severe dementia. On my arrival that early afternoon, the caregiver told me they hadn't been able to awaken her today, and she hasn't had anything to eat or drink. She was sitting up in her wheelchair, eyes closed, nicely dressed and groomed. Addressing her by name, I tried a little social small talk, but she didn't respond. I realized that I couldn't give her Communion because she didn't seem aware of what was going on, and she probably couldn't consume the Host. In desperation, I thought that at the least, I could pray with her. I began to say and make the Sign of the Cross. As I spoke, her right hand began to move and make a small sign. As I started, "Our Father", her lips moved, and her eyes opened. By "Amen", she looked me directly in the eyes, smiled, and whispered "Amen". I told her that we missed her at the 7:30am Mass, and she smiled and nodded when I told her my name. I asked if she would like to receive Communion, and earnestly she whispered, "yes." Her two caretakers present looked amazed. As I was leaving, her eyes glistened, and she drank a ½ glass of juice. Now there was the Holy Spirit working! (Nickey Kemp)

A non-Catholic chaplain for Providence Hospice told me once, that the other Christian faiths have a lot to learn from us in this ministry. She has seen first-hand what a difference it makes in the well-being of a sick person, having the Lord brought to them. Sometimes it is a physical cure! But we know it is a spiritual blessing most importantly.

If you would like to join our team, or if you know someone who is IN need of our ministry, please call Joye Boone, parish office 503-644-2619 ext. 170 or jboone@stceciliachurch.org

FAITH CAFÉ MINISTRY

Since 2005, St. Cecilia parishioners have been involved in the Vicariate Faith Café ministry which is now located at Bethel Congregational Church on Watson. Our turn to serve is every 7 weeks, but each and every Sunday a meal is served.

Many St. Cecilia volunteers have stepped up to serve in some capacity, either to help prepare the meal, to set up, to serve & greet or to help clean up. The volunteer response has been super and much appreciated as the number of guests has increased considerably over the years. We are now serving from 80 to 110 each Sunday, depending on the time of the month.

The Faith Café Board, comprised of at least 1 person from each parish of our Vicariate, has recently been concentrating on modeling healthier eating habits. The emphasis is to provide healthier options on the give-away table and less overly sweet desserts. The nutritious meal often has a vegetarian option also.

Another new introduction is "Community Time" which is gradually being well received. The guests are allowed to come in out of the cold an hour before mealtime to enjoy fellowship and a cup of coffee or glass of water in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

An invitation is always open to parishioners, age 13 and up, to join us in this ministry either on a regular basis or whenever available. Younger children accompanied by adults are also welcome. It's a wonderful way to meet Christ.

For questions or concerns, please contact Darlene or Karen Anliker (St. Cecilia Board member).

PORTLAND 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



A HUGE thank you to all participants of the **Portland 40 Days for Life** campaign, whether on site or in prayer!

Internationally, 613 babies were saved this fall campaign — that we know of!



And since 2008:

9,586 lives saved
105 abortion workers quit
59 abortion centers closed, 6 in Oregon!
625,000 volunteers
3,336 local campaigns
559 cities
27 nations

Save the date: The next "40 Days for Life" campaign is here in Beaverton this Spring/Lent





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **CATHOLIC ESSAY CONTEST 2014**

Congratulations to the following
St. Cecilia School 8th grade students who
were winners of the Knights of Columbus
2014 Essay Contest on
"The Importance of Religious Freedom."

First Place: Madelyn Agnesse

Second Place: Cianna Ramirez

Third Place: Rachel Hickey



Madelyn's essay (re-printed below) will be forwarded to
the Knights of Columbus Oregon State
competition; if she wins this level, it will go to the
national competition!

I believe that the importance of Religious freedom should never be overlooked. Living in a world where we have to be in fear of living out our faith is not one I want to take part in. Our country would not be the same without Religious Freedom, many of our nation's Founding Fathers saw that Religious Freedom was a right that was needed and should be protected for the U.S. to function properly. Faith allows us to step away from our fast paced life and focus on what's important. On the topic of religious freedom, I believe it's a fundamental human right because people can practice their faith openly, the government can't tell people who or how to worship, and our Catholic faith gives us hope.

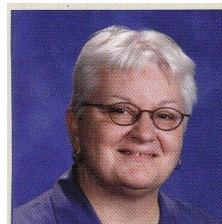
Without religious freedom people would have to worship in secret, such as in China where there are underground churches because the state oppresses any other faith but theirs. I can say I'm a proud Catholic and nobody would threaten me or do me harm, however this is not the case in some countries such as the Middle East. Catholics who live in places like the Middle East are in fear for their life, which is sad to think about. Unlike the Middle East, Religious Freedom allows us to worship anywhere at any time. We have so much diversity in our world today, you can see an example of this right here in Beaverton, we have Catholic Churches, Mormon Churches, Episcopalian Churches, Lutheran Churches and so many more. In order to have a smooth running country with Religious Freedoms and diversity it's vital to make sure the government doesn't tell people who or what to worship.

Can you imagine if you lived in a country without the freedom to worship as you want? Freedom of Religion isn't a right found everywhere in the world, it's rare to find a country with the Freedom of Religion written in their Constitution. In some places in the world the government does get involved and can manipulate the people. Many power hungry regimes have closed down seminaries and churches, this has led to many

outbursts and angry rebellion. Governments that don't allow Religious Freedoms are trying to prevent conflict, but all it's doing is instigating it. In some countries the government was excluding all faiths but their own, this time was during the Cold War. After World War 2 there was tension in Eastern Europe and Western Europe, because of this tension the government started to take control and took away religious freedoms. It's marvelous that we have Religious Freedoms in America, because our faith gives us hope.

Faith is one of the most important things in a person's life because it's something that we can hold on to forever. From the beginning of times people have always looked to their faith in times of need. In scripture one of the stories shows this, it's when the Hebrews were slaves in Egypt and they prayed to God to set them free. People look to prayer in times of need, we do this when anything bad happens whether it's a natural disaster, a family sickness, or in times of oppression. Prayer is a special time when we open our hearts to God a talk to him about what's happening in our life whether it's good or bad. Our faith gives our life meaning, when the Jews were being persecuted they turned to their faith for comfort just as we do today. Without faith we wouldn't have a person to turn to and to comfort us, religion is our sturdy foundation without it we cannot build a close relationship to God.

In conclusion Religious Freedom is a gift that not everyone gets to experience because it's a special kind of self expression. Without Religious freedoms the world be a lot colder and unfriendly, having it adds character to our daily lives. These kinds of Freedoms have been fought for in our country and in many others showing just how important it is to people. Religious Freedom's are so important because it can bring people together and allow them to have a better understanding of the world around them; it is one of the most important rights in the Constitution and we must always be grateful of it. If you're lucky enough to have Religious Freedoms in your country you must always protect it. I believe that Religious Freedoms create so many opportunities to connect with God, neighbors and even others in separate countries.



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL **OPEN HOUSE**

Are you or someone you know
looking for a quality
preschool through eighth grade
Catholic education known for its
strong academics, values-based "whole child" learning and
cutting edge technology?

Then look no further than your own "backyard" and plan
to attend St. Cecilia School's Open House!

Scheduled from 10:00am to 12:30pm on
Sunday, January 25th, this annual event is a wonderful
opportunity to meet the teachers, tour our amazing facility
(beyond just Coffee & Donuts) and ask questions
of current parents and students.

We look forward to seeing you then!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Moses Project

The Knights of Columbus organized a raffle to build the "One Nation Under God Courtyard". The goal was a permanent reminder for the children and parish that we live in a great nation and for all our blessings we give thanks to God and enjoy the intercession of our Blessed Mother. The landscaping represents images of the Old and New Testament as shown in the picture below. The rose bushes represent the 5 books of the Pentateuch, the three arborvitae represent the Holy Trinity, the rock represents Mt. Sinai, the maple tree represents the tree of life, the burning bush, and the grass shrubs represent the twelve Apostles.



Faith Uncorked

When a man becomes a member of the Knights of Columbus, he takes an oath to never stop learning about our Catholic Faith. Catechesis is central for a Knight to become a better man, husband and father. As this is true for all men, Faith Uncorked was the answer for the men of our parish.

The Knights and all the men at St. Cecilia are very thankful that Fr. Cary and Fr. Mark are leading this program!



Pro Life Efforts

The Knights at St. Cecilia are very active in the effort to change the culture of death into a culture of life. Each Friday, you will find Knights praying in front of Planned Parenthood. They are active in "40 Days for Life" and "March for Life" along with many other pro life efforts throughout the year. On a national level, the Knights of Columbus just placed its 500th ultrasound machine. These are funded through the Ultrasound Initiative started several years ago. If a parent sees their child, they usually keep their child.

Supreme Convention

In 2013, council 6266 hosted the Knights of Columbus Oregon State Convention at St. Cecilia Parish. Over 300 people came to our parish for this three day event. It was a beautiful event that has become the standard for future state conventions. Thank you to everyone in the St. Cecilia parish!!



Annual Seminarian Support

In 2013, the Knights at St. Cecilia donated \$1,200 directly to two seminarians at Mt. Angle to help with personal expenses. Each year, the Knights in Oregon donate tens of thousands of dollars to Mt Angel Seminary as well as providing funds directly to the seminarians to help them with their personal expenses.

Habitat for Humanity

Central to the Knights of Columbus is Charity. The Knights of Columbus work to provide ways in which our brothers and their families can live a life in service to others — helping build a home for the Leon family is one of these ways. Members of our council have been working with the Willamette West office of Habitat for Humanity to organize a "West Side Catholic Build" with a goal of building two homes for \$120,000. There are several parishes working together to meet this goal. Currently, over \$28,000 has been raised towards this goal.

Recently, the Knights brought a wall to St. Cecilia School for the students to write a message on for the Leon family. This wall was installed on November 22nd into the Leon home. The Knights cooked a free lunch for parish members to see the wall installed, while Fr. Mark blessed the wall and the home. Two of the Leon family members were there and were very thankful.



ST. CECILIA HONORS RETIRED PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS

Photos are © Tony Halford

On Saturday, September 13, the St. Cecilia Church Vocation Committee hosted its annual Retired Priests & Seminarians Appreciation Mass and Dinner. The evening began with the 5:00 pm Mass, which was presided over by Archbishop Emeritus Vlazny, with Fr. Jeff Eirvin, Archdiocese Vocations Director, serving as the homilist, and Dave Hammes as the Deacon. Retired Auxiliary Bishop Steiner, Msgr. Arthur Buxman, Fr. Pat McNamee, and Fr. Scott Vandehey served as concelebrants. Seminarians served as Mass servers, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, greeters, lectors and cantor. The Mass procession was led by Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

This annual event brings together parishioners, current diocesan seminarians and retired Archdiocesan Priests at Mass to celebrate, support and honor God's Call to Service, those who have served and those who most recently have answered the Call to minister to God's people. The Seminarians met and greeted the very parishioners for whom they could someday be associate priest or pastor. "This is a unique event," said Fr. Eirvin. "Seminarians encounter parishioners on a pastoral level, and the event builds connections between young and retired priests."

The dinner presented an opportunity for St. Cecilia to recognize the retired Archdiocesan priests for their service, and to provide a pastoral opportunity for the diocesan seminarians to become acquainted with these men in whose footsteps they hope to follow. "It's a way to give back," said Tom Eyer, Vocation Committee Chair. "It's such an uplifting and rare experience to see this interaction between those who are newly called to the priesthood and those who have been in service for 40 or 50 years or more."

Fr. Cary spoke from the perspective of the seminarians. "I still remember those years when I attended this annual event as a seminarian," he said. "It has always been a joyful and inspiring gathering, seeing the future priests and the retired priests come together, sharing stories of ministry. It is very commendable how the Vocation Committee has increased awareness for us to actively pray and promote priestly and religious vocations within our parish family."

St. Cecilia Former and Current Pastors (l to r):

Fr. Scott Vandehey,
Fr. Pat McNamee,
Fr. Cary Reniva



Row 1 (l to r): Fr. Cary, Fr. Mark Bentz, Jerome Jay, Rodrigo Paredes, Matthew Knight, Kurt Ziehlke, Fiacre Nduwayo, Bishop Kenneth Steiner, Joshua Keatley, Archbishop Sample, Fr. Jeff Eirvin, John Becerra, Arjie Garcia, Zani Pacanza, Randy Hoang

Row 2 (l to r): Stephen Cieslak, John Hesla, Blake Sheely, Dustin Busse, Msgr. Donald Buxman, Brent Crowe, Gerson Espinosa Velasco, Stephen Kenyon, Ethan Alano, Fr. Pat McNamee



Row 1 (l to r): Fr. Brendan Fleming, Chi-Nhan Vo, Gerson Espinosa Velasco, Zani Pacanza, Randy Hoang, Arjie Garcia, Kurt Ziehlke

Row 2 (l to r): Armando Hernandez, Daniel Rodriguez, Edgar Rivera, Bishop Kenneth Steiner, Matthew Knight, Archbishop Emeritus John Vlazny, Fr. Cary Reniva, Fr. Jeff Eirvin, Jerome Jay, John Becerra, Rodrigo Paredes

Row 3 (l to r): Msgr. Art Dernbach, Fr. Mark Bentz, Fr. Scott Vandehey, Fr. Pat McNamee, John Hesla, Msgr. Don Buxman, Blake Sheely, Fiacre Nduwayo, Scott Baier, Stephen Kenyon, Brent Crowe, Stephen Cieslak, Dustin Busse, Ethan Alano, Joshua Keatley

VOCATION COMMITTEE — We ask each parishioner to pray the following Petition to God:

"That Catholic mothers and fathers will help their children grow, become strong in their faith and filled with the wisdom of God by fostering openness to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their families , "

We pray to the Lord.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST KIDS

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to reflect and share the wonderful activities the Couples for Christ Kids (CFC Kids) have done this past year. The CFC Kids began their summer with a NorthWest Kids Village conference at Camp Yamhill with kids from Oregon and Washington. Under the theme "I Am a Beloved Child of God", the kids explored the love of the beloved Holy Family, learned about caring for our beloved brothers and sisters, and grew as Beloved children of God. The regional conference was filled with workshops led by inspiring youth leaders; praise fests with uplifting singing and dancing; collaborative group challenge courses; and a few hours of water play in the summer sun. This event brings together kids and youth in celebration of our faith and encourages a deepening love for our Savior in our precious youth.

In October, CFC Kids served at Faith Cafe in Beaverton for the hungry where we enjoyed cooking, cleaning, serving, and socializing with the guests.

Recently, the kids went Christmas Caroling at Maryville Nursing Home and Clare Bridge Senior Living facility, both in Beaverton, to spread joy and cheer among all the guests.

This year has been filled with many blessings and we hope to inspire faith in all those we encounter. Thank you very much for supporting this community and taking care in the children of the church. For more photos and information regarding the CFC Kids-Oregon activities, please visit our website at www.cfckcoregon.org

Peace,
Daniela Lopez -
2014 NW Kids Village
Team Leader
Couples for Christ Kids
Ministry



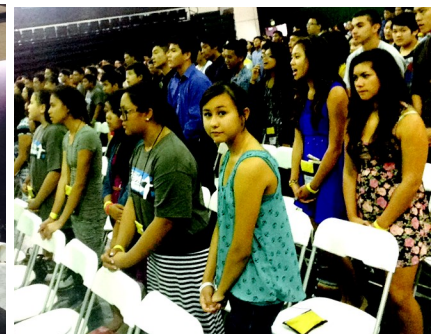
CFC-YOUTH 20TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In July, Couples-for-Christ Youth (CFC-Y) hosted a national weekend conference at Portland State University. It was the 20th year national anniversary of the CFC-Y. Portland CFC-Y was excited and took pride in hosting this year's conference. It was attended by 600+ youth participants as well as chaperones from all over the United States, including the Samoa.

Mass was celebrated daily Friday through Sunday. The Sunday Mass was presided by Bishop Peter Smith. Our beloved pastor, Fr. Cary Reniva, was one of the conference speakers.

It was the conference goal to continuously lead the youth to Christ by reviving and combining faith formation workshops, talks, sharing, and yes, friendly competitions that engaged the youth's energy, imagination, curiosity, and compassion in an engagement of our Catholic faith.

The CFC-Y is based here in our very own St. Cecilia Church. It is a family ministry of Couples-for-Christ (CFC).



MOMS CLUB



The making of Advent wreaths which were blessed by Fr. Mark — as always, a lovely fellowship time!



VERY BIG BLESSINGS

A nursery program has returned to St. Cecilia! The Little Blessings Nursery and Preschool has blossomed into being from what was, as recently as September, storage space at the Parish Center. Many hands made light work as the rooms were emptied, painted, cleaned and filled with toys and supplies needed to create an adorable space for educating our youngest parishioners about the Catholic Faith. When not in use by Little Blessings, the space is designated for use by St. Cecilia groups that need childcare for their events, or for parents meeting up for a playdate at the church.

The mission of Little Blessings is to grow each child's relationship with Jesus and provide support for faith fueled families, and we do so in an environment that's safe and comfortable for children while their parents attend Mass. We have three different options for early childhood education at Little Blessings — the Nursery for children age 18 mos. - 3 years takes place during the 9 AM Mass as does the Preschool for kids aged 4-5; we also have a Kindergarten program over at the school that starts at 10:15 am alongside our Elementary Faith Formation. The curriculum at Little Blessings follows the weekly Gospel reading and includes crafts and songs.

Our teachers and volunteers at Little Blessings are simply amazing and are loved by all! Every week we are seeing more enrollments into all the programs and are at near capacity for our Nursery registration. For more information about Little Blessings, please visit our webpage at stceciliachurch.org/littleblessings. Parents who wish to sign up for this program should email bwilling@stceciliachurch.org or call 503-644-2619 x 163. We look forward to continued growth and expansion in the New Year!

SEEKERS PREPARE FOR SACRAMENTS



If you ever wondered if the Holy Spirit was at work in St. Cecilia Parish, just look at our Sacrament preparation programs and you will easily see the abundance of God's gifts. We have many programs for First Eucharist, and all are brimming with eager first communicants.

Seekers program is a family participation program for grades 3-5. Families meet once a month to journey together and share their faith with each other as the child prepares for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. It is an inspiring sight to watch these families come together and spend an hour and a half focused on their relationship with God and each other. We are here to help support families in their knowledge and understanding as well as grow together.

Sessions are filled with hands on lessons, small group discussions, songs, and activities. This gives Parents, Grandparents, and siblings the opportunity to start a conversation with their child about their faith, share their own faith experience and walk the journey of preparation together, strengthening the whole family as they grow closer to the Lord. In March, families will be invited to participate in a retreat on our campus.

We are blessed to have almost 50 children preparing to receive the Lord in Eucharist this year through just this one program. Please keep them all in your prayers as they prepare for First Reconciliation in January and First Eucharist in April.

Some quotes about our program:

"This has made such a difference in our family."

"I have used your analogy of the rocks and the backpack at home when we have a rough day."

"Please keep doing this, especially the retreat portion. It brought tears of inspiration to my heart."

"I didn't realize how much I had forgotten since I was a child and had my own First Eucharist. I learned right along with my child."



Elementary All Saints Day Celebration
(l to r): Sr. Marianne Giesel as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Debby as St. Teresa of Avila (confirmation name), and Peggy Vulysteke as St. Catherine of Siena



Greetings and Merry Christmas From Elementary Formation !!!!

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE ELEMENTARY FORMATION

**Twass the night before Formation started and all through the parish
Elementary Formation was preparing for 120 children to cherish.**

**Catechists were trained and very excited
To help families grow their faith and get spirits re-ignited.**

**They arrived with their families on Sept. 28th
We sang praises to Jesus and taught families about Faith.
Twass an inspiring sight as we welcomed each family,
and the parents and children danced and sang with glee.**

**Our journey continued with classes on Sunday's through Fall
With a special gathering for Advent for one and for all.
Nov 16th Family Day was a blast
As we learned about Advent both present and past.
Over 300 people were gathered that day.
To learn about Saints and Advent in a very special way.**

**December rang in with gladness and joy
As we all learned more about a special baby boy.
A birthday Party for Jesus, with songs and with lessons.
Donation of presents to bring others Blessin's**

**Volunteers are amazing they share from the heart.
We are so blessed to have them to give kids a good start.
We are thankful to families, their children they share,
As we all grow God's kingdom and show that we care.**

**Prepare ye the way, for the Truth and the Light.
Remember the reason we celebrate Christmas night.
As we gather again to ring in the new year
We extend an invite and wish you were here!!**

**Merry CHRISTmas from Coordinator Amy Maris-Volf
and Elementary Faith Formation Catechists!!!**





GOOD NEWS FROM YOUTH MINISTRY

During the Summer months, youth ministry expands to incredible opportunities off the parish campus that give youth the experience of the world-wide Roman Catholic Church.

In June, teens can apply to participate in CLI, Christian Leadership Institute, with teens who aspire to leadership amongst their peers. It is a weeklong camp with 40 other young people from the Archdiocese at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel where they can learn and practice being a Christian leader.

In July, High School Teens participated in:

CHWC - A Mission Trip to Billings, Montana with Catholic Heart Work Camp's program where they scrape and paint houses, clean up yards, or work in a childcare facility by day and learn more about what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian at nightly gatherings. This camp had over 250 attendees and included daily mass, prayer, whole group program nights, service work, recreation and conversations with teens from parishes from six other states.



Photo captions (upper left clockwise): Opening Mass of the Camp with a priest from New York who came with the youth from his parish. Praise and Worship at evening program. Our Youth Minister, Mary's work group, painting a house for a family in Billings.

Steubenville NW - A Catholic Youth Conference in Spokane at Gonzaga University and the INB in downtown Spokane. This high energy conference included a fun trip to Silverwood Amusement Park the day before the conference began. The conference included keynote and small group talks, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration and reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist with about 1,200 other attendees. When the conference ended on Sunday afternoon, we explored the city of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho while waiting for the two day Increase Service program to begin – serving those identified by Catholic Charities in the Spokane area who need outside help at their homes.



Flash dance outside the INB Performing Arts



Photo captions (l to r): Confessions were held at Riverfront Park during lunch, Praise & Worship starts out the evening.

In August, some High School teens and Middle School youth had the opportunity to attend the Higher Calling Ropes Camp at Camp Yamhill. A week of fun with hundreds of other teens from the Archdiocese, learning more about their faith while taking "leaps of faith" on the ropes course.

Faith Formation classes for all ages began in October on Sunday mornings after the 9:00am Mass. This welcome change helps families navigate their Sundays, but also creates a wonderful energy on the parish campus. It has allowed the youth to be here when many others are here, as opposed to being the only group here on Sunday nights.

Middle School youth have been learning more about being Catholic and about Salvation History through the study of the Saints, the Catechism, and a Bible Study called Encounter - a video series by Ascension Press with Bible Geek, Mark Hart.

High School teens have been exploring the Catholic Faith through the series called Chosen. It was also created by Ascension Press on location in many different cities around the world with many presenters who are involved in national Catholic Youth Ministry and even local names like Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. This brilliant, multi-media program offers the teachings of the Church in a 24 video series that incorporates small group sharing and a workbook for independent work at home.

First Saturdays have begun this school year as a way for youth to take some time to worship at a daily Mass followed by taking time to serve others. We kicked this new ministry offering off with a morning of service at The Oregon Food Bank where we bagged up frozen vegetables. This month allowed for creativity as we made greeting cards and love rocks (love-drenched-life.com) that could be given away to homebound parishioners, food box recipients, or homeless people we meet on the street through our participation in Night Strike in Portland.



Teens making Christmas Greetings and Love Rocks

GOOD NEWS FROM YOUTH MINISTRY (cont.)

Retreat An annual weekend retreat happened in November on All Saints and All Souls Day at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center for high school youth. This wonderful Catholic retreat center is located in the holy city of Mt. Angel next to the Benedictine Sisters' Convent. The beautiful chapel was the center of our offerings of Mass each day, a Reconciliation Service, and times of prayer. Inspiring and challenging talks invited the teens to nurture their relationship in the person of Jesus by considering the lives of holy men and women who have gone before us – The Communion of Saints.



Photo captions (l to r): Fr. Mark teaching Salvation History in the Old Testament. Adoration during Reconciliation.



Photo captions (l to r): Group meal on Saturday. Success! Fr. Mark got the s'mores fire to blaze with a lot of wet wood.

Rallies and Conferences The middle school youth are offered a rally called **"Chosen"** every December, and the high school youth are offered a rally called **"Rise Up"** in March. These rallies are put on, thanks to hard work, by youth ministers of the Archdiocese. In alternating years in November, there are youth conferences. The Archdiocese of Portland offers **ADYC** in Seaside—700 were in attendance this year. The National Council of Youth Ministry offers **NCYC**—in Indianapolis, 24,000 attended in November 2013. All of these events bring hundreds of teens together around the riches of our Catholic Faith. The power of the Sacraments and dynamic national Catholic musicians and speakers lead the young people in worship and catechize them about Jesus. They are all quite moving—they break open the message of Jesus Christ and talk about how to live as Catholics in our world. They offer teens a bigger, world-wide church experience that is so important for them.

The Oregon contingent
at NCYC

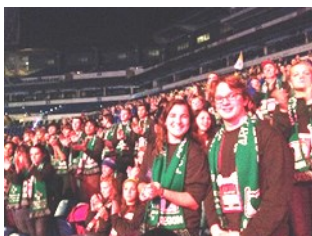


Photo captions (l to r): Daily Mass for Northwest States. Closing Mass at Lucas Oil Stadium with hundreds of concelebrants.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There must be something in the water at St. Cecilia! If you haven't already heard about our amazing Women's Bible Study, then let me fill you in.

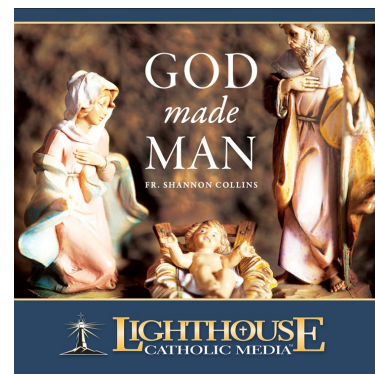
Clearly, there was a longing and a need for a deeper understanding of our faith as over 150 women have signed up to participate in a Bible study inspired by the book Bible Basics For Catholics, by Dr. John Bergsma. The class is led by our very own Fr. Mark Bentz, a former student of Dr. Bergsma, and takes place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month at 7 pm. You can feel the Holy Spirit in the room as we travel from Genesis to Jesus, learning about God's covenants and sacred scripture. By attending this course, you are sure to experience an increased understanding of the entire Bible through the study of the Old Testament. The course continues through May, and every session we have new members arrive, so it's absolutely not too late to join us!

New members can get caught up by watching the class videos and by viewing Fr. Mark's notes on our webpage stceciliachurch.org/womens-bible-basics. The first video was recorded with the best intentions via a handheld device, but you will see a huge increase in quality in the rest of the videos as Mariann Kitten has stepped up to volunteer her talents and record the remainder of the courses! The class is free, and the fellowship is fantastic! It's sponsored by the Mom's Club, and we hope to have YOU join us in the New Year!

Our next class is January 13th at 7 pm in the Parish Center ABC Rooms where we will be continuing our discussion of Exodus. See you there!

LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK

Thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners, a Lighthouse kiosk has arrived at St. Cecilia! The kiosk, in the front entry of the church, is filled with amazing books and cd's to help you grow in your faith. You can purchase these products for a very low cost (\$3 suggested donation for most items). New offerings are added, especially for new liturgical seasons, so check the kiosk often!





SYMBOLON, A GIFT TO US ALL

St. Cecilia has been given a precious gift that will last for just one year, and it's a gift we are able to extend to all of our parishioners.

Symbolon, the Catholic Faith Explained, is a website full of amazing videos covering a whole range of Catholic Catechesis. Featuring great presenters, such as Chris Stefanick, Dr. Tim Gray, Patrick Coffin and many more, this website is perfect for someone looking to improve their personal understanding of the Faith or for groups seeking high quality videos worthy of sharing and discussing.

To access this fantastic site, parishioners need to go to stceciliachurch.org and click on the "Symbolon" link in our scrolling banner. This will take you to our personal registration page for St. Cecilia, where you will be able to log-in. This free access will only last for one year, so please make sure to take advantage of the opportunity. Enjoy!

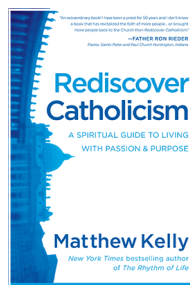
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

A resource we use in Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) comes from an organization called "Word On Fire." "On FIRE" is a phrase that easily describes our Catechumens and Candidates as they progress in their spiritual journeys toward Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, as well as their journeys in faith toward our God. Whether the path chosen is through a spouse or fiancée, or through deep reflection on their own lives, or through the example of a Catholic friend who has been a great witness to them, we consistently see a burning desire to know and follow Jesus. The look in their eyes when they discuss Jesus' teachings, when they become more and more familiar with the Bible, when they delve into what it means to be Catholic—all fire. And this is topped off by the relationships they are developing with St. Cecilia parishioners who have been attending and leading RCIA classes, welcoming them at Sunday Mass, and dedicating themselves as sponsors. RCIA is a fabulous means of Letting Jesus' Love Shine Forth...of helping set our parish "On FIRE"!!

In your Christmas prayers, please pray for abundant blessings for the Catechumens, Candidates, and those Catholic adults preparing for First Communion and/or Confirmation.



If you have a loved one who is no longer able to come to Mass, has moved to a "care" facility, changed residences or is hospitalized, please notify Joye at the Parish Office. We want to be a friendly voice from St. Cecilia Parish to keep in contact and provide Sacraments.



We hope you enjoy our Christmas gift of Matthew Kelly's

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM

The support, energy and outpouring of generosity was truly overwhelming. Thank you to all those who took part in bringing this gift to St. Cecilia Parish, especially:

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God Bless, Fr. Cary Reniva, Tom Dieringer & Heather Gentry



HELLO SQUAD

You have seen us on Sunday, waiting by the Church door, inside or out, to Greet and Welcome You to St. Cecilia.

Do you have an extra 20 minutes on Saturday evening or Sunday morning?

WE NEED YOUAT YOUR CHOICE OF MASS TIME & DOOR*** start the week off with a smile for your fellow parishioners. Find a date that suits you, and JOIN OUR TEAM! Families too!

Call Joye Boone, 503-644-2619 ext. 170 or email jboone@stceciliachurch.org



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FIESTA DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR **4 DE ENERO, 2015**

LA MAJESTAD DE SEÑOR SE MANIFIESTA

La fiesta que hoy celebra la Iglesia en el mundo entero de LA EPIFANÍA es una de las fiestas navideñas muy importantes. La palabra “epifanía” quiere decir manifestación; es una manera de indicar que al hacerse humano, en la persona de Jesús, Dios se manifiesta o se hace presente.

La manera más conocida en que esto ocurre para los pueblos que NO son judíos es a través de los 3 reyes magos que aparecen en el evangelio de San Mateo que escuchamos hoy en la Misa. Vemos en estos hombres ejemplos de personas fieles que buscan a Dios, aún sin ser parte del pueblo de Israel, con toda la historia y la tradición que esto incluye.

Y, sin embargo, ellos también traen consigo una tradición y una historia. Es diferente a la del pueblo de Israel, pero no por eso deja de ser importante; Dios se ha estado haciendo presente allí también, aunque quizás en una forma más escondida. Estos 3 reyes magos, guiados por la estrella, llegan a conocer y a venerar al verdadero Dios en la persona de Cristo... y a través de ellos, Dios anuncia Su llegada al mundo a otras naciones y otros pueblos.

EPIFANÍA: LUZ ESPLENDOROSA

En la NAVIDAD la ESTRELLA BRILLANTE que guía a los reyes magos representa la LUZ de Cristo: una luz que penetra profundamente la OSCURIDAD que encontramos dentro de nuestro corazón. DIOS desea mucho ir iluminando esas tinieblas, esos lugares oscuros que nos inquietan, y nos trae su paz y un gozo extraordinario.

¿Qué es lo que nos pide?

Que sigamos la luz adonde nos lleve, confiando en que es DIOS MISMO el que se manifiesta en nuestro descubrimiento de la verdad en la vida que nos rodea y la que encontramos en nuestro propio corazón.

GRACIAS POR LA HERMOSA OBRA

Estamos sumamente agradecidos, como comunidad, por todo el trabajo y esfuerzo de las personas que se dedicaron a preparar las diferentes actividades y experiencias de LA CELEBRACIÓN DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE el 12 de diciembre. Nosotros pudimos sentir el amor de Dios a través de la música, la danza, la obra de la historia de San Juan Diego, la Santa Misa, la presentación del tema de la vigilia, la oración en sus diferentes momentos y expresiones, el pan y el café de la noche, el servicio humilde ofrecido por los servidores, y muchas otras expresiones de amor y bienvenida que estuvieron presentes.

Gracias, muchas gracias A TODOS.

La Virgen sonríe y se alegra por estos gestos de amor que le ofrecemos.

LAS CLASES DE CATECISMO

... de los días LUNES Y MIÉRCOLES que tomaron un descanso para las vacaciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo, comienzan de nuevo ESTA SEMANA. Tendremos clase mañana 5 y el miércoles 7 de enero.

¿TIENEN PLANES PARA CASARSE?

Si usted y su novio (o novia) están pensando en casarse en la Iglesia dentro del próximo año, no es demasiado temprano para averiguar sobre los diferentes pasos que se toman en preparación para este sacramento.

La próxima serie de pláticas pre-matrimoniales en Santa Cecilia se ofrecerán comenzando MAÑANA lunes, 5 de enero, 2015. Las personas tomando estas pláticas típicamente estarían pensando en casarse en, o cerca del verano del mismo año (junio, julio, o agosto). Haga una cita con nuestro párroco, el Padre Cary, a través de la secretaria, para darse a conocer y empezar el proceso.

PLÁTICAS PARA BAUTISMO

Padres y padrinos: necesitan pasar por la oficina para llenar el formulario. Las siguientes pláticas serán los JUEVES 8 y 15 de enero.

MENSAJE MARIANO

“¡Queridos hijos! Este es tiempo de grandes gracias, pero también es tiempo de grandes pruebas para todos aquellos que quieran seguir el camino de la paz. Por eso, hijitos, nuevamente los invito: oren, oren, oren; no con palabras sino con el corazón. Vivan mis mensajes y conviértanse. Sean conscientes del don que Dios me ha concedido: el de estar con ustedes, especialmente hoy cuando tengo en mis brazos la pequeño Jesús, Rey de la Paz. Deseo darles la paz, y ustedes llévenla en sus corazones y dénsela a los otros hasta que la paz de Dios llegue a reinar en el mundo. ¡Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado!” 25 de diciembre, 2002.

OFERTORIO

NOTA: Las ofrendas de estas últimas semanas no se han estado publicando en el boletín. La razón es porque varios de los programas que usamos en nuestras computadoras en la oficina parroquial se están cambiando. El sistema nuevo todavía no ha terminado de instalarse, y por lo tanto no tenemos manera de comunicar estos datos. Apenas se resuelva esto, incluiremos toda esa información. Gracias por su paciencia.

Estas cantidades abajo son lo que aportamos en nuestra Misa de español. No se olviden de ofrecer LA PRIMERA HORA de nuestro trabajo de la semana a nuestro Señor.

11/16/14 \$1,651 11/9/14 \$1,643

Gracias por su continua generosidad en el trabajo de Nuestro Señor.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH,
OUR SISTER PARISH IN SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO



18 boxes of coats (131 of which were collected by St. Cecilia School students and their families) and other winter clothing items (totalling 450 lbs.) were sent to Christ The King Parish.



TO ALL OUR GENEROUS
ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS:

The love and compassion you have shown to St. Vincent de Paul in the past year is beautiful. We could not do the amount of work for those less fortunate than ourselves without all of you. We are truly grateful!

During the fiscal year ended September 30th, we provided food assistance to 2,506 families, totaling 8,157 people. We also helped 178 families (740 people) with Christmas food boxes and included gifts for the whole household. You provided this help by taking tags from the Giving Garland. Every single one of you who helped with funds or prayers or your time are part of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry, TO HELP OTHERS. This Christmas, our intentions are to increase from 178 families to 200. We give each household a Christmas dinner and gifts to those 18 years and younger; those greater than 18 year of age are given gift cards. This way everyone will have a happy Christmas.

Also this year, we provide rent and/or utility assistance to 274 families, totaling \$47,180.

Just last month, we started a backpack program for low income students at Vose Elementary School. Each Wednesday, we fill 20 backpacks with food for the students to take home for the weekend. The next weekend, we give to 20 more, so that a total of 40 students receive backpacks every month. Many parishes in the Archdiocese are partnering with low income schools. This program is much needed and rewarding.

The major sources of financial support to accomplish all we do comes from:

- The Lenten Collection
- Quarterly Envelopes in May, August and October
- The Thanksgiving Collection

We are so proud of you in your support of us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity. We also thank you for your prayers, that we can continue to do the work of Christ in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

God Bless You All!!! *Sincerely, Kathy Johnson, President*

THANK YOU, THANK YOU FROM SOCIAL
CONCERNS AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FOR YOUR GIVING GARLAND GIFTS AND
GENEROUS FINANCIAL DONATIONS!!



GOD
BLESS
YOU,
ONE
AND
ALL!

13th Annual Men's Club Crab Feed

**Saturday, January 17
at 6pm in the Activity Center**



**Fresh Oregon Crab, salad,
coleslaw, roasted potatoes,
clam chowder and bread;
ALL YOU CAN EAT!!**

Beer and wine will be served
(Roasted Chicken substitute available)

TICKET PRICE is \$30.00 per person

Tickets are available in the parish office during the week.
Please purchase tickets by Thursday, January 15.

Only a limited number of tickets will be
sold at the door; don't miss out on this great meal and
gathering of fellow parishioners and friends.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus
who graciously
help and support this event!





January 11

Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes,
Chocolate-Chocolate Chip Pancakes - French Toast -
Sausage - Scrambled Eggs -
Coffee- Tea - Juice - Hot Chocolate

At the Knights Café, we use the freshest ingredients possible. Our pancakes are from scratch, French toast is made from fresh loaves of french bread, we crack our eggs, and the coffee is served with whole milk or half and half. We also have gluten free pancakes and do not use any products with high fructose corn syrup.

All you can eat only \$5.00

Serving after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45 Masses

St. Cecilia School Raffle

Grand Prize for our 2015 Auction Raffle is a
"Choose Your Own Adventure Package."

The adventure is a choice between a **\$5,000** Travel Voucher to Azumano Travel (so the winner can plan their ultimate vacation) or a **\$5,000** St. Cecilia Tuition Voucher (to help fulfill your "Education Adventure").

- ☐ 1st prize is a \$499 Apple iPad Air
- ☐ 2nd prize is \$250 in your choice of scrip gift cards

Tickets are \$25; only 1,200 will be sold.

Last year, "all" raffle tickets were sold!
Your continued support would be greatly appreciated!

Raffle drawing will be at 9:30pm on
February 28th, 2015 at the school auction being held at
NW Events and Environments.
You don't need to be present to win.

Contact April Werts for tickets:
wertsfamily@gmail.com or
(503)747-3498.

