

St. Cecilia Church ~ Iglesia Santa Cecilia

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00pm (Vigil) ~ 7:00pm (Vigil – Spanish)

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

WEEKDAYS : Monday through Saturday 8:00am

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES: Saturday/Sabado 8:40am - 10:00am ~ 3:30pm - 4:40pm



PASTOR'S CORNER

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, Your God is King!" (Isaiah 52: 7)

Feet. Running. Announcing. One could sense the urgency in the words of the Prophet Isaiah in describing the arrival of the Messiah. It is urgent because the Good News could not be delayed. God has visited his people in the flesh! Salvation has come!

The coming of Christ as man, assuming our humanity, which means assuming everything that what it means to be human except sin, is the most powerful and shocking manifestation of God's deepest desire to communicate himself to us. What we find in Jesus is not just a God, who reveals himself in a burning bush or by way of thunder or a deep voice without a figure, but a God who shares in the struggles, joys and sorrows of humanity. As God, he could have come into this world in the most convenient and hassle free way; he could have chosen to be born in a palace or in the most high tech and advanced hospital with the best doctors, but we found him in a poor stable, showing us that even the very least in this world can completely connect with him. In the stables of Bethlehem, considered to be the least and the most insignificant city of Judea, was born the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords! It's interesting that the name Bethlehem in Hebrew actually means, "the place of bread" – the Place of Bread that housed the Bread of Life, that food that will ultimately quench all human hunger and thirst.

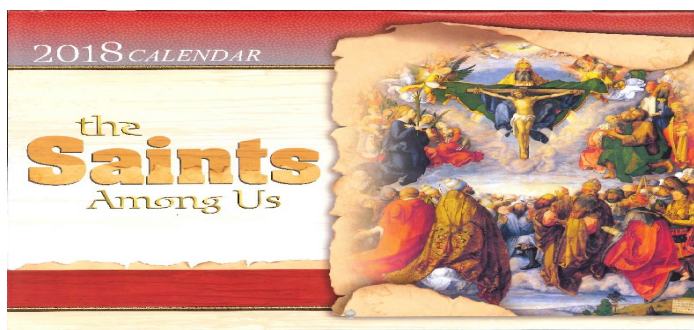
Christmas is not just about celebrating the birth of Christ 2000 yrs. ago but, ultimately, it is a celebration of our own birth in Christ, thereby giving birth to new values, attitudes and vision that pave the way for a profounder transformation in us and in our own relationships. The Christmas season is a time where we are reminded how family relationships are important. It is not so much about the gifts, but the family gatherings – the laughter, the joy of being together, the sound of grandkids running around the house, etc. This is in the level of human relationships. But, ultimately, Christmas reminds us of the family that God invites all of us to be part of: his family. God sent his Son Jesus to remind us that we are precious to him, and that he is willing to do everything to show us how much he loves us. The Bread of Life, born in Bethlehem, in the place of bread, gave us the most important nourishment there is – his very life so that we can be heirs of God's kingdom. Today is Christ's birthday. What is your gift to him? He only asks for one thing: our hearts! Are you ready to be incorporated back again to his family? Are you ready to receive the baby Jesus' embrace?

In this special issue of our Christmas bulletin, you would find the various events and activities of our parish ministries, for the past six months, that truly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through our ministries, we try to make Christ present, especially his love and building up his Kingdom.

Merry Christmas! – **Fr. Cary**



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM THE
CORO
EMMANUEL
GROUP**



Thank you Pegg Paxson & Springer Funeral Chapel for the beautiful "The Saints Among Us 2018 Calendars"!

Ushers Needed for 9am & 12:30pm Masses
Please see an usher after Mass if you are interested.



This past summer, our parish showed our appreciation for our Sunday Altar Servers with a fun Pizza & Laser Tag Party at Pietro's Pizza. Fr. Anthony was there to challenge the kids to a friendly game of Laser Tag. Everyone also enjoyed a pizza dinner in the pirate ship, arcade games, and ice cream cake. We even got to celebrate Fr. Anthony's birthday (a day early). We hope to host an event to thank our servers twice a year, so if you weren't able to join us, hopefully you can make it next time.

Our CYO Volleyball and Basketball programs had another successful year with over 100 school students and parish children participating. Thank you to our many volunteer coaches, parents, grandparents and parishioners for your continued support!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00pm †Marvin Scott—The Westermanns
7:00pm †Molly Fitzgibbon—
Diane & Ralph Puncochar



Sunday, December 24th

7:30am Int. Angulo-Carr Family—Julie Angulo
9:00am Int. Seed Family
10:45am People of St. Cecilia
12:30pm †Alfred Dinges—Leona Dinges

Christmas Vigil, December 24th

4:00pm †Jolene Hackl—Bill & Judy Kunz
6:00pm Int. Soledad Tesoro
8:00pm †Fr. Tony Herrera—Cheryl Motal

Christmas Day, December 25th

12:00am People of St. Cecilia
7:15am †Stirling Family—Barbara & Mary
9:00am †Kathleen & Mychal Rinella—Family
11:00am †Bill & Virginia Harmon—Jill & David Mann

Tuesday, December 26th

8:00am †Maria H. Pham—Nguyen Family

Wednesday, December 27th

8:00am Int. St. Jude Members

Thursday, December 28th

8:00am Int. Kyle Family—Mary & Vince Rigert

Friday, December 29th

8:00am †Agnes VanLoo—Family

Saturday, December 30th

8:00am Int. St. Vincent de Paul--Bridget
5:00pm Int. Charlene King—Patricia King-Hanson
7:00pm Int. Kay Sprung—Maria Franco

Sunday, December 31st – Holy Family

7:30am †Donna Waller—Judy Winczewski
9:00am †Helen Bucci—Janet Motter
10:45am †Betty Simich—Judy & Bill Kuntz
12:30pm People of St. Cecilia
2:30pm †Family Members—Armando De Los Santos

Monday, January 1st – New Year's Day

8:00am Int. Bo-Young Lee & Family—Anne Lee
10:00am Int. Kwon Soo Lee & Family—Anne Lee

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:00am Int. Jim Azevado--Virginia

Wednesday, January 3rd

8:00am Int. Joseph Vangulik—John Moore

Thursday, January 4th

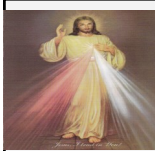
8:00am Int. Right to Life--Bridget

Friday, January 5th

8:00am †Elsie Hermens—Kathie Dias

Saturday, January 6th

8:00am †Tom Meese--Beverly



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, there will be no Chaplet of Divine Mercy on 12/25/17 and 1/1/18.



Little Blessings Nursery



Our nursery is a time for songs, coloring, Bible stories, prayer and plenty of time playing with friends. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who serve the children in the nursery with joy!



"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10: 14

God bless you this Christmas!

Aimee Henley/ Early Childhood Faith Formation
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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Mystery of God meets the mystery of the child...



This fall marks the second year of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Cecilia. We've had a wonderful, busy start to the year. The tone is quiet, but joyful, and the children love to work! The model altar has been a very popular material, and it has been in nearly continuous use! There are usually one or two children quietly waiting their turn. I love seeing the children learn the articles of the mass, and some of the children are eager to tell me the things they recognize from mass. Other children are more internally reflective and enjoy sitting in front of the candles quietly. Often they will pause to pray to God. "Thank you God!" or "Thank you God for all the beautiful things!". Some will gently hum a song before getting to snuff the candles themselves.



Elementary Faith Formation Believers and Disciples started an Exciting year!

Students in Grades K-5 meet on Sundays from September to May where opportunities are created for them to **Know God, Love God, and to Be His disciple**. Classroom lessons, hands on activities, prayer services, praise and worship, and family gatherings fill our calendar and our spirits as we walk together on this journey of faith. 100+ students are served through this ministry. Their families walk alongside them learning and sharing faith.

Inspiring Family Days



September Family Day over 250 people lifting their hearts in Praise and Worship



All Saints Day November. Students and Catechists dressed as Saints and told about their lives



December Family Day: cards made for the homebound of our parish, scarves made for homeless in our community, Winter clothing collected for NW Children's Outreach. Prayer, singing, food, fun!



Many families dressed up as kings, angels, shepherds or animals and had Photos taken with the Holy Family

God Bless our Volunteers!

We have **amazing** volunteers that have stepped up to share their time and their faith with our parish children this year. Please pray for them as they serve in this ministry. We could not run these programs without them!!

Family Days – Inspiring!

Elementary Faith Formation isn't just for the kids.

We have Family Days throughout the year for parents and siblings to join together for activities that help us know God, love God, and give us opportunities to be His disciples.

So far this year we gathered as families in:

- ♦ **September** -for praise and worship/Orientation
- ♦ **October** - 3-5th Graders had an All Saint's day themed party with Saints games.
- ♦ **November** -All Saints day, children dressed as Saints and parents were welcome to stay and join in the classroom activities
- ♦ **December** -Rejoice in the Lord always! We gathered together for our Christmas Service Project day, we sang praise and worship, made 300+ fleece scarves for the homeless, cards for the homebound, watched a movie about St. Nick, advent Trivia, had photo op with the Holy Family, and enjoyed faith, fellowship and fun!
- ♦ We Collected a **HUGE** amount of Coats and winter wear for NW Children's Outreach!!! Thank you to All of you who supported our service project!!

These programs have been a spirit filled and welcome addition to our Elementary programs during the past 5 years.



Prayed a blessing over all the donations and scarves we made

Learning to be Christ's Hands in our World

Thank you to all the **AMAZING** Catechists, volunteers, and parish support for another successful start to our year!
Thank you also to the families that gather and entrust their children to our care! God Bless you, Amy

Seekers Sacrament Preparation



Joy to the world! The Lord is come!!

He has brought forth **44 children**
To prepare for
First Reconciliation
and **First Communion**
in our **Seekers program.**



Seekers is a family participation program we have developed here at St. Cecilia.

Families seeking First Eucharist for their children, in grades 2-5, journey together through lessons, homework, hands on activities, and a retreat, growing in faith together.

Please keep these children and their families in prayer as they journey together
toward a deeper relationship with Christ Jesus.

So far this year we have learned:

We have a Loving and Forgiving God

Get the Goo out so we can SHINE for Jesus

POWER
of
PRAYER



Greatest Commandment

The 10 Commandments

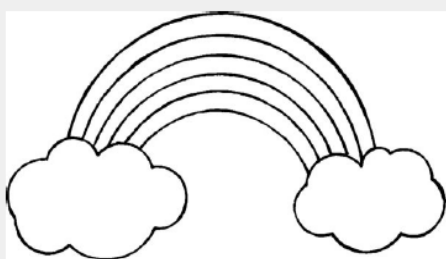


Scripture

Sacraments of healing

Thank you everyone for your support and prayers for this program!!

Amy Maris-Volf Amaris-volf@stceciliachurch.org



Little Blessings Nursery

Sundays at 9am.
Ages 18months-3 years.

Dec 17 Closed for Christmas break
Dec 24 Closed for Christmas break
Dec 31 Closed for Christmas break
Jan 7 Regular session

For more information or to volunteer contact:

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

A Montessori style religious education class for children ages 3-6.

Dec 17 Closed for Christmas break
Dec 24 Closed for Christmas break
Dec 31 Closed for Christmas break
Jan 7 Regular session

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Elementary Faith Formation

Believers grades K-2;

Disciples grades 3-5

Meet Sunday Mornings 10:15-11:30am

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First Eucharist Preparation

SEEKERS Grades 2-5, English

Amy Maris-Volf, ext. 172

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Upcoming dates:

January 7th Session #3

(Reconciliation interviews)

CHILD and PARENT Session, 10:15-11:45am

Please sign in and be seated by 10:15am

Homework:

1. Don't forget to do Lesson poster and review interview questions
2. TREASURE scripture and prayer of the month-treasure box prize ☺

Reconciliation Day is January 20th.

****** First Reconciliation for the Seekers program is Saturday, January 20th, at 10:30am.**

Please be prompt, signed in and seated before 10:25am. Thank you!

Amy

Thank you to all parishioners that donated Fleece for our scarf making and Winter clothing for our service projects!!!



Merry Christmas!!!

No classes Dec. 17,24,31

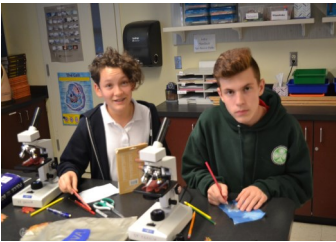
Classes resume Jan 7th

St. Cecilia School

This school year is off to a wonderful start as students, staff and parents continue to put our school-wide theme into action and “Reach for the Stars” in a myriad of ways! Here are just a few highlights to share from these past few months:

Whether through our kick-off family event (the Welcome Back BBQ), our annual fall fundraiser (the St. Cecilia Golf Tournament) or our brand new evening of Harvest fun and games (Family Fun Night), this year’s Parent Association is fully involved and showing its community spirit in big ways! Add in the hosting duties for the weekly Coffee & Donuts program for the parish and strong leadership from our new PA Coordinator & PA Team and the result is a wonderful level of participation, service and volunteerism.

Academic excellence and achievement are alive and well at St. C’s! Our recent



standardized testing scores show that both math and reading percentiles are very strong across grade levels and strides made in student growth are significant.

All of our core curriculum subjects—be it Religion, math, english-language arts, science or social studies—reflect backwards-design lesson and unit planning, ongoing professional development training and both progressive and traditional methodologies and materials.



Our co-curricular offerings (i.e., Technology Education, Spanish, PE/Health, Library, Music/Band/Drama) round out the full-on learning experiences for each of our students, PK-8. We continue to be a leader in technology with tools such as interactive Smart Boards in every classroom, iPads, Chromebooks, 3-D printing, sphero robots and animation stations.



As always, our Enrichment offerings make our school unique and set us apart from other schools, both parochial and public. In late September, the 8th grade attended a fully-funded week-long OMSI Science Camp at Hancock Station in John Day, Oregon. That same month, our 4th grade visited the state capitol in Salem in order to observe our government in action and get a sense of history and the political system. Also this fall, a number of classes reached out to our local community in terms of both education and service, including field trips to the Beaverton Library, local Fire Station and Junior Achievement BizTown, as well as to Northwest Children’s Outreach.



Living the Gospel values continues to be a key focus for us. The faculty and staff work diligently to help the students in their care build strong character and make good decisions. There also are very direct ways in which we work to inspire Christ-like values, including daily prayer, weekly student-sponsored Liturgies, teaching about and modeling our Catholic faith each day in the classroom and reaching out to parents as our partners in their children’s moral evolution.



All in all, there is much “good news” to report at St. Cecilia School! On behalf of our students, staff and parents, here’s wishing all of our parishioners a joyous Christmas and a wonderful new year ahead... Know that we are grateful to you for your continuous prayers, involvement and support. You truly make a difference in our lives.

My best to you, as always,

Sue Harris, Principal



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE: MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

MORE INFO:
STCECILIACHURCH.ORG/EDGE

We've had a busy year so far in Edge! Our 25 middle schoolers attended our archdiocesan Called Rally at St. Pius Church, created and blessed fleece scarves for people in need, prayed in Eucharistic adoration, played countless games included Capture the Flag (pictured above), and dived into the full life of Jesus Christ. We can't wait to do more in Spring!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



LIFE TEEN AND CONFIRMATION

MORE INFO:

STCECILIACHURCH.ORG/LIFETEEN

STCECILIACHURCH.ORG/CONFIRMATION

Our high school groups kicked off this past September with Ambassadors, a new teen parish leadership team made up of confirmed teens. Our Confirmation program held our annual retreat at Camp Magruder in Rockaway Beach. We discussed the person of Jesus and prayer. There are currently 80 teen candidates seeking to receive the sacrament of confirmation this year, in addition to a dozen teens attending Life Teen, our high school youth group.





YOUNG ADULTS

SOCIAL | SPIRITUAL | SERVICE
CREATED FOR 21 - 35 YEARS OLDS
ALL ARE WELCOME

HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

Friday Evening Eucharistic Adoration with music and reflection, begins in St. Cecilia's Church at 7 pm followed by dinner and drinks offsite

January 19, February 9, April 13, May 18

MONDAYS AT MALONE'S

Last Mondays of the month, 7 pm- ~9:30.
 Bar Trivia at Malone's Ale House

January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, May 28



NIGHT STRIKE (RSVP REQUIRED)

Homeless ministry with Hope NW under the Burnside Bridge, select Thursdays, 7 pm to ~9:30

January 25, February 15, March 15, April 12, May 24

REVIVAL NW

Friday, March 9, 2018

St. Edward's Keizer

Music, worship, and fellowship

Keynote speaker: David Calavitta

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Launching Spring 2018

More info:

youngcatholicprofessionals.org

MORE INFO

Interested in seeing our young adult ministry host a different event? Want to be a part of our Core Team?

Contact Amanda Jewett

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Visit:

[stceciliachurch.org/
youngadults](http://stceciliachurch.org/youngadults)

Find us on Facebook:

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Text "BeavertonYAM" to
 84576 for updates



RCIA

With a theme of WELCOME, this year's RCIA class has already begun to bond. Through lecture, video, group sharing, scripture study, and lots of time for questions and visiting, we have been exploring all things Christian. Coming to know God, Trinity, Who is Jesus, The Holy Spirit, The Bible+++ it has been a great start to our journey. Next up is discussion of what it means to be Catholic, with an emphasis on the Sacraments and prayer, along with a retreat in March and lots more, all leading up to the amazing GOOD NEWS of the Easter Vigil. Yes, we hope to be closer to each other and to our God as we enrich our faith.



RCIA

All classes meet in the
St. Cecilia School Library
after the 9am Mass

??'s—Contact
Mike & Peggy Flanigan
503-524-6922 or
mikefrcia@gmail.com

RCIA CALENDAR

January 7: Sacraments of Initiation
January 14: Sacraments of Healing
January 21: NO CLASS
January 28: Sacraments of Vocation

The following have been participating in RCIA classes and were warmly welcomed by our church community at the 9 am Mass on Sunday, November 20th.

Catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist:

Jill Callicotte ~ Janette Johns ~ Stacey Schwencer ~ Aaron Webb

Candidates (those who are already baptized Catholic or in any other Christian Church) who wish to complete their Christian initiation by receiving First Communion and/or Confirmation:

Cheryl Crisostomo ~ John Hooper ~ Steven Jew ~ Anna Reilly ~ Rosana Udostok ~ Jose Zarate

And, the following who are attending classes to Rediscover their Catholic faith or to sponsor a Catechumen/Candidate:

Anissa Bartolome ~ Dawn Bergstrom ~ Jan Duffens ~ Diane Dufresne ~ Griffin Ramsdell ~ Carmen Walker

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Also, prayers for our wonderful RCIA team who keep us going with spirit-filled classes:

Fr. Cary, Fr. Anthony, Paula Baldwin, Damien Chiongbian, Colleen Seed, Virginia Meridith, Jennelle Phillips, Molly & Jim Woolf, Marc McDermott, Jennifer Ochaba, James Ruiz, Joe Painter, Noela Nalujjuna, Peggy & Mike Flanigan.

Thank you!



Adult Faith

This time of the year offers us the opportunity to look back and count our blessings. From September this year, our faith in Jesus Christ has continued to be enriched in different joyful ways.

On September 12, 2017, we were blessed to have Fr. Stephen Clovis in our parish. Fr. Stephen, a biblical scholar from Mt. Angel Seminary, uplifted our spirit with a talk on “Biblical Wisdom and Discipleship.”



On October 17, 2017, Dr. Owen F. Cummings, the academic dean of the school of theology at Mt. Angel Seminary, brought it home for us by exploring the core of our faith, the Eucharist. With a talk on “The Eucharist: Receive, Become, Live,” Dr. Cummings shed more light on the fact that receiving the Lord every day at Mass, makes us a Eucharistic people and calls us to become what we receive.



With a spirit filled, engaging Advent Retreat led by Archbishop J. Vlazny, we entered into the season of Advent. In his talk, Archbishop Vlazny went through each week of Advent and helped us to journey through the season with joy as we wait and prepare our hearts for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Also, in a very practical way, we prepared our hearts during the season of Advent with Daily Advent Reflections written by the priests, deacons and some members of our own parish community. Many people within and outside of our parish shared with me that they were very inspired and spiritually fed through the daily Advent reflections. I am very grateful to the men and women from our parish who by writing these reflections shared their faith with us.

All videos from the talks and the Daily Advent Reflections may be found on the website:

<http://stceciliachurch.org/adult-formation>

I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

--Fr. Anthony Ahamefule



"St. Cecilia's new Women's Bible Study ministry, Walking With Purpose, began in October and is going strong! We are growing in our personal relationships with Jesus, sharing our everyday struggles, and finding solutions in the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church as we open our hearts to Our Lord."

St. Cecilia Parishioner Witnesses a Third “SAVE” at Fall 40 Days Campaign!

“I was at the corner of Lovejoy and 25th. There were only two of us. I was at the bottom of the hill facing the traffic holding my sign and praying. A couple of people in cars yelled something at me that I couldn’t understand, but it was obvious they were not happy at my witness. I had already prayed the Rosary and Chaplet and starting thinking of the babies begging to be born. A few years ago, I had written a song/poem from the babies point of view that I wanted to sing to the world—at least to that little corner, but I couldn’t remember it. I still felt the need to sing, so I started singing Marian songs over and over again. Then I noticed people were smiling and waving at me instead of yelling. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw a woman behind me looking for a ride. I asked her if I could help her. She said, “I CHANGED MY MIND!” It took a second for me to realize what she meant! Then I gave her a big smile and said, “God bless you!” As her ride came to pick her up, I asked if she needed any help with resources. She said “No”; she said she already had 5 children.

What was so wonderful about the encounter was that I knew without a doubt that it was Mary who interceded for this woman and her baby. It wasn’t me! I did nothing. What an awesome Mother we have, and PRAYER CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS!



Faith Cafe by Barb Upson

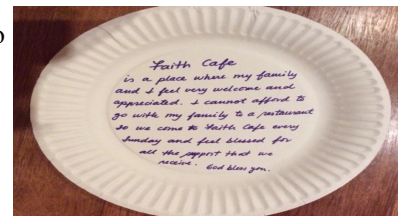
As the year 2017 draws to a close, we tend to look back to review accomplishments. Statistics show that by the end of October, Faith Cafe had served over 6500 meals, but numbers don’t tell the whole story about lives that were changed.

- A few of our regular homeless guests are finally being placed in housing.
- We are partnering with Community Warehouse to get furniture to create a real ‘home’ for them.
- We are also partnering with Holy Trinity to get much needed dental help for our guests. A Medical Teams International Dental Van comes to their site the first Friday of each month. This is an answer to prayers for many people.
- Probably the most exciting news for Faith Cafe is from a former guest who trained in our kitchen for over a year and is now employed in a commercial kitchen. He came back to visit us in September and was so proud to tell us how his life has changed. Praise God!

We may never know of the effects our Faith Cafe dinners have had in the lives of our guests, but as long as they keep coming back and bringing along their friends, we will continue to be here for them, listening to their life stories and offering congratulations for milestones accomplished.



Once a year we have a pizza night — Our guests like to choose from the six different varieties.



St. Cecilia’s next serving date at Faith Café is Sunday, December 31st. Let’s send the year out on a charitable note — Please join us if you can at Bethel Congregational Church. Contact Darlene Moore 503-649-4252.

Oregon Food Bank had participating agencies write messages on paper plates to take to our representatives in Salem—This is one plate that touched our hearts.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

In 1998, two women graduates of Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, founded the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Made for centuries, shawls are universal and embracing, a symbol of an inclusive and unconditionally loving God. Many blessings are knitted or crocheted into each shawl for those in need of comfort and solace.

Here at St. Cecilia, we are fortunate to have had a dedicated group for over a decade. Led by Jeannine Hooper and Marylyn Klesh, the ladies have provided the parish with hundreds of prayers wrapped in each shawl: bereavement, medical procedures, illness, endless possibilities!

Join them the **first Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the Parish Center** for meetings and socialization. Supplies are available.

If you would like a shawl, contact the parish office. Donations are accepted.

Knights of Columbus

Peace of Christ to you! When you get right down to it, that is what we are all searching for. In looking for something, one is able to find it easier when they have help. The Knights of Columbus is a band of brothers who are there for each other, our families, our community, and our church. We strive to bring Christ into all we do, for without Him, we can do nothing. In the last six months, you may have seen us in our trade mark red shirts at various events serving God by serving His people.

The summer started off with the Corpus Christi Procession in June. We worked hard to include as many parish groups as possible in the successful planning and execution of the event. In August, our council joined with Knights from around the area to help the Sister's at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House with their annual barbecue. A lot of work was done, yet the joy was ever present. The Knight's Café is our monthly breakfast serving fresh food at affordable prices—the best value in town with all you can eat, and no tips required. The Back to School picnic was an excellent time for the Knights to shave some ice for snow cones for the kids and to reconnect with their parents. This year, we instituted our KAFE (Knights Assisting Families in Education) Grant program. At the monthly school assemblies, the names of two students are drawn to receive a \$100.00 credit towards their tuition. Additionally, we provided manpower and food for the Faith Formation Kickoff, the Communion Visitor Commissioning, and the Family Fun Night. The Family Fun Night was a new event started by the school's parent association in



which we were asked to help. The evening was a tremendous success, and we look forward to helping with future events. We have identified two seminarians, one from our Diocese and parish and one from Reno, Nevada, to award with an RSVP grant. RSVP is a monetary donation from the Knights to help with incidental expenses while in the seminary. In October, we volunteered to answer phones for the fundraising drive at Mater Dei, our local Catholic Radio Station.

Recently, we could be seen offering Christmas trees for purchase. The Christmas tree sale is our largest fundraiser, and the green of the trees reminds us of the hope of the coming of Christ. In addition, Brother Knights serve others in numerous ways such as scout troop leaders, at St Vincent de Paul Society, on the Parish council and Parish staff, vocations committee, communion visitors, and outreach to incarcerated men.

We just concluded our annual essay contest with eighth graders writing essays on the topic of “Going to the Peripheries.” This year, we had a tie for first place with winning essays from Ailee Conway and Ellie Scalzo. The essay theme, as stated by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, was “Through His Incarnation, the Lord has united Himself forever with suffering humanity – not as an abstraction, but throughout history with each suffering person. Jesus is already at the peripheries. The question is whether He will be there alone or whether His disciples will be there with Him.” The students were to write an essay describing the work of a widely known current or historical Catholic or the work of a person in their life who helped alleviate suffering. Often times, people want to do great things for God. God bless those with the courage and talents who are called to such tasks. As for me and possibly you, I will chose the path Mother Theresa often cited “Do little things with great love.” My question for you is “Who would your essay be about?”

We have recently accepted new members and are always looking for additional brothers. Come and speak with us about your passion and, together, we can do the work that would make a great essay.

God love you!



Ailee Conway: Knight's Essay

James (Jimmy) Patrick Conway, born August 10, 1946 in Dublin Ireland, was a devoted Catholic who spent much of his life playing and sharing the game of football (American Soccer). Like Pope Francis, Jimmy looked to the peripheries for ways to share his passion with those who were less fortunate. Jimmy spent much of his life acting in ways Pope Francis now speaks about.

“No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles.”

-Pope Francis-

In 1997 Jimmy Conway co-founded the Oregon Youth Soccer Association TOPSoccer program. Like Pope Francis, who has challenged Catholics to reach out to those who may not be the “traditional people” who the church would reach out to, Jimmy challenged and taught communities to reach out to the non traditional soccer player. The players that participated in the TOPSoccer program have mental and or physical disabilities. When Jimmy started the program he was the director of Oregon Youth Soccer Association. His professional success was based on his top performing player development and how well the State Teams did when playing other states. So the TOPSoccer program did not really do anything to promote the game of Soccer in Oregon, but what it has done for the unconventional player, who will probably never give back to the game, shows the love and compassion and selflessness Jimmy shared with the disabled youth in Oregon.

Jimmy felt that all youth should be given access and means to play soccer and drove thousands of miles across the state to make sure this could happen. In 1983 when he started working for Oregon Youth Soccer Association there were less than 7,500 fields in the state of Oregon. When he left, over 20 years later, there were over 70,000 fields. He reached out to poor rural communities and helped them find fields and set up programs. Jimmy would teach adults how to coach. He made sure that any child that wanted to could play the game of soccer.

Portland Oregon, known as “Soccer City USA” owes much of it’s inner city youth development to Jimmy. He would spend countless hours driving around looking for fields of grass big enough to turn into a soccer pitch. He would look for poor communities with no programs and help them set up after school programs and summer camps. He helped develop the PAL (Police Activities League) summer program for the Portland Police Department, and has spent countless hours of his own time teaching the game to kids that would of never had the opportunity to play otherwise.

Pope Francis says priests need to minister at the “periphery of the church”. Jimmy’s ministry was the game of soccer. This is how he shared the Holy Spirit and strived to live a life like Jesus. He shared his love of the game with the periphery of the sport. Here he found the poor, the neglected, the undereducated and the disabled, and showed them joy, compassion, love, and respect. He helped develop and nourish soccer communities that would bring people together and change lives forever. For the poor, who Pope Francis says often “live in misery”, he gave them a way to celebrate their children and find happiness in what most of the time could be a very hard and stressful life.

“It’s necessary to spend time in real contact with the poor. For me this is really important: it’s necessary to know from experience what’s real, to dedicate time going to the periphery to truly know the situation and the life of the people.”

-Pope Francis-

Like Pope Francis Jimmy saw people that were neglected that he could service. He did not drive around looking for money or fame. He sought to give selflessly to others who may of never known the joy of the game without him.





Ellie Scalzo: Knights Essay

Mother Joseph Pariseau was born on April 16, 1823 near Saint Elzear, Quebec. As the third of twelve children, she learned carpentry from her father and domestic arts from her mother. She joined the convent of the Sisters of Charity of Providence, now the Sisters of Providence. In the Catholic faith, we are all called to serve the needs of others and Mother Joseph is a perfect example of living out the teachings of Jesus and helping others. Mother Joseph truly lived out the concept of 'Going to the Peripheries' by traveling to the Northwest to help poor people, expanding Seattle's only hospital by hand to care for more people, and listen to God's call in her life like we are all taught to do.

When a bishop of the Nisqually Diocese in the Washington Territory requested assistance, the mother house sent five sisters led by Sister Joseph. On December 8, 1856, they arrived in cold Fort Vancouver. One of the first things they did when they arrived was convert a Hudson's Bay building into a combination dormitory and church. They also started constructing a building for an orphanage and school. Through the primitive conditions and hardships, the Sisters fed the hungry, nursed the poor, sick, and orphaned, taught and gardened. In 1874, the Sisters opened up St. Joseph's Hospital, the only one in the Northwest. Later, when they started running out of room, Mother Joseph designed a three story brick building that was a combination of a hospital, residence, and academy. This became the Sisters headquarters in Fort Vancouver.

In May of 1877, Mother Joseph sent three nuns to manage the King County Poor Farm. They used a remodeled farmhouse but later found the arrangements to be inadequate. As they continued to help the poor, they encountered hostility and ridicule mostly from the unchurched community. Despite the hostilities the people of Seattle turned to the Sisters when they needed help. As more people were in need of care, the more people the Sisters had to turn away from lack of beds. So they called upon Mother Joseph who purchased an existing house on 5th Avenue. She worked with architect, Donald McKay, to draft plans for a three story, wood-framed, hospital. She personally managed the construction and sometimes ripped out bad work and re-did it herself.

Mother Joseph truly listened to God's Calling. She was always willing to travel anywhere to help those less fortunate than herself. Mother Joseph left the only family she ever knew to listen to her heart and fulfill God's work. She is a true example of devoting your life to the needs of others around you. I believe that we should all strive to be like her and listen to God's call in our lives. She traveled 6,000 miles by land and sea in the hardships of early December to make conditions better for others. Her legacy lives on as the Providence Medical Center. Mother Joseph once said "We must not expect great achievements in the near future, but we must be able to do what needs to be done ... to do what others do not want to do." and this is a perfect example of the life that Mother Joseph Pariseau lived because she did just that.

Mother Joseph is a fantastic example of "Going to the Peripheries" because she traveled to help the poor, sick, and orphaned. She designed and managed the expansion of Seattle's first hospital and she selflessly devoted herself to the calling of God and lived the teachings of Jesus. We should all strive to be like her for she loved everyone with all of her heart and lived out the Golden Rule like no other.

***MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM THE
FACULTY,
STAFF AND
STUDENTS AT
ST. CECILIA
SCHOOL!***



Giving Garland Generosity

Over 1,000 tags on the Giving Garland were selected by St. Cecilia parishioners to shop for Christmas wishes. Many of the gifts requested will be the only gift received by the less fortunate in our surrounding community. You can imagine the JOY of CHRISTMAS our generosity brought to those folks.

St. Vincent de Paul delivered 200 food boxes, accompanied with gifts, to those they assist throughout the year. Gifts were also delivered to:

- **11 families from Good Neighbor Center family shelter
- **youth at St. Mary's Boy's Home
- **adults receiving long or short term care at Avamere Rehab Center
- ** folks receiving assistance through Maybelle Center for Community
- ** monetary assistance for our Parish Partner, St. Alexander in Cornelius

The infant Jesus' message, "**Love one another as I LOVE you,**" is spread far and wide in our community through OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE GIVING GARLAND.

As we begin 2018, let us continue to support those folks by including them in our daily prayers. God's blessing to all for your generous support!!!





St. Vincent de Paul:
WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!



Christmas Food Boxes & Gifts (in the background) for 200+ Families



Good News That Will Warm Your Heart



A while back, a young man was found sleeping outside by the Church, very cold and very wet. He had just a jacket and sleeping bag – both wet. We were able to warm him up, dry his clothing and bag, give him a place to rest that was dry, and then got him a night at the motel.

Well, this young man came in yesterday and asked me if I recognized him. At first I didn't because he looked so different than the day he was found sleeping by the Church, but after talking to him, I did remember him. He thanked us for helping him, and that was just enough to get him on the right path. He now has a place to stay, is off the streets, looked happy and healthy, has stayed sober, and best of all . . . came into the Parish Office to ask me for the code to the Adoration Chapel!

He said he was doing great and changing his life. Please continue to pray for Hugo and all the others that just need "a little help."



When the meat, pie, rolls and tortillas arrive, the Christmas boxes will be ready for delivery.

ST. CECILIA FEAST DAY CELEBRATION ~ NOVEMBER 18, 2017



A delicious Italian meal was enjoyed by 300+ people.



Johnny Limbo and The Lugnuts performed and their was dancing on a full dance floor, dancing in the peripheries, and a conga line dancing between the tables.



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NATIVIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO **DICIEMBRE 25, 2017**

CELEBREMOS UNA FELIZ NAVIDAD

¡Que la paz de Cristo habite en nuestros corazones!

A pesar de que, para muchos, nuestras familias se encuentran lejos, y por lo tanto no podemos tener la alegría de celebrar todos juntos, nos regocijamos, como FAMILIA PARROQUIAL, en poder celebrar juntos el nacimiento de Jesús.

Reconocemos que, para Dios, no hay distancia ni tiempo. Para Dios, todo es un ETERNO PRESENTE, y, por consiguiente, la unión más significativa y poderosa es la que compartimos, en fe y en Cristo, con nuestros seres queridos.

PARA AÑO NUEVO

LUNES, 1 DE ENERO 8 AM 10 AM 12 (MEDIODÍA)
en ESPAÑOL

CELEBRAMOS A LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN

Pareciera que las celebraciones que tenemos en la Iglesia para nuestra Santísima Madre nunca terminan.

Apenas habíamos comenzado a caminar en el Adviento cuando hicimos una pausa para celebrar la INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN el 8 de diciembre, esa singular gracia que Dios le otorgó a María de ser concebida en el seno de su madre Ana, sin pecado original. Por ningún mérito ni de la mamá ni de la hija, la gracia fue con el fin de preparar un lugar apropiado y digno para el futuro nacimiento del Hijo de Dios.

Tres días después, habiendo concluido un hermoso NOVENARIO, tomamos tiempo para celebrar la extraordinaria aparición de la misma Virgen María DE GUADALUPE a San Juan Diego en Tepeyac, en 1531. La veneramos en esta ocasión como Madre de las Américas y Emperatriz de las Islas Filipinas. En esta ocasión se desbordaron de alegría nuestros corazones.

A las dos semanas estamos de nuevo reunidos como familia parroquial para esperar, con la Virgen en Belén, el esplendoroso nacimiento de el SALVADOR DEL MUNDO, su Hijo, JESUCRISTO. En compañía de los ángeles y los pastores, nos regocijamos con la llegada del Mesías, Dios-hecho-carne, entre nosotros en un humilde pesebre.

Y, ahora que damos comienzo a un nuevo año, nos reunimos para celebrar la MATERNIDAD DE LA VIRGEN, nuestro reconocimiento como Iglesia que la Madre de Jesús ha llegado a ser también madre nuestra. El PRIMERO DE ENERO, honramos una vez más a la Virgencita, pidiendo su intercesión y protección para nuestras familias y nuestro mundo en este nuevo año.

CLASES DE CATECISMO: ENERO 10

Recordamos a la comunidad que las clases de catecismo para padres y sus hijos en preparación de los sacramentos, darán comienzo el miércoles, 10 de enero NO el 3 de enero como estaba originalmente planeado.

TALLERES EDUCATIVOS EN BEAVERTON

Educadores del distrito escolar de Beaverton quieren ofrecer talleres informativos A LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA. Incluirán:

- BECAS y ayuda financiera para universidades de carreras intermedias (2 o 4 años)
- Clases para aprendizaje de INGLÉS (como segundo idioma)
- Información para PADRES sobre uso de LA TECNOLOGÍA (para poder apoyar mejor a sus hijos)
- RECURSOS comunitarios (de naturaleza médica y legal)

Por favor visite el sitio web del distrito:

www.facebook.com/BeavertonEducatorsForJustice.

MIISA DE SANACION

Les hacemos una cordial invitación a la misa de Sanación que se celebrará el 5 de enero a las 7pm. Si usted nunca ha vivido una misa de sanación lo invitamos a que vengan a descubrir esta bella oportunidad de acercarse aún más a fondo con Jesús. La Santa Misa es la oración por excelencia en donde no solo recibimos a Jesús en Cuerpo y Espíritu, pero también recibimos sanación espiritual y corporal. Los esperamos.

MENSAJE MARIANO

“¡Queridos hijos! También hoy les traigo en brazos a Jesús recién nacido. El que es el Rey del cielo y de la tierra, en su paz. Nadie, Hijitos, les puede dar la paz como Él, que es el Rey de la Paz. Por eso, adórenlo en sus corazones, elijanlo y tendrán la alegría en Él. El los bendecirá con su bendición de paz. ¡Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado!” Diciembre 25, 2006.

NUESTRO OFERTORIO

Esta son las cantidades que aportamos en las Misas de español:

12/3/17 \$2,459 11/26/17 \$2,067 11/19/17 \$2,197

GRACIAS por su continua generosidad y participación en el trabajo del Señor.



The Good Samaritan Group
Is a group of about 50 people that use the money from the parish bottle drop to feed the homeless in Portland once or twice a month. They provide warm clothes, prayer and moral support.



Grupo Buen Samaritano
Es un grupo de 50 personas. Ellos usan el dinero de los botes que reciclan de la parroquia para alimentar, vestir y brindarles apoyo a las personas sin hogar en Portland.

Neocatechumenal Group

Also known as "The Way". This is a group that teaches the way of life through prayer, fasting, and most importantly the word of God.

Grupo Neocatecumenado

Tambien conocido como "El Camino" es un grupo donde se aprende el camino de vida por medio de la oracion, el ayuno y lo mas importante la palabra de Dios.





Spanish Religious Education

This year we have about 100 kids preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. This year we were blessed to have 50 parents who were able to live their parent retreat. Keep them in your prayers.

Educación Religiosa en Español

Este año tenemos cerca de 100 niños preparándose para recibir su Primera Comunión. Este año fuimos bendecidos con 50 papás y mamás que pudieron vivir su retiro. Manténgalos en sus oraciones.



2017-2018 Spanish RCIA/ RICA



Spanish Marriage Preparation

Our team takes 11 weeks to prepare interested couples, they use the time to evangelize and talk about many subjects that are essential for their future marriage in Christ. On average we prepare 15 couples here at our Parish per year. Here at our Parish we celebrate Communal Weddings once a year. Thank you Jesus and Maria Rios (top right) for 17 years of service in this ministry.

Preparación Matrimonial

Nuestro equipo toma 11 semanas para preparar a las parejas interesadas, durante este tiempo. Se les evangeliza y se tocan temas esenciales para su futuro matrimonio en Cristo. Aquí en nuestra Parroquia se preparan un promedio de 15 parejas al año y celebramos bodas comunitarias. Gracias Jesus y Maria Rios por 17 años de servicio en este ministerio.



Young Adults "San Juan Bosco"

They gather for prayer, faith formation and fellowship.

Jovenes Adultos "San Juan Bosco"

Se reúne para formación en la fe, oración y compañerismo



Spanish Altar Servers

Youth and their parents making hats, scarves, and ponchos for the homeless.

Los Monaguillos

Los jovenes y sus padres haciendo gorros, bufandas y ponchos para los que viven en la calle.



Spanish St Cecilia Youth Choir

This year we were blessed to be invited to perform at The Grotto. Coro Santa Cecilia

Este año fuimos bendecidos al ser invitados a cantar en El Grotto.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration- La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception- Recepción de la Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Para concluir la Novena celebramos la Misa en honor a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Tuvimos cantos, la exposición del Santísimo, danza, la obra, y por supuesto las Mañanitas con mariachi. La recepción fue todo un éxito donde asistieron al rededor de 200 personas.

To conclude the Novena we celebrated Mass in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe. We enjoyed music, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the play, and the traditional "Mañanitas" with mariachi. The reception was a success with about 200 people present.

