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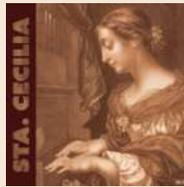
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Please join us for St. Cecilia's
Feast this weekend
Sunday Nov. 23 @ 2:00pm



November
Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

*O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine
Do keep us near to Thee
And make our love so like to Thine
That we may holy be*

[REFRAIN]

*Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine*



*O Temple pure, O House of gold
Our Heaven here below
What sweet delights, what wealth untold
From Thee do ever flow [REF]*

*Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts
The hearts of men have been
To wound Thy side with cruel darts
Which they have made by sin [REF]*

THE SACRED HEART'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:

In the example, imitation & guidance- of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - our Divine Patron, we will strive to fulfill the Catholic Church's mission, that is, to evangelize; which means to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, ultimately seeking to lead everyone to a deeper relationship with God . In this mission, we will embody Christ's love through service, teaching the Catholic faith, and foster the salvation and sanctification of our brothers & sisters, which we will devotedly & zealously manifest in the ongoing efforts to serve the poor, the marginalized, and all those in need in our community.

THE ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:

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† Wine & hosts for the altar at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *November* have been graciously sponsored in loving memory of **Sal Furnare**, by his wife **Michelle & family**.

† Wine & hosts for the altar at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *November* have been graciously sponsored in loving memory of **Louis & Irene Zanella** by **Wendy & Bill Hall**.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 22, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In loving memory of *Theresa Sweet*, requested by *Sandy & Gerry Fiesinger*.

Sun. Nov 23, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.) † In loving memory of *Bailey Alexandria Field*, requested by *Mom, Dad and Sammy*.

2.) † Birthday remembrance for *D. Dorine Dimond*, requested by *Roy & family*.

Sun. Nov 23, 5:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tues. Nov 25 thru Sun. Nov 30, 2025

Tue. Nov 25, 8:00 am (SH) - † In memory of the deceased members of the *Madigan family*, requested by *Denise & Peter Madigan*.

Wed. Nov 26, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Thurs. Nov 27, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Fri. Nov 28, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving memory of *Marie Cranker*, requested by *John & Sheila Cranker*.

Sat. 29, 4:00 pm (SH) - † In memory of the deceased members of the *Taboleski & Wright families*, requested by *Denise & Peter Madigan*.

Sun. Nov 30, 9:00 am (SC) - † In memory of *Pat Neri*, requested by *Andrea Moran*.

Sun. Nov 30, 5:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Second collections

Nov 22/23 (SH) Food Pantry (SC) Repairs/Maint



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE Nov 23, 2025 -

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- Luke 23: 35-43

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

-Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 22 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Nov 29 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Tony Stellato
Nov 23 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathy Marcais	Nov 30 (SC)	Ken Stuff Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Nov 24 (SH)	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell	Dec 1 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery
Nov 24 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	Dec 1 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

Nov 25 (Tues) (SC)	Florence Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds
Dec 3 (SH)	Wendy :Hall Barb Bilins



Remade for Mission: On this Remade for Mission Synod discussion about "Stewardship". We are reporting to you the financial summaries & the current financial state of our Parish; Help us assess & evaluate our financial resources. And please participate in answering the following questions:

1. Is this current financial state of our parish sustainable?
2. Is this aligned with what we need to fulfilling our mission?
3. Are we willing to change to create a sustainable future for generations to come?
4. What is/ are your recommendations for financial sustainability?

Food Pantry Donations: With the holiday season upon us, the need for food is even greater. There are baskets in the vestibule of each parish, placed there for food donations for the pantry.

Sacred Heart Pie Raffle: Our weekly pie raffle has returned, just in time for the holidays. Purchase your tickets in the vestibule before Saturday's Vigil Mass

Sunday Raffle at St. Cecilia: We will gladly accept donations as we continue our Sunday raffle. As always, we appreciate your support.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and for the support of those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States.

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - NOVEMBER 15/16

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1182.00	1448.00
CCHV	98.00	317.00
PARISH TOTAL	1182.00	1448.00
ATTENDANCE	62	72



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150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners

~Nov 23rd thru Nov 29th~

Baptisms

- November 28, 1970 Joseph John Romano*
- November 28, 1976 Nicole Elizabeth Duell*
- November 27, 1977 Sean Michael Lemiszki*
- November 27, 1977 Eugene Roland McDonald*
- November 26, 1978 Jeremy Christopher Larmon*
- November 25, 1979 Daniel J Anderson*
- November 25, 1984 Joseph Thomas Gordon*
- November 29, 1992 Adam Neal Mihalek*
- November 29, 1992 Cory Evan Mihalek*
- November 28, 2010 Michael Austin Roberts*

Deaths-Funerals

- November 24, 1979 John Quinn*
- November 25, 1984 Corinne Reichel*
- November 27, 1990 Mary E. Burroughs*
- November 28, 1992 Robert McKenney*
- November 25, 2006 Richard Weigel*



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest. You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask you to inspire young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your will. Send laborers into Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments. We ask through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations, Intercede for us.

ALL: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!

Make A Joyful Noise!



In Honor of the Patron Saint of Music, St. Cecilia, we come here together as a community to celebrate through music...

Sunday, 11/23/25 at 2pm
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<p>4 \$45</p>  <p>Mixed Greens, Buffalo Plaid, Cones, Berries</p>	<p>5 \$43</p>  <p>Mixed Greens Cross, Silver Bow</p>	<p>6 \$42</p>  <p>Advent Candles, Cones, Berries</p>

Orders and payment are due by
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

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Pick up your order at St. Cecilia's Hall after Mass on
SUNDAY, December 7th

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Foundations for a Flourishing Future Part 5/6

Sustaining renewal: Evaluation and adaptation

Renewal is not a one-time effort; it is a way of life. Just as discipleship requires daily conversion, parishes must continually reflect, evaluate and adapt in order to remain faithful to their mission.

Honesty asks us to measure not only what we do, but how effectively it bears fruit. Are ministries making disciples? Are outreach efforts reaching the poor and marginalized? Are financial and human resources being used wisely? Without evaluation, we risk slipping back into patterns of maintenance and losing sight of our missionary call. Hope lies in a culture of learning. Regular reviews, parishioner feedback and transparent reporting build accountability and trust. Adjustments — whether small course corrections or major shifts — are signs not of failure but of faithfulness, showing that the parish is responsive to the Spirit and the needs of its people.

When evaluation becomes a normal rhythm of parish life, renewal is sustained across years, not just seasons. This ongoing process ensures that parishes remain vibrant, outward-facing and anchored in mission. The goal is not perfection, but perseverance — trusting that Christ continually renews His Church when we remain open to His leading.

A future of hope: Embracing change as God's gift

The journey of renewal is not easy. Change can be painful and letting go of the familiar often stirs grief and resistance. Yet at the heart of Christian life is the promise that death leads to resurrection and endings open the way to new beginnings.

We must honestly name the struggle: buildings may close, ministries may be restructured, and long-standing traditions may evolve. These losses are real. But they are not the end of the story. God is at work, even in what feels uncertain, preparing His people for greater fruitfulness.

Hope shines when we see change as a gift. Each step of transformation brings us closer to being the Church Christ calls us to be: a Church for the poor, for the seeker, for the margins and for the world. The Spirit is already guiding us into a future where parishes are vibrant hubs of faith, service and evangelization.

Our task is to walk forward in trust, rooted in prayer and united in mission. With courage, humility and confidence in Christ's promise, we can embrace change not as a threat but as an invitation — a call to become, more than ever, a people of hope for our communities and for the world.

~ **Father Brian Kelly**—Vicar for the Promotion of Integral Parish Development

MISSION SURVEY 10/18/25 RESULTS SUMMARIZED

The survey was distributed and completed at Mass on Sunday October 26, 2025

Attendance at Mass was 54, including those below school-age.

Thirty-four surveys were received for a return rate of 63% and included schoolchildren and teens as well as adults.

We combined **Questions 1 How are we currently fulfilling the Church's mission?** and **2 What are we doing well?** Respondents, for the most part, said St. Cecilia's was fulfilling the Mission well and gave examples to support their opinions.

As a parish we are being responsive to our communities by:

- Having a priest who offers the Mass, administers the sacraments and evangelizes to those present.
- We also have a Faith Formation program for our children.
- Volunteers visit the sick and bring them Holy Communion.
- Social events open to all include parish breakfasts, dinners, and ice cream socials.
- The annual rummage sale provides opportunities for the community at large to purchase good quality items at very low prices.
- Our church hall is available for use by the local community.
- We have volunteers who work at the community food pantry; clean and maintain the church property; decorate the church according to the liturgical season; participate in Christmas giving tree program; assist in fundraising; assist at Mass as greeters, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, take up the offerings; and sing in the choir.
- We are fortunate to have a wonderful music director whose enhances our services and inspires us to sing along with her.
- There were many comments on how welcomed people feel at our church. One person said: "The Church community is the best asset we have now."

Question 3 What needs to change?

We need to care for our present church family.

- Personally invite those who no longer attend Mass at St. Cecilia's to return.
- Be more welcoming to younger families and young adults.
- Respect the many family commitments and crowded schedules that exist.
 - Keep to scheduled times for Masses, Faith Formation classes, and meetings
 - Publicize changes weeks in advance.
- Involve children and teens in activities and in Mass. Gear homilies to children's attention span and language abilities.
- Publicize our ministries: what they are about, skills/talents needed, benefits to parish and community.
- Offer opportunities for adult education and/or list resources that can be accessed in person, online, or books. One area mentioned was how do we evangelize?

We need to care for the people in the area in which we live.

- Participation as a parish in Ecumenical services/events.
- Better communication of our activities and events to the local community.
- Query county social services regarding unmet community needs.

Question 4 Where are we now?

Develop communication strategies

Develop plans to address the need for family involvement and activities; volunteers for our ministries and upkeep of church property; a plan to identify and address local community needs; adult education; increase in income.

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