

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

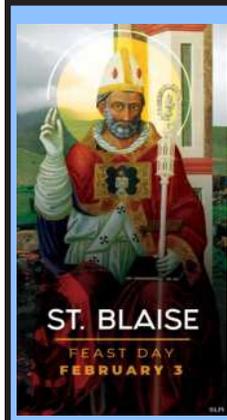
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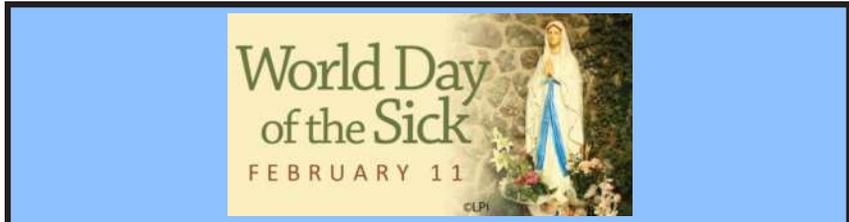
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Blessing of the Throat
Tuesday, Feb. 3, 5:15pm-Sacred Heart

Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat.

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:
 In the example & intercession of our Patron Saint: St. Cecilia - a Virgin & a Martyr- 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.

World Day of the Sick
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 5:15pm-Saint

Coinciding with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This annual observance invites believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illness and their caregivers.

† Wine & hosts for the altar at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **January** have been graciously sponsored in loving memory of **Louis & Irene Zanella**, by **Wendy & Billy Hall**, and their kids.

AMASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan 10, 4:00 pm (SH) - For the dire humanitarian issues throughout so many regions.

Sun. Jan 11, 9:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of **Pat Grandy**, requested by **Jim Wray & family**.

Sun. Jan 11, 4:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tues. Jan 13 thru Sun. Jan. 18, 2026

Tue. Jan 13, 8:00 am (SH) - For the people of the parish.

Wed. Jan 14, 8:00 am (SC) - † In loving birthday remembrance of **Mary Galeazza**, requested by **Pat & George**.

Thurs. Jan 15, 8:00 am (SH) - Birthday blessings for **Evelyn Titus**, requested by the **Healy family**.

Fri. Jan 16, 8:00 am (SC) - † In memory of **Peggy Brookhiser**, 26th anniversary, requested by **Ann & John Mahon**.

Sat. Jan 17, 4:00 pm (SH) - † For the repose of the soul of **Pat Grandy**, requested by her friends & family at **Sacred Heart Church**.

Sun. Jan 18, 9:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of **Pat Grandy**, requested by **Michele Furnare & family**.

Sun. Jan 18, 4:00 pm (SC) - For the people of the parish.

The 4pm Sunday Mass @ St Cecilia will be held in the Sacred Heart's Chapel (basement).

Second Collections
(SC) Jan 11 Fuel/Heat

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Jan 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord - Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac - Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

-Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 10 (SH)	Cathy Parry Katherine Downing	Jan 17 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Volunteer
Jan 11 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Bill Quinn	Jan 18 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

Jan 12 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery	Jan 19 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Katherine Downing
Jan 12 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Jan 20 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

Food Pantry



Jan 28 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon
Feb 4 (SC)	Wendy Hall Barb Bilins



Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia: The 5 pm Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia has been moved to 4pm for the winter months. This Mass will be held in the chapel.

Mass Cancellations, Winter Protocol: During the winter months, if FFCS has a delay or cancellation, Mass will be canceled on that day.

Food Pantry Donations: There are baskets in the vestibule of each parish, placed there for food donations for the pantry. The need for food is so great in this time. Your donations truly matter.

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.

Feb. 3 -Tuesday is the Memorial Feast of St. Blaise- a bishop & martyr, who is also popular for his intercession for those who want to be delivered from every disease of the throat & other illness. Everyone is invited; bring your family members & friends. The Holy Mass & Blessings of Throat will be at **Sacred Heart's Church - Tribes Hill at 5:15PM.**

There will be no Healing Mass & Anointing on the First Thursday & Friday of the month of February only. Instead the Healing Mass will be on Feb. 11- Wednesday at St. Cecilia's Church, at 5:15PM - on the Memorial Feast of Our lady of Lourdes, as the **World Day of the Sick** which was designated by the late St. John Paul 2nd. Everyone is invited; bring your family members & friends.

Feb.18 is Ash Wednesday, universal fasting & abstinence for us Christians.

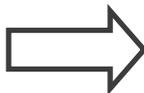
Ash Wednesday Holy Mass & distribution of Ashes will be

8AM at St. Cecilia's Church;

5:30PM at Sacred Heart's Church

Communion Service & Distribution of Ashes at 12:15PM at St. Cecilia's Rectory Chapel.

Our Faith Formation students will be selling "Super Bowl Squares". Purchasing a "Super Bowl Square" will help support our Faith Formation Program and also give you a chance to win some great prizes.



More information and forms for purchasing tickets will be available in the church hall after Mass. Rob Yurkewecz will be in the hall after mass to answer any questions you may have.

Your support for this program will be greatly appreciated.

A Day of Healing and Hope

A Retreat for Women Experiencing Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Infant Loss
Find comfort, connection and renewal in Christ's love
This retreat, led by Eileen Tully, offers a sacred space for mothers to grieve, pray and honor the lives of their children.

- guided prayer and reflection
- small group sharing and support
- meals provided
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January 24, 2026

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"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted". Matthew 5:4.

St. Cecilia's / Sacred Heart Faith Formation Fundraiser

Purchase a "Super Bowl Square" for a great cause, as well as a chance at some great prizes!

Cost: \$25.00 / square (Cash, or Venmo @RTYurk, last 4 digits for Venmo verification is 5073)

100 squares will be sold. (If we can sell 200 squares, then we can set up a 2nd pool). 50% of the funds raised will go towards our Faith Formation Program and 50% will go to the winners!

If each faith formation student could sell two squares, it would go a long way in reaching our goal. If each student could sell 4 squares, we should be able to have a 2nd pool.

The squares with each participant's numbers for the big game will be posted on St Cecilia's & Sacred Heart's FaceBook pages prior to the Super Bowl. Thank you for your support, and good luck to all participants!

Prizes:

First Quarter Score Winner:	\$200
Halftime Score Winner:	\$350
Third Quarter Score Winner:	\$200
Final Score Winner:	\$500

Please fill in the lines below for **all** tickets that you sell, and return this form to your Faith Formation teacher, along with the \$25.00 cash for each ticket sold if not using Venmo.

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