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Saint Cecilia CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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“Stewardship is the Grateful Response of a Christian Disciple Who Recognizes and Receives God’s Gifts and Shares These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor.”



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EASTER VIGIL**



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Welcome Glen & Leanne and Brad & Sebrena the newest Members of our Catholic Community .

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Reconciliation Saturday, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

or by appointment

Holy Day and Holiday Schedule: Schedule will vary. Check the previous weekend’s bulletin for information. (Bulletin available at saintcecilias.org).

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.. The Parish Office is closed daily from Noon to 1:00 PM for lunch.

Adoration: Fridays at 8:00 AM with Benediction at 11:50AM. First Friday Adoration 8:00 AM with Benediction at 8:50PM. Family Adoration the Thursday night preceding First Friday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during Family Adoration.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Saint Cecilia Catholic Community is to “Live Jesus” and to see His image in all people. With the Eucharist at the center of our lives and inspired by Scripture, Tradition and Community, we give honor and glory to God through education, example, prayer, service, social justice and worship.

Daily Masses SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 AM

Tuesday and Thursday 12:10 PM

Chapel open for Prayer when the Parish Office is open

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SATURDAY,	APR 6		
SUNDAY,	APR 7		
8:00AM	1:00 PM	Lee Health Bloodmobile	LOT
9:30 AM		FFF & Youth Group	PH
9:30 AM		1st Communion Prep	103/104
12:00 PM		Children's Catechists	103/104
12:00 PM		Faith Formation	PH
3:00 PM		Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH
MONDAY,	APR 8		
1:00 PM		Lunch Bunch	MH
1:00 PM		SVDP Meeting	103/104
5:30-7:30 PM		OCIA	101/102
7:00 PM		Boy Scout Troop 316	A/B
TUESDAY,	APR 9		
8:30 AM		Men's Gospel Group	104
1:00 PM		Walking with Purpose	A/B
5:30 PM		Bridges : Men's Support Grp.	104
7:00 PM		Knights of Columbus Mtg	PH
WEDNESDAY,	APR 10		
7:00 PM		Handbell Choir Practice	C/CR
7:00 PM		Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH
THURSDAY,	APR 11		
10:30 AM		Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH
7:00 PM		Walking with Purpose	101/104
7:00 PM		Adult Choir Practice	C/CR
FRIDAY	APR 12		
10:00 AM		Scripture Sharing	L
10:00 AM		Divine Mercy	101
5:30 PM		Rosary	C
SATURDAY,	APR 13		
10:00 AM		Funeral Brian Patrick Weis Luncheon to follow	C
SUNDAY,	APR 14		
9:30 AM		FFF & Youth Group	PH
9:30 AM		1st Communion Prep	103/104
9:30 AM		Youth Group Game Day	Field
3:00 PM		Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH



On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

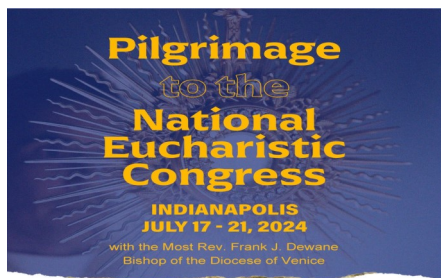
No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son — Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive.

Please note : We have returned to our Summer Mass schedule

MON. WED. & FRI. Daily Mass is at 7:30 AM
TUE, & THUR Daily Mass is at 12:10 PM



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join the Diocese of Venice by registering today! Scan the QR code or click the Book Now button to attend this historic event.



To Our Winter Visitors :



We invite you to register with St Cecilia Catholic Community as your seasonal parish. There are no issues with being registered at two Parishes, and it gives us

at St Cecilia the opportunity to contact you with important information regarding worshipping with us during the Winter



Bridges is a men's support group that meets the second Tuesday of every month. Our April meeting will be at 5:30 on April 9 in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome to join us for fellowship, sharing, and prayer as we support men who have experienced a recent loss.

The Sanctuary Lamp

The Light that Symbolizes the Eternal Sacrifice



This Week's Sanctuary Lamp

Healing prayers for Mike Garcia
By Rich & Shari

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need.”
(Romans 12:13)



Our 2024 assessment is \$230,000.00

Pledges..... \$129,080

% of Goal..... 56.1%

% of Households25.26%

Total Payments..... \$ 97,458



Your generosity is greatly appreciated !

Totals through March 27, 2024



HELP WANTED

The following employment positions are available at St Cecilia Catholic Community.

Youth Coordinator : Part time

Faith Formation Assistant : Part time

Marian Hall Rental Coordinator : Full/Part time

If viewing on line, [Click here for details and to apply](#). Otherwise visit dioceseofvenice.org and click on EMPLOYMENT at the bottom of the page and follow the prompts. If you have further questions, contact Jeanne Conklin in the Parish office at 239 936 3635 x 112.

Prayer Intentions

Please go on line (Click on Link scan QR code below) and submit your prayer requests. Enter the Person receiving the intentions first name, then last. Choose what type of intentions you are requesting, i.e., a birth or birthday, anniversary, prayers answered or blessing received, physical or spiritual healing, etc. After your choice is entered, enter your name and your phone number, (your name and number are not published).

You may also view the prayer intentions. To view the list, hold Control & click on the Link or scan the QR code.



[Click here, to submit Prayer Intentions](#)



[Current Prayer Intentions](#)



A Thought From St. Francis De Sales



One of the greatest proofs of love that Jesus displayed on the cross was putting up with the imperfections of His neighbor. There He showed us that He has a heart that loves us tenderly and watches over us kindly. He even showed His love for those who put Him to death. In those dire moments the Savior expressed thoughts of love even for his executioners, pardoning them in the very act of sinning! How petty-minded we are when we cannot bring ourselves to forget some injury received, even after a long time! Whoever sincerely pardons another calls down abundant blessings and perfectly imitates Christ.



Apostleship of Prayer

April Intention

For the Role of Women

“Let us pray that the dignity of worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.”

The Importance of Catholic Higher Education –

by Mark Middendorf



Come and join us in fellowship on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at St. John XXIII parish center!

Our speaker will be Mark Middendorf, President of Ave Maria University and Founder of Lighthouse Catholic Media (LCM). He merged LCM with the Augustine Institute in 2015 and worked for the Institute as Executive Vice President for Mission Expansion. There, he launched and expanded the Formed platform. In 2022, he was selected to be the fourth president of Ave Maria University.

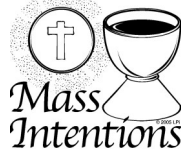
Faith & Ale is a Catholic Men’s group. The program begins at 6 PM with pizza and refreshments for a \$10 donation and concludes at 8 PM. Reservations are required, please register online at www.faithandale.com

Lunch Bunch Luncheon

- Date & Time:** Monday, April 8, 2024 at 12:00
- Place :** Marian Hall
- Cost:** Mayonnaise (plastic jar), Oatmeal and Pasta
- RSVP:** To the Office, or Elvia at 239-936-3635 ext 116 or email: earana@saintcecilias.net

Deadline to RSVP is Thursday, April 4

The Mass Intention book for 2024 has been filled. The 2025 Mass Intention Book will be opened on April 1, 2024 for intentions from January through June of 2025. You may reserve up to 3 intentions on Sundays, and up to 6 total every six months.



Intentions from July through December of 2025 will be available on January 1, 2025. This is intended to allow a more equitable distribution of the available dates.

Please stop in the office and see Rich to place an intention.

The suggested donation is \$10.



Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Cecilia Catholic Community. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful.

People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Cecilia is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration also simplifies the process with regard to religious education; sponsoring a sacramental candidate; and for the planning and preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours or on our website:

[Registration form \(saintcecilias.org\)](http://Registration form (saintcecilias.org))

CONGRATULATIONS to our
GRAND PRIZE WINNER
of **\$2,500.00 !!**

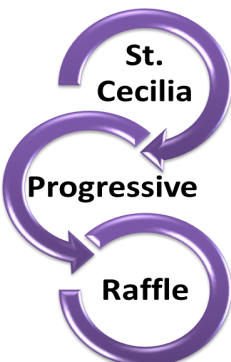


Jim Passatore

And to all of our winners !

\$500 John Shannon / Renee Devic

\$400 Jeanne McCafferty / Gerald & Claryce Gesiakowski



\$300 Linda Yaeger / Tim Malszycki

\$200 Lottie Eddy / Adam Svabik

\$100 Susan Elizabeth Sardinha / Linda Valenta

Thank you to ALL who have participated in helping us meet our Catholic Faith Appeal Goal !



Saturday,
4:00 PM

APRIL 6
† Lottie Kowalski
by Jim & JoAnn Will

Sunday,
7:30 AM

APRIL 7
† Maria Dinnella
by Donna & Al Del Rossi

9:00 AM

† Leonard Liszewski
by Esperanza Liszewski

11:00 AM

Living and Deceased Relatives of
Paul & Mary Jo Hobbs
by Mary Jo Hobbs

Monday,
7:30 AM

APRIL 8
† Ed & Zelma Snyder
by Tuesday Shannon

Tuesday,
12:10 PM

APRIL 9
Priest's Intention

Wednesday,
7:30 AM

APRIL 10
† Betty Pieper by Keene Pieper

Thursday,
12:10 PM

APRIL 11
† Mary Rose Pieper
by Keene Pieper

Friday,
7:30 AM

APRIL 12
† John Pieper by Keene Pieper

Saturday,
4:00 PM

APRIL 13
Pat and John Head by Claire

Sunday,
7:30 AM

APRIL 14
St Cecilia's Parishioners

9:00 AM

† Msgr John Neff
by Pat & Laura Agnew

11:00 AM

† Karen Wells by Stan Wells

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday

Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

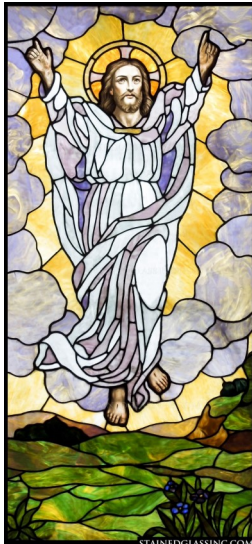
Acts 6:1-7 Jn 16:16-21

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

Scan QR code for
Daily Readings from USCCB





PREPARING FOR THE ASCENSION DURING FOUR FRIDAYS OF THE EASTER SEASON

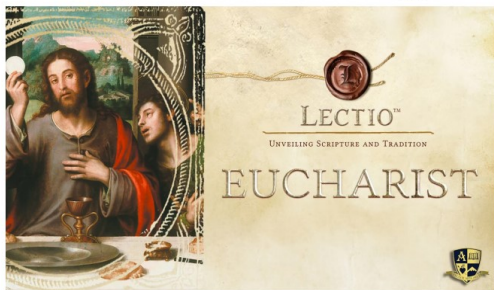
Join with your fellow Parishioners on April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 10 in prayer and fellowship in anticipation of the feast of the Ascension

5:30 pm Praying the Rosary (in the Chapel)

6:00 pm Stations of the Resurrection (in the Prayer Garden across the street from the Chapel.)

7:00 pm Enjoying episodes 1 thru 4 of Season Four of **“The Chosen”** (in the Parish hall, please bring snacks to share) On May 3, we will also have First Friday benediction at 8: 50 pm in the chapel.

You can watch the first 3 seasons of **“The Chosen”** at You Tube / the Angels Studio App or Angel.com.



Discover the Mass in the Old and New Testaments

Spring Bible Study

“Lectio Eucharist” will resume meeting this week.

The Sunday afternoon session on April 7 at 3:00 pm. Wednesday night, April 10 at 7:00 pm and Thursday morning, April 11 at 10:30 am.



Happy Easter!

Please be sure to take your complimentary copy of
Matthew Kelly's
The Rocking Chair Prophet
located in the Narthex and by the side entrances



Safe Environment Training Is Mandatory For New Volunteers

The Diocese of Venice is committed to provide a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. To that end, persons working with children or visiting vulnerable adults, as well as any volunteer for any ministry, are required to be fingerprinted (this process includes a background check) and to receive training in recognizing potential signs of abuse. The training portion can be done in your home over a PC.

For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment to see what is required before the parish can accept a volunteer into any ministry. Any cost a volunteer incurs to complete these requirements will be fully reimbursed on request. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at 941 484 9543.



The Knight's Corner

The Knights of Columbus gives offers financial planning and insurance to be sure that you and your family has security through your retirement.

The Knights of Columbus is a place where men can meet friends and friends can become brothers. Go to KofC.org to learn more about the Knights and how to join.

We will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for any men interested in how they might serve the community. Knights who are here for the winter are welcome to join us.

Matt Andres, Grand Knight GK13483ma@gmail.com
 Steve Jansen, Deputy Grand Knight sjansen571@gmail.com



Staffed by the Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales

Fr. Paul Dechant OSFS
Pastor

Fr. Francis J. Hanlon, OSFS
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mr. Rick Castro
Permanent Deacon

Fr. Stanley Dombrowski OSFS
Priest in Residence

Pastoral Staff

Patty Kiernan
Coordinator of Religious Education

Tuesday Shannon
Faith Formation Assistant
Marian Hall Rentals

Sherry Cross
Coordinator of Music

Debbie Laughlin
Coordinator of Worship

Elvia Arana
Coordinator of Pastoral Ministry

Mary Zalud
Youth Coordinator

Jeanne Conklin
Business Administrator

Mary Jo Nardello
Office Assistant

Rich Garcia
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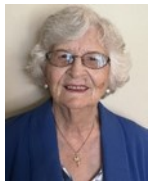
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Be Blessed and Encouraged

at our next Magnificat breakfast for women,
Saturday, May 11, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Crown Plaza
 Fort Myers Gulf Coast, formerly Holiday Inn Airport.

Our speaker, Fernande Benjamin, was born in Canada. She lost her mother when she was only five. Her childhood was influenced by her devout Catholic father and step-mother. At age eight, Fernande immigrated to the United States, unable to speak a word of English. Although she was in third grade in Canada, when she enrolled in classes taught by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit Congregation, she was placed in first grade to learn English.



Fernande developed a powerful devotion to the Holy Spirit. Marriage followed. After being childless for six years, the couple adopted two children. Fernande and her husband Ray made a Cursillo. Both began work in prison ministry.

They moved to Florida in 1981, and were introduced to the charismatic prayer group. Life in the Spirit seminar followed. Fernande learned how forgiveness is essential for Jesus to set us free and journey on in life in freedom. She served in many ministries throughout the years, and at present, she serves as chairperson for Magnificat greeters.

Please send a \$26 check, payable to *Magnificat Fort Myers*, to Margaret Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919. **Your mail request must be postmarked by May 3** or make online reservations until **TUESDAY, MAY 7** at <https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets/>. For more information, contact Margaret Mengle, 239-826-7475.

THE LEE HEALTH BLOODMOBILE

Help save a life, donate today !

THE BLOODMOBILE WILL BE HERE SUNDAY April 7, 2024
 Parish Hall Parking Lot 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Marian Hall

PARISH DINNER, DANCE & ELVIS SHOW
Saturday, April 20 at 5pm

\$40 Tickets available at Sunday Social
 Includes one wine/beer, dinner buffet, dessert, music by DJ Stephen

Special thanks to our sponsors listed on poster

