



PEACE be with you

L u k e 2 4 : 3 6

Saint Cecilia CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

5632 Sunrise Drive • Fort Myers, FL 33919

Phone: 936-3635 • Fax: 936-2108

Website • www.saintcecilias.org Apr 14, 2024

“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.”



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, 10:00 AM	APR 13 Funeral Brian Patrick Weis Luncheon to follow	C
SUNDAY, 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 3:00 PM	APR 14 FFF & Youth Group 1st Communion Prep Youth Group Game Day Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH 103/104 Field PH
MONDAY, 7:00 PM	APR 15 Boy Scout Troop 316	A/B
TUESDAY, 8:30 AM 1:00 PM	APR 16 Men's Gospel Group Walking with Purpose	104 A/B
WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM	APR 17 Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH
THURSDAY, 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	APR 18 Prayer Shawl Group Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF) Walking with Purpose Adult Choir Practice	104 PH 101/104 C/CR
FRIDAY 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM 5:30—8:00PM	APR 19 Scripture Sharing Divine Mercy Rosary Preparing for the Ascension	L 101 C C
SATURDAY, 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	APR 20 Funeral Pat Eckdahl Luncheon to follow Parish Dinner Dance w/Elvis	C MH
SUNDAY, 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 12:00—2:00 12:00 3:00 PM	APR 21 FFF & Youth Group 1st Communion Prep Faith Formation Angel Macareno Baptism Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH 103/104 PH C PH



In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, take time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or Vincentians) are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person to person service to individuals in need. Our Society exist and help those in need by your donations only.



Next week is our monthly collection.

Please use the envelope in today's bulletin to help the Society feed the poor.

The Sanctuary Lamp

The Light that Symbolizes the Eternal Sacrifice



This Week's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Bill Nardello & Mary Ballato

By Mary Jo

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

**INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

with the Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice



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.



BOOK NOW!



"Share with the Lord's people who are in need."
(Romans 12:13)



Our 2024 assessment is \$230,000.00

Pledges..... \$148,520
 % of Goal..... 64.6%
 % of Households25.64%
Total Payments..... \$ 115,758
Your generosity is greatly appreciated !



HELP WANTED

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

Youth Coordinator : Part time
Faith Formation Assistant : 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

If you happen to commit some fault, correct yourself gently by humbling yourself before God. Admit your misery, but do not let yourself be dejected by your fall. Is there any wonder than infirmity is infirm, weakness weak and misery wretched? Nevertheless, detest with all your heart your offense of God. With great courage and confidence in His mercy, return to the path of virtue.



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.faihandale.com



The Music Ministry is always looking for a few good folks with a generous heart, a love for music and a grateful spirit.

If you or your child would like to be a **singer, ringer, or instrumentalist** at St. Cecilia's, there are plenty of opportunities to get you started.

For more information, please contact Sherry Cross, Coordinator of Music Ministries, at 239-936-3635 ext. 128.



St. Cecilia wants to say

Thank you

to those who sponsored
Casino Night

Mitchell Dentistry

St. Francis Xavier School

Patriot Title Services LLC.

Dr. Blaise Kovaz The Petrucci Family

Larry Snider State Farm Agency

Liberty Aluminum Pavese Law Firm



- Saturday, APRIL 13**
4:00 PM Pat and John Head by Claire
 - Sunday, APRIL 14**
7:30 AM St Cecilia's Parishioners
9:00 AM † Msgr John Neff
by Pat & Laura Agnew
11:00 AM † Karen Wells by Stan Wells
 - Monday, APRIL 15**
7:30 AM † Colleen Tinsley
by Keene Pieper & Rob Saunders
 - Tuesday, APRIL 16**
12:10 PM † Bill Nardello by Mary Jo
 - Wednesday, APRIL 17**
7:30 AM † Vincent Michael Gorla
by George and Joy Hambel
 - Thursday, APRIL 18**
12:10 PM † Mary Ballato by Mary Jo
 - Friday, APRIL 19**
7:30 AM † Tom & Josie Yuzuik
by Bob & Terry Yuzuik
 - Saturday, APRIL 20**
4:00 PM † Margaret Shannon
by Tuesday Shannon
 - Sunday, APRIL 21**
7:30 AM Dave Zanone
by Mr. & Mrs. Roy J Patterson
9:00 AM St Cecilia Parishioners
11:00 AM † Bette Baxter by her Children
- Scripture Readings For the Week**
- Monday** Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
 - Tuesday** Acts 7:51-8:1a Jn 6:30-35
 - Wednesday** Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40
 - Thursday** Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
 - Friday** Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:52-59
 - Saturday** Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69
 - Sunday** Acts 4:8-12 1Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

Welcome

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 \(saintceccilias.org\)](http://Registration form (saintceccilias.org))



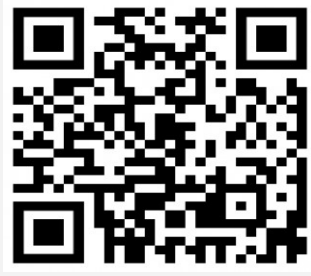
Coffee tea milk assorted juices filtered water

Let's do Breakfast

Sunday Social
Parish Hall
8:30-10:30

for a donation

Scan QR code for
Daily Readings from USCCB



Living Stewardship Through Prayer



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.

Parish SUMMER Camp

Grades 1 - 6 - July 15 - 19, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Grades 7 - 12 - July 14 - July 18, 6:30PM - 8:45 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 27TH!

Space is limited, register early



Registration and Volunteer Sign ups after all Masses the weekend of April 27 and May 4th

or pick up a registration form in the office or download online and mail in



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 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

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Peace be with you. Why are you troubled". We are often troubled by the unusual and unknown. Through the Gospels we can find some solace in our spiritual life. In our personal lives, the future is unknown. We can be troubled by the thoughts of what will happen to my family if the worse happens, and what will happen to us when I can no longer work.

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

Then Council offers ways to help out in the Parish. 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 Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for any men interested in how they might serve the community. We offer snacks and refreshments during our social time after our brief meetings.

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
Administrative Assistant

Steve Borden
Maintenance

Daxton Wellman
Maintenance

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



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.