

Baptism of the Lord



Saint Cecilia CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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January 11, 2026

**Congratulations
To Germa and Louise
On the Baptism of their Son
Graylen Carri
December 28, 2025**



Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass4:00 PM

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

Reconciliation.....Saturday, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

or by appointment. Reconciliation is also available during Family Adoration, Thursday prior to First Friday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Holy Day and Holiday Schedule:

Schedule will vary. Check the previous weekend's bulletin for information.

(Bulletin available at saintceciliast.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: Friday, 8:00 am in the Chapel. Benediction is at 11:50 am. Family Adoration is held the Thursday prior to First Friday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. 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 (Winter Schedule began Nov 1)

November through Wednesday of Holy Week

Monday - Friday7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Chapel open for Prayer when the Parish Office is open

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

Adoration Friday 8:00 AM - Benediction 11:50 AM

First Friday 8:00 AM—Benediction 8:50 PM

SATURDAY,	JANUARY 10	
SUNDAY,	JANUARY 11	
10:00-11:00 am	Faith Formation	PH
12:00-3:00 pm	Sacramental Prep	PH
MONDAY,	JANUARY 12	
12:45 pm	Rosary	CH
TUESDAY,	JANUARY 13	
8:30 am	Men's Gospel Forum	101
10:30-12:00pm	Walking With Purpose	PH
12:45 pm	Rosary	CH
6:30 pm	K of C Officers Mtg	PH
WEDNESDAY,	JANUARY 14	
7:00-8:30 pm	Walking With Purpose	PH
THURSDAY,	JANUARY 15	
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	CR
FRIDAY,	JANUARY 16	
8:00-11:50 am	Adoration	CH
10:00 am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	104
5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
SATURDAY,	JANUARY 17	
SUNDAY,	JANUARY 18	
10:00-11:00 am	Faith Formation	PH



Next week is our monthly
St Vincent de Paul Society
collection.

Please use the envelope in
today's bulletin to help the
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BULLETIN INSERTS FOR THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Purification Prayer



Whenever the priest purifies the vessels after Communion, he says a particular prayer quietly. It is one of the parts of the Mass that is not to be spoken aloud, so it concerns the priest more than the people, but it serves as a reminder of the holiness of the Communion that everyone shares. The first appearance of this prayer is in the Veronese Sacramentary, a collection thought to contain the prayers in use for Mass in Rome in the late sixth century. It has remained almost completely unchanged ever since. Today it is still assigned to the priest, but others could pray it profitably.

The text, as revised in 2008, goes like this: "What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity." The prayer recognizes the holiness of the crumbs and droplets that remain after Communion in the sacred vessels and the purity of heart required to receive them. The priest prays that his inadequacies may be healed for eternity as he receives these heavenly gifts at this moment in time. It is a beautiful prayer that shimmers with our beliefs in the real presence of the Eucharist, the promise of eternal life, the honesty of human failure, and the mercy of God.

After Communion or after Mass, when the priest takes up the corporal in one hand, sweeps the crumbs from the paten into the chalice, pours in some water, and swallows the contents, he says this prayer. God purifies the priest, as the priest purifies the vessels.

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**Families, what better way to teach your
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Please contact

Debbie 239-936-3635 ext. 129

Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

(Romans 12:13)



Our 2025 assessment is \$243,000

% of Goal	113.94%
% of Households	32.43%
Total Payments	\$272,584.55

Thanks to your generosity we have made our goal for 2025

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention

JANUARY 2026

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Please join us at
SUNDAY SOCIAL
January 11
8:30-10:30 In the Parish Hall

Enjoy amazing fellowship, five kinds of juice, coffee, tea, muffins, doughnuts, bagels, fresh fruit, yogurt, hard boiled eggs & muffins for a donation

Our volunteers will also have a free raffle to register for- drawing 1/25



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, Susan Benton, at (941) 416 - 6114.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This event marks the beginning of his ministry. St. Francis de Sales notes that God also calls us to service even with our flawed natures:

Our Savior's unfathomable ways of calling us to His service are so lovely and varied. When we have a firm and steadfast determination to want to serve God in the way and place where God calls us, we then have a true vocation.

While we are firm in our perseverance to serve God, we still commit faults. We may also hesitate in our resolve to use the means given us to serve God. We are all at the mercy of our feelings and emotions, subject to changes and ups and downs. We are not to worry if we sometimes experience feelings of distaste and discouragement in responding to our call to serve God. It is normal to experience these ups and downs. Even though we are not exceedingly virtuous, we are still fit for God's service. Yet, we must stand firm in the midst of changing moods. Some virtues for the most part can only be practiced amid difficulty. It is our will - not our feelings and emotions - that must judge the firmness and steadfastness of our commitment to love as God desires us to love. It is this struggle of the will to persevere that determines our commitment to serve God.

A good musician has the habit of testing the strings of his instrument from time to time to see if they need tightening or loosening in order to render the tone in perfect harmony. We too at times need to examine and consider all the affections of our soul to see if they are in tune with the wishes and commands of Our Savior. Let us strengthen our fervor, by reaffirming often our commitment to be God's children who are called to love divinely. Live courageously and faithfully to the original stirring of your heart to serve God, and you will be happy.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Have you moved? Gotten Married?
 Changed your phone number or email?
 If so, or if you have made any other changes that will affect how we communicate with you and your family, please let us know.
 Just call the office at 239 936 3635 x 110 or email:
jlaboy@saintcecilias.net **Thank you**



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 \(saintceciliast.org\)](http://saintceciliast.org)

Welcome our New Parishioners

James and Robin Aranowski

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday 1 Sam 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday 1 Sam 1: 9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8 Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday 1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40: 2, 5, 7-10 Mark 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sam 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 Mark 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22 Ps 89:16-19 Mark 2:1-12

Saturday 1 Sam 9:1-4,17-19,10:1 Ps 21: 2-7 Mark 2:13-17

Sunday Isaiah 49: 3,5-6 Ps 40:2,4,7-10

1 Cor 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Prayer Intentions

Please go on line (Click on Link or 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](#)



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Angel**

By: Jim and Susan DeFee



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Dedicated volunteers make shawls to be used for comfort in times of stress or during prayer and meditation. The shawls are blessed and distributed to those in need several times a year.

Join us for fellowship, prayer, and knitting/crocheting the first and third Thursday of the month at 10:00AM in the parish hall.

Beginners welcome!

Contact Sandy Ward for more information, 586-793-4012

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday

JAN 10
4:00 PM

† David Naples
by John & Pam Klaas

Sunday

JAN 11
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

St. Cecilia's Parishioners
† Mary Bernadette Boonstra
by Ann, David & Stephen Klimas
† Angelica Pabon Lora
By Paula Lora

Monday,

JAN 12
7:30 AM
12:10 PM

Kadi Callie by Pat Fox
† Deena Rivenburgh
by Jack & Maria Milazzo

Tuesday,

JAN 13
7:30 AM
12:10 PM

Dylan and Family
by James Williams
† Jim Laughlin
by Debbie Laughlin

Wednesday,

JAN 14
7:30 AM
12:10 PM

Kaitlyn and Family
by James Williams
† Larry Delisle
by Anne Barry

Thursday,

JAN 15
7:30 AM
12:10 PM

Priest's Intentions
† Jerry Olin
by The Olin Family

Friday,

JAN 16
7:30 AM
12:10 PM

Janell Dolan
by Pat Cuevas
† Dianna McKnight
by Pat Cleem

Saturday

JAN 17
4:00 PM

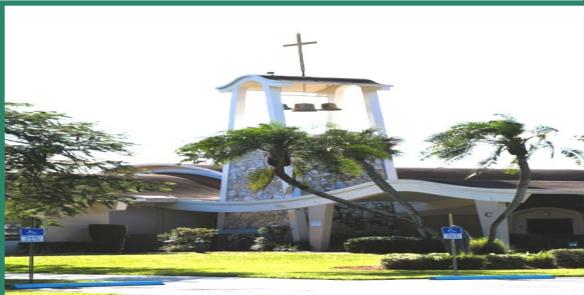
† Randy Cox
by Pat Cox

Sunday

JAN 18
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Pat Greco
by Nancy Zavada
Gary and Ann Bloemker
by Joe & Teresa Mitchell
† Anthony Gulotta
by Kathy Gulotta

Scan QR code
for Daily Readings from USCCB



Living Stewardship Through Prayer

FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREP ARE BACK

**WE WANT TO WELCOME BACK ALL
OUR STUDENTS
CLASSES CONTINUE AT
10:00 AM AND 12:00 PM**



SAINT CECILIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their Honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 14th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11:00 am, and March 14th at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota, also at 11:00 am. Opportunity for a photo with Bishop Dewane will also be available both before and after Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.
239-936-3635 ext 110



The Knight's Corner

Our Council members are saddened to acknowledge the passing of long time Brother Knight Alfred F. Del Rossi III. Al joined the Knights of Columbus June 1, 1968 as a first degree knight. He achieved second degree on April 1, 1981 and third degree on February 15, 2013. Al is survived by his wife Donna and brother Damon. Al funeral mass was held at Saint Cecilia on Saturday December 12th with a reception following in the Parish Hall.

Attending the mass was the 4th Degree Color Corps and others serving at the mass to honor Al were Vince Soral, James Williams, Rob Saunders, Esther Kiesel, Jim DeFee, Tom Tarantelli, Charles DePeri, Jim Bolinger and Steve Jansen.

The Knights of Columbus were founded by the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney to help widows and orphans. In that spirit our Council raised \$1,100 in donations to help Donna through these difficult times.

Our Council here at Saint Cecilia meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome so come see what you have been missing as an adult Catholic Christian.

George J. Hambel CPA

Financial Secretary, gjhcpa@cmcast.net



Fr. Paul Dechant OSFS
Pastor

Fr. Francis J. Hanlon,
OSFS
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