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Join us in Welcoming
Kayli Rose
To our Family of Faith
Congratulations to Joshua and Katt
on the Baptism of their Daughter



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Schedule

November through Wednesday of Holy Week
Monday - Friday ... 7:30 am and 12:10 pm
Weekend: Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Chapel open for Prayer

(when the Parish Office is open)

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Reconciliation - Saturday 2:30 PM - 3:30
PM & Thursday Family Adoration prior
to First Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the
Chapel - or by appointment

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.

Holy Day and Holiday Schedule:

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

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: *First Friday Adoration is this Friday.* Adoration begins at 8:00 am in the Chapel. Benediction is at 8:50 pm. Family Adoration is held the Thursday prior to First Friday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Reconciliation is available during Family Adoration.

(Bulletin available at saintcecilias.org)

MARCH 1, 2026

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 allows for you to receive timely and essential communications through mail and our weekly Parish Email Update. Registrations also simplifies the process with regard to religious education; sponsoring a sacramental candidate; and for the planning and preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals *and the reception of Sacraments for homebounds such as Eucharist and Anointing*. Seasonal Parishioners are also welcomed to Register and have dual membership.

Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours or on our website: Registration form (saintcecilias.org)

Welcome to Our New Parishioners:
Heather Lyn Proud-Funk
Samuel, Olivia, William & Isabel Funk
Patricia Ann Schumacher

Summer/Fall Mass Time Changes

(including a weekend mass time change!)

As has been our longtime practice here at St. Cecilia, after Holy Week our weekday mass schedule changes from daily masses M-F at both 7:30 AM and 12:10 PM (with Holy Day/Holiday exceptions) to MWF @ 7:30 AM and TuTh @ 12:10 PM.

This year there will be an additional, permanent (not seasonal) weekend Mass time change: **The last Sunday Mass will begin at 11:30 AM (NOT 11 AM) beginning April 12, 2026.** Since moving Faith Formation to between the 9 & 11 AM masses it has been a crunch to get the kids settled, have a lesson and get out in time for the 11 AM mass.

This change provides more time for Faith Formation classes and so gives catechists the time needed for more thoughtful and engaging lessons and makes it easier to fulfill required Religious Education hours/child/year. It also will better allow both adult and youth volunteers to participate in liturgical ministries, allow for adult Faith Formation to more easily coincide with the children's Faith Formation time and provides more time for set up and breaking down the spaces which may be used by multiple groups on a Sunday morning.

Certainly it will be a change of routine for people who have been coming to the 11 AM mass for years, decades or even scores of years, but this change is for the long term health and growth of the parish and hopefully you will be docile to making the adjustment to this change.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28

4:00 PM † Fr. Stan Dombrowski
by Karen Ferraraccio

Sunday, March 1

7:30 AM Saint Cecilia's Parishioner
9:00 AM † Gerald Olin
by Donna Hauptman
11:00 AM † Paul Lambert
by Elsie McElligott

Monday, March 2

7:30 AM Priest's Intentios
12:10 PM † Angelica Pabon Lora
by Paula Lora

Tuesday, March 3

7:30 AM John Antonelli
by Nancy Zavada
12:10 PM Claire Johnson
by Denise Devine

Wednesday, March 4

7:30 AM Doris Kiser
12:10 PM † Marion Jones
by Karen Richelsen

Thursday, March 5

7:30 AM Shane Marino
12:10 PM Margot Valderrama
by Juan Luis Laboy

Friday, March 6

7:30 AM † Lucy Frandza
by Pat Benedict
12:10 PM † Sonia Valderrama
by Juan Luis Laboy

Saturday, March 7

4:00 PM † Carol Muir
by Donna & Buddy Strickland

Sunday, March 8

7:30 AM Saint Cecilia's Parishioner
9:00 AM Zoe Miller
by Pat Cox
11:00 AM Luz Alisangco Gamez
by Glenn & Tina Tovar Dias

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By Sunday Social Friends





Pyrex Heart

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday** Dan. 9:4-10 Ps. 79:8,9,11,13 Luke 6:36-38
- Tuesday** Isa. 1:20,16-20 Ps. 50:8,9,16,17,21,23 Matt. 23:1-12
- Wednesday** Jer. 18:18-20 Ps. 31:5,6,14-16 Matt. 20:17-28
- Thursday** Jer. 17:5-10 Ps. 1:1-4,6 Luke 16:19-31
- Friday** Gen. 37:3,4,12,13,17-28 Ps. 105:16-21 Matt. 21:33-43,45,46
- Saturday** Micah 7:14,15,18-20 Ps. 103:1-4,9-12 Luke 15:1-3,11-32
- Sunday** Exo. 17:3-7 Ps. 95:1,2,6-9
Rom 5:1,2,5-8 John 4:5-42

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, February 28
2:30 - 3:30 pm Reconciliation.....CH

Sunday, March 1
8:30 - 10:30 am Sunday Social.....PH
10:00 - 11:00 am Faith FormationPH
10:00-11:00 am Walking With PurposePH

Monday, March 2
10:45 - 11:45 am Parish Lenten MissionCHURCH
12:45 pm Rosary.....CH
7:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Lenten MissionCHURCH

Tuesday, March 3
8:30 am Men's Gospel Forum101
10:45 - 11:45 am Parish Lenten MissionCHURCH
12:45 pm Rosary.....CH
1:00 - 2:00 pm Our Grief JourneyLIB
10:45 - 11:45 am Parish Lenten MissionCHURCH
12:45 pm Rosary.....CH
7:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Lenten MissionCHURCH

Wednesday, March 4
10:45 - 11:45 am Parish Lenten MissionCHURCH
12:45 pm Rosary.....CH
7:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Lenten MissionCHURCH

Thursday, March 5
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Rosary Making MinistryPH
10:00 am Lenten Bible StudyPH
12:45 pm RosaryCH
6:30 pm Choir RehearsalCR
7:00 am Lenten Bible StudyPH

Friday, March 6  **Abstinence**
8:00 am - 8:50 pm AdorationCH
10:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle104
4:30 - 6:30 pm Fish FridayMH
7:00 pm Stations of the CrossCHURCH

Saturday, March 7
2:30-3:30 pm Reconciliation.....CH

Sunday, March 8
8:30 - 10:30 am Sunday Social.....PH
10:00 - 11:00 am Faith FormationPH
10:00-11:00 am Walking With PurposePH
12:00 - 3:00 pm Sacramental PrepPH

PH= Parish Hall CH= Chapel CR= Community Room MH=Marian Hall
LIB=Library *Numeric Locations indicate a Room in the Parish Hall

Lent begins with an invitation from the Prophet Joel (2:12), "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart."

Returning items is not my expertise.

Here is my confession: every time someone brings a Pyrex dish to my house, I sound a warning, "If you leave it here, you may never get it back again."

It is not intentional. I just do not have a mental inventory of my baking dishes. I cannot distinguish between yours and mine. With many Oblates living in the house, I cannot track where it is, who cleaned it, or where it was stored. "Warning!"

When the Lord proclaims, "Return to Me with your whole heart," I feel as though I am looking for one of those dishes. I don't know where it is. It has been passed around, stored away, and I lost track of it.

But there was one Pyrex dish I could return without hesitation. My friend etched her name on the bottom of it. Her name marked the dish.

When St. Francis de Sales urges us to "Live Jesus!" he is inviting us to let the name of Jesus be engraved, etched, into our hearts. It is a call to allow Christ to dwell at the very core of our being, to become the center from which all our thoughts, desires, and actions flow.

This is the initial invitation of Lent - open the cupboard. The Lord does not look blindly for your heart.

I know which heart is yours, says the Lord, I have etched my name on it. That's the one I want, with the chips, cracks, wounds, and hardness. See there it is, Live Jesus!



By: Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS
Provincial
Toledo-Detroit Province

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our 2026 Assessment is\$238,000.00
Detailed information from the Diocese of Venice is not yet available.

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St. Cecilia Catholic Community



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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 by holding Control & clicking on the Link, or simply scan the QR code. Click here, to submit Prayer Intentions



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LENTEN PENANCE



MARCH 3: ST. JOHN XXIII	6:30 PM
MARCH 4: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER	5:00 - 6:30 PM
MARCH 20: ST. COLUMBKILLE	5:00 PM
MARCH 24: ST. CECILIA	7:00 PM
MARCH 27: ALL PARISHES IN DIO. OF VENICE	4:00 - 8:00 PM
MARCH 28: ALL PARISHES IN DIO. OF VENICE ..	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Please join us at SUNDAY SOCIAL MARCH 1

8:30-10:30 In the Parish Hall

Join us for fellowship, friendly faces, and a delicious spread: coffee, tea, five kinds of juice, muffins, apple fritters, filled doughnuts, three kinds of bagels, fresh fruit, yogurt, and hard-boiled eggs — for a donation.



Our volunteers will also have a free raffle featuring prayer cards as we prepare for Lent. We will draw for Feb. raffle at 10:20.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

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 finger printed (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.



**OBLATES OF
ST FRANCIS DE SALES**

This Sunday we climb Mount Tabor with Jesus. Here, we get a glimpse of the glory of Jesus, whose divine love is always transforming us. St. Francis de Sales notes: Jesus, through his Transfiguration, shows us a little spark of the eternal bliss that is awaiting us. Our Lord is transfigured to make us desire eternal happiness in its entirety.

Our gentle Savior wishes to make use of his divine attractions and inspirations to draw us to His most pure love. When God gives us faith, God speaks to our mind through inspirations. These first perceptions of God's love are poured into us through the Holy Spirit. In hearts that give their consent, God, little by little, gently strengthens the holy love that comes from these inspirations.

The disciples experienced such delight on Mount Tabor that they wanted to stay there. Let us also place all our affections on Our Savior and aspire to the happiness that God has prepared for us. God has given us all the necessary means to attain the happiness of eternal glory. We too are climbing Mount Tabor, since we are firmly resolved to serve Our Savior well, and to love His divine Goodness. Yet, it often happens when we begin to grow in holiness, we find our affections are still entangled with useless loves. Don't be upset. It is an opportunity to practice virtue. You have a great desire for holiness. Nourish this desire and let it grow each day. If you stumble, cry out to Our Lord who desires your love, and will hold you by the hand. Without growing weary, let us climb Mount Tabor toward the heavenly vision our Savior gave us.

Walk joyously, then, among the difficulties of this passing life. Embrace all the challenges that you encounter along the path that God has marked out for you, and be at peace. Transformation is the true mark of a divine visitation. May you always desire it!

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)

FAITH  FORMATION

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE

St. Cecilia's Summer Bible Camp

June 22 - June 26

9am - 3pm



Details and registration coming soon!



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THE KNIGHTS CORNER

On February 4th our Council donated one thousand dollars to the local Chapter St. Vincent DePaul Society here in Fort Myers. The funds for this and other donations that our Council have made recently came from profits of our 2025 Golf Tournament.

Pictured below is Grand Knight Capt. Ed Kiesel presenting the award. Receiving it is Tony Iannacone, President of the local St. Vincent DePaul Chapter.

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 see what you have been missing as an adult Catholic Christian.



George J. Hambel CPA

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RAFFLE WINNERS

Name	Prize
John Shannon	Mighty Mussels (4 Box Seats)
J. Morrissey	\$100 Duffy's Certificate
Brad Stanhke	Edison Estates Tickets
Jeff Lynass	Busch Gardens Tickets
Debbie Boback	Main Street Venture Rest. Certificate
Peter Sulzbach	\$50 Long Horn- Cape Coral Certificate
John Schaefer	Shoeless Joe's Sports Café Certificate

Thanks for your help, we still need dessert donations!



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