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Fr. James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., Pastor

Welcome!

We are happy you are here. We invite you to be a full, active participant in our community.
Let no one feel like a stranger here!

MASS TIMES:

Tues. & Thurs. Mass 8am at Sacred Heart;
Wed. & Fri. Mass 8am at Saint Cecilia;
Saturday 4:00pm at St Cecilia Church
Saturday 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 8:00am at St Cecilia Church
Sunday 10:30am at Sacred Heart Church

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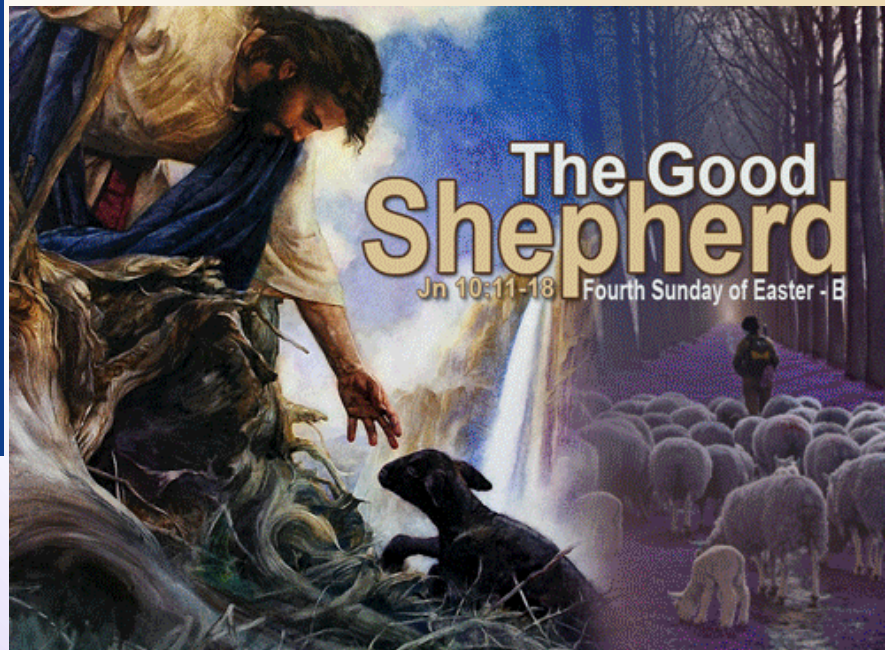
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April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter



ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call Father anytime 724-423-3777.

Please Note: By law, Hospitals and Care Facilities are prevented from notifying us of admissions or status changes. Please contact the Office to request visits or Communion calls as soon as possible.

Home visits are continuing for the Homebound.

RECONCILIATION (Confession): ½ hour before Mass or by appt.

WEDDINGS: Couples must meet with the pastor at least twelve months in advance of the planned marriage date.

BAPTISMS: Call the pastor to schedule & prepare for Baptism.

Please Note: Certificates to be a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to one who is a registered and practicing member of the Parish.

FIRST COMMUNION or CONFIRMATION: We have a 2 year Preparation Program, please contact Mary Stoner at 724-972-1472.

REGISTRATION: Every family should be registered at either Sacred Heart or at St. Cecilia Parish [one or the other]. Of course you can go to Mass at either parish. To register: call the office or see page 2.



Discipleship: Following The Way Of The Lord Jesus

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday.

Jesus said that He is the Good Shepherd who knows and loves us.

While mention of shepherds and sheep may make us think of warm coats, very few of us really appreciate the depths of intimacy found in the declaration, *I am the good shepherd*.

When Jesus calls himself *The good shepherd*, he is using an example that would have been very familiar to his listeners. The sheep had to be fed and watered and protected. Shepherds had to keep an eye out for predators, while herding the sheep away from dangerous areas.

Outdoors in all conditions for long periods of time, shepherds literally had to surrender a large part of their lives for the sheep in their care.

Because of this great commitment of the shepherd to the sheep, Jesus uses this same image to speak of his own dedicated love. Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who knows and cares for us. Jesus likened this relationship between shepherd and sheep to the relationship He enjoys with His Father. How special we are to Him!

Yet, our shepherd was rejected; hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung on a tree to die. He gives his life for each of the members of his flock.

The word for shepherd in Latin is *pastor*. When Jesus says He is the Good Shepherd, He is saying that He is the good Pastor. Likewise, a pastor of a Church is shepherd of the Lord's flock.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for your pastor, and pray that the Lord send us more priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.

Fr Jim



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Reach out to Fr. Jim, or contact Fr Tyler Bandura, the Vocations Director at tbandura@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



I FIND IT MUCH EASIER TO BE A GOOD SHEPHERD WHEN I AM CARING FOR ONE SUPER LARGE SHEEP INSTEAD OF A WHOLE FLOCK OF SMALL ONES

SACRED HEART/ST. CECILIA CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONES: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SELECT YOUR PARISH: ST. CECILIA OR SACRED HEART

CHECK: New Registration Change of Address Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into offertory basket or mail to either parish office—addresses are on the front cover.

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

Sanctuary Candle Intention

Honor the memory of your loved ones or recognize a special occasion, call the Parish Office at 724-423-3777 for more information. Sanctuary Candle – \$10

Mass Intentions

LORD'S DAY MASSES – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 20

4:00PM(SC) † Joseph Stas & Brian Rusnock by Looney Family
6:00PM(SH) Sacred Heart & Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, April 21

8:00AM(SC) † David McCracken, Sr. by Vincent J. Kubistek
10:30AM(SH) † Robert Porembka, Sr. by Frank Porembka

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, April 22

No Mass

Tuesday, April 23 St. George, St. Adalbert

8:00AM(SH) † Mary Ellen Ridilla by Dick & Barb Ridilla

Wednesday, April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00AM(SC) † John R. (Jumbo) Stas by Ferlin's & Repko's

Thursday, April 25 Saint Mark

8:00AM(SH) † Robert M. Harr by Cindy

Friday, April 26

8:00AM(SC) † Samantha Stas by Family

LORD'S DAY MASSES – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 27

4:00PM(SC) † Kenny Miller by old friend
6:00PM(SH) † Irene Fowler by Bob & Charlene

Sunday, April 28

8:00AM(SC) † Loretta Janik by Catechists
10:30AM(SH) Sacred Heart & Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Cookies / Donations needed for

MEALS ON WHEELS: April 22 - 26, 2024

Cookies (no nuts) are needed. Please call Betsy Sherbondy at 724-423-5796 to schedule a good day to bring your cookie donation. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write "Meals on Wheels" on an envelope, and place in the offertory basket at Mass, or at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support of this important work!

2024

Monday Night ROSARY St. Cecilia Church
Change of time for the season **4:00pm**

April

- 21 Catholic Accent, Second collection, all Masses
- 21 Faith Formation Classes, 9am -10:10am
- 22 Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. 6pm, Parish office
- 22 – 26 Meals on Wheels, SC Hall
- 23 "The Chosen", 6:30 to 8pm SC Hall
- 24 GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN EVENT
Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30pm. Please drop your covered dish off by **5:00pm** at St. Cecilia Hall.
- 28 First Holy Communion, SC 8am Mass
- 28 Children's Mass, SC 8am Mass
- 29 Healing Mass, 6pm St. Cecilia Church
- 30 "The Chosen", 6:30 to 8pm SC Hall

Ministry Schedule: April 27 - 28, 2024

Lector Eucharistic Minister Server

Saturday April 27

4:00PM(SC) E Stas Slezak, Elliott M & M Elliott
6:00PM(SH) Repko Noel, Volunteer

Sunday April 28 8am Children's Mass

8:00AM(SC) Students M & M Yandrick Blair
10:30AM(SH) Boggio B & S McCreery

Collection Counters April 28

(SC) Stas (SH) Boggio, Knapczyk

2024 MASS INTENTION & REQUEST FORM

Mass Intentions & Requests from our Parishioners at St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart Parishes. Requests for Specific Dates are limited to 4 Mass dates per calendar-year, of these 4, only 2 may be scheduled for a weekend Mass.

Mass Intentions cannot be scheduled more than 3 months in advance.

Father may accept additional requests, based on availability. All Mass Intentions must be in writing along with the \$10 Mass Offering. Mass Intentions will not be taken over the phone so as to avoid errors, the Secretary will call if there is an issue.

MASS Offering: _____

Requests must include Date requested: 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

Offered by: _____ Phone # needed: _____

Intention for: _____ Church: SC [] or SH []

Please place your Mass Intentions/Requests in the offertory basket (envelope marked "Mass Intention") or MAIL / stop by the Parish Office.

Given With Grateful Hearts

SACRED HEART

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,221

April 14 Parish Collection \$3,547

Good Friday/Holy Land \$107

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in our Parishes each week!**

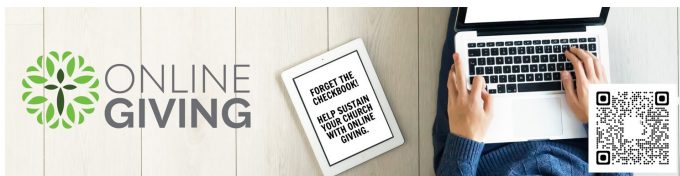
Your sacrificial gifts go a long way in helping us carry out our Mission to bring the Lord's Good News to Sacred Heart and Saint Cecilia.

Thank you for helping to build the Kingdom of God here on earth through His church by your prayers, your time, your talents and your financial support.

Please consider how just a one or two dollar increase per week from every family would help us meet our normal operating expenses.

Please take a moment to prayerfully reflect on your current giving; then, with trust in God, challenge yourself and your family to give more.

May God bless you for your generosity!



The Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA)

OUR PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGNS

The DLA make it possible to repair, maintain and upgrade our parish facilities.

**100% of your DLA donations
STAY HERE
to help our Parish!**

Sacred Heart 2024 TOTAL GOAL—\$59,676

Diocese portion—\$24,676 Parish portion—\$35,000

Received toward 2024 TOTAL GOAL—\$27,864

THANK YOU for your support!

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SACRED HEART Prayer List

Irene Balazek, Bernie Balko, William Charles, Verinia Clark, Ken Coup, Graham Davis, Blake Doyle, Desiree Doyle, Jennifer Dupilka, Don Eglhaut, Catherine Ennis, Henry James Farkas, Vera Ferry, Joyce B. Gainey, Gordon L. Gladden, Ruth Henderson, Judy Janusek, Peggy Jasper, Margaret Kelly, Richard Carl Kintz, Brenda Knapczyk, Kristi Knapczyk, John Korzak, Ronna B. Layne, Betty Marshall, Bernice Miedel, Ron Messich, Agnes Onusko, Nathan Overly, Andrea Playso, Roseann Playso, David Ridilla, Mary Ann Seaman, Rachelle Sherback, Scott Smith, Chuck Stahl, Patricia Stouffer, Emanuel Synchronula, Ethel Thomas, Lujean Wasnesky, Judy Wasnesky

Names in the PRAYER LIST can ONLY be Added at the request of immediate family members by contacting the Parish Office. Please let us know when a name can be removed from our Prayer List.

Did You Know...

Next year, 2025, is the 150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish.

Anyone willing to help with planning for our Sesquicentennial celebration, please speak with Father Jim.

SACRED HEART



Congratulations to

Theresa Stranko, #008

the 51st weekly winner for 2023-2024.

200 CLUB BANQUET

See page 7 in the bulletin for more details about the Banquet and Basket raffle!

Registration forms are at both churches.



SAINT CECILIA Prayer List

Vern Ashbaugh, Megan Carroll, Christina Courville, Hudson Donahue, Douglas Facemyer, Ron Fajt, Grace Gardner, Gordon C. Gladden, Roger Gorley, Melinda Hawk, Lucas Haefner, Stacey Jarvis, Tom Karasack, Kasey Lanier, Virginia McCracken, Jim Milko, Hutch Morris, Don Paul, John Pasztor, Chuck Pope, Margaret Quinn, Francis Rolniak, Nancy Sckeres, Myron Severa, Ted Severa, Patty Spisak, Jeremiah Springer, Matthew Springer, Ron Stahl, Tricia Henry Sulek, Marie Talarovich, Ethel Thomas, Samantha Springer Thompson, Ronald Thompson, Elizabeth Verdun, Jessica Yasurek, Linda Williams, Walter Williams

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Saint Cecilia Monthly



Sunday, May 5, 2024!

St. Cecilia Parish Hall

BINGO starts at 2:00pm

Doors open at 12:30pm

Mystery number, 50/50, Jackpot, Specials and more!
Refreshments will be available.

We would welcome donations of cake, homemade foods, pop & bottled water and Baskets. Donations can be dropped off at the SUNDAY BINGO date or at the Parish office.

Don't Miss our First 2024 Saint Cecilia



BURGER BASH

Saturday, May 18

11am to 2pm

If you would like to assure the financial success of our St. Cecilia BURGER BASHES, we would appreciate donations of the following items: Bottled Water; cubes of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sierra Mist; AND of course *Cash Donations* are always welcome!

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SAINT CECILIA

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,788

April 14 Parish Collection \$3,302

Thank You for your support of God's work in our Parishes each week!

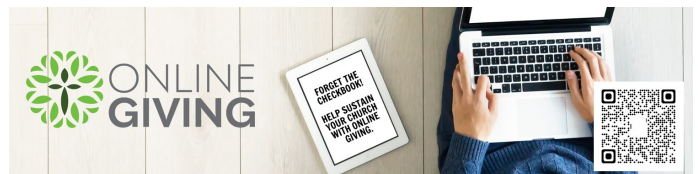
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Diocese portion—\$26,581 Parish portion—\$40,000
Received toward 2024 TOTAL GOAL—\$50,114

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Let us continue to pray as parish families for our 2nd graders as they will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time.

Regis Boast Elliot Burns Dash Carroll
Felix Cirola Vincent La Carte
Jamie Rothrock Julia Shafran



Upcoming CHILDREN’s MASSES

April 28, 8am @ SC: Staying Connected;
May 19, 10:30am @ SH: Got the Spirit?

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!

We had an overwhelming response of donations towards the Easter Egg Hunt and wanted to thank you all for your generosity and thoughtfulness. The overflow of donations will be used for up coming events for Faith Formation. Thanks again and Happy Easter!

HEALING MASS

St. Cecilia Church

April 29, 6pm: Faith To Be Healed

Christ said to us thru the apostle James: **“Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.”**

All are invited to attend **Mass** with the **Anointing of the Sick on Mon, April 29, at 6:00pm**, at St Cecilia Church.

Everyone is invited to come if you are: suffering from serious or chronic illness of mind or body; facing surgery or a serious medical procedure or testing; experiencing the debilitations and aches & pains of growing old; or limited by any type of mental or physical impairment.

If you are in need of prayer for healing in body, mind or spirit, **we encourage you to come.**

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Do you know when you see a young Catholic and think, “Wow, he would be a great priest!” or “She would make a great sister!” Now you can let the Vocations Office know by submitting a form on the website.

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What happens when you submit a name?

1. Father Bandura will send them a letter of encouragement.
2. The Vocation Office will invite them to events.
3. The Vocation Office will offer gentle support as they discern their vocation.

Thank you for being the voice of Christ!

April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sacred Heart
200 CLUB
BANQUET AND DRAWING
Friday, May 3
5:30pm St Cecilia Hall

Last chance to get your Registration in TODAY!
 Registrations forms are in the back of each church.

The 200 Club is a weekly drawing
(52 chances to win)
AND is your Ticket to a Banquet
AND a \$1,500 Winner's Circle
AND \$400+ in additional prizes!



*Enjoy good food, music and the company of fellow parishioners
 and friends, where we are all winners!*



Sacred Heart Fundraiser

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SACRED HEART CHURCH

BASKET RAFFLE

**Please help support our Sacred Heart fundraiser by donating a basket/gift cards or
 by making a monetary donation for the 200 Club Banquet Basket Raffle!**

We are asking for donations of either fully assembled Baskets (no individual pieces/items) gift cards or monetary donations for the 200 CLUB Banquet Basket Raffle! If you are interested in making a BASKET, please contact Kathy Slivko at 724-539-4111. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket at Mass, please write "200 CLUB Basket Raffle" on an envelope, or at the Parish Office.

Please have all donations in by April 25, 2024.


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