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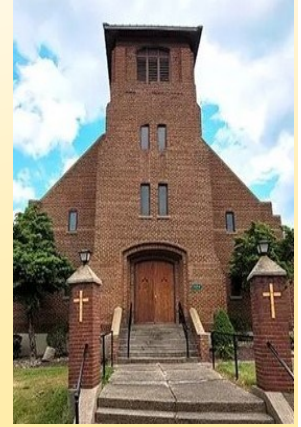
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Fr. James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., Pastor

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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March 23, 2025 Third Sunday Of Lent

**I have witnessed the affliction
of my people....**



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.

CONFESSIONS: ½ hour before Saturday & Sunday Mass or by appt.

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

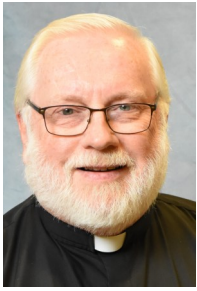
BAPTISMS: Call the pastor to schedule & prepare for Baptism.

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.

SACRED HEART & ST. CECILIA PARISHES



From the Pastor

Fig trees are treasured for their delicious fruit.

But in today's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a man who had a fig tree that didn't produce any figs.

The tree is *worthless* -- just taking up needed space in the orchard.

The owner has a clear & direct solution: *Hack the darn thing down; I've had enough!* Who can blame him? Ancient literature is full of fig tree parables where the tree gets the axe.

But this is a story of mercy, not of punishment. God is the good gardener who sees the potential here. There is still time for the fig tree to bear fruit.

So, too, God has *planted* us on this earth and expects us to produce good fruit in our lives. The parable asks us: What are we doing? Are we just taking up space in church? Or are we producing the good fruit the Lord expects?

Some people are like this fig tree. Some people think it's enough to just take up space in a pew and contribute nothing. Some people want everything done for them, but don't want to do anything for anyone else. They think a God who asks His Son to die on a cross, won't ask for anything from us, too.

God may not be calling us from a burning bush, but God asks more from us, than mere good intentions. *If you love me, He says, then, show me:* Repent! Change your attitude. Bear fruit.

That fig tree was given the opportunity for change, for growth, for renewal. And, thanks be to God, so are we.

Fr Jim

HEALING MASS

St. Cecilia Church

March 24, 6pm



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 **Monday, March 24, at 6:00pm**, at St Cecilia Church.

Everyone is invited to come if you are:

suffering from serious or chronic illness of body or mind; 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.**



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

St. Cecilia Sanctuary Candle

In memory of **John Davis** by wife, Kathie



Mass Intentions

LORD'S DAY MASSES - Third Sunday Of Lent

Saturday, March 22

4:00PM(SC) † John Davis by wife, Kathie

6:00PM(SH) † Marian Mattock by Paula Harr

Sunday, March 23

8:00AM(SC) Saint Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishioners

10:30AM(SH) † Gus Copelli by Terry Gebhardt

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, March 24 Healing Mass

6:00PM(SC) Saint Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishioners

Tuesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00AM(SH) † Steve & Anna Stas Family by Family

Wednesday, March 26

8:00AM(SC) † Nancy Rabic by Tide & Kathy Leachman

Thursday, March 27

8:00AM(SH) † Jerry Telin by Sue Musick

Friday, March 28

8:00AM(SC) † Blaine Ashbaugh by Marlene Berg

LORD'S DAY MASSES - Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Saturday, March 29

4:00PM(SC) † Rich Kapfhammer by Marian & Mike Ferlin

6:00PM(SH) † Ronald Messich by Ed & Bernie Butina

Sunday, March 30

8:00AM(SC) Saint Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishioners

10:30AM(SH) † Marian Mattock by Kathy Slivko



2025

Monday Night **ROSARY**
4:00pm SC Church

March

23 Faith Formation Classes, 9am –10:10am

24 HEALING MASS, 6pm St. Cecilia Church

26 Fr. Jim, 10:30am Mass at Grove Nursing Home

26 STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 5:15pm SC Church

30 CHILDREN'S MASS, SH Church 10:30am Mass

April

2 Fr. Jim, CDT Penance Service 9am-10am

2 STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 5:15pm SH Church

4 First Friday Visits

4 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, SC Church

6 Repair and Replacement collection, all Masses

6 Faith Formation Classes, 9am -10:10am

6 Bingo, 2pm (doors open at 12:30pm) SC Hall

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 29 – 30

10:30am(SH) Children's Mass

Lectors

4:00pm(SC) Charley Fajt

6:00pm(SH) Mary Stubbs

8:00am(SC) Emily Pierce

10:30am(SH) Student



Eucharistic Ministers

4:00pm(SC) Jeremy Zawelensky, Joanne Kornides

6:00pm(SH) Marlene Boggio

8:00am(SC) Jim Dunlap, Lisa Kring

10:30am(SH) Colleen Evans, Lucille Knapczyk

Altar Servers

4:00pm(SC) Cassidy Bly

8:00am(SC) Mason Blair

10:30am(SH) Lilah or Maria Evans

Collection Counters

(SC) Helen Carson, Patricia Yasurek, Luanne Pierce

(SH) John & Marlene Boggio, Lucille Knapczyk

Mass Intention and Request Form / Sanctuary Candle Intention

Mass Intentions & Requests from our Parishioners at St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart Parishes. Mass Intentions cannot be scheduled more than Three Months in advance. REQUESTS for **Specific Dates**; Two may be requested for a Saturday or Sunday Mass.

Father may accept additional requests, based on availability. **All Mass Intention / Sanctuary Candle Intention must be in writing along with the \$10 Offering for each intention. Thank you.** Mass Intention / Sanctuary Candle Offering: _____

Sanctuary Candle Intention for: _____ by: _____ Date: _____

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

Offered by: _____ Phone # needed: _____

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

Please place your form in the offertory basket (envelope marked "Mass Intention / Sanctuary Candle") or at the Parish Office during office hours.

Given With Grateful Hearts

SACRED HEART

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,221

March 16 Parish Collection \$3,099

Home Missions \$20 Catholic Accent \$10 Eastern Europe \$20

Thank You for your support of God's work 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!



SACRED HEART Prayer List

Bernie Balko, William Charles, Verinia Clark, Ken Coup, Graham Davis, Rose Dominick, 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, Richard A. Noel, Agnes Onusko, Nathan Overly, Andrea Playso, Roseann Playso, David Ridilla, Mary Ann Seaman, Rachelle Sherback, Scott Smith, Chuck Stahl, Emanuel Stynchula, 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.

The Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA) OUR PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGNS THE OFFICIAL 2025 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN WILL TAKE PLACE DURING LENT

We now are receiving your support for the 2025 DLA.

Sacred Heart 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$59,676

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

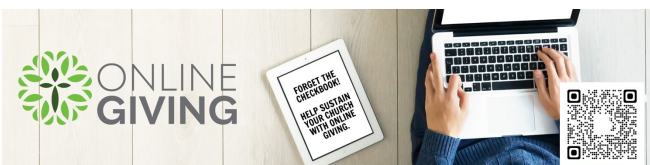
Received toward 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$4,680

THANK YOU for your support!

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Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our website on your smart device. Online Giving will help sustain our church. We currently live in a society that is always on the move. We are constantly traveling and looking for new places to adventure. Whether we are on a work trip, out of town for our kid's sporting event, or forget our checkbook, Online Giving gives you the opportunity to give anytime and anywhere with just the click of a button.

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200 CLUB BANQUET BASKET RAFFLE



DONATIONS of Baskets / Gift Cards for our MAY 2 BANQUET.

We are asking for donations of either fully assembled Baskets with *items listed on a card* (no individual pieces/items) or gift cards, 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. Baskets or Donations can also be dropped off at the Parish Office. We would like all donations to be in by April 24, 2025.

SACRED HEART



Congratulations to

Martin Singer, #134

the 47th weekly winner for 2024-2025!



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, Theresa Loosley, Betty Marinchek, Virginia McCracken, Jim Milko, Hutch Morris, Don Paul, John Pasztor, Chuck Pope, Margaret Quinn, Eleanor Rabic, Francis Rolniak, Nancy Scekeres, 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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IT IS AN HONOR TO SERVE GOD



and your fellow Parish Members as Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, as Catechists or Cantors at Mass. Call the Parish office today for more information on any of our ministries!

SAINT CECILIA MONTHLY



Sunday, April 6, 2025!

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 homemade foods, cakes, pop & bottled water and Baskets. Donations can be dropped off at the SUNDAY BINGO date or at the Parish office. Thank you for your support!

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SAINT CECILIA

Budgeted Weekly Offertory \$3,788

March 16 Parish Collection \$4,654

Home Missions \$57

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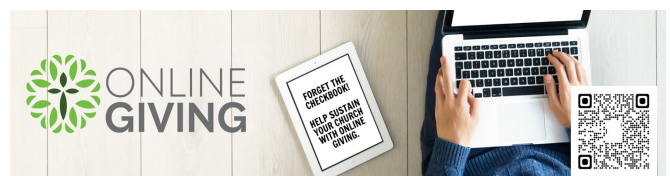
Saint Cecilia 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$68,481
Diocese portion—\$28,481 Parish portion—\$40,000
Received toward 2025 TOTAL GOAL—\$4,250

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March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday Of Lent



Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." (Luke 13:7-9)

We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts, preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, and patiently waiting for you to respond? Talk to Fr. Jim, or contact Fr. Tyler Bandura, the Vocations Director at tbandura@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart hold a **Monthly Children's Mass** alternating between the two Churches. The next Children's Mass is March 30th at Sacred Heart Church, 10:30am Mass.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

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

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



CHOIR

Anyone interested in singing in the Choir, please call Linda Bruening at 724-532-0151.



To the Ladies preparing the lunches for Meals on Wheels!

Thank you to everyone who donated cookies and to all who so generously made donations! Your support was greatly appreciated.

If you are planning to see "NOAH", your \$50 deposit is due by March 23. Please contact Marlene Boggio at 724-539-2927.

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Our kick off for the **150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish**

Join us as Bishop Kulick celebrates the 10:30am Mass with us on Sunday, May 18th!

There will be a Reception following Mass with a Dinner at Rizzo's, Crabtree. Reservations are due by May 4. Please place your Reservation Form below in an envelope marked Anniversary Mass in the collection basket at Mass or stop by the Parish office.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER MENU

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Adults: \$35 | Fried Zucchini |
| Children: \$20 | Tossed Salad |
| (Soft Drinks are extra) | Chicken Parmigiana |
| | Homemade Spaghetti |
| | Homemade Lasagna |
| | Greens Beans in Butter |
| | Italian Almond Crème Cake |
| | Coffee, Hot Tea & Water included |

Reservation Form

Reservations are due by May 4, 2025.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number Attending: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday Of Lent

We would like to present to you our 2025 First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes.
God has truly blessed us!

Let us pray for our children, that they may feel the greatness of God’s merciful love and forgiveness
and to strengthen their faith and empower them through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Nathan



Carmen



Maura



Sophia

Brooke



Abigail



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