

St. Cecilia Parish

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February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil Mass5:00 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Wednesday through Saturday
Mass 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday
Word and Communion 9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

First Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Every Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
(Also by appointment)

EXPOSITION & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition Friday 9:30 a.m.
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 10:00 a.m. to Saturday 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed for Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Email: parishoffice@saintcparish.org

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT:

As part of the living Body of Christ, Saint Cecilia Parish on Bainbridge Island seeks to conform to the will of God through faith, works, teaching and stewardship of God's creation as guided by the Holy Spirit, by the teachings of Christ, and the Grace of the Father. We celebrate this mission daily in prayer, liturgy, sacraments and life.

Dear Parishioners,

As we have read in the news, former Cardinal McCarrick has been removed from ministry, or defrocked as some would call it. Mr. McCarrick can no longer celebrate sacraments, no longer say a private mass, or present himself as a priest. I believe this will be a first step to a long term resolution to the crisis.

A parishioner forwarded me an email with excerpts from the forward of a book by Brandon Vogt titled, [Why I am a Catholic](#) that presents some clear reasons why we should not give up and leave. Here are a few lines:

"The main answer is that I'm Catholic because of Jesus, not because of the leaders of the Church. It's Jesus I'm drawn to, Jesus I'm committed to, and Jesus I trust."

"When sin and evil swirl through the Church, I keep my eyes fixed on that reliable center, that untainted source of the Church's authority and attraction: Jesus."

"My second answer is that I know that the sexual abuse crisis is not indicative of the entire Church. The percentage of priests and bishops complicit in these crimes is relatively low. The vast majority of priests and bishops are good, holy men who are just as disgusted as the laity about this abuse."

"My third and final answer is that I remain Catholic because I want to be part of the solution. The Church is not just an institution but also a family, and when your family faces a crisis, you don't flee—you stay and help. When we experience evil or terror, our natural reaction is to run. That's understandable; we're scared and scandalized."

Let us pray for the resolve of the Pope and that all the Conference Bishops meetings will bring about policies and results to start the long process of healing our Church.

Love God, love your neighbor,

Fr. Mark

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Sunday, February 24 th 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monday, February 25 th	Tuesday, February 26 th	Wednesday, February 27 th
8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Youth Group in Conger, St. Monica Rm.	9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 9:30 AM Centering Prayer in St. Monica Rm. 2:00 PM PREP in PREP Classrooms 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 5:00 PM Legion of Mary in Church	7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group in St. Monica Rm. 8:30 AM Praise & Worship 9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 9:45 AM Bible Study in St. Monica Rm. 12:30 PM Needlework Circle in St. Monica Rm. 4:00 PM Centering Prayer in St. Monica Rm. 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 7:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal in Church	7:15 AM Cursillo in St. Monica Rm 9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 5:00 PM Super Suppers in Conger 7:00 PM Centering Prayer in St. Monica Rm. 7:00 PM RCIA in Library

KUDOS AND UPDATE

Liturgy Schedule Update: Fr. Mark will be out of town the week of February 25th. Communion Services will be offered Monday, February 25 through Thursday, February 28. Fr. Young from St. Olaf will say the **SCCS Mass at 9:30 AM on Friday, March 1**. Please note these changes to the regular Mass schedule.

A funeral Mass for parishioner Barbara Gibney will be offered here on Saturday, March 2 at 11 AM. There will be **NO** 9 AM daily Mass, but all are welcome to attend the funeral Mass. A reception will follow in Conger Hall. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

THANK YOU! We are so very grateful to parishioner Bill Nelson, his son Matthew, and SCCS parent Marcos Larios for plowing the snow off of our school and parish parking lots. We also appreciate Walt, our facilities supervisor, and Fr. Mark for working hard to keep our sidewalks cleared.



Baptism: We extend a warm welcome to **Rebecca Kathryn Countryman**, daughter of **Curvin Reachard and Katie**

Countryman, who was received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, February 17, 2019.



The Parish Library Book Sale will be held the weekend of **March 2/3** in Conger Hall after all the Masses. Check it out!

Knights of Columbus Annual
St. Patrick's Dinner Celebration

Saturday, March 16, 2019
Following 5 PM Mass in Conger hall

Join us for an evening of Irish song and cuisine!

Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses leading up to the dinner and in the parish office during the week. Prices are \$16 for adults, \$7 for children, and for families of 4 or more, \$41. *Please buy your tickets in advance!*

MENU:

Slow Roasted Corned Beef, Boiled Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Sautéed Seasoned Cabbage, Caesar Salad w/Croutons and Cherry Tomatoes, Children's Option: Chicken Nuggets with Sweet/Sour Sauce, Irish Soda Bread, and Dessert

Proceeds from Knights of Columbus Fellowship Dinners support scholarships for graduating high school seniors, St. Cecilia School, and a variety of other parish programs and causes.



Be part of the Flock! St. Cecilia Parish is trying a new communication system. Flocknote allows us to communicate with you by email or text so we can be better connected as a parish. Sign-up on the parish website, or text the keyword SCP to 84576. Fr. Mark is sampling Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE program. As a member of St. Cecilia Flocknote, we will send you videos and inspirational texts just in time for the Lenten Season.

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Thursday, February 28 th	Friday, March 1 st	Saturday, March 2 nd	† Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen The Sunday Mass Ministry Roster and the Visiting Eucharistic Ministry Roster are available online at the parish website: http://www.saintcparish.org
7:30 AM Cursillo Off-Site 9:00 AM Communion Service 9:30 AM Rosary in Church 9:30 AM Mothers & Others in Library, St. Monica 5:00 PM Rosary in Church 6:00 PM Baptism Class in Conference Rm. 6:30 PM SCCS Kindergarten Open House 6:30 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsal in Church	9:30 AM SCC School Mass 10:00 AM Rosary in Church 10:00 AM Adoration in Church 10:45 AM BI Youth Orchestra (SCCS Event) in Conger	5:00 AM Adoration in Church 10:00AM KofC in Chardin Rm. 11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Barbara Gibney 12:00 PM Funeral Reception 1:00 PM Altar Server Training in Church 2:00 PM HEM & EM Training in Church 3:30 PM Lenten Family Activity in Conger 4:00 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Vigil Mass 6:00 PM Wine & Cheese in Conger 6:00 PM Book Sale in Conger	

OPPORTUNITIES



Lenten Parish Retreat: Fr. Stephen Malkiewicz, O.F.M. will present “Reflection on the Sacraments – A Conduit to Jesus” at St. Cecilia Parish on **March 11, 12, and 13 from 7 to 8:30 PM in the church.**

Fr. Malkiewicz is a Franciscan priest recently retired from full-time ministry of teaching at a seminary. He has served as associate director of Human Formation and assistant Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart School of Theology, in Wisconsin. Previously he was Director of Worship at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee, WI where he also taught introductory and practicum courses in the liturgy and sacraments, and lectured at Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Please include the Parish Mission as part of your Lenten experience.

Friday Lenten Gatherings: Each Friday evening during Lent, our parish community will host a simple Lenten dinner and light conversation at 6:15 PM, following the Stations at the Cross at 5:30 PM. A meatless meal will be served and a mac n’ cheese option for children will be provided. The meal is free, but an opportunity to make a donation to a local charity will be available. Come commune and connect with your faith community in Conger Hall beginning March 8th. All are welcome and please spread the word! Do you want to help? Contact: Laura Van Dyke at lauravandyke5@gmail.com.

Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, and HEM trainings have been rescheduled for Saturday, March 2. Altar Servers will meet at 1 PM, and Eucharistic Ministers and HEM’s will meet at 2 PM in the church. All current EM’s are encouraged to attend as a refresher and all current EM’s interested in serving as Head Eucharistic Ministers at daily Mass or on the weekend, are required to attend this training.

Spiritual Enrichment Events presents “Hope in Hard Times” with Fr. Frank Desiderio, CSP, Thursday, March 21 from 7:30 PM to 9 PM in the St. Monica Room. In life’s challenges and in loss, hope is more than optimism. It lives in the soul, is a gift of The Spirit, and needs to be cultivated. Ways to nourish this hope will be explored.

Fr. Desiderio will also be presenting “Three Great Loves”, a mission at Holy Trinity, Bremerton, March 25-27. Contact Lois May at l.may@holyt.org or call 360-479-9525, ext. 217 for more information about this event.



The St. Vincent De Paul Society is handing out brown bags this weekend to assist Helpline House with its Food Bank. Currently, they are in great need of **cereals and oatmeal**. Please take a bag and return your filled bag to the vestibule of the church. Thank you for helping your island neighbors!



Dig into Vacation Bible School July 22 through July 26: Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, and other activities will help us dig deeper to reveal the treasures in Jesus' parables. Children PreK through grade 6 (2019-20 school year), are invited to participate. Vacation

Bible school is not just for children! Adults and youth play key roles. Please contact Cassie at faithformation@saintcparish.org for more information about VBS and to volunteer.

Safe Environment Class: Together, we can protect our children. St. Cecilia Parish is presenting Protecting God's Children, required of all employees and those volunteers with unsupervised, ongoing access to minors and vulnerable adults. This is an onsite class for volunteers and employees that have NOT taken the class previously.

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2019

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 PM

Location: St. Monica Room

You will NEED to register online by visiting www.virtusonline.org and clicking on the registration link found on the right side of the page. If you need assistance with your registration or have any questions, contact the parish office at 206-842-3594

Applications for the 2019 Patrick Middleton Scholarship for an 8th grade student who will be attending a Catholic high school are now available at both the parish and SCCS offices, and on the parish website. Students eligible include those whose families are members of St. Cecilia Parish, those attending SCCS, and those residing on Bainbridge Island. Applications for this \$2000 Scholarship must be received at the parish or school offices by **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. If you have questions contact Andy or Marylou Murphy at maryloumurphy1@comcast.net or 808-742-6932.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hallelujah, School is Open

On Thursday, February 14th, we were back in school after snow and ice kept us home for three days. We had nearly 100% attendance! As we began our day gathered in our whole school prayer circle, the energy was palpable.

In STEM lab, our 7th/8th graders were reviewing the graphs detailing their MAP Science results. They were learning how to read and interpret a new type of graph as they compared their fall scores to their winter scores. Talk about authentic learning!

Our 5th/6th graders were busy writing their five paragraph essays about historical fiction novel Toliver's Secret. Their Social Studies unit on the Revolutionary War along with the concurrent novel study culminating in the guided process of writing an essay has been exciting to observe over the past six weeks. Students were typing up their final essays.

In our 1st/2nd grade classroom I witnessed students' joy and excitement as they passed out Valentine cards to one another. The act of giving generated such a happy vibe. At the end of the day I popped into their classroom again as they were finishing up their compliment quilt pages begun a week ago with their Parish Partners. Students began singing, "**Hallelujah, St. Cecilia, School is Open, Hallelujah!**" when I walked in. I posted a music video on our St. Cecilia Catholic School page the night before announcing our return to school by singing with my own lyrics to the Leonard Cohen song, "Hallelujah." Check out our Facebook page and you too may begin to hum the joyful refrain.

Our Explorers, outfitted with boots, warm jackets, mittens, and hats, were the first class to enjoy our snow-covered playground. Talk about pure joy!

Our 3rd/4th graders learned for the first time how to make symmetrical hearts, cutting out various sizes and relishing being together once again.

As the day was winding down, I popped into the Kindergarten room. Students were sitting in a circle, passing around a candle (battery operated), as each student shared who or what they prayed for on this day. Our Kindergarten students calmly ended their day filled with so much excitement.

We are so happy to be back in school, learning and growing together.

With joy,
Susan Kilbane

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PASTORAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

“Recall the words from today’s Gospel: “Give, and it shall be given to you.”

Sunday Collection Feb. 16/17	\$ 8,007.12
Children’s Offertory	\$ 0.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>3,005.50</u>
	\$ 11,012.62

Average offertory needed to cover budget \$11,004.00

Are you new to St. Cecilia Parish?

We are so glad you are here and we welcome you to our parish community! In order to communicate effectively with our parishioners we ask all new members to register with the parish. Paper forms are available in the vestibule and in the parish office, **OR** you can register online via our parish website at www.saintcparish.org – click on the WELCOME icon and begin! Existing parishioners can use the online registration form to update family information. We appreciate your help to keep our records current and accurate.



ONLINE GIVING

An alternative to using Sunday Envelopes

HOW TO SET-UP AN ONLINE ACCOUNT:

Visit the St. Cecilia Parish website at www.saintcparish.org and follow instructions to create an online profile.

BAPTISM: Call the Parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Mark, start your paperwork, and register for classes for your child’s baptism. We encourage parents to attend classes prior to the birth of their child. Parents and godparents are required to attend both classes. Godparents are required to be confirmed in the Catholic Church. Baptisms are scheduled on a personal basis.

Class Schedule: Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the St. Monica Room:

- January 31 & February 28
- March 28 & April 25

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION: All children who are to receive their first reconciliation and first communion must register for this program independently of participation in PREP, PREP at Home or attending SCCS. Classes for sacramental preparation are offered on Sundays after the 10 AM Mass. There is a mandatory parent meeting followed by 6 classes per sacrament. Once registered you will receive a calendar of classes.

- Parent Meeting for First Communion – Thursday February 7

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program, K- 12) Family registration forms are available in the back of the church. Please return to Cassie Nicholson at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION Please contact the office for more information, Parish Office x101.

MARRIAGE GUIDELINES The engaged couple should plan to meet with the pastor at least six months before the wedding. One party should be a registered parishioner.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Library. Please contact Robert Earhart, MD, PhD, OFS at 206-780-3555 or cell phone 240-447-3173.

FUNERALS Call the parish office for assistance with funeral arrangements.

HOUSE CALLS If you wish to receive the sacraments at home, please call the Parish Office at (206) 842-3594 x101 to schedule.

PRAYER REQUESTS If you wish to add someone to the Parish Prayer Chain, contact Mary Corbin at: prayer@saintcparish.org.

GOVERNANCE & OTHER PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

FINANCE COUNCIL Parish financial advisory body made up of parish members, Scott Edwards (chair)

SCHOOL COMMISSION COUNCIL The board is made up of parish members, Jack Brophy (chair)

PARISH MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES A catalog of parish ministries and activities is listed on our website under the ministries section at <https://saintcparish.org/serve-others/>. The parish office can assist you in finding out any additional information you require.

BULLETIN Send announcements via email to secretary@saintcparish.org no later than 9 AM on Monday.

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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