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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Preceding Wednesday by Noon

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Sylvanus Amaobi, Pastor Deacon Michael Hopper

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PARISH OFFICE

1304 North Dorothy Ave Claremore, OK 74017

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office - 918-341-2343

Religious Education Office - 918-341-4238 Rectory - 918-342-2157

Parish Hall/Kitchen - 918-341-7456

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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

La Misa en Español - Sunday - 3:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday through Friday at 8:15 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

HOLY DAYS

8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ROSARY GROUP

Every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes follow the Claremore school calendar year.

Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade:

Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Life Teen, Grades 9 through 12:

Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

NURSERY

Open to children four and under during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Important Guidelines that you should know.

BAPTISM: Parents must show the desire to train their child in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Godparents must be a Confirmed, Active Catholic and complete a Godparent Affidavit.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: The Church, in her pastoral concern for persons preparing for marriage, wishes to emphasize the sacred and serious nature of the marriage covenant. As love joins man and woman, so they are bound more closely to God. With this thought in mind, couples should contact their Pastor well in advance of the wedding date (at least four months).

ADULT CATECHUMENATE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for all who would like to inquire into our Catholic Faith. Those interested may call the Church Office anytime for further information. One's presence in the R.C.I.A. in no way obligates a person to join the Church.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: In order to meet the spiritual needs of our sick, we ask that you please keep us informed of those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing facility. Please notify the Parish Office. Arrangements can be made for Communion visits to the homes of our homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.



REFLECTION FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A (1st Reading, Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 2nd Reading, 1 Peter 3:15-18; Gospel, Jn.: 14:15-21) Dear brothers and sisters,

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24)." God, through Jesus Christ, has demonstrated His love for us. Jesus Christ gave His life for us and rose from the dead to give us salvation. St. Paul reminds us, "But God demonstrates His love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rm. 5:8)." In His love, Jesus Christ made us children of God, heirs to God, sharers,

and co-heirs with Him to the Kingdom (Rm. 8:16). The implication of this is we are a chosen people (a chosen race), a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9). These are bestowed on us gratuitously and not on any merits of ours.

There is always an act of reciprocity in love. When anyone receives an act of love, it is still, and rightly so, expected that one shows love in return. One ought to reciprocate with love any act of love shown to one. When one's act of love is treated with disdain or unappreciated, it is usually painful, and the loving party often feels aggrieved. Any one of us can relate to this fact since we have given or received an act of love in one way or another. The scripture goes beyond this reciprocity of love and charges us to love our enemies or those that have not shown us love (Matt. 5:44).

Since Jesus Christ has first shown us love, we have an obligation to reciprocate His love with an act of love too. In the Gospel of today (John 14:15-21), Jesus Christ tells us how to show or express our love to Him. He said to His disciples and indeed to us, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me." Love of Christ is expressed through obedience to His will. One could ask, what commandments was Christ talking about? Of course, we know that God gave Moses the Decalogue (The Ten Commandments) for the people of Israel to observe or obey. But Jesus Christ, who is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, summed up the whole Law and the Prophets in two commandments; "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40)."

Therefore, when Jesus asks us to keep His commandments to prove our love for Him, He is asking us to keep the commandments of love. He is asking us to show love to God, our neighbors, and all children of God. Jesus Christ wants us to do charitable deeds for the poor, the sick, the depressed, and the dejected in society. He wants us to show kindness to the abandoned, the persecuted, and the most vulnerable of the community bearing in mind the words of Jesus Christ, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine; you did for me (Matthew 25:40)."

Always remember that Jesus loves you!

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year.

If you have not already registered, or informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know **NOW** so the information in the Guide Book and Directory is correct.

Please help us get your information published correctly.

- Have you changed your phone number?
 - Have you moved?
 - Are you preparing to move soon?
- Are all of your children still at home and are they included in your membership record?
 - Do you want your record published?



y preparedness starts with you 55+ Potluck & Meeting Tuesday, May 16th 12:00 p.m.

Sign-up on the main bulletin board to bring a prepared dish.

Deacon Paul Louderback with Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma will speak to us about Disaster Preparedness.

All 55+ men and women of the parish are encouraged to attend for fellowship and luncheon.

<u> EMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM</u>

ST. CECILIA EDUCATIONAL **SCHOLARSHIP**

The St. Cecilia Educational Trust Scholarship is an annually renewable college scholarship. Eligibility:



- A full-time college student with at least 24 credit hours earned.
- You and/or your family must be registered at St. Cecilia Parish.

Applications are available on the bulletin board by the Sacristy and must be submitted by June 30th (no exceptions). Scholarships will be awarded by August 1st.

ALTAR & TABERNACLE FLOWERS

We are scheduling Altar and Tabernacle flowers for 2023. If you would like to schedule Altar (\$53.00) and/or Tabernacle (\$22.00) flowers for a loved one. living or deceased, or for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 918-341-2343. We have several dates available for the year.

Altar & Tabernacle Flowers: June 11th; July 30th; September 3rd; October 8th, 29th; November 12th Altar Flowers: June 4th



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign-up from June 2nd through September 29th is available by Christ the King Chapel.

We will not have Adoration on the weekends of:

Memorial Day (May 26th) and Labor Day (September 1st)

Every Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The specific way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return is to spend one quiet hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "Where your treasure is, there is your heart...." "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)

All are welcome to stop by the chapel at any time or you may sign up for a one hour commitment to personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each Friday in the church. We need at least three people at each hour to be present. Then if someone cannot fill their prescribed time, there will at least be one or two others present. A substitute list is also available. Sign up by Christ the King Chapel.

PARISHIONERS OF ST. CECILIA

The Women's Club welcomes all our new parish babies with a baby basket. If you have just had a baby, please contact the



Parish Office so that the Women's Club can welcome your baby with a basket!

ST. CECILIA FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to all of you who are bringing food and making monetary donations for the food pantry to help those less fortunate in Rogers County.

Please - No outdated food!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer as a substitute when needed, please call the Parish Office.

10TH ANNUAL GIFT OF LOVE

See Richard Jones to purchase tickets! CASH RAFFLE Benefiting the Center of Family Love

Ask me for Cash Raffle Tickets!

GRAND PRIZE- \$10,000! \$100.00 PER CASH RAFFLE TICKET

DRAWING ON JUNE 17, 2023 10TH ANNUAL GIFT OF LOVE GALA NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Parish. The book contains the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of our Parish. The book is provided at no cost to our Parish, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out how to advertise in our book, please call the Parish Office at 341-2343.

If you are able to attend the Jubilee Picnic please contact the Parish Office (918-341-2343) so we can order you a St. Cecilia t-shirt to wear. Deadline June 13.

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DIOCESE OF TULSA & EASTERN OKLAHOMA

JUBILEE PICNIC

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

SCHEDULE

2:45 - Line up for for Procession at St.

Henry, 8500 N. Owasso Expressway

3:00 - Procession begins at St. Henry's

3:05 - Live music begins at Redbud Park

NaCailini Seamroige (The Shamrock Girls)

3:40 - Procession arrives at Redbud Park.

Matachines Dancers Dance

4:00 - Holy Mass with Choir

5:15 - Food & beer available; Youth Activities

begin; John the Blessed Band starts

6:45 - Presentations and Awards for T-shirt and cookies

7:00 - Timothy O'Brian's Celtic Cheer Band

8:30 - Cumbias Javier Band

9:00 - Child activities end

9:30 - Youth Activities/Food/Beer sales end

10:00 - Picnic ends



COOKIES AND BEVERAGES

<u>Cookies</u>: If you choose to enter the cookie contest, don't forget to register at check-in. Prizes awarded.

Beverages: Bottled water will be provided.
The diocese has secured a permit to have craft and branded beer available for sale by Downing Brewery. Age verification and wristbands will be used.



WHAT TO BRING

CHAIRS/BLANKETS

PLATE OF COOKIES TO SHARE

PARISH T-SHIRT

Each parish is encouraged to wear matching t-shirts of the same color. Prizes awarded for the best 50th Annivesary T-shirt. (Contact your Parish for details.)

PROCESSION

FROM ST. HENRY CHURCH
TO REDBUD FESTIVAL PARK

Banners and flags welcome.
Walk with your parish or
school or Catholic
Organization. (Not quite a
mile on even terrain.)

For more information, email: Cathy.Miller@Cathylic.com



The Knights will hand out baby bottles this Mother's Day, May 14th to those who would like to participate in their ASAP Program (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). These bottles can be filled with coins, cash, or checks and returned on Father's Day, June 18th. A bucket will be placed in the Church vestibule for your donations. These funds will be used toward the purchase of a new ultrasound table for the Claremore Compassion Women's Center.

St. Cecilia will work with Catholic Charities in a Mobile Food Distribution in Foyil, OK at the Andy Payne Monument.

A start date has not been set yet, but it will possibly be the third Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (10 to 12 volunteers will be needed). Please watch for more details. A sign-up sheet is located on the main bulletin board. A training session will take place one week prior to the starting date. Please sign up so we will have contact information.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father Jim Ferry, Kay March, Vera Stone, Deacon Michael Hopper, Bea Barnes, Nichole Baca, Ginny Dunstan, Jack Griggs, Artie Freese, Peggy Bacon, Ruth Reeb,

Marilyn English, Michelle Steanson, Shelia Burnett, Mike Schorer, David Weston, Francie Duffield, Glenna Burnham, John Knapp, Jerri Guilfoyle Pat Niedringhaus, Sister of Glenna Burnham Kelly Burnham, Daughter-in-law of Joe & Glenna Burnham Aubree March, Granddaughter of Kay & Tom March Sharon Forrest, Daughter of Pat Doyle Doris Cravens, Niece of the Guilfovle Family Vicki Hall, Sister of Roni Fortner Jack Parrigan, Nephew of Frieda James Lee Johnson, Mother of Karen Fernandez Derek Paiva, Son-in-law of Brent Bushyhead and all those who have asked for our prayers, are in need of God's healing grace, and those whose

To add a sick family member or friend to the prayer network, please call the Parish Office.

suffering is known only to God.

God bless our military personnel and their families!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
	Wednesday, May 17th	
6:00 p.m.	First Communion Rehearsal	
	Sunday, May 21st	
11:00 a.m.	First Communion	
	Saturday, May 27th	
5:00 p.m.	Senior Mass & Dinner	

PARISH NURSERY

(Open to Children 4 and under) Sunday, May 21st at the 11:00 a.m. Mass Vicki Tramel & Kaelvnn Dovle

UPCOMING EVENTS FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass **CONFIRMATION**

Sunday, June 18, 2023 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 20th @ 5:00 p.m.

EM - Dawn Aschoff, Roger Forler, Ruth Hendrix, Chuck & Pat Slagle, David Weston

Lectors - Dianne Forler, Karen Fernandez

Ushers - Volunteer, Volunteer Servers/Crossbearer - Volunteers

Sunday, May 21st @ 8:30 a.m.

EM - Sheila Dishno, Carl & Francie Duffield, Sherry Friend, Steve Hamilton, Tina Harrison, Nick Palmisano

Lectors - Pete Hilger, Connie Hamilton Ushers - John Bachochin, Dave Carrino

Servers/Crossbearer - Ralph Moonen, Owen Seat

Sunday, May 21st @ 11:00 a.m.

EM - Phyllis Bushyhead, Bobbie Cary, Peggy Cogburn, Tom & Debi Doyle, Sarah Schubert, Bonnie Stimson

Lectors - Bobbie Cary, Brenda Knapp

Ushers - John Cary, Volunteer

Servers/Crossbearer - Gavin Gatzemeyer, Edee Jones

Monday, May 15th

Steve Doyle, Lupe Mendoza, Billy Smith

Tuesday, May 16th

Judi Mrasek

Wednesday, May 17th

Amy Gatzemeyer, Scott Gatzemeyer

Thursday, May 18th

Elvira Antell, Rocck Mallory, Vicki Tramel

Friday, May 19th

Felix Coughlin, Basil Coughlin

Saturday, May 20th

No Birthdays Listed

Sunday, May 21st

John Barello, Christina Cervantes, Roni Fortner.

Joe Lagasse

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

6th Sunday of Easter - Ritual Song #1177 - Mass Setting #321

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 Monday: St. Isidore; Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day; Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 **Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a





If you love me,

KEEP MY

COMMANDMENTS.

PARISH CALENDAR		Mass Intentions for the Week
4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Saturday, May 13th Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m. Mass	Saturday, May 13th at 5:00 p.m. God's Blessing & Love on Tom & Kay March Florence Hildebrand
	Sunday, May 14th	Sunday, May 14th at 8:30 a.m. †Paul & †Theresa Stadler
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Mass Mass La Misa en Español	∜Marion Parks ∜Bill Boillot
1	Monday, May 15th	Sunday, May 14th at 11:00 a.m. ⊕Connie Hurd
8:15 a.m.	No Scheduled Service	국Clem Lepak Our Parish Family
	Tuesday, May 16th	Monday, May 15th at 8:15 a.m.
8:15 a.m.	Mass	No Scheduled Service
8:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 17th Mass Rosary Choir Practice	Tuesday, May 16th at 8:15 a.m. ∜Rob Webber ∜John Phillips
	Thursday, May 18th	Wednesday, May 17th at 8:15 a.m. むDell Sontag God's Blessing & Love on Dorothy Burrus
8:15 a.m.	Mass Friday, May 19th	Thursday, May 18th at 8:15 a.m. ⊕Elva Osiek
8:15 a.m.	Mass Adoration until 6:00 p.m.	Friday, May 19th at 8:15 a.m. Divine Blessing & Love on
	Saturday, May 20th	Deceased Members of the Mrasek Family
4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m. Mass	Saturday, May 20th at 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday, May 21st	Our Parish Family
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mass K of C Cinnamon Rolls after Mass Mass	Sunday, May 21st at 8:30 a.m. �Randle Hendrix �Dell Sontag
3:00 p.m. La Misa en Español Altar Flowers		Sunday, May 21st at 11:00 a.m.

The Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of th Connie Hurd By The Grandchildren

Weekly Contributions **Sunday Collection \$4,836.00** ACH Sunday Collection \$150.00 Spanish Mass \$268.00 Food Pantry \$45.00

Maintenance \$659.00 **Living Stones \$ \$250.00**

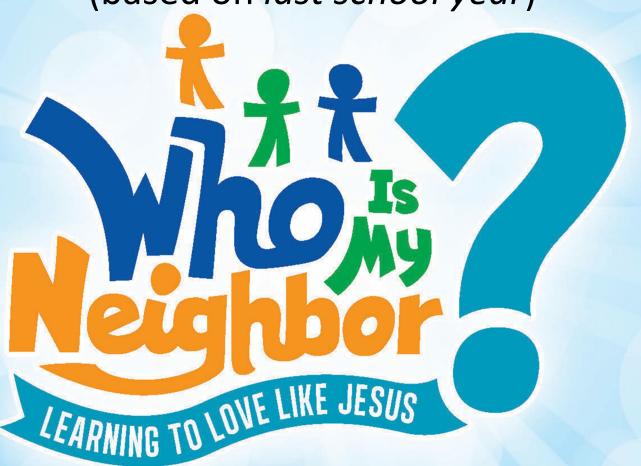
Altar, Tabernacle & Paschal Candle Flowers The Altar, Tabernacle and Paschal Candle Flowers are for God's Blessing & Love on Alwyn & Selfa Smíth By Stephen & Germaine

SAVE THE DATE

VBS JULY 17th – 21st

Grades Pre-K to 5

(based on last school year)



Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration required for all attendees and volunteers.

Cost: Free

Grade 6 and up are eligible to help. This is an excellent opportunity for incoming Confirmation students to earn all required service hours!



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John 3:16

Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado á su Hijo unigénito, Jesucristo

Juan 3:16



Turn to the experts

Prayer isn't something to "work into your schedule." Keep a constant dialogue open with God.

God is present while you load dishes, drive to the store, add toner to the copier, bicker with your family, do your homework, mow your lawn, hug your kids. Be present to Him. Let Him guide you all day, not just at designated times.



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