

MAY 28, 2023

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Sylvanus Amaobi, Pastor

Deacon Michael Hopper

stceciliacclaremore.com

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

Fax - 918-343-2893

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink."

- Jn 7:37b

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Virginia Arms, Cantor

Karen Westwood, Child Care Coordinator

EMERGENCY CALLS:

In case of an emergency and the pastor cannot be contacted please call a neighboring parish:

St. Mark, Pryor - 918-825-4186

St. Henry, Owasso - 918-272-3710

St. Therèse, Collinsville - 918-371-2704

Holy Ghost, Vinita - 918-256-2281

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Preceding Wednesday by Noon



REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A

(1st Reading, Acts 2:1-11, 2nd Reading, 1 Cor. 12:3-13, Gospel, John 20:19-23)

Dear brothers and sisters,

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24).”

The first reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us about the Pentecost experience of both the Apostles and the large crowd. In fulfillment of the promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the most dramatic way. “And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” The action of the Holy Spirit made the Apostles witness and proclaim the Gospel with enthusiasm, determination, great strength, courage, and conviction. They were no longer afraid to confront the authority of the Pharisees.

The people that gathered there were astounded. They were amazed that they could understand the Apostles' message in their respective languages even though they spoke different languages. They were surprised at the courage and wisdom of the Apostles. They were amazed at the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. They marveled at the extraordinary manifestation. But that was the splendor of God. It was the Pentecost experience. It was an experience that projects truth and removes fear. It was an experience that came with divine gifts and blessings. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit are of different kinds. However, they are given for the glory of God, in the service of the Lord, and for the sanctification of the Church.

Prior to the Pentecost experience, the Apostles stayed under lock and key for fear of the Jews, as we read in the Gospel of today. They were afraid to confront the authority and power of the Pharisees. They were afraid to witness. They lacked commitment and resolve. They had little or no faith and did not understand Jesus Christ and His mission. But all this changed after the Pentecost experience. In Baptism and Confirmation, we receive the Holy Spirit and are made temples of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit bestows on us His gifts: **WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, COUNSEL, FORTITUDE, KNOWLEDGE, PIETY, and AWE OF GOD.** Our attitude is to follow St Paul's admonition and stir or fan into flame the gifts of God which were given to us through the imposition of hands. We should know that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but of power, love, and self-control (2 Tim 1: 6-7).

Like the Apostles, we are called to be courageous and convincing witnesses to the Gospel. Pope Francis emphasized this when he said, “In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the people of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of *each of the baptized* (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 120).” Today in our homes, parishes, communities, schools, and places of work, we must be living witnesses of Christ in and for the world. We need not be worried or afraid of this great responsibility, for God has filled each of us with His Holy Spirit and bestowed on us His divine gifts.

Happy Birthday Father Sylvanus

Please come celebrate Father's 50th Birthday
Monday, June 12th with Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Supper after Mass!

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

A start date **Monday, June 19th** has been set and will take place the third Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (*10 to 12 volunteers will be needed*). We will have an organizational meeting on **Monday June 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** A sign-up sheet is located on the main bulletin board. A training session will take place one week prior to the start date. Please sign up so we will have contact information.



*May God's blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel.
May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.
May His gentle hand guide the decisions you will make
and the passions that you follow.
May your hearts and lives always reflect His love and truth,
And may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day.
Amen.*

Angel Bernal

Nevan Cervantes

Mya Díaz

Diego García

Parker Hardage

Angel Magana

Blake Means

Uri Mendoza

Caleb Roberts

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!

*****Do you want your record published?**

*****Have you changed your phone number?**

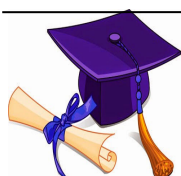
*****Have you moved?**

*****Are you preparing to move soon?**

*****Are all of your children still at home and are they included in your membership record?**

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 918-341-2343.



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.

PARISH CALENDAR		Mass Intentions for the Week
	Saturday, May 27th	Saturday, May 27th at 5:00 p.m. ✠Marion Parks Our Parish Family
4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m. Mass	
	Sunday, May 28th	Sunday, May 28th at 8:30 a.m. ✠Helen & ✠John Eric Gillis ✠Dell Sontag
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Mass Mass La Misa en Español	Sunday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m. ✠Miriam Roy God's Blessing & Love on Luke & Dora Cheek
	Monday, May 29th	Monday, May 29th at 8:15 a.m. No Scheduled Service
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	Tuesday, May 30th	Tuesday, May 30th at 8:15 a.m. ✠Fr. Emmanuel Madu
8:15 a.m.	Mass	
	Wednesday, May 31st	Wednesday, May 31st at 8:15 a.m. God's Blessing & Love on Mr. & Mrs. Isidor Amarco
8:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass Rosary Choir Practice	Thursday, June 1st at 8:15 a.m. ✠John Phillips ✠Theresa Bruggeman
	Thursday, June 1st	
8:15 a.m.	Mass	Friday, June 2nd at 8:15 a.m. ✠Margaret Ann Ratliff Casenza
	Friday, June 2nd	
8:15 a.m.	Mass Adoration until 6:00 p.m.	Saturday, June 3rd at 5:00 p.m. ✠Fr. Paul Eichhoff Our Parish Family
	Saturday, June 3rd	Sunday, June 4th at 8:30 a.m. ✠Mary Vaughn ✠Dell Sontag
4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m. Mass	
	Sunday, June 4th	Sunday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m. ✠Margaret Ann Ratliff Casenza
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Mass K of C Breakfast after Mass Mass La Misa en Español	UPCOMING EVENTS <u>CONFIRMATION</u> Sunday, June 18, 2023 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Pentecost Sunday - Ritual Song #1184
Mass Setting #321

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day;Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: St. Justin, Martyr; Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs; Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs; Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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,
Jordan Brandt, Joey Tetreault

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 Guilfoyle 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 suffering is known only
to God.*

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

Birthday Wishes

Monday, May 29th...Raegan Blackwell, Dora Cheek

Tuesday, May 30th...Cruz Chairez,
Phyllis Richardson

Wednesday, May 31st...Pete Echelle,
Salvador Jimenez, Kenley Leuellen, Alex Paczkawski

Thursday, June 1st...Michelle Hoover, Vince Mrasek

Friday, June 2nd...John Cary, Kendra Robbins,
Maureen Stimson

Saturday, June 3rd...Kathy Clarke, Sean McNamara,
Crystal Szuba

Sunday, June 4th...Carl Bruno

We pray the Rosary 20 minutes **before every weekend Mass.** To
volunteer to lead the Rosary at Mass, please check in with the
Mass Coordinator.



The Altar & Tabernacle Flowers

The Altar & Tabernacle Flowers are in Loving Memory of

† *Kenneth Oldham*

By Ken Oldham

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 3rd @ 5:00 p.m.

EM - Dawn Aschoff, Wilma Crosson,
Karen Fernandez, Ruth Hendrix, Chuck & Pat Slagle,
David Weston

Lectors - Frank Grabowski, Pat Reeder

Ushers - Debbie Bennett, Melinda Williams

Servers/Crossbearer - **Volunteers**

Sunday, June 4th @ 8:30 a.m.

EM - John Bachochin, Sheila Dishno, Jeff Kessler,
Dan & Rana Kocsis, Babby Randol, Vicki Tramel

Lectors - Kathy Buller, Bruce Buller

Ushers - Steve Hamilton, Lawnie Hess

Servers/Crossbearer - Lucas Hilger, Austin Maples

Sunday, June 4th @ 11:00 a.m.

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

Lectors - Steve Valencia, Mark Lepak

Ushers - Dustin Anderson, **Volunteer**

Servers/Crossbearer - Gavin Gatzemeyer,
Liam McNamara

PARISH NURSERY

Sunday, June 4th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Open to children 4 and under

Lynda Nicolls & Karen Westwood



Paschal Candle Flowers

*The Paschal Candle Flowers
are in Thanksgiving for
Our Many Blessings*

ROSARY GROUP

We invite everyone to come and pray the Rosary
every **Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** in the
church.

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 2nd.**

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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

Cookies: 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 Anniversary 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

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!

10TH ANNUAL GIFT OF LOVE

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

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!



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

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.

God bless our military personnel and their families!

FAITH & WORKS 2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

Together we are one Church in Eastern Oklahoma!

The Diocese of Tulsa is comprised of the following 31 counties in the eastern part of Oklahoma: Adair, Atoka, Bryan, Cherokee, Choctaw, Coal, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Haskell, Hughes, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, McIntosh, Mayes, Muskogee, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner and Washington.

There are 78 parishes and/or missions in the 26,417 square miles of the diocese.

As of May 19, 2023

Our Parish Goal: \$63,691.00

Gift Amount: \$44,470.00

Under: (\$19,121.00)

100 donors out of 462 registered families
Please complete your pledge in a spirit of generosity and sacrifice.

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so loved the
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John 3:16

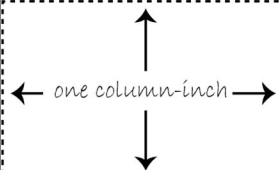
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