Introduction to
St. Cecilia Catholic Church

St. Cecilia Catholic Church was established on July 09, 1956, by Bishop Wendelin J. Nold. Father William J. Kennelly was the founding pastor. Our church started with a congregation of 600 families (2,300 individuals).

The parish celebrated Mass in Bunker Hill Elementary School until the temporary church-auditorium was erected in 1958. The first Mass was offered on Pentecost Sunday, May 25, 1958. The rectory was purchased when the parish was founded, and by 1962, classrooms, cafeteria and library had been added. During the mid-60’s, the convent and rectory were enlarged and seven portable classrooms were purchased. In 1978, the permanent church building was completed.

St. Cecilia Catholic Church continues to grow under great leadership of our pastors:

- Father William J. Kennelly (1957-1960)
- Father Alfred W. Raye (1971-1982)
- Father John E. Cahoon (2002-2014)
- Father Francis M. Macatangay (2014-Present)

Currently serving at St. Cecilia:

- Deacon Frank Davis III (ord.2013)
- Deacon Sam Mancuso (ord. 2007)
- Deacon Greg Evans (ord. 2003)
- Deacon Don Bradley - Retired

We are now a parish of approximately 3,500 families forming a community witnessing to the presence of the Risen Lord. We wish to welcome, share and minister to the needs of the community through faith formation, liturgy, parish unity, family life, stewardship and education.
General Information

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
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Houston, TX 77024
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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday: The Pastoral Offices remain closed at this time.
Saturday:

Mass Schedule:
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, and 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses
Monday: 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday: 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 8:15 a.m.
Thursday: 8:15 a.m.
Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

On the Web:
Visit our website at www.saintcecilia.org for the latest parish news, bulletins and upcoming events. An interactive calendar can be accessed for information about events. Visit us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/st.ceciliahouston/

Website Coordinator: Maribel Mendoza, mmendoza@saintcecilia.org

Volunteer Opportunities at St. Cecilia Catholic Church:
If you’re interested in volunteering at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, please call or send an email to the contact person in charge of the ministry you are inquiring about.
Parish Staff

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**Deacon**, Greg Evans | gevans220@hotmail.com

**Deacon**, Sam Mancuso | sam@aceadvertisingsigns.com

**Deacon**, Don Bradley (retired)

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Mission Statement

“Living and sharing the joy of the Gospel.”
“Viviendo y compartiendo la alegría del Evangelio.”

“Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord.

You serve the Lord Christ.”

– Colossians 3:23-24
Ministries

Administrative

Building & Grounds Committee
The function of this committee is to guide the pastor in developing and maintaining the physical properties of the parish. These members contribute their experience in planning new projects, and providing programs for extending the life of present facilities. The Building & Grounds Committee meets the third Thursday of each month.

Contact: Marlon Ayala  |  Ext: 174 | mayala@saintcecilia.org

Finance Council
The Finance Council meets monthly to review collections, expenses, income, and the budget of the Church. Once a year, council members review the investments of the Church, according to the goals and priorities set by the Pastoral Council, both being guided by the parish mission statement. Members are appointed by the Pastor.

Contact: Billy Ambrose | bdambrose1028@gmail.com

Money Counters
The Money Counters responsibilities include counting the weekly collections. The head money counter oversees the process.

Contact: Marlon Ayala  |  Ext: 174 | mayala@saintcecilia.org

Pastoral Council
The Pastoral Council meets the second Tuesday of the month. The Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body for the parish. It provides counsel to the rector to help envision, establish, plan, and monitor the mission and activities of the parish. There are twelve council members. Any confirmed Catholic who is a registered, active member of the parish is eligible to serve on the council. Term of office is typically three years, elections for council are held in January of each year. All parishioners are welcome to attend Pastoral Council meetings.

Contact: Fran Serena | pastoralcouncil@saintcecilia.org
Lifelong Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation:

ACTS

ACTS’ Mission Statement is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic communities by promoting, consulting in, facilitating and coordinating ACTS retreats. ACTS’ mission values are to honor God in everything we do, build relationship based on trust and respect, and with a servant’s heart, maintain integrity and excellence in leadership programs, services and retreats.

Contact: Kimberly Newcomb | Ext: 125 | knewcomb@saintcecilia.org

Adult Confirmation & Adult First Communion

These classes are for adult Catholics who did not complete their sacraments of initiation, First Communion or Confirmation. First communion classes strain January and confirmation classes start in March.

Contact: Kimberly Newcomb | Ext: 125 | knewcomb@saintcecilia.org

Adult Faith Formation Committee

This committee assists by planning and implementing ongoing and one-time events for adults such as speakers, the parish mission, and Scripture studies.

Contact: Kimberly Newcomb | Ext: 125 | knewcomb@saintcecilia.org

Bible Study — Spanish & English

A program for lay persons enabling them to apply God’s Word to their everyday life, which in turn will make them a stronger model of faith for family and community. The class is available Wednesday midmornings, Thursday evenings in English & Wednesday evenings in Spanish.

Contact: Kimberly Newcomb | Ext: 125 | knewcomb@saintcecilia.org

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a means to deepen one’s prayer life by learning to “rest in God.” This group meets two Wednesdays and one Saturday a month.

Contact: Barbara Kraemer | 832-232-2480
ESL
Beginning September, classes take place at St. Cecilia Catholic School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.
Contact: Kimberly Newcomb | Ext: 125 | knewcomb@saintcecilia.org

Espiritualidad
Espiritualidad offers weekly Bible studies and a monthly hour of prayer and adoration.
Contact: Abel Jimenez | jimenez76@yahoo.com

Faith Matters Speaker Series
A monthly series bringing outside speakers to the parish to help us reflect on what it means to be Catholic in today’s culture.
Contact: Kimberly Newcomb | Ext: 125 | knewcomb@saintcecilia.org

Financial Peace University
The FPU course is designed to aid participants in developing a plan to eliminate debt and put them on the road to retiring with dignity. Learn how to achieve financial peace.
Contact: Ron Peterson | ronpete1@sbcglobal.net

Great Adventure Bible Series
The Great Adventure Catholic Bible study program, created by Jeff Cavins, is designed in such a way that anyone can make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God’s Word. Classes start each fall and spring; with In-a-Day classes offered a couple of times a year as well.
Contact: Colleen Stokes | cstokes003@comcast.net

Magnifica (Spanish)
Educando sobre la naturaleza y dignidad de las mujeres. A través del amor de Dios, escrito por San Juan Pablo II. Te esperamos cada miércoles 6:30 y 8:30 pm.
A discussion group for women, in Spanish, about the vocation and dignity of women; examines the apostolic letter written by Pope Saint John Paul II. We meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
Contact: Isela Garcia | angeliris2013@gmail.com | 8328122949
Mothers in Faith

Mothers in Faith is a group of mothers, young and not-so-young, who are seeking to learn and better understand the richness of our Catholic faith and our vocation as Catholic mothers. They meet twice a month on Friday mornings.

Contact: Kimberly Newcomb | Ext: 125 | knewcomb@saintcecilia.org

(Prayer and Life Workshops)
Talleres de Oración y Vida

The Prayer and Life Workshops (offered in Spanish) offer a practical way to learn how to pray through learning and practice.

Contact: Sonia Cardenas | soniaacardenas@msn.com

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed to assist anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or simply interested in learning more about Catholicism. Sponsor opportunities are available as well.

Contact: Kimberly Newcomb | Ext: 125 | knewcomb@saintcecilia.org

TMIY

That Man is You! (TMIY) is an interactive men’s formation program focused on the development of men in the modern world. All gentlemen are invited to join!

Contact: Jamie Gonzalez | info@paradisusdei.org | (281) 974-3541

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Choosing a different study each semester, they meet Wednesdays from 9-11 am.

Contact: Rebecca Leon | bekleon@sbcglobal.net | (713) 829-1646
Children’s Faith Formation:

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Children hear God’s Word with greater meaning when its proclamation and explanation are designed especially for them. Twice a month, during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, children that are 5 years old through 4th grade are dismissed to attend their own special Liturgy of the Word. At the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, the children rejoin their parents for the entire assembly’s celebration for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Contact: Cecilia Morillo | Ext: 133 | cmorillo@saintcecilia.org

KIDS Club (Catechetical Formation)

Preschool through 5th grade classes are offered September through April. We welcome and encourage parent volunteers to be teachers, aides, hall monitors and assist with sacraments and special events. For reconciliation and Eucharist, please see Sacraments.

If you have a child with special needs, please call the Children’s Ministry Office for more information. We would love to work with you and serve your child.

Contact: Cecilia Morillo | Ext: 133 | cmorillo@saintcecilia.org

RCIC- Unbaptized Children

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is designed to prepare children and youth to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. RCIC is open to children 7-10 years old who are not baptized, and have expressed a desire to become Catholic. RCIC is a process that prepares children and youth for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation- baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. It is a two year process, with the first year being a foundational year. The second year will be focused on the sacraments, prayer, the creed and the moral life. At the end of the second year children receive the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil.

Contact: Cecilia Morillo | Ext: 133 | cmorillo@saintcecilia.org
Vacation Bible School

This popular summer annual event is open to all kinder - 5th grade students in our parish. It is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Each year we are in need of many volunteers to make this event happen. All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained and must have completed volunteer background checks. This is also a great way for middle school, high school, and college students to get volunteer hours over the summer! There are many positions available.

Contact: Cecilia Morillo | Ext: 133 | cmorillo@saintcecilia.org

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Sponsored by St. Cecilia, the Cub Scout Pack 673 (boys in grades 1st through 5th) and Boy Scout Troop 673 (6th grade and up) provide boys and their families the opportunity for fun, challenging, and diverse experiences through a year-round program. All of our leaders are VIRTUS trained as well as trained in many specific areas by the Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Pack and Troop 673 promote the growth and development of boys and young men through activities structured to provide citizenship training, character development, personal fitness, and love of God, neighbor, and country.


Contact: Lori Schubert | dschubie@swbell.net
EDGE Youth Ministry — Middle School Faith Formation:

EDGE (Catechetical Formation)

Our middle school classes for teens in sixth through eighth grade occur approximately three times a month during the school year. Please see our Edge Calendar for specific dates. Our Edge nights include teachings on faith or teachings on cultural issues. We have breakout sessions by grade and our classes include formation on prayer, worship, scripture, and the Church teaching.

Contact: Lorena Aranda | Ext: 161 | lorena@saintcecilia.org

EDGE Core Team

The EDGE Core Team works to support the middle school youth ministry. The main commitment are our Wednesday evening meetings. Core Team members are a very diverse group ranging from parents of teens, young professionals that are married or single, to college students. Our Core Team leads a small group of middle schoolers that are gender specific. All Core Team members work hard to spread and share their faith by pairing with other team members; no one works alone. If there is a time you are unable to assist, we will make sure there is someone that will cover for you. We learn so much from the youth and have so much fun ministering to them. We offer service opportunities, social nights, retreats, conferences, and so much more. Yes, there is a need for you! Training for team members is required and provided.

Contact: Lorena Aranda | Ext: 161 | lorena@saintcecilia.org

RCIC — Unbaptized Middle School Students

The Rite of ChristianInitiation for Children (RCIC) is designed to prepare children and youth to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. RCIC is open to children 11-13 years old, who are not baptized, and have expressed a desire to become Catholic. RCIC is a process that prepares children and youth for receiving the sacraments of initiation—baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. It is a two year process, with the first year being a foundational year. The second year will be focused on the sacraments, prayer, the creed and the moral life. At the end of the second year children receive the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil.

Contact: Lorena Aranda | Ext: 161 | lorena@saintcecilia.org
**Family Life Ministry:**

**Baptism Team**

These volunteers assist with both the baptism preparation classes for parents and godparents. They also help hosting the baptisms with the deacon or priest presiding over the celebrations. These baptisms are held on Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. This team is needed to help with hosting on Saturdays, usually twice a month. The larger the group of volunteers, less time commitment to serve during the year.

Contact: **Flavie Laporte** | Ext: 129 | flavie@saintcecilia.org

(Christian Family Movement)  
Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico

The Christian Family Movement is a national network of parish/neighborhood small groups of families. The mission of the Christian Family Movement is to promote Christ-centered marriage and family life; to help individuals and their families to live the Christian faith in everyday life and to improve society through actions of love, service, education, and example. They discuss what they have observed in their own family or community, judge what they have seen in the light of Jesus’ teaching, and then act to change things for the better. The CFM group consists of married couples or single mothers meeting twice a month in each other’s homes.

Contact: **José Campos** | 713-397-4816 | josecampos14@ymail.com

**Legion of Mary**

The objective of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary’s and the Church’s work. Our priority is the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. Members participate in the life of the parish through the visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. The English group meets Thursday mornings and the Spanish group meets Monday evenings at 8:00 PM.

Contact: **Lynn Marie Anders** | ikamusicaol.com (English)  
**Ricardo Fernandez** | (713) 530-8080 | ricfernandez@gmail.com (Spanish)
Marriage Preparation

An engaged couple should contact the parish office at least nine months prior to desired wedding date. Detailed information can be found in the Wedding Handbook on the parish website: www.saintcecilia.org. (Go to Sacraments, then Marriage).

Contact: Flavie Laporte | Ext: 129 | flavie@saintcecilia.org

Marriage Preparation Team

These individuals assist in the once a month Marriage Preparation workshops. Couples are needed to facilitate at least one topic, three times a year, at least 1 and 1/2 hours. Also, sharing experiences with the engaged couples.

Contact: Flavie Laporte | Ext: 129 | flavie@saintcecilia.org

Nursery

The St. Cecilia Nursery welcomes you and thanks you for entrusting us with your child’s care. The nursery opens 15 minutes before 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses on Sunday for 4 months to 5 year olds. Childcare is also offered for church sponsored weekday and evening events with prior reservations from the event coordinator; children ages 4 months to 11 years old are welcomed. There are limited number of spaces available for each event, RSVP early. We also offer a monthly Parents Night Out (PNO). PNO is a ministry that promotes marriage enrichment once a month 5 pm-9:30 pm. Separate registration and a small fee is required and depends on availability.

Contact: Martina Razo | Ext: 160 | mrazo@saintcecilia.org

Prime Timers (Spanish)

This group meets the second Saturdays of each month from August to June at 5:00 p.m. Meetings consist of activities, dinners, and monthly bus trips. Individuals 50 years of age and older qualify to join.

Contact: Celia Jimenez | (832) 387-7591 | celiajimenez297@gmail.com

Schoenstatt Movement

The Apostolic Movement of Schoenstatt aims at forming personalities and Christian communities that are capable of freely supporting God’s plan in the world in which they live. It is spiritually centered on Mary, on the founder, and on the Shrine of Grace in the place where it was founded.

Contact: Elsie Laynez | 713-899-3549 | eclaynez@gmail.com
Sponsor Couple Ministry
The Sponsor Couple ministry is a couple to couple ministry in which married couples mentor engaged couples to help them prepare for the sacrament of matrimony. The sponsor couple’s role is to share their own experiences of marriage and to help answer some of the questions the engaged couple may have using the “For Better and For Ever” workbooks and to accompany them in their journey, as they meet on a one-to-one basis, five to six times.

Contact: Flavie Laporte | Ext: 129 | flavie@saintcecilia.org

Virgen Peregrina (Pilgrim Virgin)
Families are encouraged to take the image and commit to praying the rosary with other families and friends for one week. Members present the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Masses.

Contact: Martin Zuniga | (832) 955-8662
Juanita Zuniga | (713) 677-4767

Vocation Ministry
The Vocation Ministry is dedicated to fostering and sustaining vocation awareness among all members of the parish community by proclaiming the message of Christ. There is a particular emphasis on supporting and nurturing those who desire, seek, and commit to ordained ministry and religious life. The work of the St. Cecilia Vocations Ministry is accomplished through prayer, worship, education, service, and fellowship with the entire parish community. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month to plan activities and events that actively engage the parish community to be “vocation-minded” as we live our lives and serve God and the Church.

Contact: Rev. Michael Barrosa | frmike@saintcecilia.org

Young Adults Maranathá (Spanish)
This Bilingual/Spanish speaking group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This group, open to single young adults, ages 18 (graduated) to 35 years of age, organizes an annual retreat, participates in parish/archdiocesan events, and group socials.

Contact: Luis Pacheco | (713) 367-3031
Young Catholic Professionals (YCP)

Invigorated by a community of peers and mentors, young Catholic professionals are empowered to witness to their faith at work and through work, performing their professional vocations for the glory of God and seeing the workplace as a natural site for joyful evangelization. Central to YCP’s mission of engaging young Catholic leaders is the importance of connecting them with seasoned Catholic professionals who have already made the choice to live out their faith in all aspects of their life. Young Catholic Professionals offers its members an avenue to engage with prominent Catholic executives in a way that is unique among young adult ministries.

Contact: Houston Leadership Team | info@ycphouston.org
Life Teen Youth Ministry — High School Faith Formation:

Life Teen (Catechetical Formation)

At St. Cecilia Catholic Church we offer a four-year formation program which includes confirmation preparation, sacramental catechesis, and participation in Militia Mariae (11th & 12th Grades). Confirmation candidates must be in formation during their freshman year to participate in immediate preparation and receive confirmation at the end of their sophomore year. They attend large-group teachings and small group sessions Sunday nights, at least one confirmation retreat, and take part in service opportunities in their church and community as a part of this preparation.

Contact: David Thies | Ext: 171 | dthies@saintcecilia.org

Life Teen Core Team

The Life Teen Core Team works to support the high school youth ministry. The main commitment is the Sunday evening meetings, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Core Team members are a very diverse group ranging from parents of teens to young professionals that are married or single, to college students. Our Core Team leads a small group of teens that are gender specific. All Core Team members work hard to spread and share their faith by pairing with other team members, no one works alone. If there is a time you are unable to assist, we will make sure there is someone that will cover for you. We learn so much from the youth and have so much fun ministering to them. We offer service opportunities, social nights, retreats, conferences, and so much more. Yes, there is a need for you! Training for team members is required and provided.

Contact: David Thies | Ext: 171 | dthies@saintcecilia.org

RCIC - Unbaptized High School Students

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is designed to prepare children and youth to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. RCIC is open to children 14-17 years old, who are not baptized, and have expressed a desire to become Catholic. RCIC is a process that prepares children and youth for receiving the sacraments of initiation—baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. It is a two year process, with the first year being a foundational year. The second year will be focused on the sacraments, prayer, the creed, and the moral life. At the end of the second year children receive the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil.

Contact: David Thies | Ext: 171 | dthies@saintcecilia.org
Pastoral Care & Outreach:

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for physical but also for mental, spiritual sickness. This healing sacrament is celebrated at a hospital, in homes of those unable to travel or at the church.

Contact: Deacon Frank Davis III | Ext: 126 | fdavis@saintcecilia.org
Colleen Bryse | Ext: 134 | cbryse@saintcecilia.org

Bereavement

This ministry provides emotional and spiritual support for those who have lost a loved one. You are invited to join the St. Cecilia Bereavement Group. The group meets the second Saturday of each month.

Contact: Bea Licea | Beal1017@yahoo.com
Deacon Frank Davis III | Ext: 126 | fdavis@saintcecilia.org
Colleen Bryse | Ext: 134 | cbryse@saintcecilia.org

Birthright

Birthright believes it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every infant to be born. Birthright offers free, confidential services which include pregnancy testing. You can volunteer one or two days a week. Volunteers will be trained to work in the office. Birthright is located at 1200 Blalock, Suite #280.

Contact: Mariana Flores | marianaf18@yahoo.com

Funeral Ministry

This ministry assists the priests with funerals and parishioners with planning funerals for themselves and their loved ones.

Contact: Deacon Frank Davis III | Ext: 126 | fdavis@saintcecilia.org
Colleen Bryse | Ext: 134 | cbryse@saintcecilia.org
Gabriel Project
This ministry helps women who are pregnant. With Christian presence and friendship, our parish volunteers walk with women and support them with the many decisions they will make during their pregnancies. Our volunteers also assist the mother in her spiritual growth, by their presence, prayers, and invitation to join us here for Mass. In addition to ministering to these new mothers, we also help by distributing baby necessities. Adult and student volunteers are needed.
Contact: Kathy McLane | kmclane2001@yahoo.com

Good Neighbor: Funeral Receptions
This ministry gathers and serves food to families and friends following funerals. You can serve by dropping off food and by assisting in setting up, serving, and cleaning up following the meal. This is a wonderful way to show those who are grieving our love and support. If you wish to assist with this ministry, please contact one of the leader below.
Contact: Margaret Matejka | mags1123@aol.com

Homebound Ministry
These volunteers visit those in need usually once a week, offering a visit, prayers and Holy Communion in their home or at the nursing facility.
Contact: Julie McDonald | julie.mcdonald@comcast.net
Thelma Rose | thelma45rose@gmail.com (Spanish)

MAM: Memorial Area Assistance Ministries
We are a member congregation of MAM. MAM Member congregations are a voluntary coalition of congregations that pledge their support to MAM by:

♦ Praying for those who work in our ministries and those we serve
♦ Providing annual contributions
♦ Having one representative serve on the Congregation Council by attending meetings, communicating MAM’s activities and needs to the congregation, recruiting volunteers, and conducting special drives to serve MAM clients in need
♦ Helping recruit volunteers, who will be screened and trained by MAM to work in all ministry areas
♦ Contributing goods to be sold in the MAM Resale Store

Contact: www.maministries.org/opportunities | (713) 468-4516
Prime Timers (English)

Senior activities are for our young at heart ages 55 and up! The third Thursday of each month the group meets for cards/games and a $5.00 catered lunch. The group also takes bus trips which include Galveston, Houston Museum District, Beaumont, Brookwood, Huntsville, Texas Wine Country, etc. (See Prime Timers in Spanish under Family Life)

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Sandwich Ministry (SOS for the Homeless)

Sandwiches on Sundays for the Homeless makes 100 lunches on the weekend to distribute to the homeless living in the downtown area. Volunteers also shop for supplies and deliver the lunches Monday morning. We especially need help during the summer months.

Contact: Susan Knizner | Susan.Knizner@duchesne.org

Scarfes for the Homeless

Beginning in August and ending early December parish members knit or crochet scarves for the men and women living on the streets of downtown Houston. Each year we make between 60-100 scarves. The scarves are distributed downtown. This ministry allows you to work in your home at your own pace.

Contact: Linda Kuper | scarvesministry@gmail.com
Colleen Bryse | Ext: 134 | cbryse@saintcecilia.org

Sending Out Servants (SOS)

SOS is a Catholic lay mission, non-denominational outreach, serving as a ministry of presence among the indigenous Maya in the remote and mountainous Quiché area of Guatemala. People can serve through: faith sharing travel teams, medical vision travel teams and home teams who cover them with prayer. More information at www.sendingoutservants.org.

Contact: Leo Mejía | leo@sendingoutservants.org
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
An organization of Catholic lay volunteers ministering to the poor in the Spring Branch area, our parish volunteers make home visits to discern the needs of individuals and families. We help with rent, utility bills, transportation/Metro, food, and recommend them to additional local agencies willing to help. English and Spanish speaking volunteers are needed to make home visits and to work in our office Monday-Saturday. The office is located at 911 Bunker Hill in the Bishop Rizzotto building.
Contact: St. Vincent de Paul Ministry | (713) 468-1185

Spiritual Companion Ministry
Would you like a companion as you attempt to deepen your relationship with God? Sr. Carol Mayes was trained for spiritual companion ministry through the Cenacle Spiritual Direction Institute and has years of experience walking with individuals on their faith journey.
Contact: Carol Mayes, O.P. | cmayes@domhou.org | (832) 628-0280
Martha Lopez | Martahaj2121@gmail.com

The Gathering Place
The Gathering Place at St. Cecilia invites families who are caring for a loved one with memory loss to a free program held monthly. It is a stimulating, loving and fun environment where volunteers offer interactive and affirming activities designed for members of the congregation and community who suffer with memory loss. The Gathering Place offers 3 1/2 hours of respite from the challenges of caring for a loved one with dementia while they enjoy games, crafts, entertainment, lunch, and other fun activities. Caregivers may choose to use this opportunity for respite, or may opt to participate along with their care partner.
Contact: Lorrie Dawlearn | (713) 783-7903
Tom Breaux | 713-682-5995
Liturgic & Music

Altar Servers
These young adults (altar servers must be 10 years old or older), assist the priest and deacons during all weekend Liturgies, on Holy Days, and at funerals. Training is required and provided. Primary training is held in the fall and spring, and parents and servers must commit to attending regular refresher classes, and serving when scheduled.

Contact: Andrew Meinen | Ext: 131 | ameinen@saintcecilia.org

Art & Environment Team
One part of the experience of liturgical hospitality is beauty: A space that is beautiful elevates the human spirit, welcoming us and welcoming our prayer. We have a team of volunteers who work to adorn the church for the various feasts and seasons. Some individuals study the liturgical norms concerning art and environment within the Catholic Church to foster the correct atmosphere and hospitable environment during liturgy.

Contact: Sonia Jones | sjonesjmm@peoplepc.com

Eucharistic Adoration
Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic presence of Christ before us. Eucharistic Adoration is observed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are in constant need for adorers to commit at different times of the day. You can commit to a day and time that is most convenient for you. Visit our website: www.saintcecilia.org, to sign up.

Contact: Leo Deleon | (713) 465-0883 (English)

Extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion
These ministers assist in the distribution of Holy Communion, the Body, Blood of Christ, during the celebration of the Eucharist, and may also bring Holy Communion to those in the hospital or the homebound. Our archdiocese requires that all EMHCs be at least 18 years of age or a senior in high school and in good standing with the Church. The Church also requires the EMHCs be trained in the basic theology of the Eucharist as well as the proper handling of the Body and Blood of Christ. Training is required and provided.

Contact: Andrew Meinen | Ext: 131 | ameinen@saintcecilia.org
Lectors

Lectors give human voice to the Word of God in the assembly at Mass. Candidates for this ministry should have strong verbal and communication skills, be comfortable reading in front of a large group of people, and possess the willingness to commit oneself to the time, effort, and study required for intelligent and sensitive proclamation of the scriptures.

Contact: Andrew Meinen | Ext: 131 | ameinen@saintcecilia.org

Music Ministry

All members of the community are invited to share the gifts of music with the assembly gathered for weekend liturgies and other special services. Explore and learn more about the various opportunities and share your musical talent!

♦ St. Cecilia Choir
♦ Youth and Children’s Choirs
♦ Cantor
♦ Coro Hispano
♦ Life Teen Band
♦ Handbells
♦ Instrumentalist
♦ Organist/Pianist

Contact: Andrew Meinen | Ext: 131 | ameinen@saintcecilia.org

Sacristan

Sacristans are often referred to as the "caretakers of the sacred liturgy." This ministry involves preparation work for liturgies, funerals, weddings, etc. On occasion, additional work is done during the service. Sacristans also maintain the care of liturgical vessels, vestments, and other items.

Contact: Sonia Jones | sjonesjmm@peoplepc.com

Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality

Ministers of Hospitality aid in creating a climate of hospitable worship. It is the responsibility of all gathered. However, ministers of hospitality are called to set an example for the rest of the assembly in a variety of ways, from greeting the worshipers as they arrive, reaching out to visitors and newcomers with a helpful hand and welcoming smile, to the facilitation of the collection and processions.

Contact: Andrew Meinen | Ext: 131 | ameinen@saintcecilia.org
Parish Community Life

Fall Fest

Volunteers assist in planning and implementing the parish’s annual fundraising event. Fall Fest is held the first weekend of October and includes an all parish family dance, a raffle, silent auction, games, rides, and more!

Contact: Tonia Candelario | Ext: 165 | tcandelario@saintcecilia.org

God’s Gifts

God’s Gifts is a ministry devoted to mothers and their families. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth and strengthening of Catholic family values and traditions in our homes. Activities range for mothers, families, couples, and children. Our mothers’ group meets monthly during the school year where we hear guest speakers, socialize, and share experiences within our faith. Yearly planned activities include volunteering to help with Fall Fest, May Rosary at church, Living Nativity on Christmas Eve, Mom’s Retreat, and Children’s Stations of the Cross.

Contact: Megan Pavelka | megan_pavelka@yahoo.com
Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic lay organization, administered, supported by Catholic lay-men, is a fraternal society (Order) seeking for each member (Brother Knight) to more firmly be rooted in faith, hope, and charity, to further their own growth in the knowledge of their Catholic faith. If you want to help those in need, serve your parish, and grow in your faith, then the Knights of Columbus is for you. Council 13357 seeks to transform the lives of Catholic men, including yours.

Contact: David Ratlief | dratlief@chevron.com

Matachines

El grupo de Matachines Tonantzin participa en la celebración anual de la Virgen de Guadalupe en Sta. Cecilia. Son miembros de la Asociación Guadalupana que pertenece a la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Representan a Sta. Cecilia en diferentes medios como el Museo de Ciencias Naturales y de Artes en Houston, en sus diferentes exposiciones sobre la Virgen de Guadalupe, así como para la celebración Guadalupana que se lleva a cabo en el Centro de Convenciones de Houston en diciembre. También cuentan con estudio bíblico y apologética una vez por mes.

Contact: Gerardo de la Rosa | delarosa26gerardo@icloud.com

Stewardship Committee

The mission of the Stewardship Committee is to stimulate parishioners to become more involved, and engaged in stewardship, to better achieve our parish mission, which is “To live and share the joy of the Gospel.”

Contact: Tonia Candelario | Ext: 127 | tcandelario@saintcecilia.org
Welcoming Committee

Our Welcoming Committee encourages newcomers to consider regular attendance and membership. The committee seeks to provide a link between newly registered parishioners and the many ministries and organizations at St. Cecilia Catholic Church. Welcoming visitors and helping them experience God is a priority.

Contact: Fran Serena | fjserena@hotmail.com

Women’s Club

The St. Cecilia Women’s Club encourages Christian fellowship and provides opportunities for apostolic, service and fundraising stewardship within our parish and our community. Our Women’s Club members coordinate and serve at funeral receptions for parish families in their time of need and support other parish organizations and individuals.

Contact: Margaret Blanton | margaretblanton@att.net | (713) 725-3039
Linda Kearney | ljkearney64@gmail.com | (713) 502-9460
Sacraments

There are seven Catholic Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. The seven sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant, and important for Christians. They are special occasions for experiencing God’s saving presence.

◆ Infant Baptism (Newborn to 6 years of age): Baptisms are celebrated Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. with the exception of holidays and Lent. The first and third Saturdays are celebrated in Spanish and second and fourth Saturdays in English. To baptize at St. Cecilia, you must be a registered member of the parish or live within its boundaries. Otherwise, a letter of permission is needed from the pastor of that parish. Parents and god-parents need to attend a baptism class if they have never attended one or if it has been several years since their last attendance. A form and a copy of the birth certificate is needed in order to schedule the baptism celebration.

Contact: Flavie Laporte | Ext: 129 | flavie@saintcecilia.org

◆ Baptism (Children): Please see RCIC – Children
◆ Baptism (Middle School): Please see RCIC – EDGE
◆ Baptism (High School): Please see RCIC- Life Teen
◆ Baptism (Adults): Please see RCIA

◆ First Eucharist (Children): To register your child for sacrament preparation, a student must be in second grade or higher, with one prior year of Catholic religious education (at a parish or Catholic school) with excellent attendance. Any child beyond second grade that has not received their First Eucharist is also welcome and encouraged to attend these classes. The preparation for first reconciliation occurs during the same year.

(7-10 years old) Cecilia Morillo | Ext: 133 | cmorillo@saintcecilia.org
(11-13 years old) Flavie Laporte | Ext: 129 | flavie@saintcecilia.org
(14-17 years old) David Thies | Ext: 171 | dthies@saintcecilia.org
 Confirmation (High School): Preparation for confirmation for high school students takes place in the 9th grade and concludes in the 10th grade. At St. Cecilia, candidates for confirmation attend large group teachings and small group sessions Sunday nights, at least one confirmation retreat, and take part in service opportunities in their church and community as part of this preparation.

Contact: David Thies | Ext: 171 | dthies@saintcecilia.org

 Confirmation (Adults): Sessions are offered in the spring of each year with the sacrament being offered around Pentecost. Please see RCIA

 Reconciliation (Confession): Is available on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the church or by appointment with a priest.

 Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for physical but also for mental, spiritual sickness. This healing sacrament is celebrated at a hospital or at the church.

Contact: Colleen Bryse | Ext: 134 | cbryse@saintcecilia.org

 Marriage/Weddings: Please contact the church office for information at least 9 months in advance of the desired marriage date. In addition, there is a required marriage formation class for engaged couples. A priest or deacon should be contacted to schedule the wedding and to initiate the marriage preparation.

Contact: Flavie Laporte | Ext: 129 | flavie@saintcecilia.org

 Holy Orders: For information on becoming a priest or joining a religious order of men or women contact Fr. Paul

Contact: Rev. Michael Barrosa | frmike@saintcecilia.org

 Funerals: For information on planning or scheduling a funeral:

Contact: Deacon Frank Davis III | Ext: 126 | fdavis@saintcecilia.org
Contact: Colleen Bryse | Ext: 134 | cbryse@saintcecilia.org
St. Cecilia Catholic School is accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Department of Education. The Texas Catholic Conference Department of Education, through its association with the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC), is recognized by the Texas Education Agency, and is responsible for the implementation of the accreditation process for Texas Catholic schools. The characteristics which singled out St. Cecilia Catholic School as a leader among schools include:

- Strong role the school plays in the parish, school, home, and local civic area. Service learning is integrated within the curriculum for all grade levels.
- Catholicity outside of religion class is evident in all activities, i.e. service, retreats, social/moral teaching and guidance, Mass, reflection activities, prayer journals and sports.
- Strong discipline with a purpose program in the classrooms by the teachers and counselors.
- Academic Dean hired to provide ongoing observations, evaluations and support of teachers. Teachers have formalized growth plans, professional development classes, and peer classroom observations. Teachers all have yearly goals on file and the administration works with teachers to help achieve their goals.

A mix of high standards, family involvement, and an emphasis on achievement by the students, faculty, and school leadership continues to be a top priority as we prepare our students to become our leaders in the 21st century.

**School Motto:** Respect, Responsibility, and Reverence

**Mission Statement:** Our mission at St. Cecilia Catholic School is the ongoing Catholic formation and education of the whole child in mind, heart, and spirit, in preparation for an adult life of commitment and service.

**Admissions:** The admissions application and tuition rate for each student at SCCS is available on our website. An after-school program is also offered with an optional monthly payment plan.

St. Cecilia School Office: (713) 468-9515
St. Cecilia School Office Fax: (713) 468-4698
Visit us at [www.saintceciliacatholicschool.org](http://www.saintceciliacatholicschool.org)
Volunteer Opportunities

If you’re interested in volunteering at the Church, please call or send an email to the contact person in charge of the ministry you’re inquiring about. You may also contact our parish office.

Contact: Parish Office | 713-465-3414

CMG Safe Haven Training

The training consists of 3 vignette style training videos that is approximately 60 minutes and will include a criminal background check that must be completed. These trainings are available in English and Spanish. We will no longer offer live trainings, all Safe Environment trainings will only be available online.

For more information, please visit: www.saintcecilia.org/cmgconnect

CMG Safe Haven Esta eemplazando el VIRTUS

El VIRTUS ha sido reemplazado por un entrenamiento exclusivamente en línea. La capacitación consta de 3 videos de estilo viñeta que duran aproximadamente 60 minutos e incluirá una verificación de antecedentes penales que debe completarse. Estas capacitaciones están disponibles en inglés y español. Ya no ofreceremos capacitaciones en vivo, todas las capacitaciones de Safe Environment solo estarán disponibles en línea.

Para obtener más información, visite: www.saintcecilia.org/cmgconnect

Contact: Oliva Melo | Ext: 144 | omelo@saintcecilia.org

NOTE: Ministry contacts and parish staff, if you have any changes to your ministry or contact information, please send an email to Maribel Mendoza, Associate Director of Communications, at mmendoza@saintcecilia.org

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