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MASSES / MISAS This Week / Esta Semana

Tuesday, December 22

7:00pm - St. Cecilia

Misa/Spanish Mass

(Howard & Louise Renz)

Lector: Juanita Baez

Wednesday, December 23

5:30pm - St. Augusta

Mass (Marie Ciciora)

Thursday, December 24

3:00pm - St. Cecilia

Mass (Deceased Members of the
Zehner & McKinney Families)

5:00pm - Sorrowful Mother

Mass (Poor Souls)

7:00pm - St. Augusta

Mass (Poor Souls)

10:00pm - St. Cecilia

Mass (People of Our Pastorate)

Friday, December 25

8:00am - St. Augusta

Mass (Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Bacon Sr.)

10:00am - Sorrowful Mother

Mass (David Schaezel)

12:15pm - St. Cecilia

Mass (Marina Miller)

Next Weekend / El Próximo Domingo

Saturday, December 26

4:00 pm - St. Augusta

Mass (Louise Nelson)

Lector: Mary Ann Augustine

Euch Min: Julie Mlynarczyk

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am - Sorrowful Mother

Mass (Tom Beck)

Lector: Hanna Chaffins

Euch Min: Carol Redlin Cooper

10:00am - St. Cecilia

Mass (John Walters)

Lector: Erika Smith

Euch Min: Bill Kovach

12:15pm - St. Cecilia

Misa / Spanish Mass

(People of Our Pastorate)

Lector: Vicky Zepeta

Min Euch: Cecy Hernández

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

The Family of Haydée and

José Rodríguez

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Weekend's Regular Collection

St. Cecilia - \$3,335

St. Augusta - TBD

Sorrowful Mother - \$2,576

(*does not include online giving)

ONLINE GIVING

St. Cecilia

[https://onrealm.org/
StCecilia/-/give/now](https://onrealm.org/StCecilia/-/give/now)

or

Via Text: StCecilia to 73256

St. Augusta

[https://faith.direct/enroll/choosegifts/
IN172/36975](https://faith.direct/enroll/choosegifts/IN172/36975)

Sorrowful Mother

[https://
www.osvonlinegiving.com/4336](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4336)

From Father Mike

The name Gabriel comes from the Hebrew word which means, "God who is my strength." Just as today's second reading reminds us that it is God "who can strengthen you" (Romans 16:25), so Gabriel brings the message of God's strength to Mary. This year the season of Advent is one where we particularly need God's strength as we experience the frailty of our collective health that cannot stop the spread of the coronavirus. The true strength we have in our lives does not come from a muscular body or scientific knowledge but from the God whose love is stronger than anything else. We are certainly grieving how COVID-19 has taken so many lives and made us lose our former way of life. This is on top of the many losses that are magnified this time of year. But just as Gabriel told Mary, "Do not be afraid," (Luke 1:30) so we are strengthened by our faith in Mary's Son, not losing hope even if this Christmas will be very different than before. Perhaps this is the year we wish each other a "Mary Christmas" to remind each other that, like our Blessed Mother, even in the middle of a pandemic, we "have found favor with God." (Luke 1:30)



De Padre Miguel

El nombre Gabriel proviene de la palabra hebrea que significa "Dios, que es mi fuerza." Así como la segunda Lectura de hoy nos recuerda que a Dios, "a aquel que puede darles fuerzas" (Romanos 16, 25), así Gabriel lleva el mensaje de la fuerza de Dios a María. Este año durante el Tiempo de Adviento es cuando particularmente necesitamos más la fuerza de Dios a medida que experimentamos la fragilidad de nuestra salud colectiva que no puede detener la propagación del Coronavirus. La verdadera fuerza que tenemos en nuestras vidas no proviene de un cuerpo musculoso ni de un conocimiento científico, sino del Dios cuyo amor es otra cosa. Ciertamente estamos afligidos por cómo el COVID-19 ha cobrado ya tantas vidas y nos ha hecho perder nuestra forma de vida anterior. Las muchas pérdidas se magnifican aún más durante esta época del año. Pero así como Gabriel le dijo a María: "No temas" (Lucas 1, 30), nuestra fe en el Hijo de María nos fortalece, sin perder la esperanza, incluso si esta Navidad fuera a ser muy diferente a la anterior. Quizás este sea el año cuando nos decimos unos a otros una "Feliz Navidad" al estilo de María para recordar que, como nuestra Santísima Madre, incluso en medio de una pandemia, "hemos hallado gracia ante Dios." (Lucas 1,30)

Uniting in Heart Update

I am a new missionary pastor. While I previously spent time as a parochial administrator, things now are different. The diocese is undergoing a process of conversion and change in order that all will be led into a deeper experience of Christ and to share the Gospel with others. The word "evangelization" is still foreign to many Catholics, and the very word itself conjures up images of knocking on unsuspecting peoples' doors, trying to convince them to "join us." While there is some truth to this image, this is not what we are talking about in Uniting in Heart. The vision of Uniting in Heart is to share the Good News of the saving work of Jesus Christ—one person at a time, one relationship at a time, one conversation about God at a time. While we want to see the Church grow in numbers, we need to see the Church grow in depth of spirituality. When we speak of evangelization, we need to evangelize ourselves first. We cannot give what we do not have. Ultimately, our hope is that as people hear the Good News, they will find its fulfillment with us in the Catholic Church.

By Father Sean Pogue, Sacred Heart Church, Cicero IN

Unidos de Corazón Actualización

Soy un nuevo pastor misionero. Aunque pasé tiempo como administrador parroquial antes, todo ahora es diferente. La diócesis está atravesando un proceso de conversión y cambio, para que todos sean llevado a una experiencia más profunda de Cristo y para compartir el Evangelio con los demás.

La palabra "evangelización" todavía es ajena a muchos católicos, y la misma palabra en sí misma evoca imágenes de golpes en las puertas de personas desprevenidas, tratando de convencerlas de que "se unan a nosotros". Si bien hay algo de verdad en esta imagen, no es de esto de lo que estamos hablando en Unidos de Corazón.

La visión de Unidos de Corazón es compartir la Buena Nueva, de la obra salvadora de Jesucristo—una persona a la vez, una relación a la vez, una conversación sobre Dios a la vez. Si bien queremos ver a la Iglesia crecer en número, necesitamos verla crecer en profundidad de espiritualidad. En última instancia, nuestra esperanza es que a medida que las personas escuchan la Buena Nueva, encuentren su cumplimiento con nosotros en la Iglesia Católica.

Por Padre Sean Pogue, La Iglesia de Sacred Heart, Cicero IN

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED / OFICINAS PARROQUIALES CERRADAS

All parish offices across the pastorate will be closed this Thursday and Friday, December 24-25, and next Friday, January 1.

Las oficinas parroquiales se cierran el 24-25 de diciembre y la 1 de enero.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ACROSS THE PASTORATE

ST. CECILIA

Religious Education

Students are asked to work on their Advent bags and send pictures of their project to Trish Wyrobek (pwyrobek@parish.dol-in.org) to be posted on our Facebook page.

There are no Religious Ed classes on December 27 and January 3. Classes resume on January 10.

ST. AUGUSTA

Religious Education - CCD Grades 1-6 meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm beginning right after the 5:30 Mass.

Confirmation Class meets on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of the month, 6-8pm.

No Classes on December 23 & 30.

For more information, contact Jeannette Marter at 219-992-9010.

SORROWFUL MOTHER

SMC Kids - There will be no SMC Kids December 27 and January 3

Youth Group/Confirmation - No class on Wednesdays, December 23 & 30. Mandatory Parents and Youth meeting on Wed, Jan. 6, 6:30pm to discuss expectations for the next five months. If your child was not baptized in the pastorate, we will need a copy of the baptismal certificate by then. Confirmation is Wednesday, May 26, 6:00pm at St. Cecilia Church.

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS / ADORACION Y CONFESIONES

Sunday, Dec.20 / Domingo, el 20 de dic
6:00-7:00pm Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield

Tuesday, Dec. 22 / Martes, el 22 de dic
6:00pm-7:00pm, St. Cecilia, DeMotte

Wednesday, Dec. 23 / Miercoles, el 23 de dic
6:00-7:00pm, St. Augusta, Lake Village



ADVENT ANGEL TREES

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Advent Angel Tree programs. Angels for St. Augusta were from the Lake Township Trustees Office and Angels for St. Cecilia/Sorrowful Mother were from St. Jude Shelter for Women and Children.

SORROWFUL MOTHER CHRISTMAS EVE RESERVATIONS

Due to COVID-19 safeguards and limited seating, we are requiring reservations for Christmas Eve Mass. Immediately after today's Mass, please turn in the reservation form found in your pew or at the entry doors to the Youth Group Room. You can also go to our Facebook page for a link to make your reservation online or call/text Shelley Guisinger @ 219-816-1011. Deadline for reservations is at noon on Wednesday, December 23 or earlier if we have reached our capacity. You will be contacted Wednesday evening by text or phone call confirming your reservation.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Anyone wishing to help decorate our churches for Christmas can meet at St. Augusta on Wed, December 23, 7:00pm after Adoration, at Sorrowful Mother on Sun, December 20, 7:00pm after adoration, and at St. Cecilia on Mon, December 21, 9:00am. This is a great opportunity for confirmation students looking for volunteer hours. Please dress for the cold weather as some decorating will be done outside also.

SORROWFUL MOTHER FOOD PANTRY

- Thank you to the members of St. Cecilia Church for the recent donation of \$1080.
- The Food Pantry is seeking sponsorships for 2021 to help cover the costs of milk and eggs. Sponsorship forms can be found in the church vestibule or contact Linda Duttlinger at 219-828-7611.
- We will be closed on Saturday, December 26.

CHRISTMAS MASSES / MISAS DE LA NAVIDAD

Please note:

Churches will be open 30 minutes before Mass begins.

Pews cannot be reserved by people arriving early for others coming later.

No one can be allowed in once all spaces in the church and overflow spaces are filled.

As an act of pastorate charity, please attend only your regular parish to give all access to their own church.

You may be assigned seats when you arrive. Please wear a mask.

Please call the parish office if your party will have six or more persons for the Christmas Eve Mass.

Thursday, December 24

3:00pm St. Cecilia, DeMotte

5:00pm Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield*

7:00pm St. Augusta, Lake Village

10:00pm St. Cecilia, DeMotte

Friday, December 25

8:00am St. Augusta, Lake Village

10:00am Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield

12:15pm St. Cecilia, DeMotte (Bilingual)

*Reservations only for 5:00pm Sorrowful Mother (See page 3)

CURRENT CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL TOTALS

	Goal	Amount Pledged	Amount Paid	% Goal Pledged	% Goal Paid
St. Cecilia	\$37,413	\$20,650	\$8,526	55%	23%
St. Augusta	\$24,883	\$7,060	\$3,250	28%	13%
Sorrowful Mother	\$28,989	\$14,745	\$7,875	51%	27%

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

If you have not yet made a pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly Fruitful Harvest), watch your mail in early December for a letter from Fr. Mike. Remember that by giving to this appeal, you are helping to support programs for our retired priests as well as new seminarians, for our youth, college Newman Centers, deacons, prison ministry, pregnancy centers and ongoing leadership formation for priests and parish ministers. Even if you are unable to give at this time, please send in your envelope signifying your prayers for our church.

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 20	9:00-10:15am, Sorrowful Mother - SMC Kids Grades K - 8 11:00am-12:00pm, St. Cecilia - Religious Ed Grades K - 12 11:00am, St. Cecilia - La Formación de Padres al Liderazgo - Parent Leaders in Spanish Predica: Haydée Rodríguez 6:00 - 7:00pm, Sorrowful Mother - Adoration & Confession
Tues., December 22	6:00 - 7:00pm, St. Cecilia - Adoration & Confession
Wed, December 23	6:00 - 7:00pm, St. Augusta - Adoration & Confession
Thurs., December 24	
Friday, December 25	
Sat., December 26	
Sunday, December 27	No SMC Kids - Sorrowful Mother No Religious Ed - St. Cecilia

