

ST. MARY CHURCH HYDE PARK



Adoration of the Magi, Matthias Stom

DECEMBER 24-25, 2023
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | CHRISTMAS



Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit eastsidefaith.org or call the appropriate parish office.

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Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10 AM George Randle ☩

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:30 PM Salmon-Jacob Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30 PM Mrs. Sally Kelley (L)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:30 PM For the Intentions of James Stiens (L)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:00 PM Joseph Tenenbaum ☩

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 The Holy Family

8:30 AM Ricky L. Richards ☩

10:30 AM Rev. John Thaman ☩

Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online at EastsideFaith.org, under the "About" section. Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

Wedding Banns

No wedding banns this week.

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent and ... *Christmas!* December 24-25, 2023

Merry Christmas, everyone! This week we celebrate the beautiful feast of Christmas. The birth of our Savior brings joy to the world. Let us commit to worshipping Our Lord with zeal, for on this day we celebrate more than a historical event that happened. This week we celebrate God bringing himself down to this earth in Jesus, the Messiah. We also celebrate what that means for all of humanity and the whole world now that the waiting is over and Jesus Christ is born. With the birth of the Messiah there is now hope, the hope that people were longing to have in their life. Their hope is in a loving God who cares for them and is always there to bring victory within any defeat in their life. He is a God that comes to us, because through His grace we can defeat sin, and defeat death. What a loving God we have, and that is worth celebrating.

Amen? Amen!

Fr. Jesse

Blessing of Expectant Mothers

Please join us at Mass on Sunday, December 31 — the Feast of the Holy Family — when we bless expectant mothers. Please join us if you are an expectant mother, or invite any soon-to-be mom you know, whether she is your daughter, friend, sister, in-law, or just an acquaintance! We will be doing this blessing at every Mass at all three churches in the family.



Big Birthday Coming Up!

Fr. Jamie's birthday is on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany! Let's shower him with birthday wishes! Gift cards for meals are always welcome!

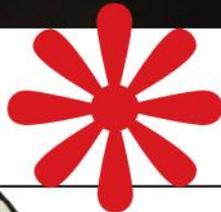


Holy Hour every week.

St. Mary: Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

St. Cecilia: Wednesdays from 7- 8 PM.

And, the first Monday of the month from 7-8 PM at **the Oratory**, dedicated to prayers for priests.



PLEASE NOTE: the parish offices will be closed from December 25 thru January 1 and will reopen on January 2.



From the Oratory of Saint John Vianney

The Oratory is part of St. Cecilia Parish and devoted to prayer for the priests of our Archdiocese, through the intercession of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. Please join us this week in praying for **Fr. Ed Burns, Fr. Scott Morgan (Tri-County Catholics) Fr. Bob Schmitz, Fr. Philip Seher, Fr. Thomas Shearer (retired)**. Special thanks to those who have offered to help send notes of thanks and encouragement to the priests we are praying for each week!





From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Mary, I am sure, was beside herself. At around 15 years old, finding out that she was to be the Mother of Jesus wasn't an easy task. Yet, with the grace of God and her inner strength, she said yes and never wavered. How many times do we thank her for her gift to us?

At 3 pm on Sunday, we celebrate Christmas Eve. We have been busy shopping, going to Christmas parties and the like. But wouldn't it be sad that on Christmas Eve or Day, amid all the frivolity within our homes, the Little Boy, whose birthday it is, would be standing outside peering wistfully in the window, forgotten on His own Feast? Let us celebrate Him! Merry Christmas!

Fr. Ken Schopf

Knights of Columbus

Christmas is upon us. The **Knights of Columbus** lead many charitable activities during the Christmas season, including our Keep Christ in Christmas student poster contest, Pregnancy Center Plus contributions, and the St. Mary Christmas Tree Sale. Want to become a part of this? Go to kofcoho.org and click on "Join Us". For more information, please email salvereginacouncil@gmail.com

From the School Office

St. Mary Second Grade Students made their First Reconciliation on Monday, December 11. The children prepared for this sacrament for several months and were joyful about receiving the gift of mercy and forgiveness from God, on their First Reconciliation.



Christmas around the Parish



Church Loft



EPIC Christmas Party



Crafty Ladies

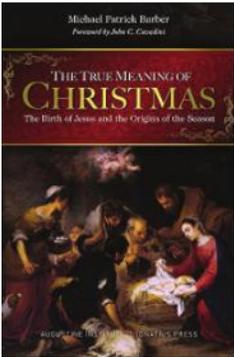


First Grade Christmas Play



Giving Tree

BOOK REVIEW

THE CATECHIST'S
CORNER*The True Meaning of Christmas* by Michael Patrick Barber

I often think that in the current day and age of American society, many Catholic traditions have been subverted by mainstream secular culture. We arguably see it the most in the celebration of our Lord's birth in the Christmas season! We spend well over a month listening to Christmas Carols that have origins within Catholic theology and rooted in the tradition of the Church Fathers. However, many of us might overlook the theological significance of songs like "Silent Night," "O' Come O' Come Emmanuel," or "Away in a Manger" for their catchy tunes on the radio. In *The True Meaning of Christmas* by Dr.

Michael P. Barber of the Augustine Institute, we get an opportunity to dive deeper into these Christmas Carols and unearth some significant Christian truths that have been echoed throughout the centuries by men, women, and children of all ages singing these songs. I highly recommend it to anyone that is interested in Church history, or would like to know more about the "reason for the season". My wife and I read this over the course of last Advent, and we came to really appreciate the easy-to-read structure and citations that Dr. Barber included to other source materials. This, in-turn, led us to have even deeper discussions on Scripture passages and documents from Church fathers. I would recommend using this book as an entry point to reflecting upon the early life of Christ and the Holy Family. It's a book that can be easily put down and picked back up over the course of December while you reflect on the last chapter and enjoy the busy time of the year with family. (Reviewed by Everett Mitchel)

Interested in becoming
Catholic?

Or simply learning more about
our faith?

Contact RCIA Director Colin Kunath
at rcia@eastsideregion.org or visit
eastsidefaith.org/rcia. Classes are
Wednesday nights at 7PM in
St. Mary's Robisch Hall

Classes are now in session but
you can still join us!

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Advent and Christmas with Dr. Michael Barber

View this series on FORMED by activating your free account at www.formed/signup and
searching "St. Cecilia Cincinnati"!

Schedule of Masses

The fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve this year, so make plans now to attend two Masses December 23-25. The schedule for the fourth Sunday of Advent reflects an added Mass on Saturday and fewer Mass times on Sunday. We are adding an extra vigil Mass at St. Cecilia so you can fulfill your Sunday obligation. We very much encourage you to attend this Mass if you intend on attending a Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas Vigil liturgies are on Sunday and Christmas Day Masses on Monday. Please check the complete schedule below!

+ Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday December 23

3:00 PM	Oratory
3:30 PM	St. Cecilia
4:00 PM	St. Mary
5:00 PM	St. Cecilia

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM	St. Cecilia
8:30 AM	St. Mary
9:30 AM	Oratory

+ Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24

3 PM	Oratory
3 PM	St. Mary
3 PM	St. Cecilia
5:00 PM	St. Cecilia
5:30 PM	St. Mary
10:30 PM	St. Mary
Midnight	St. Cecilia

Monday, December 25

10 AM	Oratory
10 AM	St. Mary
10 AM	St. Cecilia

🎄 Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!



PRAY THE ROSARY. WITNESS YOUR FAITH.

All men are invited to join in praying the rosary the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM on the steps in front of Saint Cecilia Church. Join them next on **Saturday, January 6**, to offer prayers to our Mother Mary.

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THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Thursday Morning Study

**JANUARY 11TH-FEBRUARY 15TH
9-10:30 AM**

ST. MARY HYDE PARK-MARIAN ROOM

The Tuesday Morning Study group will be moving to Thursdays for Spring 2024! Join this dynamic group for reflection on the Holy Spirit with the final six episodes of the FORMED series, *The Wild Goose*. A reminder that while consistent attendance will only continue to enhance your experience, each episode can be viewed as a stand-alone short feature. Consequently, don't worry if you can't make it to all of the gatherings or if you did not attend the fall sessions. Each individual session has much to offer! Your presence is welcome for as much of the series as possible!

SIGN UP AT WWW.EASTSIDEFAITH.ORG/THE-WILD-GOOSE

*Cocktails with the Catechism is proud
to present the winter lineup for our
2024 Series:*

“Encounter Jesus...”



January 23, 2024

“Beauty Ever Ancient, Ever New”

Fr. Alex Dugas

February 19-21, 2024

“Master to the Disciples”

**Lavinia Spirito
(Lenten Mission at St. Cecilia)**



March 19, 2024

“The Divine Physician”

Fr. Lukas Van Berkum

*Thinking of engagement
this holiday season?*

Don't forget that you must be registered as a parishioner for at least three months if you intend to marry at St. Cecilia or St. Mary in wedding year 2025!



To inquire about dates or make plans for marriage preparation through the parish, please reach out to Haley Metzger at hmetzger@eastsideregion.org

A night of
**Pampering,
Purling, and
Princess
Diaries**

Come enjoy Friday night with the women of the Eastside!

Bring whatever craft you're working on and join us for a movie night

Friday, January 19 7:00 PM at the St. Cecilia Parish House
(on campus directly across the street from the library)

Did you know?

Our young adult ministry serves Catholic 20s and 30s at every stage. Looking for post-graduate friendships? A mom's group? A way to meet other married couples? Speed-dating? We've got it all!

Don't wait; join us today! Get connected by going to www.eastsidefaith.org/join-our-community

1 A **CASH GIFT** in any amount is a convenient and popular way to show your faithful support for the church and our ministries. If you itemize, the full amount of your gift qualifies for a 2023 charitable income tax deduction. Make certain your check is dated 2023 and received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023, to receive a deduction this year.

2 **MAKE A GIFT WITH YOUR IRA**
 Congress made the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) a permanent rule in 2015. It allows owners of a traditional IRA to exclude RMDs from their adjusted gross income (AGI) if they give the money to an approved charity, also known as a qualified charitable organization. The QCD rule allows you to give the amount you donate from your IRA directly to charity without ever receiving it as income. Therefore, you pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may also help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax. Best of all, you can start taking QCDs at age 70½; you don't have to wait until you hit 73.

3 **GIVING UNNEEDED LIFE INSURANCE**
 Do you own an old life insurance policy that is no longer needed? Perhaps the purpose for the policy no longer exists (your children are grown, or your mortgage is paid off) or your financial situation has changed and mitigates the need for the insurance. Consider giving the policy to the church and receive a charitable income tax deduction for the lesser of your cost basis or the replacement value. This is a great way to benefit a cause you support without reducing your checking account. If the value is more than you wish to donate, consider cashing in the policy and giving a lesser portion. Your gift may sufficiently reduce or eliminate any potential taxes due from the sale. Please speak to your insurance advisor for more information.

4 Year-end is also the Christmas season. For many Catholics, this is an occasion to give in gratitude for God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ. In all our giving, let us never forget these familiar words, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son..." Why not make a special effort to honor Him in your giving this Christmas season—perhaps the most important gift you give? May God bless you as you make this expression of your faith.

**As always, please consult your tax and/or insurance advisor for any questions or concerns you may have regarding tax deductible or charitable donations.*



Worship Aid for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Hymn



Advent 1 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
Advent 2 To Zi - on's hill our God will come
Advent 3 Re - joice, a - gain I say re - joice.
Advent 4 O heav - ens, o - pen wide a - bove;



in you, my God, I place my trust.
with heal - ing for all na - tions' ills.
The Lord is near and com - ing soon.
rain down the Just One, all you clouds;



Let not my en - e - m - ies ex - ult,
Your hearts will quick - en as you hear
Your gen - tle - ness be shown to all.
bring forth a Sav - ior, mo - ther earth.



nor wait - ing hearts be put to shame.
the Lord's ma - jest - tic, glo - rious voice.
Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
Let all crea - a - tion know its Lord.

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Verse 1

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.
Day unto day conveys the message, and night unto night imparts the knowledge.*

Verse 2

*There he has placed a tent for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run his course.*

Penitential Rite

Option A

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,**

And striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Option B

**Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.**

**Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And
grant us your salvation.**

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.
Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Prayer for Vocations



*Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

-Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All make a profound bow:

*and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn

Immaculate Mary



1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;
2. Pre - des - tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,
3. To you by an an - gel, the Lord God made known
4. Most blest of all wom - en, you heard and be - lieved;
5. The an - gels re - joiced when you brought forth God's Son;



You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus our King.
God willed you both vir - gin and moth - er to be.
The grace of the Spir - it, the gift of the Son.
Most blest is the fruit of your womb then con - ceived.
Your joy is the joy of all a - ges to come.



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - rí - a.



A - ve, A - ve, Ma - rí - a.

6. Your child is the Savior, all hope lies in him:
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin.

7. In glory for ever now close to your Son,
All ages will praise you for all God has done.

Text: St. 1, Jeremiah Cummings, 1814-1866, alt.; sts. 2-7, Brian Foley, 1919-2000, © 1971, Faber Music Ltd.
Tune: LOURDES HYMN, 11 11 with refrain; *Grenoble*, 1882



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the Law
That trust your might - y power to save,
Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

Recessional Hymn

The Advent of Our King

1. The advent of our King
Our thoughts must now employ;
Then let us meet him on the road
With songs of holy joy.

2. The coeternal Son
A maiden's offspring see;
A servant's form Christ putteth on,
To set his people free.

3. In glory from his throne
Again will Christ descend,
And summon all who are his own
To joys that never end.

4. Our joyful praises sing
To Christ, who set us free;
Like tribute to the Father bring,
And Holy Ghost, to thee.

Text: SM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749;
tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: Aaron Williams, 1731–1776.



AROUND ST MARY | 15

**St. Mary School
Alumni Mass**
Sunday, January 7, 2024
10:30 am Mass
Fellowship to follow in Robisch Hall
 Please RSVP to Sean Laudeman at
slaudeman@stmaryhp.org
We will have reserved seating.

A Prayer for our Alumni

Loving God, we are grateful for the many gifts you have given to us: The gifts of life, love, family, friends, faith, and our Catholic schools. Thank you for guiding those who have so generously given of themselves throughout the years in the promotion and growth of our schools. May their dedication and sacrifice continue to make it possible to bring Christ to your beloved children. We ask your blessings on the outreach of the Alumni of St. Mary Grade School.

Open the hearts of our alumni so that through their dedication and sacrifice, our schools may continue to flourish.

Amen.

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Weekend Collection:	\$5,870	Sunday & Holiday Giving:	\$411,245
Mailed:	\$2,210	Budget:	\$493,350
WeShare Online:	\$8,589	Over (under) Budget:	(\$82,105)
Total Sunday Giving:	\$16,669		
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		Over (under) Year Ago:	\$32,558

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