

EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

St. Cecilia Oakley | St. Mary Hyde Park | The Oratory of St. John Vianney Madisonville

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Michaelmas

SAINT CECILIA | SEPTEMBER 29

St. Michael the Archangel, Guido Reni, c. 1635

NEW: LIVING GRATEFULLY

How has our parish family been a blessing in your life?

Share your story through our brief parish survey.
See page 13 for more information.



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OUR MISSION: To lead people to holiness.

OUR VISION: Eastside Catholics will be a parish family that builds up God's kingdom through truth, beauty and goodness.

LEARN MORE: eastsideregion.org

OUR CHURCHES

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Cecilia (Oakley)

Saturday at 3:30 p.m. | Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 8:15 p.m.

St. Mary (Hyde Park)

Saturday at 4 p.m. | Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony (Madisonville)

Saturday at 3 p.m. | Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Cecilia (Oakley)

Mon.-Sat. at 9 a.m.

All-day Adoration follows 9 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays with

Holy Hour at 7 p.m. and Confessions at 7-7:50 p.m.

St. Mary (Hyde Park)

Mon.-Thurs. at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Hour: Mon.-Fri., at 7:30-8:30 a.m. and Tues. at 6 p.m.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony (Madisonville)

Mon.-Fri. at 11:45 a.m.

Holy Hour: First Monday of the month, 7-8 p.m., to pray for priests

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

GENERAL INQUIRIES

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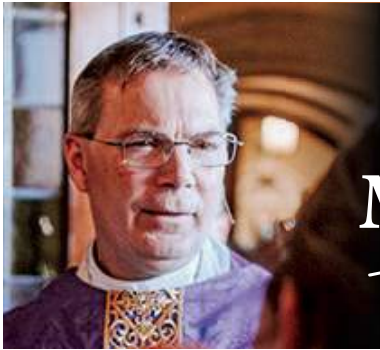


Become a Parishioner

Ready to join our vibrant parish?

Register as a new parishioner at eastsideregion.org/register or scan the QR code.





Michaelmas

Fr. Jamie



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

As the light outside decreases, we have a feast day that helps us strengthen and increase our inner light. Michaelmas is celebrated on September 29—the feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, the Archangels.

We often picture St. Michael courageously wielding his sword in the battle against evil. He is associated with protection, discernment, and fighting evil.

Have you allowed fear to control you? Have you been afraid to stand for what you believe? This is a time when you can bring these things to light and ask for the courage to stand for what you believe.

If God is calling you to witness your faith and you are hiding so that you do not have to deal with the wrath of others, you may want this to be the time you practice praying the Prayer of St. Michael. We have to be able to fight the battle against evil.

Amen? Amen!

Saint Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle.
Be our protection against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do Thou,
O Prince of the
Heavenly Hosts -
by the Power of God -
cast into hell, satan and
all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

- Pope Leo XIII



Thank you, Steve!

As Steve Sullivan steps away from the Eastside Catholics bulletin, we want to extend our sincere thanks for his hard work and dedication in making the bulletin what it is today.

Fifteen years ago, Father Jamie entrusted the church bulletin to Steve Sullivan. Since then, Steve has used his great skills as a graphic designer to make our bulletin the aspiration of the diocese. Our bulletin was so well designed and so distinctive that other parishes began following suit, adopting parts of its layout and look. Even our bulletin companies would tell us that ours was, by far, one of the best bulletins they printed each week. In fact, they used our bulletin as an example of what could be done.

But what made Steve's work so special was that it was never simply about making a beautiful bulletin. It was a labor of love, motivated by his deep love for the Church and his desire to give the parish a quality publication that reflected and communicated truth, beauty, and goodness. Steve understood that even something as ordinary as a weekly bulletin could be an opportunity to communicate the faith and to make the life of our parish more beautiful. For all of those years of dedication, creativity, and faithful service, we are deeply grateful to Steve. If you get the chance to see him, please take a moment to thank him for all that he has done for our parish family. We were very fortunate to have Steve serving us for as long as we did. In the process of producing what we believe was one of the greatest parish bulletins around, we also had the privilege of gaining a great friend. Thank you, Steve, for 15 wonderful years!



Join The Oratory in Praying for Priests

This week we are praying for Fr. Robert Goebel, Fr. Hans Gruenbauer, Fr. Marvin Hackman, Fr. Gerald Haemmerle, and Fr. Robert Hater. May their lives and ministry bear witness to the mercy and faithfulness of God.

Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Us?

As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future.

There are approximately 60 sessions scheduled between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.



Register today at
catholicaoc.org/conversations

Upcoming Conversations in the Spirit Sessions

General Session Dates

Venue	Location	Date	Time
St. John the Evangelist, Favret Hall	West Chester	September 28	7–9 p.m.
Our Lady of Victory, Convocation Center	Cincinnati	October 10	10 a.m.–12 p.m.
St. Susanna, St. Susanna Room	Mason	October 17	10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Good Shepherd, Community Room	Cincinnati	October 19	7–9 p.m.
St. James the Greater, Church Hall	Cincinnati	November 7	10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church, Auditorium	Cincinnati	November 21	10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Special Sessions by Cohort

Cohort	Location	Date	Time
Parents of School Children	West Chester	September 28	7–9 p.m.
Religious Orders	Cincinnati	October 12	6–8 p.m.
Young Adults	Cincinnati	October 13	7–9 p.m.
Parents of School Children	Mason	October 17	10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Parents of School Children	Cincinnati	November 7	10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Religious Orders	Cincinnati	November 11	6–8 p.m.
Hispanics	Cincinnati	November 16	7–9 p.m.

Additional general and special sessions are available online. Scan the QR code above for additional information.

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS | 5

| 1 | St. Mary Office Relocation Carrie Brigger's office has moved! Her office is now located in Office 104 on the first floor of the Seton Center. **| 2-3 | Welcome Children of God!** Welcome Maren Elizabeth, daughter of Hadley and Thomas Menker. Welcome Maximilian Robert, son of Bridget and Robert Sturm. **| 4 | Congratulations** to Kathleen and Joseph Easton who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Mary on September 9. **| 5 | Ministry Kickoff** We had a great time at the Young Adult Ministry Kickoff on September 13, featuring fun games and delicious BBQ! **| 6 | 9/11 Memorial Mass** Our parish honored those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, with a 9/11 Memorial Mass to mark the 25th anniversary of the attacks. **| 7 | Forty Hours Devotion** Following the 9/11 Memorial Mass, we began the Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration to bring our prayers and remembrance before the Blessed Sacrament. **| 8-10 | Rest in Peace,** Todd Habel, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 11. Beverley Wahl, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 16. Mrs. Wahl faithfully served St. Mary School for 45 years. Joan Crowe, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 18.





The Chosen Conversations & Catholic Commentary

Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m.

Robisch Hall at St. Mary Hyde Park
2845 Erie Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45208

Join parishioners to watch and discuss Season 3 of *The Chosen* series. This widely popular television series is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew Him. It is a wonderful way to enter more deeply into the Gospel story.

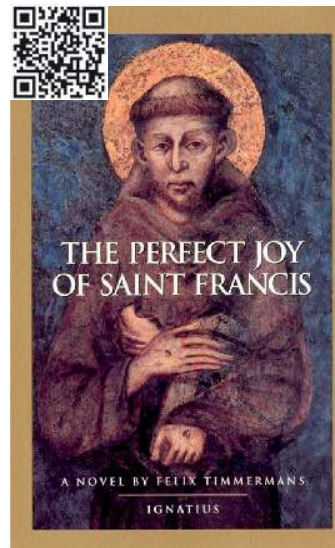
For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit eastsideregion.org/the-chosen-study.

Book Study: The Perfect Joy of Saint Francis

Monday, September 28, 2026 | 7 p.m.

The Commons at St. Cecilia School
4115 Taylor Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45209

Located in the basement of the school's north wing.



Join us as we continue rediscovering the beautiful simplicity of the life and faith of St. Francis of Assisi. This book challenges us to consider where true Christian joy is found, not in comfort, success or recognition, but in knowing and following Christ.

To register, scan the QR code or visit eastsideregion.org/st-francis.

Candlelight Mass



Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 7 p.m.

St. Cecilia

3105 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45209

6:30 p.m. Confessions
8 p.m. Social

 **Eastside Young
CATHOLICS Adults**

Upcoming Events

Men's Guild
Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

Women's Group
Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

Bethany Brunch
Oct. 10 at 9 a.m.

Follow us on Instagram @eastsidecatholicyoungadults or join our GroupMe to learn more about our upcoming events!





Family of Faith 2026–2027

Family of Faith equips parents to embrace their role as the primary catechists through monthly classes. The rest of the instruction occurs in the home. Families preparing children for First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation must register for Family of Faith or be enrolled in one of the parish schools or an approved Catholic homeschool co-op. Children who are not enrolled in one of these settings receive their sacramental classroom preparation through the monthly Family of Faith sessions. Visit eastsideregion.org/fof or scan the QR code to register for the 2026–2027 school year.



A Celebration for the Whole Family!

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the feast day of the Archangels. The night will begin with chanted Vespers followed by a potluck dinner and fun activities for kids!

To sign up for the potluck, scan the QR code or visit qr.codes/KPdOaZ

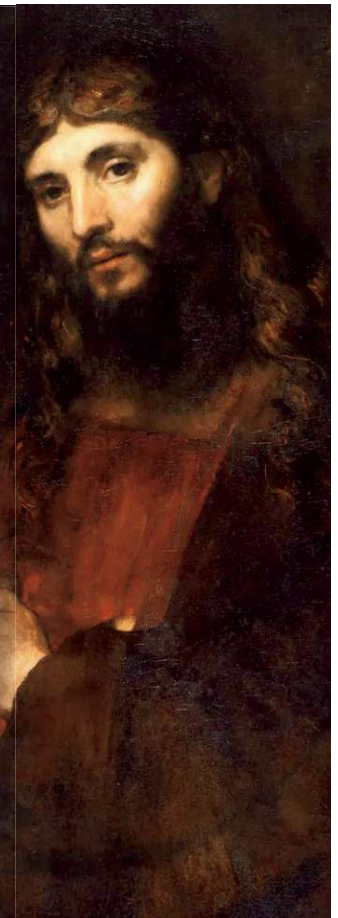
Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Have you been away from your faith for a while? Or were you baptized Catholic and didn't complete First Communion or Confirmation?

To learn about becoming Catholic or returning to the Church, visit eastsideregion.org/rcia or email ocia@eastsideregion.org.

We are here to answer your questions and accompany you on your journey!

Christ with Arms Folded, Rembrandt van Rijn, c. 1657-1661





EPIC Extraordinary Parishioners Involved in Community (65+)

Something to inspire! Something to learn! Something to enjoy! Get ready—there is fun ahead. The senior members of the Eastside Catholics are a dynamic group! Our upcoming programs are packed with opportunities to nourish your spirit, to spark your curiosity, and to enjoy good times with friends. We have some exciting things planned for everyone. Be sure to watch the bulletin for EPIC's upcoming events. For more information about EPIC, contact Mary at mmandrum@eastsideregion.org



St. Cecilia Pet Blessing

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 10 a.m.

Rectory Lawn at St. Cecilia

3105 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45209

You and your furry friends are invited to St. Cecilia's annual Blessing of Pets, commemorating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. We encourage you to bring any and all pets, big or small. For everyone's safety, please keep pets on a leash or in a carrier.



Meet & Greet Secular Franciscans at the Pet Blessing

Please come to the pet blessing and welcome the Secular Franciscans!

The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Its members seek to bring the Gospel to life where they live and work, embracing it more fully in their own lives and helping others do likewise.

Perhaps God is calling you. To learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order and the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, contact:

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Substitute Teachers Needed

St. Mary School is seeking substitute teachers. If you have a bachelor's degree and love to teach children, please contact Lisa Koslovsky for more information.
lkoslovsky@stmaryhp.org

Saint Anne Teaching the Virgin to Read, Murillo, c. 1655



AMOR AETERNUS

Wedding Banns

Katherine O'Beirn & Brandon Fulmer | III
St. Mary

Sydney McIntyre & Hank Lazzara | III
St. Cecilia

Rachel Massie & Joseph Parker | III
St. Mary

Victoria Lynch & Andrew Walker | II
St. Cecilia

Elizabeth McHale & Matthew McGrory | II
St. Mary

Frances Lackney & Kole Shade | I
St. Mary

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 a.m.	• St. Cecilia	Robert Huelsman +
11:45 a.m.	• The Oratory	Amanda Kopic +
5:30 p.m.	• St. Mary	Jerome Schuermann +

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 a.m.	• St. Cecilia	Eric Weiss +
11:45 a.m.	• The Oratory	Persecuted African, Mid. Eastern Christians
5:30 p.m.	• St. Mary	Jackie Fuller +

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 a.m.	• St. Cecilia	Russell McKinney +
11:45 a.m.	• The Oratory	Ingrid Hoffmann
5:30 p.m.	• St. Mary	Dottie Taylor +

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 a.m.	• St. Cecilia	Jackie Fuller +
11:45 a.m.	• The Oratory	Vincent Stoetzel +
5:30 p.m.	• St. Mary	Mr. & Mrs. Prospero A. Care +

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 a.m.	• St. Cecilia	Erma Reinhardt +
11:45 a.m.	• The Oratory	Jean & Martin Norman +

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 a.m.	• St. Cecilia	Annie Laake +
3:00 p.m.	• The Oratory	Josie Mactal +
3:30 p.m.	• St. Cecilia	Jenny Wuebold +
4:00 p.m.	• St. Mary	Alma M. Lang +

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 a.m.	• St. Cecilia	Donald Rierson +
8:30 a.m.	• St. Mary	Maureen Patricia Donovan +
9:30 a.m.	• The Oratory	Family & Friends of Carolyn & Dan Cook
10:00 a.m.	• St. Cecilia	Richard Poe +
10:30 a.m.	• St. Mary	Living & Deceased Regional Families
8:15 p.m.	• St. Cecilia	The Vargo Family

+ Deceased

To request a Mass intention, visit eastsideregion.org/mass-intention.

iVoteCatholic



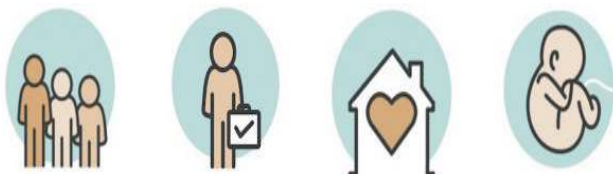
How You Can Prepare for the Upcoming Election

We are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives. This thought-provoking question requires much prayer and discernment from each of us. We acknowledge the difficulty of this question and the perceived alignment or misalignment of the candidates and issues with our Catholic faith.

Our Church teaches a consistent ethic of life, so we are called to be advocates for a variety of issues related to life and human dignity. Some have misinterpreted this teaching to convey that each related issue is morally equivalent. This is not the case. Nor can concern for one issue excuse indifference to the other issues affecting life and human dignity. We have challenging work ahead of us!

During this election season, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be offering prayers, Scripture, quotes, family activities and discerning questions through the lens of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to assist Catholics in discerning how to vote.

We will not be telling you for whom or what to vote. We will be encouraging careful discernment, intentional prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion to inform your voting. Find out more at iVoteCatholic.org.



Annual Evening of Life

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
5 p.m. VIP Social | 5:30 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program
Sharonville Convention Center
11355 Chester Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45246

This annual event will feature emcee Anna Mitchell of Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN, and speakers Rachel Campos-Duffy, author and television personality, and Tom Condit, attorney. Please RSVP by October 7.

Reservations are required. To register and for more information, visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org or call 513-728-7870.

FATHERHOOD Workshop

MODERATED BY
DEACON JOE GROTE
Author of Where Have All the Fathers Gone?

BUILDING STRONG MEN | STRENGTHENING FAMILIES | TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

— **AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL MEN'S EVENT**
BRINGING TOGETHER FATHERS, MENTORS, AND MEN FROM ACROSS GREATER CINCINNATI FOR A DAY OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND PRACTICAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
(OPTIONAL MASS AT 8:15 A.M.)

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTER
5440 Moeller Avenue
Norwood, OH 45212

YOUR REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Continental breakfast and box lunch
- Inspiring speakers and panel discussions
- Networking and fellowship
- Information on local men's ministries and resources
- Confession available
- Access to 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

COST:

EARLY BIRD: \$80/PERSON
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15

REGULAR: \$95/PERSON
SEPTEMBER 16 – OCTOBER 9

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 9

SEATS ARE LIMITED, SO WE ENCOURAGE REGISTERING EARLY.
PLEASE SHARE THIS OPPORTUNITY WITH THE MEN IN YOUR LIFE!

REGISTER TODAY!
Visit www.olhsc.org/events or scan the QR code

BE RENEWED IN FAITH. STRENGTHENED IN MISSION.
INSPIRED TO HELP RESTORE THE HEART OF THE FAMILY— *one father at a time.*



Bethany Brunch with the Nashville Dominican Sisters

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony
6104 Desmond St, Cincinnati, OH 45227

Young women (ages 16–35) are invited. The morning begins with 9 a.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Mike Willig, followed by brunch and conversation with the Nashville Dominican Sisters, our own local sisters whose joyful witness has touched many lives throughout our region.

Bethany Brunch is simply a chance to slow down, enjoy good food, make new friends, and be inspired by faithful women who are living their vocation with joy. No pressure, no expectations, just a welcoming place to encounter Christ, deepen your faith, and experience the blessing of authentic Christian sisterhood.

Anyone under 18 must have a chaperone. To RSVP or learn more, scan the QR code or visit qr.codes/I9TNDi.



THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S

Eucharistic Procession

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026



Begins with 8 AM Mass with Archbishop Robert Casey at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Followed by a 2-mile procession ending at Old St. Mary.

Visit cmeps.org or scan the QR Code for further details.



A Six-Week Journey of Prayer, Gratitude, Trust, and Generosity

Before we consider what we are called to give,
we begin by recognizing all that we have received.

The Christian Life Begins with a Gift

Before we accomplish anything, offer anything, or give anything back, God has already acted. He gives us life, draws us to Himself, and surrounds us with His love—in the Eucharist and the sacraments, in Scripture and prayer, and through the people and communities He places in our lives.

What is Living Gratefully?

Living Gratefully is a six-week journey inviting our parish family to notice God's gifts more clearly and consider how He may be calling us to respond. It is more than a financial initiative; it is an invitation to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Stewardship begins when we recognize that everything we have is ultimately a gift entrusted to us by God. As gratitude grows, so does our trust in the One who provides. That trust frees us to share ourselves more generously through our prayer, presence, service, and financial support.

The Six-Week Journey

Each week offers one simple invitation to notice, trust, and respond.

1 RECOGNIZE THE GIFT

Notice God at work and share your story of blessings.

2 BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Strengthen your daily habit of prayer.

3 RECEIVE WITH GRATITUDE

Recognize your blessings and answered prayers.

4 ENTRUST EVERYTHING TO GOD

Place your blessings, needs, and future in God's hands.

5 RESPOND IN LOVE

Consider your prayer, service, and offertory response.

6 CALLED TO HOLINESS TOGETHER

Celebrate God's work among us on the Feast of All Saints.

WE BEGIN WITH A SIMPLE QUESTION:

How has our parish family been a blessing in your life?

A Response as Personal as God's Gifts

Living Gratefully will not look exactly the same for everyone. For one person, the next step may be returning to daily prayer. For another, it may be serving someone in need, becoming more involved in parish life, or making a regular financial commitment for the first time.

The goal is not for everyone to respond identically. The goal is for each of us to listen honestly and answer faithfully.



Recognizing God at Work Among Us

“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart.”
— Philippians 2:2



Pentecost, Jaume Huguet, c. 1465

Contributed by Sarah A. McManus, Director of Stewardship.

Christian stewardship begins long before we make a financial gift, volunteer for a ministry, or offer our talents in service. It begins by recognizing what God has already given us.

In this Sunday's second reading, St. Paul describes a community united in Christ: sharing the same love, caring for one another, and looking beyond individual interests to the good of others. This is what a parish family is called to be—not simply a collection of people who attend Mass at the same time, but a community through which we encounter Christ and help one another grow in holiness.

God's grace reaches us through the sacraments, but it also reaches us through people. It may come through a priest who offers comfort during a difficult season, a teacher who helps a child discover God's love, a ministry that gives someone a place to belong, or a parishioner who quietly notices when another person needs help.

Sometimes the blessing is profound and unmistakable. Other times, it is found in a familiar pew, a shared prayer, or the reassurance of knowing that we do not walk through life alone.

Living Gratefully invites us to pause and see our gifts again.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that our faith is revealed through our response. One son initially says no to his father but later changes his mind and goes to work in the vineyard. The other says the right thing but does not follow through. Jesus challenges us to move beyond good intentions and allow faith to shape the way we live.

Over the next six weeks, our parish family will undertake a shared journey of prayer, gratitude, trust, and generous response. We will reflect on what God has entrusted to us, how He is working among us, and how He may be inviting each of us to respond.

THIS WEEK'S INVITATION

Take the brief parish survey and share how our parish family has been a blessing in your life. Scan the QR code or visit qr.link/1R0GQ7.



LIVING GRATEFULLY — KIDS' PAGE —

— WEEK ONE: RECOGNIZE THE GIFT —

God blesses us through our parish family!



THIS SUNDAY'S GOOD NEWS

Jesus teaches us that love is something we DO, not only something we SAY. We follow Him when our words and actions say yes to God.

Matthew 21:28-32

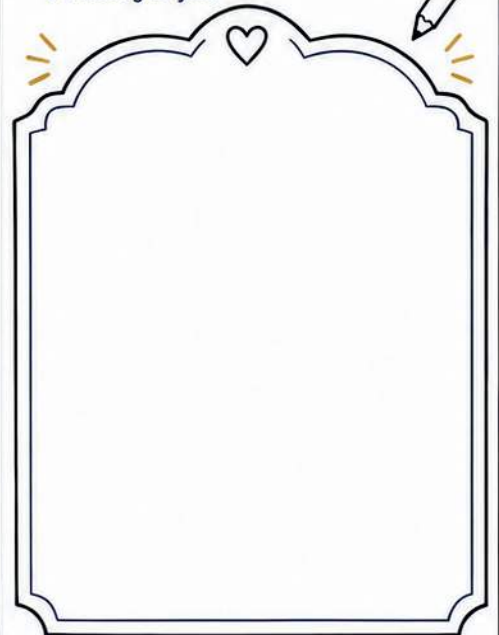
COLOR THE BLESSING



Our parish family helps us meet Jesus, grow in faith and care for others.

DRAW YOUR STORY

Draw one way your parish has been a blessing to you.



MY BLESSING LIST

Write or draw three gifts God has given you through our parish.

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2

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CELEBRATE MICHAELMAS!

September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
God sends His angels to help His people. He sends us to share His love, too!



MICHAEL —
Protect someone
who needs help.



GABRIEL —
Share God's
Good News.



RAPHAEL —
Walk with someone
who feels alone.

MY MICHAELMAS CHALLENGE

☐ Choose one loving action to complete before September 29.

Ask a grown-up to complete the Living Gratefully parish survey.



Eastside
CATHOLICS

Together, we are leading people to holiness.



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS | 15

For the week ending September 13, 2026

	St. Cecilia	St. Mary	The Oratory
Offertory	\$11,097.00	\$11,247.00	\$5,985.00
Online	\$7,046.08	\$9,437.00	\$813.99
Total Collection	\$18,143.08	\$20,684.00	\$6,798.99
Budgeted Weekly	\$24,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$5,000.00
Variance Weekly % of Budget	(\$5,856.92) 75.6%	(\$7,316.00) 73.9%	\$1,798.99 135.9%
Total Year-to-Date	\$223,424.91	\$226,507.00	\$43,852.46
Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$264,000.00	\$308,000.00	\$55,000.00
Variance Year-to-Date % of Budget	(\$40,575.09) 84.6%	(\$81,493.00) 73.5%	(\$11,147.54) 79.7%

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