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MASS, LITURGY AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21:
Vigil for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass, Clyde Burgess & The John Holzhofer Family (Cheryl Burgess)

Sunday, November 22:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00 a.m. Mass, People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Mass, Anita, David & Carol Born (Anonymous)
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Ignacio & Elsa Moreno (The Moreno Family)

Monday, November 23: Weekday
7:40 a.m. Rosary
8:15 a.m. Mass, Mayensi Mora Freire (Alicia Jogodzinski)

Tuesday, November 24: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
7:40 a.m. Rosary
8:15 a.m. Mass, Ed & Maryann Maykowski (Ken & Sharon Maykowski)
5:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:45 p.m. Confessions

Wednesday, November 25: Weekday
7:40 a.m. Rosary
8:15 a.m. Mass, Ellen & Richard Nadalin (Jayne Bell)
11:15 a.m. Intercessory Prayer

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving
7:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass, Joseph Murnane (Anne VanScoy)

Friday, November 27: Weekday
7:40 a.m. Rosary
8:15 a.m. Mass, Joe & Julie Degrees (Tina Rope)

Saturday, November 28: Weekday
10:00 a.m. Confessions

Vigil for The First Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass, Janice Olson (Marty Smith & Family)

Sunday, November 29: The First Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Mass, Robert Martin (K of C 5899)
10:30 a.m. Mass, People of the Parish
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Presbitero Juan Bautista Lugue (Zorel Velasquez)
5:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Confessions

PARISH EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 22:
11:15 a.m. OCIA (Spanish), Meeting Rooms A & B
3:00 p.m. 7th Grade Pizza Fundraiser, Minelli's Pizza
5:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Feast Day Celebration Concert & Vespers, Church

Monday, November 23:
4:30 p.m. Basketball Practices, Gym
7:00 p.m. Spanish Bible Study, Narthex

Tuesday, November 24:
9:00 a.m. Conversational Spanish Class, Saint Cecilia Room
4:30 p.m. Basketball Practices, Gym
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes, Cafeteria

Wednesday, November 25:
School & Preschool Closed
4:30 p.m. Basketball Practices, Gym
7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Group, Saint Cecilia Room

Thursday, November 26:
Thanksgiving Day
Parish Office Closed
School & Preschool Closed

Friday, November 27:
Parish Office Closed
School & Preschool Closed

Saturday, November 28:
6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Meeting Rooms A & B
7:00 a.m. That Man Is You, Meeting Rooms A & B
9:30 a.m. Hope Letters, Narthex
After Mass First Friday Adoration Sign-ups, Narthex
After Mass St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection, Narthex

Sunday, November 29:
After Masses First Friday Adoration Sign-ups, Narthex
After Masses St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection, Narthex
1:30 p.m. OCIA (Spanish), Meeting Rooms A & B



All are welcome to attend our Thanksgiving Day Mass which will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 26.

The Parish Office, School, and Preschool will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 and on Friday, November 27.

The School and Preschool will also be closed on Wednesday, November 25.

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VOCATION VIEWS

CHRIST THE KING

"He will separate the sheep from the goats." To be a shepherd is to tend the flock of the Lord, teaching them to hear His voice. Have courage to follow wherever He leads. Listen for a call to service as a priest, brother, or sister. (Matthew 25:31-33)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

May we give the Lord thanksgiving for the opportunity we have to offer intercessory prayers on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. in the Meditation Room.

Prayer requests can also be written in the intention book which is located in the Meditation Room at the back of the church (near the candles) or sent by email to: lisac0608@hotmail.com. Anyone is welcome to write their prayer requests in this book at any time. These prayer requests are then prayed for each week by our Intercessory Prayer Group.



Evening Prayer (also called Vespers) is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always." Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day that has just passed and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

Bishops, priests, deacons, and many men and women in consecrated life pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day. Their work is organized around this prayer, keeping God always at the center of their days. Lay people are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well, especially Morning and Evening Prayer.

This Advent, all are invited to prepare for the coming of the Lord by praying the Evening Prayer of the Church together on Sunday evenings, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the church, starting on November 29. Vespers will be composed of a hymn, three psalms or Old Testament canticles, a brief Scripture reading, the Magnificat (Mary's song of praise from the Gospel of Luke), intercessions, and the Our Father. The psalms will be chanted by cantor and congregation. Additionally, Confessions will also be available following Vespers on these evenings.

The Appeal
Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission
2026

Thank you to all who have already responded and given generously to the Diocesan Appeal! To date, we have received pledges for $106,863.00. This is just $7,375.00 short of our total goal. As noted in our most recent communications, all funds donated in excess of our parish goal will be refunded back to the parish without an assessed fee. The parish intends to use those excess funds to help offset the cost of the new roofs that were installed on the church and the school over the summer. Unfortunately, if we fall short of the goal, the parish will have to pay the difference to the Diocese.

We can't make our goal without your help! Only 25% of our parish families have contributed to the Appeal so far, and we hope to have 100% participation. Monetary gifts can still be made using the envelopes found in the Narthex or by making an online contribution at https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal or by using the QR code.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the school fundraiser last Saturday. The gymnasium was packed with happy people who supported the school generously. The event raised about $11,000.00 which will go toward repairs and improvements in our school building.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is also the last Sunday of "ordinary time;" the following Sunday will open a new Church Year and the Season of Advent. The last word in the full title of next Sunday, "Universe," makes us moderns think of stars, planets, galaxies, the theory of relativity, all the mysteries of an unfathomably vast cosmos. But "universe," like "Catholic," simply means "everything."

Pope St. John Paul II, commenting on the Solemnity of Christ the King, remarked, "The Church is an anticipation in history of God's kingdom and shows this by being Catholic, that is, universal." How does the Church manifest her universality? Lately, I have found myself pondering this question more and more. The Catholic world of our time features a number of self-proclaimed "experts" who use the power of social media to tell other Catholics what they ought to do or not do. Often, they push people to do more than what the Church really requires. One also meets Catholics who have their own very specific definitions of what it means to be "authentically Catholic" and grow disappointed or angry when their parish or diocese declines to go along with their vision or implement their suggestions. In the face of these tendencies, we would do well to go deeper into our Catholic heritage, giving less attention to the latest controversy, and more attention and time to unchanging truths. Word and Sacrament will get us infinitely farther than any website, tweet, or video. In times of turmoil, we make our own the words of this Sunday's psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want."

Muchas gracias a todos los que colaboraron el sábado pasado con la recaudación de fondos para la escuela. El gimnasio estaba repleto de gente contenta que apoyó generosamente a la escuela. El evento recaudó alrededor de $11,000, lo cual se destinarán hacia las reparaciones y el mejoramiento de nuestro edificio escolar.

Este Domingo, celebramos la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Este es también el último domingo del "tiempo ordinario", el domingo siguiente dará comienzo el nuevo año litúrgico y la temporada de Adviento. La última palabra del título completo del próximo domingo, "Universo," nos hace pensar en estrellas, planetas, galaxias, la teoría de la relatividad, todos los misterios de un cosmos inmenso. Pero "universo", al igual que "católico," simplemente significa "todo".

El Papa San Juan Pablo II, al comentar sobre la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey, dijo: "La Iglesia es una anticipación en la historia del reino de Dios y lo demuestra siendo católico, es decir universal". ¿Cómo manifiesta la Iglesia su universalidad? Últimamente me he encontrado meditando sobre esta pregunta cada vez más. El mundo católico de nuestra época cuenta con numerosos autoproclamados "expertos" que utilizan el poder de las redes sociales para decirles a otros católicos lo que deben o no deben hacer. A menudo, los presionan para que haga más de lo que la Iglesia realmente exige. También nos encontramos con católicos que tienen sus propias definiciones muy específicas de lo que significa ser "auténticamente católico" y se decepcionan o se enojan cuando su parroquia o diócesis se niega seguir su visión o implementar sus sugerencias. Frente a estas tendencias, nos iría bien profundizar en nuestra herencia católica, prestando menos atención a la última controversia, y más atención y tiempo a las verdades inmutables. La Palabra y los Sacramentos nos llevarán infinitamente más lejos que cualquier sitio web, tuit o video. En tiempos de agitación, hacemos nuestras las palabras del salmo de este domingo: El Señor es mi pastor. Nada me faltará.



Cookies are coming! You may purchase the delicious Preschool Christmas Cookie trays after all Mass times the weekend of December 5th and 6th. Cookies will be for sale immediately following 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, December 5th and 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Sunday, December 6th. Each container (2 dozen cookies) will be priced at $7.00 each, or 3 containers (6 dozen) for $20.00. We will also have buckeyes and other treats available for sale. The Annual Cookie Sale benefits St. Cecilia's Early Childhood and Child Care Programs.



We are nearing the end of the fall semester, only two more sessions to go! Last week, we walked the road to Emmaus and saw how Christ opens the Scriptures before revealing Himself in the breaking of the bread. The disciples' hearts burned because the Word led them toward the Eucharist. In our next session, we go deeper into the mystery of the Mass itself, not only as a sacred meal, but as the holy sacrifice of the New Covenant. Dr. Hahn continues his series with his talk – *The Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist*. He calls us to approach the Eucharist with greater reverence, seeing that Christ's sacrifice is not distant from us, but made present for us. We are invited to rediscover the Mass as the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist. Calvary alone could appear to be only an execution, but the Eucharist reveals that Christ had already offered His Body and Blood in the New Covenant Passover. Holy Thursday and Good Friday are inseparable, with the Eucharist beginning what the Cross consummates. We also learn that the New Testament was first a sacrament before it became the name of a written document, placing Scripture in its proper Eucharistic context.

Topics of Dr. Hahn's talk will include: Eucharist as sacrifice, new covenant Passover, Calvary and Eucharist united, Scripture's Eucharistic home, Mass with deeper reverence, and charity in Catholic witness. Join us, as we are called to prepare for Mass more deeply, share the faith with charity, and draw others to the fullness of Catholic worship. If you have attended previous sessions of TMIY, please come back and bring a friend. If you have not had a chance to check out the program, please join us and see what you have been missing. We will meet on Saturday, November 28th in Meeting Rooms A & B. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. and the session will be over by 8:30 a.m. TMIY is an incredible opportunity to engage with other men to explore our Catholic faith. For more information, contact Joe Reinhard at 419-564-6975 or Michael Hermosilla at 614-506-2303. Hope to see you at our next session!



Join us to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Cecilia, patron saint of music and musicians, this Sunday, November 22, at 5:00 p.m. in the church. There will be a special spiritual concert featuring music by Bach, Liszt, Arne, and more. There is no cost to attend the concert. The evening will conclude with Vespers for the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Introducing flocknote

We have officially converted our existing parish email system from MailChimp to Flocknote. If you were already receiving emails from the parish on a regular basis (i.e. weekly electronic bulletins, funeral notifications, etc.), your email address should have been automatically converted to Flocknote, and you should have received a welcome email message from Flocknote. If you didn't receive the welcome message, be sure to check your spam/junk folder. You will want to make sure to add mail@flocknote.com to your email contact list so that all the emails from the parish go straight to your inbox.

If you didn't receive the welcome message with instructions on how to update your user profile, and you would like to be included on future parish communications, you can simply text the word "CECILIACOLUMBUS" to the number 84576 or go online at www.stceciliacolumbus.flocknote.com to get started.

With Flocknote, you will have the ability to opt in or opt out of various communication groups within the parish. You will be in control of how much, or how little, communication you wish to receive from the parish. You will also have the ability to receive text message updates if you include your cell phone number in your user profile.



St. Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to help assemble and deliver Christmas food baskets. Assembly will be Friday, December 4, in the Parish Center, beginning at 5:45 p.m. No-sign up is needed; please plan to attend. Basket delivery will be the following day, Saturday, December 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex for eligible delivery drivers. Both events are a wonderful opportunity for families. All ages are welcome!

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl necesita voluntarios para ayudar a armar y entregar las cestas de alimentos navideños. Vamos a crearlas, el viernes, el 4 de diciembre en el centro parroquial, empezando a las 5:45 de la tarde. No necesitas indicar que asistirás; por favor, simplemente vengue y ayúdanos. La entrega de las cestas será el próximo día, el 5 de diciembre y empieza a las 9 de la mañana. Una forma será en el nartex para conductores calificados. Las dos actividades serán oportunidades para familias a hacer juntas. ¡Bienvenidos a todos edades!

Since the creation of the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund in 2022, generous donors have contributed nearly $50,000.00 to support St. Cecilia students. These gifts have directly helped families access a strong, faith-filled Catholic education – one that changes lives.

Did you know the EdChoice Scholarship does not cover the full cost to educate a student at St. Cecilia Elementary? The difference is paid for by the students' families or by financial aid given from the Parish. The Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund helps bridge that gap in tuition, ensuring finances never stand in the way of a student's Catholic education.

Through the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, Ohio taxpayers can reallocate their state tax dollars directly toward scholarships for St. Cecilia students. In other words, instead of sending those dollars to the state, you can choose to send them to our school at no additional cost to you. This program offers a 100% Ohio state tax credit (up to $750.00 for individuals or $1,500.00 for couples filing jointly), and every dollar stays right here in our community directly benefiting St. Cecilia students.

To learn more about this scholarship program, or to make a gift to the fund, please visit www.emmausroadscholarship.org. Be sure to select "St. Cecilia School, Columbus" as your designated school, if making a donation. Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift this year. Your participation makes a difference for our students, our school, and our shared mission of faith in education!



The St. Cecilia Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all their benefactors for the donations of sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce for the Christmas Food Basket Project. This project would not be possible without your help!

La Conferencia de Santa Cecilia de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl dice: Muchas Gracias a todos los benefactores, por las donaciones de latas de batatas y salsa de arándanos (cranberry sauce) para las castañas de alimentos navideñas. ¡Sin su ayuda, el proyecto no sería posible!

OCIA EN ESPAÑOL

A class preparing adults (ages 16 and older) to receive their Sacraments will begin December 13, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This class will be taught in Spanish and is also open to those who have already received the Sacraments but wish to refresh their knowledge of the faith, the Sacraments, and the Christian life. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Claire at the Parish Office at 614-878-5353, ext. 205.

Una clase de preparación a los sacramentos en español, para los adultos a partir de los 16 años, iniciará el domingo 13 de diciembre (de 11:15 a.m. a 12:15 p.m.). Esta clase está también abierta a los que ya recibieron los sacramentos, pero quieren refrescar sus conocimientos sobre la fe, los sacramentos y la vida cristiana. Si están interesados, pueden llamar a la Hna. Clara en la oficina de la parroquia 614-878-5353 ext. 205.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

Save the date! There will be a 5th Sunday Collection after all Masses on November 28/29. All money collected will be used to help our neighbors in need of utilities, medicines, food, transportation, etc.

¡Reserve la fecha! La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl tendrá una colecta de dinero después de todas las misas los días 28 y 29 de noviembre, tal como hacemos cada mes que tiene cinco domingos. Todo el dinero se destinará a ayudar a nuestros vecinos necesitados con servicios públicos, medicamentos, alimentos, transporte, etcétera. Por favor, ayuda si puedes.



Come and support St. Cecilia's 7th graders' fundraiser for their 8th grade class trip! Members of the class will be helping to serve dinner at Minelli's Pizza (1189 N. Wilson Road) on Sunday, November 22nd from 3:00-8:00 p.m. 10% of sales will go toward the class trip to Washington, DC next year.

ParishSOFT Giving

Simplify your giving! Have you tried our ParishSoft Giving platform? It's a fast, secure, and hassle-free way to make your Sunday offering. Set up recurring gifts or make a one-time donation in just a few clicks.

Visit https://bit.ly/CeciliaGiving or use the QR code to sign up today!

AROUND TOWN

Attention, families with 8th graders! Bishop Ready High School's freshman application deadline is Saturday, December 5th. All prospective students must apply online at www.bishopready-oh.finalforms.com prior to taking the placement test. Placement test options are December 5th OR January 9th at 8:00 a.m., with school scholarship essay sessions following each testing session. For details or questions about tuition assistance and EdChoice, please contact Jennifer Gramlich '94 at jgramlic@cdeducation.org.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

Join us on Sunday, December 6, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Bishop Ready Cafeteria (707 Salisbury Road) for photos with St. Nick, crafts, games, hot cocoa, cookies, caroling, and holiday shows! Admission is free, but freewill donations will be collected to support local teens through The Mirth Project. Please visit www.bit.ly/BRHS-StNick to preregister so we have plenty of treats!

BUCKEYE CATHOLIC LESSONS & CAROLS

Join Buckeye Catholic at St. Thomas More for Lessons and Carols, an evening of sacred music and lessons on the beauty, light, and wonder of Christ's Incarnation, themed "From Starry Skies Descending." This event is on December 4, at 7:00 p.m. RSVPs can be found through Buckeye Catholic's online calendar!

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