



ST. CECILIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

5313 Madison Pike † Independence, Kentucky 41051 † 859-363-4311

Welcome

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

- † Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
- † Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS

- † Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am
- † 1st Saturday: 9:00 am
- † Holy Days: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm
(except Christmas & Easter)

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

- † Thursdays after daily Mass till
Benediction at 6:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- † Saturday 3:00 - 3:50 pm

- † 30 minutes before Sunday
Masses

- † After 1st Saturday Mass
- † Contact the parish office for an
appointment

HEALING SERVICES

- † 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Harry A. Settle, Jr., KHS
hsettle@stcindependence.org

Deacon: Jason Gibson
jgibson@stcindependence.org

December 28th 2025

The Feast of the Holy Family



The Holy Family

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been
spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23



This week's readings: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14, Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5,
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Colossians 3:15a,16a, Matthew
2:13-15, 19-23

Next Sunday's readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13,
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6, Matthew 2:2, Matthew 2:1-12

Parish Office Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm

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Please submit all bulletin requests via email at least **two weeks**
before the desired publication date. Thank you!

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† Mass Intentions †

Saturday, December 27th	4:00 pm	David Due
Sunday, December 28th	8:30 am	Tom Strain
Sunday, December 28th	11:00 am	The Living & Deceased
Thursday, January 1st	8:00 am	George Kaub
Thursday, January 1st	7:00 pm	Orville Spencer
Saturday, January 3rd	4:00 pm	The Stange Family
Sunday, January 4th	8:30 am	The Living & Deceased
Sunday, January 4th	11:00 am	Norita Alexander

† Coming Together This Week †

Monday, December 29th	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm (undercroft)
Tuesday, December 30th	No Mass
	Holy Face Devotion 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 31st	No Mass
Thursday, January 1st	Solemnity of Mary Mass 8:00 am & 7:00 pm Holy Day of Obligation Adoration & Benediction
Friday, January 2nd	No Mass



† Liturgical Ministry Schedule †

	Thursday January 1 8:00 am	Thursday January 1 7:00 pm	Saturday January 3rd - 4:00 pm	Sunday January 4th - 8:30 am	Sunday January 4th - 11:00 am
Altar Servers	Father Harry is in need of Altar Servers for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1. Please consider serving our Lord at this Holy Day of Obligation—your presence and service would be a true blessing.		TJ Cherry Sophia Houp Grace Bene Lillian Schroeder Joseph Cherry Ryan Mallinger	Olivia McGuire Bryce Trowbridge Elijah Stange Oliver Brayden Gabe McGuire Julia McGuire Joshua Stange	Grant Strady Luke Strady Heiko Sayo Kinley Stalf Reagan Stalf
Lector			Bob Schroeder	Fred Nowak	James Younger
EMHC			Grace Bay Scott Houp Jackie Stone	Larry Stange Tom Ginn Sue Rauf	Kathy Rickels Mike Rickels Kristin Kite

→ All trained Altar Servers are warmly invited! If you've completed server training, please consider arriving 15 minutes before Mass to vest and join as an additional server. Your presence and service are a wonderful blessing to our parish family!

→ Interested in becoming an altar server? It's a wonderful way to be more involved, make new friends, and serve during Mass. If you'd like to join this special ministry, please contact the church office at 859-363-4311.



† From Our Shepherds in Faith & Education †



ST. CECILIA
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Grateful to all who made our church beautiful this Christmas.



ST. CECILIA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!



Christmas Break

December 22nd - January 2nd



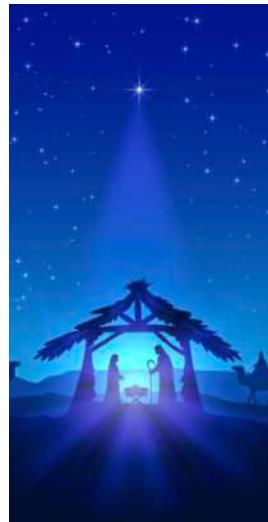
Thank you to everyone who joined us for the last Parents' Night Out! We are excited to announce the next Parents' Night Out on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 6:00–9:00 PM in the St. Cecilia Undercroft. **This event is open to all St. Cecilia school and church families** and is for children ages 4 through 4th grade (must be potty trained). The cost is \$25 per child or \$50 per family, which includes crafts, games, a movie, snacks, and drinks. The evening is sponsored by the St. Cecilia 8th Grade Class and their parents. Additional details, including how to sign up, will be shared soon!



ST. CECILIA
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Class Highlight:

Ms. Franks' third graders spent December learning about the birth of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas. As we move forward, they are now beginning new lessons that help them grow in their faith and understanding of Jesus' life and teachings.



Upcoming Important PSR Dates

January 8	†	8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
January 15	†	8th Grade Adoration w/ Sponsors and Practice
January 18	†	No PSR
January 22	†	8th Grade Confirmation
January 25	†	No PSR
February 15	†	No PSR
March 5	†	2nd Grade First Reconciliation
March 29	†	No PSR
April 5	†	No PSR
April 24	†	2nd Grade Jesus Day
April 19	†	Last Day of PSR
April 26	†	2nd Grade First Communion



† Updates & Announcements †

St. Cecilia Women's Weekend

Join the women of St. Cecilia Church for a Women's Welcome Weekend, March 20–22, 2026, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio. From Friday evening through Sunday morning Mass, enjoy private rooms, inspiring talks, small-group sharing, prayer, worship, Reconciliation, great meals, and uplifting fellowship. Transportation, pack-n-plays for nursing infants, and financial aid are available.

This is a beautiful opportunity to grow in faith and friendship.

To register, contact Ms. Kristin Kite at 859-363-4311 or stcsecretary@stcindependence.org



Friday
January 9th
Doors open
at 6:30pm



Trivia Night is back on January 9th at Urlage Hall, and everyone's invited to join the fun! Doors open at 6:30 PM, so come early, get comfortable, and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere. You can play solo or as a team of up to six players for just \$5 per person, with free childcare available so parents can relax and participate. Enjoy great food from a delicious "comfort food style" food truck and sip on \$3 beers while you test your knowledge, have fun with friends, and play for exciting prizes, including \$100 in Kroger gift cards for the winning team. Tickets will be available at the door!



Valid at: 3480 Valley Plaza PKWY - Ft. Wright, KY 41017

DINE TO DONATE

Support

**St. Cecilia
Catholic School**
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
3pm-10pm

Support St. Cecilia by presenting this flyer when you Dine In or order To-go at the Fort Wright Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to St. Cecilia!

**10% DONATION
NIGHT**



ST. CECILIA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Cecilia Parish is now partnering with GiveCentral to provide all our electronic giving.

Whether you'd like to donate to us weekly, give to a specific ministry, contribute to a second collection, or make a one-time donation, here are your steps:

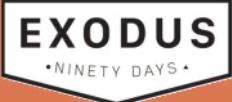
- 1 → Scan the QR code.
- 2 → Select a one-time or recurring gift.
- 3 → Set up Your GiveCentral Account



IMPORTANT: You must cancel any recurring gifts you have set up with our current donation platform.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact GiveCentral Customer Support at support@givecentral.org

A 90-DAY SPIRITUAL EXERCISE FOR MEN



FELLOWSHIP
PRAYER
SACRIFICE

Exodus 90 is a powerful spiritual journey for Catholic men seeking deeper freedom, discipline, and brotherhood. Beginning in January, this program runs through Lent to Easter and invites men to grow in prayer, strengthen their faith, and support one another through weekly fraternity and simple ascetic practices. Whether you are new to Exodus 90 or have participated before, all men are welcome to join this meaningful opportunity. Scan the QR code to get started and take the first step toward a renewed spiritual life.



Urlage Hall Renovations

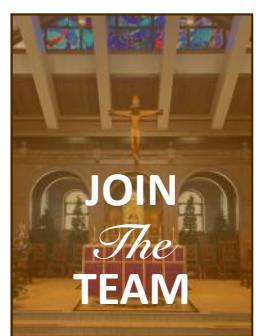
We are still working on renovations at Urlage Hall (undercroft). This ongoing project includes a new interior, upgraded kitchen, improved accessibility, and updated sound and AV systems. Updates will be shared as progress continues. Thank you for all of your support.



† Updates & Announcements †



As we continue the construction and renovations at Urlege Hall, we have exciting plans ahead and are looking for someone with great energy and enthusiasm to step into the role of **Hall Manager**. This fun, paid per-event position is perfect for someone who enjoys working with people, staying organized, and helping events run smoothly. Responsibilities include managing the hall during events, helping order food, linens, and drinks, coordinating bartenders, DJs, and caterers, and making sure everything is beautifully set up. If you have the drive to learn and a positive, can-do attitude, we would love to hear from you! If you are interested please contact the office at 859-3634311.




A heartfelt thank you to our Children's Choir for blessing us with their beautiful voices at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass! If your child would like to join, we'd love to welcome them. We also invite more voices to join our Adult Choir. Singing in choir is a wonderful way to share your gifts and grow in community. For more information, contact Mia Zlatanovic, Director of Sacred Music, at music@stcindependence.org

Holy Face
Dévotion



Join us for the Holy Face Devotion every Tuesday from 6:00–6:45 p.m. at St. Cecilia. This weekly devotion brings our parish together in prayer for our priest, bishop, pope, Church leaders, and our country, and is a special call to reparation and unity inspired by revelations to Sr. Mary of St. Peter. All are welcome—bring your family and join us in this powerful time of prayer.

Join us for the 2026 Men's Stag on January 17 from 6–11 PM in Urlege Hall for an epic night of live music, great food, beer, drinks, games, raffles, prizes, and the NFL Divisional Round on the big screen! Purchase tickets online for the best price and guaranteed seating (cash-only tickets available at the door if not sold out; admission includes food and beer). Sponsorships are also available—from banner listings to games, and exclusive cup sponsorships—through the “Get Tickets” link. Enjoy chances to win bourbon, golf outings, barrel heads, event tickets, gift cards, and more, plus enter the \$5 for \$500 online raffle (local pickup required). Play crowd favorites like poker, ring toss, football blocks, Putt Putt, cornhole long toss, 52 card split, and our new Beer Pong Tournament! All proceeds support St. Cecilia student athletes—don't miss this incredible night! (Ladies Save the Date - Stagette March 14th)

MEN'S STAG
• JANUARY 17th 2026 •
6:00 – 11:00 PM

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and reserve
your tickets!




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† Helpful Highlights †

The Christmas Season Continues!



In the Roman Catholic Church, Christmas is not just one day. While December 25 marks the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, the Church continues the Christmas season until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is celebrated in early January. This extended season allows us to reflect more deeply on the mystery of the Incarnation — God becoming man for our salvation.

During the Christmas season, the Church highlights key moments in the early life of Jesus. These include the Feast of the Holy Family, which celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model of family life; the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, which affirms Mary's role in God's plan of salvation; and the Epiphany of the Lord, when the Magi visit the Christ Child, revealing that Jesus came for all nations.

The Christmas season concludes with the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus begins His public ministry. This reminds us that Christmas is not only about Christ's birth, but also about His mission — a mission that continues through the Church and calls each of us to live out our faith beyond the celebration itself.

† Giving and Gathering †

Collection	\$5,744.25
E-Giving	\$2,733.09
SVdP	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$2,341.99

Retired Religious Christmas Flowers	\$105.00
	\$1,686.10
Budget Contributions	
	\$12,505.33
Weekly Budget Need	
	\$13,500.00

Thank You!

December 14th Mass Attendance
4:00 Mass 146 attendees
8:30 Mass 108 attendees
11:00 Mass 177 attendees

† Growing our Parish Family †

Baptisms

Baptisms are held Sundays at noon. To get more information or to schedule a baptism, call the Parish Secretary at 859-363-4311.

Weddings

If you're recently engaged, please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before your desired wedding date. Weddings are scheduled only after meeting with the Pastor. For details or to schedule, call 859-363-4311.

New Parishioners

WELCOME! We're excited to meet you! To register, please call the church office at 859-363-4311

† Faith & Funny Bones †



† Connect with Us †

PASTORAL STAFF

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ST CECILIA ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES

Altar Society
 Bereavement Committee
 Boy Scouts
 Cemetery Committee
 Festival Committee
 Finance Committee
 Healing Ministry
 Holy Face Devotion
 Holy Name Society
 House Blessing
 Knights of Columbus
 Lay Dominicans
 Legion of Mary
 Parish Council
 Parish Hall Manager
 Parish School of Religion (PSR)
 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
 Pro-Life Committee
 St. Cecilia Mens Group
 St. Cecilia School Board
 St. Cecilia Sports Committee
 St. Cecilia Young Families
 St. Vincent de Paul
 Vocations Committee
 Woman of the Holy Spirit

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 Cherri Pretty
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 Jack Nie
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The logo for Hancock Sewer & Drain Service. It features the company name in a large, bold, black serif font. Below the name, there is a red horizontal bar with the text "#1 in the #2 business" in white. Underneath the bar, the services offered are listed in a black sans-serif font: "Residential & Commercial Problem Lines", "Preventative Maintenance", "Jetting", "Sump Pump Lines", "Filming & Tank Locating", and the phone numbers "859-356-6811" and "859-743-9669".

An advertisement for Florence Veterinary Hospital. It features a silhouette of a dog standing next to a red banner with the text 'Now Making House Calls!'. Below the banner, the text 'Daniel J. Davis, DVM, PARISHIONER' and '7801 U.S. Hwy. 42, Florence' is displayed. A large blue banner at the bottom contains the phone number '859-371-6501' and the website 'florencevethospital.com'. To the right of the text is a small image of a dog.

An advertisement for Dunkirk Construction. It features a cartoon illustration of a tomato character with a chef's hat and a pizza slice, standing next to a red arrow pointing upwards. The text "DUNKIRK CONSTRUCTION" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the company name, the tagline "Residential Remodeling Specialist" and "Specializing in Kitchens & Baths" is displayed. A phone number "1-800-362-6896" is shown with a small "www" icon. To the right, there is a red starburst containing the text "Snappy Tomato Pizza" and "BUFFET 11-4 MON-FRI". Below the starburst, the words "Pick Up /Delivery / Dine-In" and "Locally Owned & Operated" are written. At the bottom, the text "Town Center 1999 Declaration Da Uden dependence" is visible.

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An advertisement for MDMedAlert!. It features a woman in a white lab coat and a blue shield logo with a heart. The text includes 'IF YOU LIVE ALONE', 'MDMedAlert!™', 'Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire ✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert', 'STARTING AT \$19.95/mo.', 'CALL NOW! 800.809.3570', and 'md-medalert.com'. A 'Blue Cross Blue Shield Approved' logo and an 'A+ Rating' logo are also present.

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