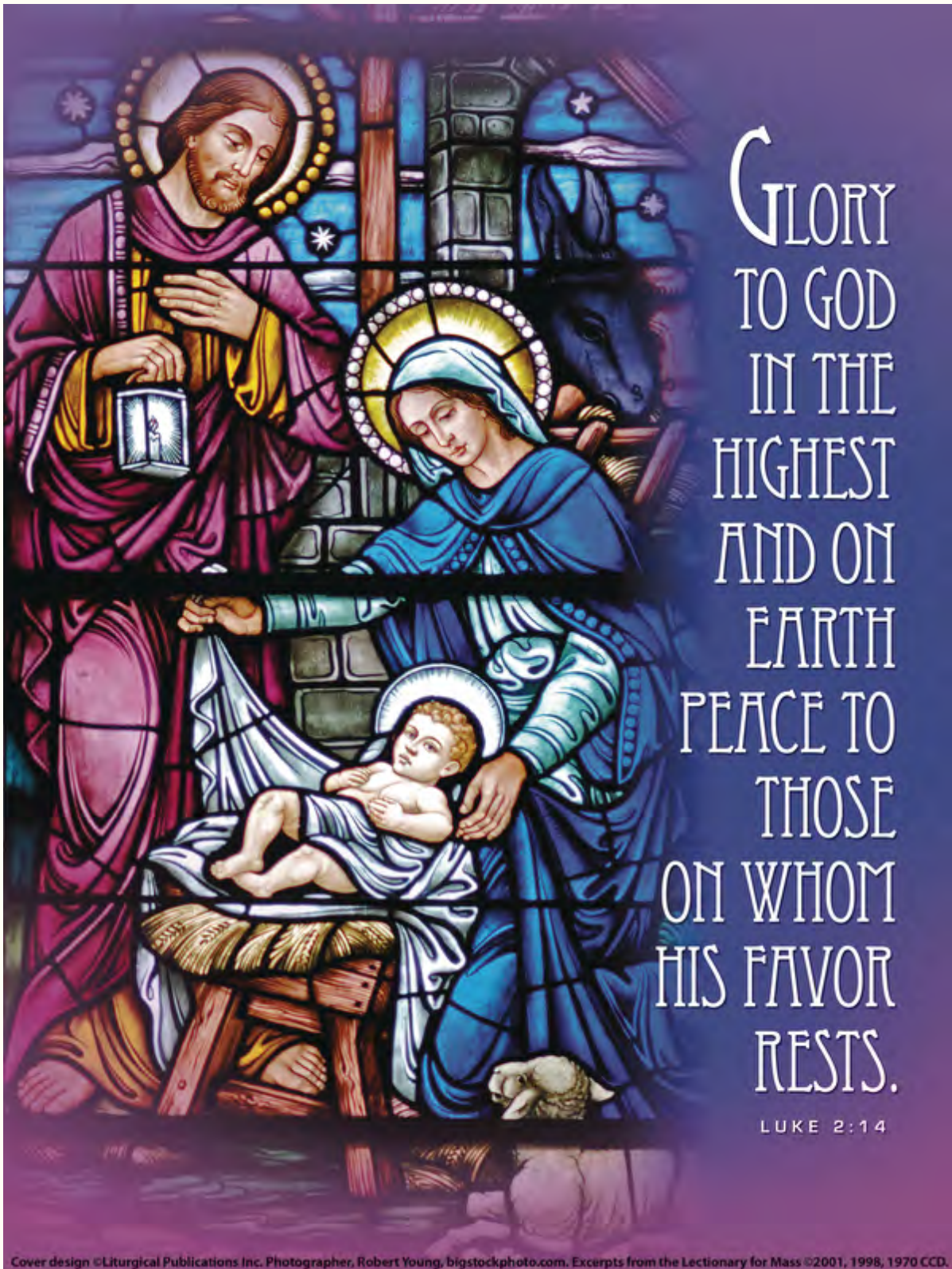


ST. CECILIA CHURCH

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of Peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end". Is 9:1,5; Lk. 1:33

These are words of the entrance antiphon at the Christmas Mass at Dawn. How hopeful and consoling those words are as we celebrate Christmas in such a unique and trying time! No pandemic can stop the Kingdom of God from being proclaimed, assuring us of God's nearness and abiding presence.

You will find in this special bulletin issue testimonies of faith, hope and love. May the warm embrace of the Child Jesus, who came to be one with us, fill you and your families with peace, love and joy.

Let me end this message with the special blessing bestowed by the Lord to the Israelites in the ancient times: **The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!**

May you have a blessed Christmas and grace-filled New Year! – Fr. Cary

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 27

7:30 AM - +Robert & Ruth Ann Saul
9:00 AM - +Jeannie Pangelinan Family
10:45 AM - +Adrian Kallimanis
12:30 PM - Fr. Pat McNamee
2:30 PM - +Silvestre Contreras

Monday, December 28

8:00 AM - +Nancy Andresen

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 AM - +Agnes Van Loo

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 AM - +Bill Halvorson
6:00 PM - +Henry Ruiz

Thursday, December 31

8:00 AM - Deacon Bill & Margarita Richardson
6:00 PM - +Henry Ruiz
7:30 PM - All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 1

8:00 AM - Joseph & My Phan
10:00 AM - +Nancy Andresen

Saturday, January 2

8:00 AM - +Judy Vermilya
5:00 PM - +Nancy Andresen
7:00 PM - +Joann Klein

Sunday, January 3

7:30 AM - +Nathan Hollingsworth
9:00 AM - Mary Rigert
10:45 AM - Sal Arellano
12:30 PM - Carlos Arellano
2:30 PM - People of St. Cecilia

Monday, January 4

8:00 AM - +Ted Shaw, Jr.

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 AM - Fr. Cary Reniva

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 AM - +Ted Shaw, Sr. & Ted Shaw, Jr.
6:00 PM - Karen Anliker

Thursday, January 7

8:00 AM - +Dave & Nancy Andresen

Friday, January 8

8:00 AM - Fr. Peter Julia

Saturday, January 9

8:00 AM - John Fazio
5:00 PM - +Cindy Fazio
7:00 PM - +Tam Ngo

ST. CECILIA PARISH & SCHOOL: INCOME, EXPENSES & FACILITIES

Church – Year Ended June 30, 2020

- Annual offertory was 91% of prior year. For reference, fourth quarter (Apr-Jun 2020) offertory was 75% of prior year.
- The \$112K reduction in offertory accounts for almost all of the change in net income from the prior year.
- A PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan was received in April 2020 which has allowed us to maintain current staffing. Loan forgiveness application has been submitted. There is no profit and loss impact until forgiveness is determined.
- Your Lenten offerings were distributed to St. Vincent de Paul (\$6,500), Social Concerns (\$2,000), our partner parish, St. Alexander Church in Cornelius (\$1,100), and Emergency fund (\$946).

Facilities:

- In early August 2020, a water pipe leak resulted in significant damage to the north side of the parish center. Thankfully, insurance covered all of the expense after the deductible. The repair process has been slow but should be completed by mid-December.

| FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fiscal Year | <u>2015-2016</u> | <u>2016-2017</u> | <u>2017-2018</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> | <u>2019-2020</u> |
| Offertory | 1,170,198 | 1,208,326 | 1,205,379 | 1,217,657 | 1,105,754 |
| Other Income | 66,874 | 56,787 | 49,796 | 46,012 | 50,635 |
| Gross Income | 1,237,072 | 1,265,113 | 1,255,175 | 1,263,669 | 1,156,389 |
| Expenses | 1,159,330 | 1,169,893 | 1,165,498 | 1,199,846 | 1,203,648 |
| Net Income | 77,742 | 95,220 | 89,677 | 63,823 | (47,259) |

| Fiscal Year to Date, July - Nov 2020 Offertory Report | \$ | % |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Actual | \$387,464 | |
| Budget | \$393,096 | 99% |
| Prior Year | \$479,481 | 81% |
| July 2020 – June 2021 Annual Budget | \$895,713 | 43% |

School- Year Ended June 30, 2020

- Total income was \$13K higher than budget as a few more students enrolled.
- Due to the school closure with the pandemic, expenses were lower than budget.
- The net income from operations was added to the STAR fund and an additional \$30K was used for financial aid to school families financially impacted by the pandemic.

Facilities:

- Added a transitional kindergarten classroom across the hall from the current kindergarten classroom adding a bathroom and sink.
- Many PPE and disinfecting items were purchased for the safe use of the school by the students in the current school year.

GIVING TUESDAY (DECEMBER 1)

Thank you to those who supported our first ever St. Cecilia Parish "Giving Tuesday" appeal! Your monetary gifts, donations of turkeys for the Christmas food boxes and words of thanksgiving were greatly appreciated. God bless you!

2021 BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

You can purchase (only \$5) and pick up your copy of the "2021 Breaking Bread Missal":

Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 am to noon at the Parish Office (please go to the back door and ring the bell).



You may start a prayer alert by calling one of the two following team leaders:

Joye Boone----- (503) 645-7021
Margie Gallant----- (503) 848-3704

If you would like to join us in this ministry, please call any one of the above.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

The Contemplative Prayer Group is meeting on Zoom the 2nd (January 9) and 4th (January 23) Saturdays of each month at 3:30pm. Includes silent Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina. Contact Marylyn Klesh at kleshmr@comcast.net to receive an invite.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Peggy Flanigan, December 21, 34 years
Don & Laverne Dalebroux, December 27, 65 years
John & Ann Vhay, December 31, 60 years

Erasto & Maria Kashoro, January 14, 33 years
Norman & Marsha Carter, January 16, 61 years
Rick & Peggy Jansen, January 22, 55 years
Paul & Ann Levasseur, January 24, 52 years



JANUARY 30, 2021: MEN'S CLUB "CRAB FEED DRIVE-THRU DINNERS"



MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND COMMUNION VISITORS

Once upon a time, nine months ago, we had an active ministry visiting our Homebound and/or Sick parishioners who could not join us in the celebration of Mass. We represented the Face of the Church, weekly, with love, conversation, friendship, news and, most importantly, the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Covid brought about the lock down of all senior living facilities. These beautiful people have been denied family, friends, all group activities, communal dining, or any face-to-face contact. Of course, our Communion Services have been denied too.

Over the months, we have been allowed infrequent services: outside, masks and social distancing; indoors, five people or less, masks and social distancing; through a window, masks and social distancing; to one-on-one, masks and social distancing. At a few places, Communion Visitors take the Eucharist to a qualified, trained resident who conducts a service. Those residents are now doing one-on-ones outside the door of each room. We are reaching a very small percentage, five-six percent of the ministry.

Good News: Not one shut in has been diagnosed with Covid!

Bad News: Many staff personnel have been diagnosed, so staff changes often!

BE REASSURED: Communion Visitors will never give up! We will fight for every Catholic's right to receive the Body of Christ. Pray for that day to come soon.

Joye Boone, Director

40 DAYS FOR LIFE/PORTLAND

40 Days For Life/Portland had another successful fall campaign. Four babies and their moms were saved! The most meaningful save is a mom "M" and her husband from Congo, Africa, refugees who were feeling overwhelmed with having three children -- two are babies under two years of age plus another on the way. We are now making her family meals and helping them obtain things they need like car seats and highchairs. Marie Barzen has even been asked to be her coach during this baby's delivery!



The Respect Life Committee continues to help babies and their moms and dads! Diapers, wipes, Costco chicken, animal crackers, puzzles delivered! If you would like to contribute "Dollars for Diaper", make a donation to the St. Cecilia Respect Life Committee! God bless you, and we hope to have the Baby Bottle Drive soon!



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Your generosity for supporting Christmas gifts for St. Mary's boys was awesome! The staff requested pajamas and socks for each boy which we were able to purchase. It was heart warming to see the smiles of the staff when we delivered the beautifully wrapped presents that will bring the JOY OF CHRISTMAS to the boys.

From St. Mary's Home for Boys

Thank you all so much for donating pajamas and socks for each of our boys!

You are such wonderful friends and partners, and we remain in awe of your generous hearts! Thank you for helping make life better for our boys. We are sending much gratitude and love to all of you!



JOY: JESUS, OTHERS, YOU

We met Robert when he got in line for a food box. He popped out of his car and asked if he could help. Thinking it would be just a one time thing, the next distribution day Robert showed up again. Robert, like many of our volunteers, showed up each time and were just glad to help. Getting to know Robert a little bit, we realized he had been hit like many others from job loss and sudden home schooling.

Last Monday, we were able to pull together a few donated items to help Robert and his family have a Christmas dinner and a little cheer. Robert was overjoyed (his indescribable joy will forever bring a smile to my face) by the canned oranges.

In my short time at St. Cecilia's, the joy people get from just being a part of a community by volunteering is priceless.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18) St. Vincent de Paul volunteers have been diligently at work, throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, to ease the burdens of the poor and share the 'Good News of Jesus Christ'.

A Parish-wide campaign, working with St. Vincent de Paul, successfully shared monetary donations totaling \$24,823 with Our Lady of the Mountain Parish, Ashland and Sacred Heart Parish, Medford to aid in the wildfire relief. All of the proceeds went to the affiliated St. Vincent de Paul Societies in Southern Oregon to ease the burden in the communities devastated by fires.

Last year, our St. Cecilia-St. Vincent group served 2,331 families; distributed 330,531 pounds of food; assisted with \$28,096 rent and \$15,752 in utility payments; in total, serving 15,283 individuals. Volunteers gave a total of 12,150 hours of service to this community of St. Cecilia Parish. During the year, we added Jesuit High School and Valley Catholic student volunteers, two parish staff members, and a seminarian, who helped us over the summer months when volunteers were in short supply. On November 21, Girl Scout Troop 45084 collected more than 3,500 pounds of canned goods; the December 5 Boy Scouts (Packs 383 & 872) food drive brought in almost 3,000 pounds of canned goods. The Backpack program, working with local schools, helped 1,371 students and families. During the spring and summer months, St. Vincent de Paul assisted to distribute produce and Farm to Family food boxes after hours on Fridays to local families.



One individual's means for bringing food home to his family.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP)(CONTINUED)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

We successfully completed our Christmas tree sales for the year as we sold out on Sunday, December 6 at 1:53 PM. Thank you to all of the parishioners for their generous and continued support of Knights of Columbus events.

FAITH CAFÉ

With all the restrictions regarding social distancing, Faith Café has not been able to operate at all in doors. But, that doesn't stop them from serving a meal to our neighbors.

Each Sunday, meals are given out to about 50 folks who come to the Bethel Church for assistance. The bagged meals of sandwiches, fresh produce, snacks, drinks, etc. are prepared by the same church groups as before this pandemic and are served outside. During the cooler weather, a hot entrée is often served in takeout containers instead of the sandwich bags.

The number of volunteers has been greatly reduced so only two folks from each church volunteer in the kitchen, and the Faith Café board members do the serving. Our volunteers, Marika & Karen, have done a marvelous job in preparing the entrée in a timely manner. We greatly appreciate their service.

We are patiently waiting for the time when our entire volunteer crew will be able to once again welcome the guests, prepare the meal, serve with a smile and then cleanup at the end.

Thank You from the Faith Cafe Board

2020 has been a year filled with changes - some have been difficult, but with faith and hope, we know the will of God will be done. We thank your staff for continued financial support. Your parishioners have responded whenever we have expressed a need, and their response is greatly appreciated. Our guests tell us every week how much it means to them that Faith Café is still in operation. We could not do it without you. Your partnership through this past year has meant so much to us.

MEN'S CLUB: SJV PATIO PROJECT

The Men's Club Members want to share the completion of the Patio project/gift to the Senior Priests who live at Saint John Vianney (SJV) Residence. Over the years, the Members have completed a number of projects, gatherings, and dinners for and with our Senior Priests. This Patio and Bench is a real joy for our Senior Priests in social gatherings outside to enjoy the sunshine and friendships. This Patio and Bench was possible with the generosity of the Peterson Brother's and Men's Club Members' volunteer labor.



VOCATIONS DEVOTIONS

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings." "Let the peace of Christ control your hearts." "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts."

How are you being called to use your talents to build the kingdom of God as his co-worker?

"THE SAINTS AMONG US"

Thank you Pegg Paxson & Springer Funeral Chapel for your gift of "2021 Calendars" for our parishioners!



PENTECOST SUNDAY (MAY 31): DRIVE-THRU BLESSINGS
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**From May-August, our parish
helped distribute nearly
15,000 food boxes.**

**Our volunteers showed up
each week to help distribute
quickly and safely.**



**What a blessing this "Work of
Mercy" has been to so many!**



**THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO HELPED!**

GOD BLESS OUR ALTAR SERVERS



Este es el ministerio de los servidores del altar viviendo nuestra fe aun en medio de esta pandemia.

This is the ministry of the altar servers living our faith even in the midst of this pandemic.



Wishing a Merry Christmas to our dedicated youth Altar Servers.

Thank you for serving last year, up until the Covid restrictions changed our Mass schedule.

Theresa Tran
Luke Wagner
Timmy Wagner
Clare Wagner
Alex Rhein
Joshua Rhein
Gabe Wagner
Tara Wood
Callan Holmberg
Isabella Holmberg
Dylan Gentry
Leia Jerald
 Isaac Wagner
 Vinnie Benedetti White
 Hudson Hofford
 Jonathan Nygaard
 Mason Severson
 Chris Nygaard
 Annika Sadowski
 Andrea Jerald

Drew Layfield
 Zak Ruckwardt
 Nic Layfield
 Luke Ruckwardt
 Delaney Averill
 Elena Gorman
 Ashley Heger
 Henry Van Pelt
 Kate Vuylsteke
 Matthew Wood
 Elise Babin
 Carter Mack
 Tyler Mack
 Tommy Scalzo
 Derek Zable
 Tia Zable
 Annamarie Mack
 Sofia Sar
 Abby Scalzo
 Oreoluwa Michael Tunji-Ogunsanya
 Tamlire Gabriel Tunji-Ogunsanya



Siblings Luke, Clare and Timmy Wagner Altar Serving with our new priest, Fr. Peter Julia, October 25, 2020.

It happened to be Luke and Timmy's 14th Birthday and Fr. Peter's 41st Birthday! •

Names in bold served 10 or more Masses, June 2019-March 2020.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The silver lining for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program this year has been seeing the beauty of our faith lived out in our families' domestic churches. We meet on Saturday mornings over Zoom for a short prayer table gathering with the children and their parents to pray, sing songs, and to listen to God's Word, and to share the joy of our faith together. Enjoy some photos that our families shared with us of their home prayer corners.



Contact: Aimee Henley
Early Childhood Faith Formation
Coordinator/
ahenley@stceciliachurch.org

Faith Together Elementary Formation

Comfort

This year we remember all who have lost loved ones and were affected by the pandemic. We have prayed with families as they navigate the stresses, anxieties, changes, and losses throughout this year. We started small group support for Parents. Prayed with students and are supporting them with online learning and faith building. Students shared comfort by creating Hearts for Essential workers in their neighborhoods and around the country and other countries as well. We are making cards for the homebound parishioners and holding them in prayer. The Holy Spirit continues to fill us with comfort.

Joy

We are always blessed to find moments of Joy as we work with children and families. We held multiple small First Communion masses this summer. The pandemic did not dampen the desire for Jesus! The kids were all smiles at our drive-thru All Saints Day lesson. Families drove through multiple stations filled with treats, costumes, trivia, songs, and blessing of each family. Their enthusiasm made for a special day. Our classes are an online format this year. Students learn prayers, worship songs, and lessons, do crafts, do fun activities, and watch videos as they engage in the liturgical year with their family. We have new ways to share and grow our faith together.

HOPE OF THE WORLD

BELOVED JESUS,
THE HOPE OF THE WORLD.
IN THESE DAYS OF UNCERTAINTY
AND HEARTACHE HELP US TO SEE YOUR
LIGHT AND LET IT SHINE, SHEDDING LIGHT ON
THE PATH THAT LEADS US TO ENJOY YOUR PRESENCE.
LET THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS REMAIN WITH US ALWAYS.
AMEN

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT

Dear Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Families,

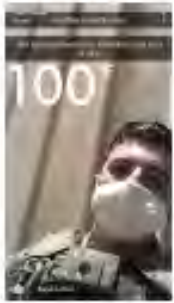
Happy Thanksgiving! We hope this finds you healthy and thankful for the blessings in our lives during this turbulent year. Service is a part of our mission at St. Cecilia School, and students in the Intermediate grades are a great age to share their time and talents with others as we prepare our hearts for the upcoming celebration of Christ's birth. Social distancing has made that a little more challenging this year, so we are grateful that a service opportunity has presented itself, and we are excited to share it with you!



A 2012 St. Cecilia alum, Joseph Filitano, was active in the Iowa National Guard for the past 3 years. He graduated from the University of Iowa this spring, attended Basic Training at Ft. Benning in Georgia this summer, and is currently stationed in Qatar. We will be working in the classrooms to make Christmas cards for his troop, and would also like to send a care package from each of the Intermediate grade levels. Below is a list of small items that have been recommended to send overseas. The students do not need to bring in an item, but this opportunity is available for those that do wish to contribute.



Qatar is entering into the season of winter, just like we are, so temperatures will be closer to 80 degrees each day, rather than 100 degrees. We have been advised not to send Christmas chocolates, but other candies that are individually wrapped will travel well.



Recommended small items:

Beef Jerky * Protein bars * hard Pretzels * Hard candy (individually wrapped in a larger bag) * Chex Mix * Trail Mix * Dried Fruit * Peanuts or Mixed Nuts (salted is preferred) * travel size Baby Wipes * travel size Hand Sanitizer * Body wash * Liquid Soap * Sunblock * Magazines

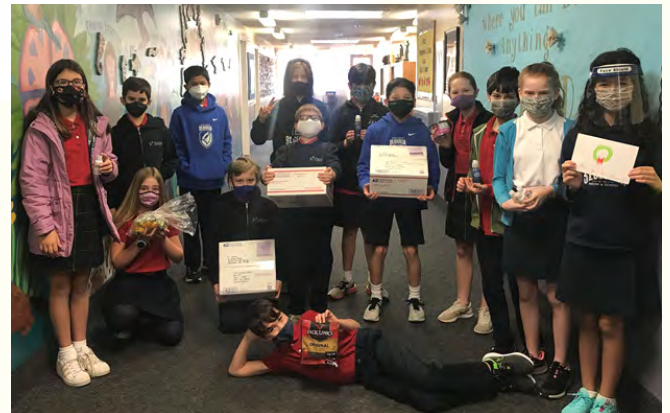
If you are fortunate to know the Filitano family from St. Cecilia Parish, you know they are a beautiful family with strong service connections to their community and country. The Third, Fourth and Fifth grade service project this year is a great opportunity for the students to celebrate a small group of the men and women who are stationed overseas, and we are happy to use Joseph as our contact point!

Please be sure to send any items that children wish to contribute by Friday, December 4th. We wish to send our packages as soon as possible in order to have them arrive in Qatar by Christmas. Thank you for helping to actively demonstrate our theme for this year, "Do Small Things With Great Love!"

Sincerely,

Ms. Allison Hogan, Ms. Maggie Loughran and Mrs. Janet Motter
St. Cecilia Intermediate Department Teachers

Each student in grades 3,4 & 5 made a Christmas card to send, and we collected beef jerky, magazines, nuts, protein bars, trail mix, candy, and dried fruit from Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 4th. We had permission from Lillie to send 3 boxes, but we collected enough items to send 10! Ms. Hogan from the 5th grade and I took everything to the Post Office on Friday, December 4th and got a message from Joseph on Sunday, December 13th that the first of the boxes had arrived!



December 2020

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ST. CECILIA CHURCH, BEAVERTON, OREGON



STUDY HALL

In a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and social Isolation especially for our middle and high schoolers now, we began offering a weekly "Study Hall" where students had access to free wifi, snacks, Wii games, board games, and the ability to Interact with friends they had not seen since March.

Our students were very excited about the opportunity to safely gather, and we will continue In January. stceciliachurch.org/studyhall



YOUNG LIFE & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Young Life, a parachurch organization dedicated to the evangelization of youth, has been working closely with Catholic dioceses across the world to effectively reach as many young people as possible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This ecumenical collaboration is a major win for both Young Life and the Catholic Church. Archbishop Sample signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Young Life and the Archdiocese of Portland in December 2017.

Amanda, our youth minister who also serves as Young Life leader at Beaverton HS, has been on a weekly committee with other members of Young Life and the Archdiocese of Portland planning for a national Young Life Catholic Relations conference in April which will host local pastor John Mark Comer of Bridgetown Church as well as Bishop Daniel Flores of the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas and Dr. Tom Neal of Notre Dame Seminary.

More info about Young Life Catholic Relations:

<https://vimeo.com/326635450>
catholicrelations.younglife.org



ASCEND

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE BIBLE STUDIES

This year, we began two small group weekly bible studies for our students in order to focus on missionary discipleship and authentic friendships, especially during these times.

Ascend is our college bible study whose patron is Pier Giorgio Frassati (our young adult ministry is called Frassati PNW [frassatipnw.com]). We have been learning about the salvation history through the covenants from a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Bible Study.

We also began the Sorority of St. Therese for high school ladies who are desiring to go deeper. Our patroness is St. Therese of Lisieux and we have been following an Endow Bible study program. stceciliachurch.org/sorority





PARISH PODCAST: *DUC IN ALTUM*

As the world suddenly shut down and school and jobs went remote, the parish began to explore ways to provide faith formation opportunities and evangelization through online means more than ever before. This included beginning a parish podcast with Mass homilies and Interviews with local community members.

Did you know you can listen to every homily from our priests on our website? Even if you miss a daily or Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia's, you can still hear what our priest's message was! These homilies are updated daily by staff.

We also sit down with parishioners In a segment called *Duc In Altum* and discuss their "calling" moment and how they have cast their nets out Into the deep, just as Jesus Invited Peter to do. You can listen or watch here: stceciliachurch.org/parish-podcast

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Luke 5:4



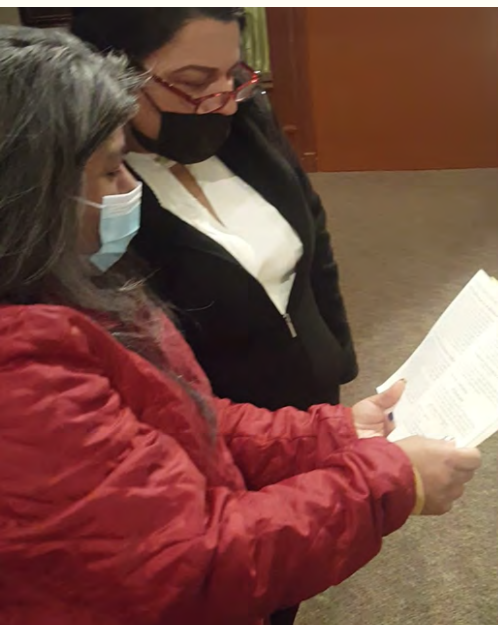
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

St. Cecilia's for the first time offered "Financial Peace University," a financial wellness course from Dave Ramsey that teaches members to approach their finances "God's way" through a Scriptural approach with money and to pay off debt quickly with "gazelle Intensity."

We had multiple families participating pay off long-time debts and loans, build up their emergency funds, cut up credit cards, and begin paying cash for expenses. All members created budgets and took control of their money.

Pictured: A completed debt free goal tracker sheet, a cut up credit card, and one of FPU's newly debt free families! To learn more about the program: stceciliachurch.org/fpu

SOLEMNITY & CONSECRATION OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (PAGE 1 OF 4)



First day of the Novena starting with the Youth of the Community.
Primer día de la Novena iniciando con los Jóvenes de la Comunidad.



Photos to the right: Home Altars.
Fotos a la derecha: Altares de casas.



CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (PAGE 2 OF 4)



Novena in honor of Our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe Day # 2 day with children's night with guest nun. Guadalupe Medina.

Novena en honor de Nuestra Señora la Santísima Virgen María de Guadalupe Día # 2 día con noche de niños con la invitada monjita, Guadalupe Medina.



Ninth night of Marriages.
Novena noche de Matrimonios

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (PAGE 3 OF 4)



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CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (PAGE 4 OF 4)



Gift baskets for Father Cary, Father Peter & Deacon Bill Richardson.
Canastas de regalo para el padre Cary, el padre Peter y el diácono Bill Richardson.

Offering of thanks for the priests and the Deacon.
Ofrenda de gracias para los sacerdotes y el Diácono.



EL BUEN SAMARITANO (GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY)

El grupo del BUEN SAMARITANO ha estado usando las ganancias adquiridas por el depósito de botes de agua y sodas para muy buenos fines. En las fotos que acompañan, se puede ver parte del impacto que ha habido en algunas familias en Chiapas, México con el dinero enviado como ayuda. Las personas agradecen cajas de comida y artículos de salud, o zapatos para niños, por ejemplo, como también la reparación del techo de una casa, y la construcción de una bajada de cemento para una señora de edad que lo necesitaba para poder salir de la casa de compras sin riesgo de resbalarse continuamente en el lodo durante la temporada de lluvia.

OTROS GRUPOS y MINISTERIOS siguen trabajando a pesar de la pandemia. Muchos usan las redes sociales para mantener contacto, hacer oración, compartir experiencias, y seguir creciendo en la fe. Han visto la gran importancia de no perder el entusiasmo por la fe y por servir a otros, aunque las maneras de hacerlo han tenido que cambiar. Mucha oración, incluyendo EL ROSARIO, se está haciendo por teléfono para alentar y apoyar a los que están sufriendo el impacto de la pandemia de una manera más fuerte.

The Hispanic GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY GROUP has continued to be very active in spite of the pandemic. Seeing urgent needs both here and elsewhere, they have used the income from THE SALE OF EMPTY POP CANS deposited at the church by parishioners to extend assistance as far away as Chiapas, Mexico.

The accompanying pictures show some of the beautiful ways this money has helped families living in very poor communities, usually in isolated rural areas. Both food and household supplies as well as shoes for the children are very welcome. So, too, was the assistance to a family whose roof was damaged and leaking profusely; and a cement walkway built for an elderly lady living alone who was always in danger of falling in the mud and hurting herself during the rainy season when she needed to leave the house and come down the hill.

MANY THANKS to all who continue to bring their bags of bottles and cans by the church and leave them in the passage behind the office. The money is being put to excellent use.



FRIENDS IN HONDURAS WITH THEIR GIFTS OF CLOTHES (DECEMBER)



CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

St. Cecilia Conference of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is very thankful this Christmas. Despite what's expressed by many imprecatory psalms against the enemy, Covid-19, we are giving thanks and praises to God, who guides us every day in the pantry. Our thanks to our Pastor, Fr. Cary, and our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Peter, who support this ministry, our parishioners, benefactors, businesses, local schools and, most importantly, the volunteers who gave their time, talent and treasure. This was an extraordinary year, and we continued to serve the poor despite Covid-19. We were called to be 'essential services personnel'.

We thank Michelle Hallett and Michael Phillips for making arrangements with our parochial school and the Beaverton School District to store donations of turkeys in their freezers.

McKinney Trailers, care of Becky Hatch (Girl Scout leader) and her husband, made a corporate donation to SVDP for \$500 plus food collected from their company food drive. What a wonderful gesture for which we are grateful.

Thank you Trader Joe's for your partnership providing food for the Christmas boxes.

Thank you Caruso Produce for an overwhelming donation: 240 3-lb. bags of onions; 1,512 oranges; 1,000 apples; 700 cucumbers; and 800 lbs. of yams. Our 'core team' of helpers bagged the oranges, apples, cucumbers and yams to be included with the onions in the food boxes.

A thank you to the Paragon Group, Beaverton, who blessed SVDP with a corporate food drive in early December: we received over 300 lbs. of shelf-ready items valued at over \$500.

Thank you Don Hamburg for procuring 1,000 lbs. of russet potatoes for the food boxes.

Student volunteers from Jesuit and Valley Catholic, Western OR University, and Oregon State were a tremendous help for us during the summer and through the Christmas season. They drove the truck, lifted items off the truck, helped to fill the food boxes, counted, double checked, and filled the Parish Center with energy and spirit as volunteers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the big day.

Thank you Tony Benedetti-White, Satchel Philips, James Rosebrook, DJ Romano, Sarah Klausenburger, Jeannie Feng, and Sara Yentas for being great student leaders with months of planning and preparations for our Christmas food box program.

We asked for donations of specific food items, like turkeys and candy to give to children and families as a treat in their food boxes, and parishioners responded. We asked for any monetary help, and the people of St. Cecilia responded.

Jesuit, St. Mary of Oregon Valley Catholic and Central Catholic High School's supported SVDP. Jesuit provided food donations (yet to be weighed and sorted) plus a very generous community outreach of \$10,000.00 in gift cards for the Christmas food boxes. Valley Catholic provided food donations for filling our pantry shelves. Central Catholic, initiated by Matthew Horn, arrived later in the day, December 19, with monetary and food (105 boxes of family staples) donations to be given out to families in need.

Thank you Kathy and Tim Hamburg for organizing the paperwork, labeling the food boxes, and coordinating volunteers: Jack and McKenna Hamburg; Don Hamburg; Bill Sterling; Maria Hernandez; Colleen Seed; Brian and Mary Whitney; John Manning; Chuck and Darlene Moore; Charlene King; Sally Loprinzi; Bill and Kathy Johnson; Matt and Bo Stahl with Mona Stahl at the helm; Tom and Nancy Eyer; Maddie Johnson; Judy Lubeck; George Bernert; Dennis Kreutzer; Irene Neale and new volunteer, Marlene Hollingsworth (who assembled all the hot cocoa, coffee, candy and sugar bags for all of the boxes); SVDP board members, especially Bruce Collins; all office worker volunteers and parishioners that helped in any manner, thank you!

We are so humbled by the way people opened their hearts this year and, as always, God is in control of the workings of this ministry.

Merry Christmas and have a safe Happy New Year. Bridget Kyle

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES (CONTINUED)



On Saturday, December 19, the distribution of 180 food boxes began at 9 am and was completed by 12:30pm.



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