

Collection Information

Adult Collection: \$452

Loose: \$311



Youth Group Car Wash this Saturday at 10am!

St. Cecilia Youth Group is starting the new year off with a car wash fundraiser! This money will go to support the youth activities for the year, which include bible study, hosting a regional youth group event, snacks at meetings, and attending the youth conference in February.

\$10 per vehicle or any amount donation!

Monthly Calendar of Events

August 21 Saturday Youth Group Car Wash

September 8 Parish Council Meeting

September 12th PSR Meeting for First Communion and Confirmation parents (Grades 2 and 5-8, as well as anyone older who desires Confirmation)

Delta Fair Note: We need water and soda donations! Please drop these items off before or after mass from now until September 27th. The Delta Fair is scheduled for **September 28 to October 2**. Thank you all and God bless you.



Youth Group Car Wash this past Saturday! Thank you, to everyone who came to help raise money. It will help us go to the Diocesan Youth Conference and do other activities.



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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English

(10:05am Rosary; Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of the month)

1pm Mass in Spanish

Monday: Adoration 5:30-6:30

Wednesday: Adoration at 5; mass at 6

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.

Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Mary Gurley, Deanne Cole, Sandy DeLisle, Greg Bradley, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember the deceased, our clergy and bishop, Covid quarantined parishioners, our chronically ill, and our homebound.

Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,
Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4

St Cecilia Parish Update From Father David

There are two major things happening in our parish. **The first is, thanks be to God, we are able to proceed with finishing our roof!**

We raised a little over \$16,000, blowing past our goal of 12,000! At the same time, we also did very well with our DDF contributions. Many thanks for your generosity! After months of watching the steel market and getting weekly updates from the various roofing companies in the area, prices fell to where we could purchase all the needed roofing for \$16,000. The price was only good for three days, and we jumped on it! We still needed to purchase the wood slats for the roof (which cost \$3,300), but with **the Delta Fair coming up**, we are confident we can make that amount back.

The second thing is that we are making some changes to our PSR program. The bigger change is that we want to involve the parents in the learning process with their children. Our goal with PSR has always been to draw people closer to God, through the learning of the faith. The problem we have seen is this can't happen in one hour a week. It is a task for the whole family, children learn best from their parents.

What we are going to do is have classes for the parents, as well as for the children. The classes for the parents will be aimed at giving them the tools to teach their children the faith, to reinforce the lessons they are being taught at PSR.

The minor change is that we are moving our focus to January through May. With the gins opening in October through December, attendance is too difficult for some during this time, and we'd like to work around that.

We will be having an **informational meeting on September 12th** to go over all the changes and the info you will need if your child is to receive first Communion next spring, or if your child is in the 5th grade or higher and will be ready to receive Confirmation next time the bishop is here in 2023.

-Fr David

Weekly Gospel Reflection from Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, we come today to the end of the extraordinary sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Before this, Jesus told his listeners, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Well, today, we have the denouement of the story.

We hear that "many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, 'This saying is hard; who can accept it?'" Notice that we are talking about Jesus' followers. And yet they find this teaching impossible to take.

If his words were meant in a symbolic sense, they wouldn't have had this shocking effect. If what he meant was simply, *This bread is a symbol of my body*, why would there be such a strong reaction? I mean, the Jewish Scriptures deal in poetic metaphor all the time. The point is that they had understood him in this context only too well.

Given every opportunity to explain himself better, Jesus does nothing of the kind. Instead, he upbraids them for their lack of faith. This is why the Catholic tradition has insisted, against all attempts to soften these words of Jesus, that he should be taken straightforwardly.

Saints This Week

Memorial of St.
Monica, August 27
Memorial St.
Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the
Church, August 28



Feast of St. Bartholomew,
Apostle, August 25

