

**Collections for November 27th \$756.00**

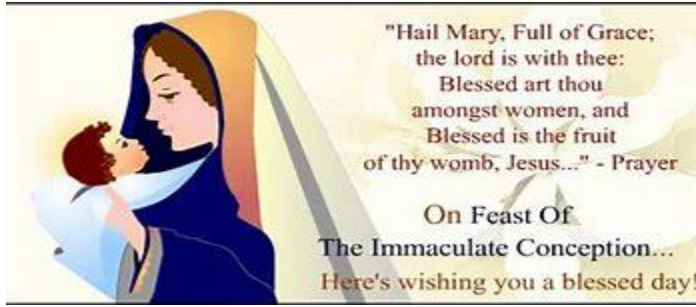
*There are still concert T-Shirts available for purchase. They are located near the church entrance.*

**Helping Hands Food Bank Really Needs Your Help**  
Helping Hands here in Kennett has almost nothing to give to the poor and hungry in our area at this time. Please bring any non-perishable food items to church and Beth Johnson will be sure to get them to the food bank. You may also drop by Helping Hands and bring your gift in person. Please consider picking up something this week to help the most vulnerable in Kennett.

**Mother's House** Collection will be this Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you for your generosity.

**PSR Classes**  
These classes are for anyone seeking the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. We have parent classes at the same time as the children's classes, which is 11:45am on Sundays.

**Special Mass Schedules**  
December 7, 2022 (Immaculate Conception) 6:00 PM  
December 8, 2022 (Immaculate Conception) 12:00 Noon  
December 11, 2022 (Our Lady of Guadalupe) 1:00PM  
January 1, 2023 (Mary Mother of God) 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM



**December 4th, 2022  
Second Sunday in Advent**

**St. Cecilia Catholic Church**  
1226 College Avenue PO Box 306  
Kennett, MO 63857  
[www.stceciliakennett.com](http://www.stceciliakennett.com)

**Fr. David Baunach, Pastor**  
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Joanie DeLisle, Bookkeeper/Secretary  
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Magda Cazares, Youth Group Director

**Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:**  
Kennett: Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Portageville: Thursday and Friday 10-4  
Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

**Holy Mass Schedule**  
Monday and Wednesday: Adoration at 5PM: Mass at 6PM  
Sunday Masses: 10:30AM Mass in English; 10:05AM Rosary;  
1PM Mass in Spanish

**Please pray for /Oramos para:**  
+Lynette Anderson, +Pedro Orocio, The Melendez Family, James Hargett,  
+Sandy DeLisle, +Bill Anderson, Polly McAtee, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck,  
and Kathy Larsen. Special prayer for Bishop Rice, Fr. David, and our homebound.

**Mass Intentions**  
December 4 + Mary Gurley  
December 7 Health and Wellbeing of Abi and baby  
December 11 Health and Wellbeing of Roy Friend and Family

## Why God Asks Us to Wait



In our life with the Lord, there are times when Jesus draws us into periods of waiting. These times come about when we are faced with a great problem that we cannot solve, a great need that we cannot fill, or a big question that we cannot answer. When we find ourselves in these situations, we do everything we can to search, seek, and obtain the solutions. But then we reach the point where we discover that there is simply nothing else we can do. We go into a period of waiting, waiting on the Lord. Even though it often doesn't "feel" like it, Jesus brings us into these periods of waiting as an expression of his deep love for us. Periods of waiting are very precious to him because when we wait, we are acknowledging that we have no way to provide for ourselves and we become entirely dependent upon him. This posture of childlike dependence is very precious to God, who wants to be our provider in everything.

Frequently, however, times of waiting can be extremely difficult for us. We are taught since childhood that a valuable life is an active one, a life that is "doing" and producing. So, when we journey into patches of waiting, we can feel useless, uncomfortable, frustrated and insecure. But ironically, it is these periods of seeming "inactivity", that God himself is often doing the most powerful work of transformation in us. The reason for this is that in periods of waiting it is God himself who is the primary actor. When we relinquish power and control and surrender ourselves to waiting on the Lord, we are permitting him to act in us in ways that belong solely to his wisdom and love. A metaphor for this is the great mystery of pregnancy, where the development of an infinitely precious and unrepeatable human being is taking place in a manner almost entirely hidden to the eyes of the world. In this same way, any period of waiting, especially when we see little to nothing "happening", has the potential to become a period of dramatic new birth for each of us.

Advent is such a precious and fruitful time in the Church because it is a period of waiting. The decision of the Church to preface the birth of Christ with a period of

waiting, silence, and prayerful preparation show how deeply the Church understands the transformative power of waiting. When we wait for something we desire, our hearts grow. They stretch and change like the fresh wineskins in the Gospel that have to grow and stretch with the pouring in of new wine. In light of this, the most important thing we can do this Advent is to carve out time to experience this "waiting" through periods of silence, intentional inactivity, and contemplative preparation. Let us guard these moments of waiting jealously for Christ who wishes to use this period to bring about something new for us. Let us choose to enter that very uncomfortable place of "inactivity" and tell the Lord, "I trust in you", "I believe that you will act" "I know that you will bring about something new in me." ~*Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

### Attention: Catholic Men

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri



Thursday, January 19, 6:30-9:00pm

St. Francis Xavier, Sikeston, MO

An evening of Adoration, Confession, & a Manly Meal with discussion to follow.

To help plan for the food please RSVP to

[SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com](mailto:SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com)

'SEMO Catholic Man Night' on Facebook

Or text 573-275-5214

**Youth Group:** Pro-Life Conference registration deadline is December 11<sup>th</sup>. Fee is \$35 per person

**The Annual Parish Christmas Party will be after Wednesday  
December 7<sup>th</sup> mass**