

May 11, 2025

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PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday

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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

La Misa en Español - Sunday - 3:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday through Friday at 8:15 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

HOLY DAYS

8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ROSARY GROUP

Every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes follow the Claremore Public Schools calendar year.

Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade:

Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Life Teen, Grades 9 through 12:

Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

NURSERY

Open to children four and under during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

(September 1st through May 31st).

Important Guidelines that you should know.

BAPTISM: Parents must show the desire to train their child in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Godparents must be a Confirmed, Active Catholic and complete a Godparent Affidavit.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: The Church, in her pastoral concern for persons preparing for marriage, wishes to emphasize the sacred and serious nature of the marriage covenant. As love joins man and woman, so they are bound more closely to God. With this thought in mind, couples should contact their Pastor well in advance of the wedding date (at least four months).

ADULT CATECHUMENATE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open for all who would like to inquire into our Catholic Faith. Those interested may call the Church Office anytime for further information. One's presence in the R.C.I.A. in no way obligates a person to join the Church.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: In order to meet the spiritual needs of our sick, we ask that you please keep us informed of those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing facility. Please notify the Parish Office. Arrangements can be made for Communion visits to the homes of our homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me." - Jn 10:27

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Karen Westwood, Child Care Coordinator

EMERGENCY CALLS:

In case of an emergency and the pastor cannot be contacted please call a neighboring parish:

St. Mark, Pryor - 918-825-4186

St. Henry, Owasso - 918-272-3710

St. Therèse, Collinsville - 918-371-2704

Holy Ghost, Vinita - 918-256-2281

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Preceding Wednesday by 12:00 p.m.



REFLECTION FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C.
(1st Reading, Acts 13:14,43-52; 2nd Reading, Rev. 7:9,14-17; Gospel, John 10:27-30)

My dear brothers and sisters,

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

THE MISSIONARY ACTIVITY OF THE APOSTLES

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 13:14, 43-52) presents us with the missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas. Paul and Barnabas continued their missionary journey from Perga to Antioch in Pisidia, preaching the Gospel of Salvation in the synagogue to the faithful. The seed of the Gospel they sowed through preaching brought many to conversion.

However, some of the Jews rejected the Gospel and refused to believe the message of Paul and Barnabas. They persecuted and expelled them from their territory. This attitude did not deter nor discourage Paul and Barnabas; instead, they turned to the Gentiles to continue their missionary activities because they realized that they were also called to be light to the Gentiles and an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.

CALLED TO PARTICIPATE

We are all called to participate and continue in the missionary activity of the apostles. Like Paul and Barnabas and indeed all the apostles, we are also called to be a light to the Gentiles. We are challenged to let our light shine before men in such a way that they would see our good works and glorify our Father, who is in heaven (Mt. 5:16).

We are all called to be instruments of salvation to the ends of the earth. To be instruments of salvation, we are challenged to feed the flock of Christ with the food of life, the word of God, as Jesus Christ enjoined Peter (Jn. 21:17) and us. (The Gospel message of last Sunday)

JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In the Gospel reading (John 10:27-30), Jesus Christ tells us that He is the good shepherd who knows His sheep, and they follow him. He feeds them, takes care of them, nurtures them, pastures them, and bandages them. He protects His sheep from danger, and no one can take them out of His hand. Christ promises to give His flock eternal life, and they shall never perish.

It is a special honor and privilege to be counted among the flock of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be grateful and eternally thankful to Him who, in His graciousness, has counted us as His own. We shall be one with Him and with the Father and remain in the sheepfold.

HE LEADS HIS PEOPLE TO SPRINGS OF LIFE-GIVING WATER

The Psalmist in Psalm 23 verse 2 aptly portrays the Lord as a shepherd who leads His people to still waters to restore their souls. This shows God's love, guidance, and provision. The Lord leads His people to places of peace and refreshment, offering them a sense of tranquility and spiritual well-being. This magnificent act of God upon His people does not end in this world but follows to the world beyond.

In the vision of John, as read in the second reading, he saw a great multitude from every nation, race, people, and tongue, wearing white robes, holding palm branches, worshipping God, and singing victory songs because they survived the time of great distress, and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

The One who sits on the throne, the Lamb that was slain, the Messiah, will shelter and shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water. He will provide for them so they will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will they suffer anymore. Let us remain in the sheepfold of our great and good shepherd, Jesus Christ, in order to be assured of sustenance and victory.

Always remember that Jesus loves you!

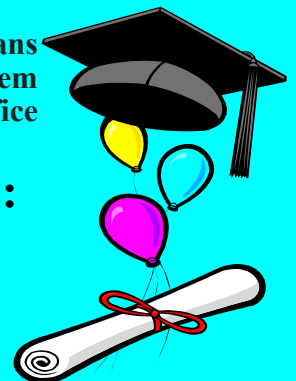
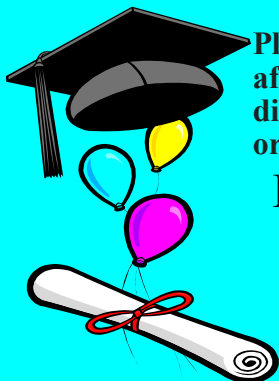
ATTENTION SENIORS 2025

Please bring by a picture of yourself and let us know your plans after graduation as soon as possible, so that we may get them displayed on the bulletin board. Bring them by the Parish office or put them in the envelope in the hall next to the sacristy.

Mass Celebrating our Highschool Seniors:

Saturday, May 24 at 5 p.m.

Celebratory dinner following Mass.



First Communion Class 2025

Please congratulate and pray for these children who received their First Communion this weekend.



Henry Arms

Fernando Ferro Arriaga

Camila Bernal

Aytza Munoz Hernandez

Alexa Ignacio

Franco Loza

Selena Mena

Leslie Morales

Sophia Palafox

Alejandro Tecalero

Gael Gellardo Vargas

Adaleya Vazquez

Cristela Arellano

C.C. Barlow

Isaac Clemons

Zayra Munoz Hernandez

Danielle Jackson

Daleyza Mena

Erik Ocelotl Montes

Hailey Morales

Tripp Stimson

Alejandro Tinoco

Isaias Rocha Vargas

Liana Vigueras

We are so grateful for Sara Mallgren, Lynda Nicolls, Veronyca Barlow and Sherri Stone for their dedication as catechists for the First Holy Eucharist class of 2025. Thank you, for your many hours of preparation, your creativity, and the time you spent preparing the children in class for this wonderful and beautiful day in their lives.

Women's Club Spring Fling Luncheon Wednesday, May 28th at 12 Noon

We want to celebrate you, the women of St. Cecilia, in appreciation and gratitude for all your dedicated service and support of our many parish activities.

You are invited to a free catered luncheon May 28, 2025 at noon.

Come in casual attire and enjoy all the food, fun and surprises.

Since it is catered, we need you to sign up on the main bulletin board in the main hallway, so we know how much food to order.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tod Shores, Vera Stone, Ginny Dunstan,
Nichole Baca, Mike Schorer, Pat Doyle, Leo Cogburn,
Chuck Jaubert, Larry Haddock, Dolores Vaught,
Ed Vierheller, Kay England, Greg Smith,
Ron & Norma Novotny, Dolores Morris,
Sharon Richardt, Peggy Bacon, Janine Allen
Pat Niedringhaus, *Sister of Glenna Burnham*
Dawn Goodman, *Niece of Joe Burnham*
Aubree March, *Granddaughter of Kay & Tom March*
Robin Klugh, *Sister of Don McCaslin*
Barbara Clutter, *Sister of Sherry Friend*
Madeline Allen, *Sister of Paul Meaux*
Rita Elko, *Sister of Pat Lattanzia*
Janet Smith, *Mother of Tim Fernandez*
Daisy Francis, *Mother of Sheila Dishno*
Mary Albright, *Sister of Barb Hilger*
*and all those who have asked for our prayers, are in
need of God's healing grace, and those whose
suffering is known only to God.*



Pray for the Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Jack Parrigon,
Nephew of Frieda James

*May God grant him eternal rest and give
comfort to his family and friends. Eternal rest
grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls
of the faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NURSERY

(Open to children 4 and under)

Sunday, May 18 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass
Karen Westwood & Lynda Nicolls

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 10th at 5:00 p.m.

†Jackie Teal

†Ruth Reeb

Sunday, May 11th at 8:30 a.m.

Our Parish Family

Sunday, May 11th at 11:00 a.m.

†Dr. Juan Legarreta

†Connie Hurd

Monday, May 12th
No Scheduled Service

Tuesday, May 13th at 8:15 a.m.

†Wade & †Eleanor Kincheloe

Wednesday, May 14th at 8:15 a.m.

†Gerald Nelson Sr.

Thursday, May 15th at 8:15 a.m.

†Betty Lou Poeschel

Friday, May 16th at 8:15 a.m.

†Reverend Daniel Perlinski

Saturday, May 17th at 5:00 p.m.

†Pat Reeder

†Robin Nicholson

Sunday, May 18th at 8:30 a.m.

†Paul & †Theresa Stadler

†Martin & †Evelyn Hilger

Sunday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m.

God's Blessing & Love on our Confirmation Class
Our Parish Family

ROSARY GROUP

We invite everyone to come and pray the Rosary every
Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel.



ST. CECILIA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Cecilia Educational Trust Scholarship is an annually renewable college scholarship of at least \$1,000.00. **Eligibility:**

- ♦ A full-time college student with at least 24 credit hours earned.
- ♦ You and/or your family must be registered at St. Cecilia Parish.

Applications are available on the bulletin board by the Sacristy and must be submitted by Tuesday, July 1st. Scholarships will be awarded by August 1st.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

4th Sunday of Easter - Ritual Song #1173 - Mass Setting #321

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: *Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras;* Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: *Our Lady of Fatima;* Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: *St. Matthias;* Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: *St. Isidore;* Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: *Armed Forces Day;* Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
11 Mother's Day Mass 8:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. First Communion La Misa en Español 3:00 p.m.	12 No Scheduled Service	13 Mass 8:15 a.m.	14 Mass 8:15 a.m. Rosary - 4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	15 Mass 8:15 a.m.	16 Mass - 8:15 a.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.	17 Penance 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.
18 Mass 8:30 a.m. KC Cinnamon Rolls Mass 11:00 a.m. Confirmation La Misa en Español 3:00 p.m.	19 No Scheduled Service	20 Mass 8:15 a.m. 55+ Potluck & Meeting 12 Noon	21 Mass - 8:15 a.m. Rosary - 4:00 p.m. Catechist Appreciation Dinner 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	22 Mass 8:15 a.m.	23 Mass - 8:15 a.m. NO Adoration	24 Penance 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Senior Dinner
25 Mass 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts Mass 11:00 a.m. La Misa en Español 3:00 p.m.	26 Memorial Day No Scheduled Service	27 Mass 8:15 a.m.	28 Mass - 8:15 a.m. Spring Fling 12 Noon Rosary - 4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	29 Mass 8:15 a.m.	30 Mass - 8:15 a.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.	31 Penance 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.



Paschal Candle & Baptismal Font Flowers

The Paschal Candle & Baptismal Font Flowers

are in Loving Memory of

† Gerald Carl Nelson Sr.

Flowers for the Altar

The Flowers for the Altar are in Loving Memory of

† Connie Hurd

Given by the Hurd Family

Flowers for the Altar & Tabernacle

The Flowers for the Altar & Tabernacle are for

God's Blessing & Love on

Anita Gravender

Given by Tony & Amy Gann



*God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.*

Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.

May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them His unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.

Amen.



FORMS TO REGISTER ARE ON THE MAIN BULLETIN BOARD.



T-Shirt Order Form- \$10 per shirt

Shirts must be ordered by Sunday, May 18

Child's Name _____

Youth Size (circle one): YXS YS YM YL YXL

List any additional T-shirt orders (child's name, size and color needed) here: _____

Please bring T-shirt order form and cash or check to church office no later than May 18.

Birthday Wishes

Monday, May 12th -

Debbie Loudermilk, David Jerchau,
Kirby Hockensmith, Boston Lewis

Tuesday, May 13th -

Paul Pixley, Dorothy Wire

Wednesday, May 14th -

Sylvia Wilson, Juan Rocha Vargas, Jeronimo Luna,
Logan Viguera

Thursday, May 15th -

Billy Smith, Steve Doyle, Cynthia Mendoza

Friday, May 16th -

Judi Mrasek

Saturday, May 17th -

Scott Gatzemeyer, Amy Gatzemeyer

Sunday, May 18th -

Rocck Mallory, Vicki Tramel, Dawn Seat

*God Bless our military personnel and their families!
Please pray for the safety of those in the military.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 17th at 5:00 p.m.

EM - Charles Slagle, Ruth Hendrix, Wilma Crosson,
Roger & Dianne Forler, Dawn Aschoff, **Volunteer**
Lectors - Bob Linkswiler, Pat Slagle
Ushers - Jim & Vera Stone
Servers/Crossbearer - Vincent Linkswiler

Sunday, May 18th at 8:30 a.m.

EM - Jeff & Janet Kessler, Tina Harrison, Dan & Ra-
na Kocsis, Sheila Dishno, Sherry Friend
Lectors - Lillie Boeckman, Pete Hilger
Ushers - Ralph Moonen, Dave Carno
Servers/Crossbearer - Billy Smith, Lawnie Hess

Sunday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m.

EM - David & Katie Jones, Don & Lee Ann McGill,
Peggy Cogburn, Phyllis Bushyhead, Rocck Mallory
Lectors - Brenda Knapp, Mark Lepak
Ushers - John Cary, **Volunteer**
Servers/Crossbearer - Edee Jones, Gavin Gatzemeyer

Gift of Love Gala Raffle

The Center of Family Love is a beacon of committed service to intellectually disabled adults. The Knights are asking for help in raising funds for this organization. Raffle tickets at \$100 each to help raise funds to meet these needs. The State Knights of Columbus is giving away \$20,000 CASH plus two Additional Exciting Prizes. The CASH drawing will be at the Gift of Love Gala in OKC on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Tickets will be available after Masses. All sold raffle tickets must be returned to the Center of Family Love by May 26 at Noon.

Please contact Ted King 918-845-6620 or Richard Jones 918-740-0470 for any questions.

St. Cecilia Mother's Day Out

Ages: 18 months - 4 Years

Location: St. Cecilia Education Building

Days: Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays

Cost: 1 day/week - \$100 per month

2 days/week - \$200 per month

3 days/week - \$300 per month

Times: 9 a.m. -2 p.m.

Mother's Day Out will continue to be open during the summer months. We have openings if you are looking for a nurturing and Christian environment for your child(children). Each week this summer will have a theme including *camping, Dr. Seuss, Bible stories, gardening, etc.* We will be offering drop-in days where your child can come for the day, providing we have the proper paperwork and space. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at dawire67@gmail.com or 918-720-3016.

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