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**"THERE WILL NOT
BE LEFT A STONE
UPON ANOTHER STONE."**

LUKE 21: 5-11

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World Day of the Poor

WASHINGTON - Since 2016, the Catholic Church has observed the World Day of the Poor on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as a way for Catholics to reflect more deeply on our call to love the poor as our brothers and sisters. On November 15-16, parishes in many Catholic dioceses throughout the United States are able to observe this year's World Day of the Poor by taking a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the domestic anti-poverty initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Jesus reminds us that faith, even as small as a mustard seed, holds within it the power to transform the world. From something seemingly insignificant can grow a tree that offers shelter, hope, and new life. In many ways, that is the story of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, founded by the bishops of the United States in 1969. Through CCHD, the Church lives out the Gospel call to solidarity, fostering the capacity of people experiencing poverty to work together to confront the roots of injustice and build stronger, more just communities,” said Bishop Timothy Senior of Harrisburg, chairman of the bishops’ Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. “This same spirit of faith takes root in our own communities, where twenty-five percent of every CCHD collection stays within the diocese. These funds support local efforts that uplift our neighbors, strengthen families, and help build a future of hope.”

CCHD provides crucial support to both growing and longstanding organizations that promote justice, neighborhood improvement, and job creation for marginalized groups in both urban and rural communities across the United States. In 2024, the bishops awarded \$2.24 million in grants.

World Day of the Poor is an invitation for us to pray and to act, to build a world that truly recognizes the God-given dignity of our brothers and sisters who are most vulnerable,” Bishop Senior said. “One concrete way to respond to this call is by participating in the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. I invite you to remember the Lord’s words about the mustard seed: even the smallest act of faith can, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, grow into something that transforms lives and renews communities, both across our nation and within your own diocese.”

A collection basket will stand near the church entryway to receive cash or check donations (payable to St. Cecilia). Envelopes and information sheets are available there.

Barb Falardeau to Retire

Barb recently shared with our staff her decision to retire at the end of November. She has been a valued colleague and a warm and welcoming presence in our parish office. As our Communications Coordinator, she has creatively produced our parish publications and emails, maintained our website, provided staff support for numerous special projects and helped oversee our parish calendar. Her swan song will be the new Parish Directory that is currently in production and the Giving Tree project for which she has provided her detailed organizational skills.

Our staff is evaluating our current needs and assessing any changes we may need to consider, including anticipated adoption of new software required for our publications. Our position will be listed on the archdiocesan website and further details will be posted in our upcoming bulletin and emails. Interested applicants should contact Colleen Smith. Given the busy season ahead, we may need to make adjustments in how we have previously functioned and request your patience as we search for someone to help us perform the many tasks which Barb has so ably provided. We have been blessed to have had a cohesive staff serving us these many years and Barb has played a significant role for which I, my fellow staff members and so many others in our community will always be extremely grateful. Thanks, Barb!

John Hofstede

Parish Calendar

Sun	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
	Giving Tree
	9:30 FF Liturgy of the Word & CGS
	10:30 Advent Program Meeting
	10:30 Book Discussion
Tue	7:00 Choir
Sat	Giving Tree
	5:30 Happy Hour Gathering
Sun	Giving Tree
	9:30 First Eucharist Class
	10:30 Book Club Group
	10:30 Feast Day Gathering



How the Giving Tree Works

We invite you to stop by the Link and consider fulfilling a NEW gift request for a student at Cesar Chavez School (CC) or a family member at Holy Rosary Church (HR). We have approximately 300 gift requests at a variety of prices and we welcome you to select more than one tag if you desire. Tags are color-coded; red for Cesar Chavez and green for Holy Rosary. All children ages 18 and younger receive two gifts; one clothing item and one fun item, but you are not required to select both tags.

If shopping online, please allow ample time for shipment to meet our Giving Tree deadline of Sunday, December 7th. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will use it to shop for you and/or purchase extra gifts as needed. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of “Giving Tree” are greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office with any questions. Donations of new wrapping paper and scotch tape are also welcome.

Return unwrapped gifts (with the tag securely fastened) to the Link by Dec. 7th

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Cecilia's Feast Day

Our annual observance of our parish's Feast Day will be this weekend. On Saturday, November 22nd, we'll have our usual Happy Hour gathering in the upstairs Link after our 4:30 Mass. If attending on Sunday, plan to linger for hospitality after our 9:30 Mass in Friendship Hall. Happy Feast Day!

Snow Emergencies

We dodged a storm last weekend that blew through states just south of us. Due to our reliance on street parking, we have had to cancel services and events in the past to allow time for street /sidewalk clearance and safe travel. Our plan is to send email alerts and to note the cancellation on our parish website. On the website page, the banner at the top of the screen will note the closure as well as in the calendar which is found as you scroll down. If you're not subscribed to our weekly parish emails, please call the parish office or email to bulletin@stceciliasp.org to be added to our list.

Monthly Food Drive

All month long we will be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items and monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf, Keystone Community Services. The need is especially great right now and your extra generosity is appreciated.

Thanksgiving Pick-Up Choir

Kick off your Thanksgiving Day with a song of praise and thanks! Bring your family or friends and join our pick-up choir here at St. Cecilia's. Here are the details:

Rehearsal: 8:30am, Thursday, Nov. 27th (arrive at 8:25am)
 Mass: 9:00am the same day!
 Who? People who like to sing and are old enough to read (kids are welcome)
 What Music? Easy, joyful, well-known songs; we'll give you the music.

Christmas Season Flowers

We'll decorate the sanctuary with flowers throughout the Christmas season. Please complete a form in the back of church if you would like to donate in memory or honor of someone special.

Faith FORMATION

Advent Program Parent Meeting - Nov 16

Join us on Sunday, November 16th following 9:30am Mass to hear about this year's advent program script and roles. This is a great time for students to try on costumes and indicate which roles they would like. Practices take place on Dec 7 & 14 after Mass, and the program will take place during Mass on Dec 21. We aim for 100% participation from our students! I try to find something for everyone, so even if your student doesn't want to read or wear a costume we can always use helping hands. Reach out with any questions.

Bring-a-Buddy to WCW!

WCW is NOT just for school-aged children and their families! I am hoping to increase attendance and widen our reach at our WCW evenings. We want to extend a warm welcome to parishioners of all ages, so find someone at donuts and invite them to join us! Anyone who brings a new friend, neighbor, or St. C's parishioner to a meeting will get to put their name in a hat. I will also put an entry in for anyone new who comes to check it out. I will pull a winner after January's meeting. I'm hoping that this incentive will inspire you to welcome more people into the group and to encourage those who have been thinking about attending to commit to joining us. The prize is TBD, but I'm open to suggestions. [Don't forget to RSVP.](#)

December Whole Community Wednesday - Advent Stations & Taize

Join us on Wednesday, December 3rd for a quiet evening of prayer and reflection. We will begin with a shared meal at 5:30pm and then move through a series of Advent stations. At 7pm we will move upstairs and join in on the Taize prayer in church. You can RSVP for the evening [at this link.](#) Hope to see you there!

Youth Group Fundraiser

Our Guatemala group will be taking orders for St. Cecilia t-shirts after Sunday Masses starting on Nov 16th. Support our trip and get a fantastic shirt with the St. C's logo! Adult shirts are

\$20 and Youth sizes are \$15. We will take orders in Nov and Dec and get them printed in early Jan. Thanks for your support!

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 16 -CGS & Lit of Word, Advent program parent meeting after Mass
- Nov 23 - First Eucharist
- Nov 30 - no meetings, Thanksgiving weekend.

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#663
Gloria	#323
Psalm 98: . The Lord comes to rule the earth, to rule the earth with justice.	
Gospel Acclamation	#332
Preparation	#694
Eucharistic Acclamations	#355, 356, 357, 388
Communion	#928
Closing	#641

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20. *The day is coming, blazing like an oven, but for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.*

Psalm 98. *The Lord comes to rule the earth, to rule the earth with justice.*

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12. *Paul worked day and night, laboring to the point of exhaustion. All Christians should earn the food they eat by working quietly.*

Luke 21:5-19. *The temple will be destroyed...signs and wonders in the heavens...persecution...yet do not worry about your defense. It will be given to you what to say. By patient endurance, you will save your lives.*

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Nov. 23rd bulletin—submissions are due Monday, Nov. 17th by 9:00am
Nov. 30th bulletin—submissions are due Thursday, Nov. 20th by 9:00am.
 Email submissions to bulletin@stceciliasp.org. Thank you!

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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