



## Change the World

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A hardened reporter once asked a pastor if there were any way God could change the world into a better place.

The pastor replied, "Yes, a supernatural way and a natural way."

The reporter wanted no nonsense about the supernatural, so he asked, "What's the natural way?"

The pastor said, "God could send legions of angels to force everyone to do what God wants done."

Flummoxed, the reporter then asked, "Well, what's the supernatural way?"

The pastor gently replied, "We could let God change our hearts."

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+Dear St. Cecilia School Community,

November 12, 2022

These are surely difficult times. With the problems in our world, in our country, in our neighborhoods, or in our families, we look for ways that we can change the world. This simple reflection shows how and where it starts. *We need to be open to God to change our hearts, ourselves.*

How do we help our young people to be open to changing their hearts? I think Scripture passage in our picture says it best: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right!" We encourage them to do the right things (as our picture states), but it is hard when friends or classmates don't do the same. Let us continue to encourage them to do the right thing. When we do, they and all of us as well, will be open to letting God change our hearts and thus, change our world!

Have a great week!  
God bless you,  
Sister Catherine Irene, IHM

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### Looking Ahead:

November 14  
November 15  
November 16  
**November 18**  
November 21  
November 22  
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**November 23**  
November 24  
**November 27**  
November 28

**November 29**  
December 2  
December 3

### **Food Drive is being held this week!**

Home and School Board Meeting in Lower Meeting Room; 6:30 p.m.  
9:00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation-Room 32  
Sister Margaret Rose from OCE visits St. Cecilia School  
**Band Lessons will be held today in the Lower Meeting Room in upper school**  
9:00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation-Room 63  
9:00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation-Room 33  
Thanksgiving Prayer Service, 1:30 p.m.  
7:00 Mass in honor of St. Cecilia – See parish updates

### **Faculty Meeting: NO SCHOOL for Students**

Happy Thanksgiving!  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Classes resume;** Vision, Height, and Weight Screening  
Eucharistic Adoration begins for our parish; every Monday, Noon to 7:00 p.m.  
**Safe Environment Lessons will be taught today: see attached letter**  
First Trimester ends  
First Reconciliation for Grade 2, 9:30 a.m. in Church

<p>Thanksgiving Vacation: <b>November 23 - 27</b></p>
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- December (Continued)
- 5 Beginning of Second Trimester
  - 5 Set up for the Santa Secret Shop – Auditorium
  - 6 – 7 Santa Secret Shop – Auditorium
  - 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Holyday of Obligation: NO SCHOOL**
  - 9 Report cards
  - 12 School Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. for Our Lady of Guadalupe**
  - 14 Strings’ Concert in the Evening in the Auditorium (Please note the new date)
  - 15 Christmas Band Concert - 7 p.m. – Auditorium (Please note the new date)
  - 16 Christmas Buddy Day
  - 19 Christmas Pageant for Families: 7:00 p.m. - Church
  - 20 Kindergarten Christmas Play;  
Pre-K Birthday Party for Jesus – Auditorium – Times to be determined
  - 21 Archdiocese of Philadelphia Christmas Party – Grade 8 students will attend and assist
  - 22 Christmas Pageant and Grade 8 Tableau; All Students attend this afternoon; 1:00 p.m.  
**Christmas Vacation begins at Dismissal: FULL DAY OF SCHOOL- NO CARES today –**  
Faculty Christmas Celebration after school Auditorium
  - 23 Faculty Meeting (if necessary)
  - 25 Merry Christmas!**
- January 3 Classes Resume!

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**Weekly Updates from Fr. Chris:** Did you know that Fr. Chris sends out a Weekly Update? It can be found on the St. Cecilia Parish website. I will try to send it out each week, too. Here is the link to the page where you will find all of the updates, including this week’s: <https://stceciliafc.org/events-news>

The link for this week’s is: <https://stceciliafc.org/documents/2022/11/November%209%202022.pdf>

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The following are a few items from the Weekly Update:



**Feast of St. Cecilia:** Our Patroness’ Feast Day is Tuesday, November 22. That evening there be a special Mass in her honor at 7:00pm. Following Mass, the parish will host a gathering in the auditorium. Please bring a dessert or appetizer. For more information, and to let the parish know that you are coming, please call the Parish Office at 215-725-1240.

**Eucharistic Adoration for St. Cecilia Parish:** Fr. Chris has gathered volunteers to plan for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Cecilia. Adoration will begin November 28th and continue on Mondays from Noon to 7pm (with Benediction at 7pm). We will have sign-ups for our students to spend time in Adoration. It will not be every week for there would not be enough time for every grade. Our younger grades are invited to go, too, but their time might be shorter. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and for all of us, especially if we want to be open to letting God change our hearts and thus change the world!

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**Safe Environment Lessons:** In the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Article 12 calls for all dioceses to establish “safe environment” programs at all grade levels. This ongoing education is presented to the students in the parish and regional elementary schools of the Archdiocese as well as in the Parish Religious Education Programs (PREP or CCD) two times during the instructional year. This is a mandated obligation from the Archdiocese with the two lessons provided for our teachers. The lessons are available for you to review by visiting <http://www.aopcatholicsschools.org/about/programs/>

Our first lesson will take place Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Please see the attached form for if you choose to have your child(ren) opt out and not participate in the lessons here in school. Thank you!

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**Food Drive:** We ask all families to send in a canned food item by Friday, November 18. Many families continue to struggle. Your support of the food drive is greatly appreciated. All food collected will be sent to the Nutritional Development Services and distributed to local food pantries. Please see the attached flyer or the website what should be sent in for your child's grade. Thank you in advance for your support!

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**Dress Code Reminders:** We are finally going to experience a stretch of cold weather. As a result, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone about the Winter Dress Code. First, the only sweaters or vests that can be worn with the regular uniform are the navy-blue sweaters or vest. No one should be wearing their golf (polo) shirts at this time. No gym sweatshirts can be worn with the regular uniform. Also, no hooded sweatshirt of any kind can be worn with the uniform. On Gym Day, the only sweatshirts that can be worn with or part of the uniform is the green crew neck sweatshirt. **Some of you have purchased the long-sleeved T-shirts. These ARE acceptable to for the gym uniform.** Sweatpants must also be worn now that we are in the winter uniform. No hooded sweatshirts, even if it has St. Cecilia on it, can be part of the gym uniform. Finally, your children need to be dressed to go outside for recess. Unless the wind chill is well-below freezing, then the students will go outside. Please make sure that the students are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. (I do know that this is difficult with older students, but they will have to go outside with their classmates even if they do not have a heavy coat.

- We do ask your help with hairstyles. Our handbook states that the hair should be a **reasonable style and no fad hairstyles are acceptable.** Both boys and girls should not have their hair in their eyes. No one should have colored or dyed hair as well. For the boys, it also states that hair should be above the eyes, ears, and collar. Thank you!

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**Reminders:**

- **Arrival:** Since we begin our day with prayer at 8:00 a.m., we ask that all students be here on time.
- **Lunch:** Please send your children in with all they need for lunch. This means that they should have napkins, plastic forks, or spoons (if needed), and something to drink.
- **Dismissal:** Except for our students who have casts, crutches, etc., no parents should be driving into the parking lot at dismissal (and arrival).

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There have been a few sicknesses already this school year. Some students have had Covid. A few students have had the flu and a couple have had RSV. There have been quite a few students with coughs, runny noses, and sniffles. While these could be allergies, they could also be signs of colds, strep throat, etc. **We ask that if your child is not feeling good, please keep him or her home. Everyone must be fever free for 24 hours, without taking medicine, before they return to school.** Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone healthy.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LUNCH AND RECESS:** Would you have some time to help with recess or lunch? We are especially in need of help for the recess with Grades 3 and 4 (from 11:30 to 11:50) and with Grades 1 and 2 (from 11:50 to 12:10). We could use help every day, but most especially on Mondays and Thursdays. Fr. Chris and Fr. Lucas have started to help one day a week, each on a different day, and they help in the Cafeteria. Mr. Brian also comes back to help in the cafeteria on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please email me your availability and I will try to create a schedule. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUSH HAVE HIS OR HER CLEARANCES! Thank you in advance!

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Enjoy some pictures! Always keep up to date on FACEBOOK.  
 For the school, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/saintceciliaparischool>  
 For the parish, go to <https://www.facebook.com/stceciliachurchfoxchase>

**2022 – 2023 Student Council**  
**Thank you for Ms. Roney and Mrs. Weiler**  
**for their leadership as moderators.**



President:	Gabriel Zorawski	Vice President:	Piper McHugh
Secretary:	Kelly Trahey	Officer:	Lorena Marrow
Officer:	Juliet McGough	Officer:	Delaney Santiago



Room 41 -	Alexandra Felice	Room 42 -	Fiona King
Room 43 -	Mackenzie Blaszczyk	Room 51 -	John Bennin
Room 52 -	Roman McGlashen	Room 53 -	Claire Brown
Room 61-	Mary Klepesky	Room 62 -	Lia Bailey
Room 63 -	Jonathan Matthews	Room 71 -	Maddox Gara
Room 72 –	Josie McGill	Room 73 -	Elizabeth Felice
Room 81 -	Molly Black	Room 82 -	David Cronin
Room 83 -	Fransya Turrene		



**Service Commission**

Deborah Adesipo  
 Thulani Chinyama  
 Kaitlin DiNezza  
 Bailey Lyons  
 Sadie Migatz  
 Ava Tierney

Marco Avigo  
 Mary Clark  
 Erin Hagarty  
 Caitlin Martyn  
 Antony Nowak  
 Leighton Whalen

Cecilia Bowdren  
 Madelyn Cole  
 Samuel Lachaweic  
 Molly Mastalski  
 Caylee Pham  
 Kayla Zidow

Grace Bowdren  
 Victoria Desulme  
 Kennedie Lapacinski  
 Charlie McGlashen  
 Caitlyn Ryan

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 Student Council and Service Commission participated in the annual Veterans' Day program at the Philadelphia Protestant Home on November 11. We thank Ms. Roney and Mrs. McDonough organizing this event for Student Council and the Veterans!



# Holy Ghost/Nazareth Math Competition

Saturday, October 29

We congratulate our students for a very successful math competition.

We thank Mrs. Mary Cihak for her leadership and guidance of our Math Team!



Kenil Nguyen – Grade 8  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Grade 8 Boys

James McCusker – Grade 7  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Grade 7 Boys

Lorena Marrow – Grade 7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Grade 7 Girls



### 7th Grade Team – Third Place Team

- James McCusker- 1st Place Grade 7 Boys
- Lorena Marrow- 2nd Place Grade 7 Girls
- Nathan Pham
- Leighton Whalen

### 8th Grade Team

- Piper McHugh
- Tanner Dillenbeck
- Peter Klepesky
- Kenil Nguyen-1st Place Grade 8 Boys

Kenil's 1st place win comes with a \$1000 scholarship to Holy Ghost



***We congratulate the following students for their fine work for the October Good Writer's Club:***

**Grade 3**

- 31 – Maria Rodriguez
- 32 – Prince Lawrence
- 33 – Kenli Williams

**Grade 4**

- 41 – Claire Picado
- 42 – Amelia Clark
- 43 – Steven Nguyen

**Grade 5**

- 51 – Sahara Jamba
- 52 – Joanna Nguyen
- 53 – Dre Bryan

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