## A Prayer for the New Year . . . . Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR

"Grant us, O Lord:
The hope to envision new dreams;
The strength to rise above our limitations,
our fears and whatever holds us down;
The courage to stand on our own, to stretch our imagination
and to experience being fully human, fully alive;
The faith to live our lives in your image and likeness.
Guide us, O Lord, this new year,
every way, every day. Amen."



+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

January 1, 2024

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas with your family and friends! Our liturgies at St. Cecilia was beautiful and it was wonderful to see so many families at both the Sunday and Christmas liturgies.

As we end one year and begin the New Year, may our goal to strengthen our relationship with Jesus. May we draw closer to Him each day. May we lead our families and friends to Jesus, too! With this as our goal, we really don't need any New Year's intentions. As Fr. Chris reminds at Mass and at so many other times, life is always better with Jesus! May we all know that more this year!

Happy New Year!

God bless you,
Sister Catherine



## Upcoming Events

January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2 Faculty Retreat: No School for Students

Welcome Back to School: CLASSES RESUME

**BAND LESSONS TODAY** 

January 5 Picture Make-up Day

January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL
January 20 Quizzo: Proceeds to benefit scholarship fund

January 24 School Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Walnut Street Assembly at 1:30 p.m.

How A Star Gets Made: The Bessie Coleman Story – Gr. 5 to 8

January 25 District Principals' Meeting
Jan. 28 – Feb. 2 Catholic Schools Week

<u>Picture Make-Up and Retake Day</u>: Our Picture Retake Day is <u>January 5</u>. If you are getting your pictures don over, then the original pictures MUST be returned, with a note, before the retake day.

In this spirt of GRATEFULNESS AND GRATITUDE, we thank you for your prayers, gifts, cards, and many thoughtful messages at Christmas. We deeply appreciate your many kindnesses!

We hope you have a wonderful New Year! God bless you!



REMINDER: STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024!