

Sister Catherine's

WEEKLY WORD

Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
Be His the glory that we seek,  
be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
As members of His body joined,  
we are in Him made one.

No race or creed can love exclude,  
if honored be God's name;  
Our family embraces all  
whose Father is the same.

+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

The words above are from an old hymn, and we sang it at Mass last week. When I read the words, I thought that they are so needed for our world today. I especially like this line: **Let us recall that in our midst, dwells God's begotten Son...**

Let us pray for our country, for our families, and for one another! On Monday, we celebrate Veterans' Day. Let us pray for our loved ones who have served our country in so many ways.

May God bless America!

God bless us all!  
Sister Catherine

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REMINDER

Children's Scholarship Fund  
Lottery Application

<https://www.csphiladelphia.org/>

Lottery closes THIS FRIDAY, November 15!



LOOKING AHEAD

- November 11** VETERANS' DAY
- November 12 School Pictures
- November 14 Parent-Teacher Conferences: 3:30 -7:30
- November 15** Parent-Teacher Conferences: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
- November 15** Children's Scholarship Fund lottery closes
- November 17 – 19 Parish 40 Hours Devotion: for details, <https://stceciliafc.org/news/adoration>
- November 22 Feast of St. Cecilia Carlo Acutis Exhibit
- November 25 Carlo Acutis exhibit for school classes
- November 27** Faculty Meeting: NO SCHOOL Students
- November 28** HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- December 1** First Sunday of Advent
- December 2 Classes Resume
- December 3** First Drawing of the Lucky Notes Lottery!
- December 3-4 Secret Santa Shop
- December 9** Immaculate Conception: School Mass, 10 am
- December 11 Band Concert – Chorus will also perform



Lottery Reminders/Requests:

When returning lottery tickets and money, please only include 25 tickets at a time. The returns are put into a safe and the slots are narrow. If too many are put in an envelope, then they will not fit into the safe. Thank you for your great support! PLEASE REVIEW THE FLYER WITH MORE DIRECTIVES.

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Please check email and website for directions for the following:  
SCHOOL PICTURES  
PARISH FORTY HOURS  
PARISH GIVING TREE  
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE  
CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBIT  
TRAFFIC THANKS AND REMINDERS

VETERANS' DAY PRAYER  
CONFERENCES  
APPLYING FOR FACTS GRANT & AID  
STUDENT SICKNESS

## Notes of Gratitude

In this section, I would like to offer thanks to all who are assisting St. Cecilia School in so many ways. Let us keep the following in our thoughts and prayers:

- Our Home and School Board for their coordination of our very successful and fund Trunk or Treat AND the Monster Mash. Both events were a lot of fun and created wonderful school and parish spirit!
- Our Faculty and Staff, for their spirit with the "Underground Spirit Week" which led right into the dance for the Monster Mash! It was a lot of fun and created the good spirit all week. We will post pictures in the Photo Album section of our website😊
- Our Student Council, Service Commission, and their moderators, Ms. Roney and Mrs. Weiler, for the student leadership and help during the Monster Mash. We need their help every year and they did a great job!

## Notes of Congratulations

In this section, I would like to offer congratulations to our students and some recent accomplishments:

**To Our Mathletes & Mrs. Cihak, their moderator, for a very successful Nazareth/Holy Ghost Prep competition**

### 7th Grade Team

Ethan Gidaro -2<sup>nd</sup> Place Boys  
Connor Whalen  
Caitlin Titus

### 8th Grade Team

Lily Voscott  
Amelia Palestini  
Katelyn O'Donnell – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Girls  
Paige McCarthy – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Girls; \$2000 Scholarship to Nazareth Academy



**To Our Varsity Girls' Soccer Team, for winning the CYO Regional Championship on Friday Night:**



**Help Needed for Lunch and Recess: [Please sign up here to volunteer](#)**

# Weekly Word: Additional Directives

## CONFERENCES

I hope that you have signed up for conferences. Please check your email from last week for the sign-up links. The links will also be emailed with the Weekly Word. Conferences will begin at 3:30 on Thursday night and the last one will be at 7:30. If you need a longer appointment with a teacher, please ask for to set up a conference at a different time. The conferences will begin at 7:30 am on Friday for most teachers. Please know that we will close the links for conferences by noon on Thursday. Thank you!

## Student Sickness Reminders

Please know that if students have a fever, then they must be fever free, without medicine, for 24 hours before they can return to school. Also, if you receive a call that your child go sick and needs to go home, please go to the entrance to Reception Room D – the long awning across from the convent - to pick you your sick child. The children will wait in the nurse's office or in Sister Betty Ann's office. Thank you!

## TRAFFIC THANKS AND REMINDERS

Thank you for your assistance with arrivals and dismissals. I can speak for Rhawn Street dismissal when I say the families are slowing down and they are generally following directions. I do remind you that no one may a left onto Rhawn Street from the church parking lot. We try to allow cars to leave the parking lot only after the children have walked to the church. If you are picking up your children and have to walk across the street, please use the crosswalks and follow the crossing guards' directions. Finally, always drive slowly in the parking lot. We are beginning basketball season. There are a lot of practice times and children moving all through the parking lot. Thank you for your help and cooperation with both arrivals and dismissals.

## Financial Aid Reminders

It is now time to apply for Financial Aid for the 2025-2026 school year. We ask that EVERY family complete the financial aid packet with **FACTS GRANT AND AID**. This is required if you want to apply for the OLPH Scholarship and for the Parish Scholarships for both St. Cecilia and St. William Parishes.

To apply, you can go to your **FACTS FAMILY PORTAL** and begin there. We are looking to have a night where you can come and ask for help.

Finally, if you want to be considered for the Children's Scholarship Fund **for a child who have never received this scholarship**, you must enter the lottery. The deadline to apply for this round of the Children's Scholarship lottery is this **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**. Please do not forget to apply. Thank you!

Have a great week!