

**“ A Christian Steward is one who receives
God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends
them in a responsible and accountable
manner, shares them in justice and love
with others and returns them with
increase to the Lord.”**

-Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response



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ST. CECILIA PARISH GIVING BOOK



**This book describes the many
ministries of St. Cecilia Parish that
would not be possible without the
generous support of people like you.
These ministries help our parish
accomplish its mission within our own
community, in our local area, and around
the world. This book is designed to help
you plan your giving and to direct your
donation to specific areas of
interest or concern.**

GIVING CALENDAR

JAN

Northwest Catholic/Catholic Communications
Campaign

FEB

Operation Rice Bowl

MAR

Catholic Relief Services Collection
Easter Flowers
Holy Lands Good Friday Collection

APR

Catholic Home Missions Collection

MAY

Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal
St. Cecilia School Auction

JUNE

Peter's Pence Collection

JULY

AUG

Haiti Group
Rhoades to Recovery

SEPT

Campaign for Human Development

OCT

Priests' Pension Fund Collection
World Mission Sunday
Parish Dinner Auction

NOV

Parish Stewardship of Treasure Campaign

DEC

Catholic Community Services Collection
Giving Tree
Christmas Flowers

**YEAR-
ROUND**

Parish Stewardship (*offertory*)
St. Cecilia Catholic School
St. VincentdePaul Society

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES Within the Archdiocese and Beyond (cont.)

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION (June)

This collection allows local Catholics to join in the Pope's efforts to relieve the suffering of the world and to carry out his most important works of charity. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (September)

The Campaign for Human Development addresses the root causes of poverty in the United States through the promotion and support of community-controlled self-help organizations and transformative education. Grants are awarded for both national and local projects.

PRIEST PENSION FUND (October)

All parishes of the Archdiocese are asked to include in their envelope packets a specific envelope designated to the Priest Pension Fund, enabling parishioners to help keep this fund solvent for the priests who have served us for so many years.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (October)

Your donation to World Mission Sunday supports clinics, orphanages and schools in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and Central and Eastern Europe. The collection provides education, healthcare and welfare for the poorest of the poor in these mission dioceses.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES (December)

This is an opportunity for parishioners to participate in the work of Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services. CCS & CHS are the official outreach of the Catholic Church in Western Washington. Every day, CCS & CHS serve over 16,000 poor and vulnerable people in this state through 140 different programs and services.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES Within the Archdiocese and Beyond

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC/CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN (January)

The CCC supports Catholic evangelization through various communications media including television, radio, internet and print. A portion of the collection funds Northwest Catholic, the Archdiocesan magazine mailed 10 times a year, free of charge, to all registered parishioners.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION (February)

The Catholic Home Missions collection funds a wide range of services - including religious education, parish maintenance, seminarian and lay ministry training, and pastoral ministry for Native American and African American communities in the U.S.

OPERATION RICE BOWL PROGRAM (February & March)

This Lenten program has a fundraising component, along with resources for prayer, fasting and learning. 75% of donations fund developing-world agriculture, educational, and self-sufficiency projects. 25% is distributed as grants in Western Washington for local hunger projects and anti-poverty programs. Parishioners are encouraged to participate at home with family, and at Lenten Soup Nights. Rice Bowls are collected during Holy Week.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION (March)

This collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for immigrants; peace, reconciliation and advocacy work for people suffering from violence. The funds also support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (April)

The appeal provides a portion of the funds for the central budget of the Archdiocese. It funds over 60 ministries and services throughout our Western Washington communities, including priests' & sisters' retirement, pastoral care ministries, faith formation, Catholic schools, and seminarian and deacon services, among many others. A goal is set for each parish to contribute. *If the goal is reached, any monies received over that amount are rebated back to the parish.*

ST. CECILIA PARISH GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (All Year with November Renewals)

Each year the parish asks parishioners to prayerfully consider how best they can tithe of their finances to support parish operations and the many ministries that are present here at St. Cecilia. Parish leadership suggests that each household consider what portion of their annual income they will tithe, of which half would go to parish stewardship, and the other half to a charity or charities of the donor's choice. Parish stewardship is key to maintaining our vibrant faith community.

EASTER FLOWERS (March & April)

Funds donated in the Easter Flowers envelope included in the monthly packet go directly towards the purchase of flowers and palms to decorate the church for the Easter Season and the liturgies of Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

PARISH DINNER AUCTION (October)

This annual fundraiser has been part of St. Cecilia Parish for over three decades. The auction celebrates community outreach and service while enjoying a fun-filled evening in Conger Hall. The event features a fabulous meal, raise-the-paddle donations that fund our parish and our school, and a live auction that includes vacation destinations, wonderful dining opportunities, and so much more. Monies raised are dedicated to parish needs.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (December)

Funds donated in the Christmas Flowers envelope included in the monthly packet go directly towards the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for liturgies of the Christmas Season, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

THE GIVING TREE (December)

Ornaments on the tree designate specific gifts that will be given to local organizations for their clients who do not have the resources to have a safe and healthy Christmas season. Once purchased, the items are returned to the Tree, and the gifts are delivered to the organizations in time for Christmas.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE ST. CECILIA PARISH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (Monthly)

Members of the SVDP Society serve brothers and sisters in need right here in our local area. Real assistance is given to those in need on a face-to-face basis. This help can be many things: intervention, consultation, or direct financial aid. The Society takes on a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless. Over 12 million people are helped annually by Vincentians in the United States. A special blue envelope for SVDP is included in the monthly offertory envelope packet. Donations can also be made at any time through the parish website via "Online Giving".

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BROWN BAGS (Monthly)

Brown bags are handed out after each Mass during the last weekend of each month. Food donations are collected to assist the Helpline House food bank.



EXTREME SOBRIETY

Formerly known as Rhoades to Recovery, this is a personal outreach to the homeless, addicted, and mentally ill on the streets of downtown Seattle. Steve accepts personal care products for distribution and cash donations for general support of the ministry.

HAITI GROUP (August)

The Haiti Group began in 2014 after a group of St. Cecilia parishioners visited Haiti. It works to raise awareness and funds for five excellent, Haitian-run organizations. The Haiti Group hosts Friday Soup Suppers during Lent with all proceeds donated to these organizations. In August, the group organizes a fundraiser for the Flower of Hope School to support middle school students and teachers.

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL PATRONS' ENDOWMENT

The Patrons' Endowment was established in partnership with the Fulcrum Foundation. The Endowment provides resources to enhance the long-term sustainability and quality of Catholic faith-based education at St. Cecilia Catholic School. Earnings from the endowment support scholarships, curriculum, technology, and other resource requirements at St. Cecilia Catholic School.

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL JOG-A-THON (March)

The Jog-a-thon theme is exercise and health. Sponsor a student, teacher, or staff member and raise money for the school.

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL AUCTION (May)

The auction is the largest fundraising activity of the school year. Monies raised go to support the school's operating expenses and to support the school in its mission to maintain small class sizes, an excellent faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, and high academic standards.

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT (Monthly)

Donate to St. Cecilia Catholic School through the yellow envelopes that arrive with your offertory envelopes monthly in the mail. Donations support wide-ranging needs from tuition to utilities.

