

SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

19th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
20th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Eugene Sinn
21st ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of Parish
23rd ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Marlene Darner
24th ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Nick Matusiak
24th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
25th ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Betty Spradlin
25th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of Parish

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1 ~ 3PM**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF MARCH 24 ~ 25, 2018

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Suzanne Herrmann
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: C. Martikean, L. Winter, J. Juarez
Gift Bearers: Volunteer
Ushers: S Davidson, D. Shrall, C. Fox, D. Thornton

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Faith Formation, Grade 9
Altar Servers: Alyanna Walsh & Mitchell Kieres
E. Ministers: D. Takacs, B. Kovach, D. Opolski
Gift Bearers: Faith Formation, Grade Kindergarten
Ushers: Faith Formation, Grade 9

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: MaryBeth Misiak
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: Dominic Yankauskas & Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Marion Misiak, T. Burke, D. Yankauskas
Ushers: T. Burke, M. Misiak, D. Yankauskas, G. Vahl

From the Pastor's desk:

What Are You Afraid of Letting Go?

In the late 1800s, there was a wealthy English philanthropist named Jeremy Bentham. In his will, he left a fortune to a London hospital. But there was one odd condition to the bequest: The hospital could keep the money only so long as Bentham was present at every board meeting.

So for over 100 years, the remains of Jeremy Bentham were wheeled into the board room every month and placed at the head of the table. And for over 100 years, the minutes of every board meeting included a line which read, "Mr. Jeremy Bentham, present but not voting."

Spiritual Reflection:

How many of us does that describe? "Present, but not voting - just there."

Every life worth living, every great work, has a price that has to be paid. And whatever that price is, it always involves letting go of something we value. That's what Jesus is telling us with his parable about the seed. Every seed has a miracle locked up inside it: It has the capacity to become a noble tree or a gorgeous flower or a tasty meal for someone. But it can't become any of those things if it stays on the shelf in its nice, dry little envelope. It has to let go of that comfortable spot and get down into the dirt where it's dark and damp. It has to let go of being a little seed, if the miracle is to happen.

Such is life for us all, even for Jesus. To complete his work, he had to let go of everything, even his very life.

Letting go takes different shapes for each of us. For the person who's grown hopelessly stale in their job, it may mean letting go of security and status, and moving on. For the couple whose marriage is foundering, it may mean staying put but letting go of old habits and ideas that have got in the way. In every case, clinging to things as they are and refusing to let go will inevitably rob us of life and steal away our joy - all because we're afraid of losing what we have, though it may be as tiny and insignificant as a seed.

Knowing when and what to let go is not easy. And finding the courage to do it is even harder. Only one thing makes it possible: Our connectedness to the Lord, who will help us see ourselves clearly through his eyes, and then help us act with his strength.

God wants us to have life and joy to the full. And even if we miss the fun parts of life, he is challenging us to ask ourselves a simple question: What am I clinging to that is robbing me of "true" life? What am I afraid of letting go? There's an important answer there for each of us, but we'll only hear it if we ask the question and then listen carefully.

So ask the question now and don't be afraid. He is standing right beside you.

My door is always open, and you are always welcome.

Fr. Dennis

Area Lenten Penance Services

26th ~ Mon 7:00PM - At St. Helen's, Hebron

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Lenten Fridays at 5:30PM
And will be followed by a Communion Service

LADIES' SODALITY

We will be meeting on Tues, March 20th
at 9:30AM in the church hall.

FISH FRY

The Men's Club would like to
Thank everyone who helped to make
the Fish Fry a success!
We couldn't have done it without you



ENTER TO WIN THE
WORLD'S LARGEST EASTER BUNNY
Entry blanks can be found
In the vestibule or the hall...
FREE WILL DONATION TO ENTER



ELIZABETH MINISTRIES

The Elizabeth Ministries will be hosting their annual
EASTER EGG HUNT

on Saturday, March 31st at 12:15PM.

This event is open to children Pre-school - 5th Grade.
Wrapped candy donations may be placed in the basket in
the church vestibule. If you would like to help or
for more info contact Mary Bean 219-314-2686

Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

For more information on scholarships available
through the Lafayette Diocese,
Contact Fr. Dennis at the rectory or
Email at fakerda@priestforever.org

CRS ~ RICE BOWLS

CRS Lenten Faith-in-action program, Rice Bowls, offers you an opportunity to engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent, Please take a Rice Bowl (found in the vestibule) and support those in need worldwide. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter our neighbors..... In Malawi we encounter Alefa, where seeds are helping her family survive an climate. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org



Please remember in your prayers the soul of
Robert Drzewiecki
Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light shine upon him. Amen.

Need Prayer Intentions?

Parishioners of St Cecilia will pray for you and
your special intentions.
Call Gen Mestrich 956-3020
You do not have to give your name.
Call Gen if you can help with the prayer line.



As many of you are aware, Margaret is out of town.
If you have any questions or concerns regarding CCD,
you may contact Sarah Kritlow on Sunday mornings
while classes are in session (she will be in the office
by the classrooms) or call Fr. Dennis (987-3511)

No CCD Classes TODAY, March 18th
Classes resume the NEXT Sunday, March 25
Following the CCD Mass

March 25th... CCD Mass (All Classes) Kindergarten
through grade 10 are asked to be in the hall no
later than 8:15AM, to begin the joyful celebration of
Mass with their classmates and Catechist.
Grade 9 will be in charge of the readings, and
ushering; Kindergarten will be in charge of the gifts.
Parents are asked to please promote this outreach.

IN PREPARATION FOR MARGARET TUOHY'S RETIREMENT, WE HAVE A JOB POSTING

We are currently seeking candidates for
the position of Director of Religious Education.
This person will plan and execute religious education
and faith formation programs for children.
Qualified candidates must possess good knowledge
of the Catholic faith; strong supervisory, administra-
tive, organization leadership and program planning
experience. Knowledge of Microsoft Office products
desired. This part-time position is approximately
25 hours per week with the ability to work evenings
and weekends. Interested and qualified candidates
should submit their resume to Fr. Dennis at
fakerda@priestforever.org no later than April 1, 2018.

**WE ARE REACHING FOR
A THIRD MILLION POP TABS!**
And have a goal of collecting them
By the close of the CCD term in May
So Please Keep the Pop Tabs coming



WHEN THE WORLD SAYS, "GIVE UP",
HOPE WHISPERS, "TRY IT ONE MORE TIME."

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,592.50 Loose Cash: \$410.10
Building Fund: \$142.00 Children's Envelopes: \$3.65
Various Envelopes: \$87.00 Easter Flowers: \$207.00
CRS: \$1058.51 Candle Monies: \$59.50

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 5,560.26