



SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

20TH ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Vernon/Dorothy Kuskasky
21ST ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Walter Maretich
22ND ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Angelica Trommer
24TH ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
25TH ~ Sat 5:00 PM - John Walter
25TH ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
26TH ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
26TH ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF MAY 25 ~ 26, 2019

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Carl Martikean
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: L. Winter, N. Narus, J. Juarez
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: S Davidson, C. Fox, D. Shrall, J. Vorst

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Faith Formation, Grade 7
Altar Servers: Jedidiah Ahrendt & Thomas Buita
E. Ministers: D. Takacs, B. Kovach, D. Opolski
Gift Bearers: Faith Formation, Grade 2
Ushers: Faith Formation, Grade 7

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Paul Carlson
Altar Servers: Alex Lindberg
E. Ministers: Jerri Taborski & Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: T. Burke, G. Vahl, D. Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk:

A Christ-like Love is the Hallmark of the True Christian.

Everyone, believers and non-believers alike, is familiar with the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12). In other words, treat others as you would expect to be treated. We can all agree that it is very reasonable and practical, and makes good sense. As you can see, even Jesus seems to endorse it. But as we hear in this week-end's Gospel, Jesus is not a minimalist. He is never one simply for minimums or convenient half-measures. He always calls us to a higher standard or way of thinking – one that is not just in keeping with human expectations, reason and demands; but one that aligns with God's ways.

Jesus gives us a new commandment, one that will take commitment, perseverance and self-giving on our part even when it might not seem practical or even sensible. We are told today that we are to love as "he" loves.

Note that Jesus calls it a commandment, not an option but a mandate for every Christian: "As I have loved, so you also should love one another". Measure for measure, our behavior in all aspects of our life must strive to be Christ-like, not merely reasonable or convenient, but modeled on Christ. Now that is quite a demand!

So how can we describe this Christ-like love? One key word that the ancient Greeks used was *agape* – selfless, unconditional and self-giving love. We have only to look upon the cross to see that love poured out for each one of us in the out-stretched arms of the crucified Christ. Right through the Gospels, we see this love exemplified in Jesus' words and actions in the way he encounters sinners, heals and liberates the sick, faithfully preaches the word and is faithful to the Father in all things.

Based simply on reason, it might seem like the life and mission of Jesus ended in failure and death. But God's ways are so different from ours; Christ's love is so much richer and fuller than mere human love. And it is this love that we are called to imitate in all its fullness, its faithfulness and, even at times, its impracticality.

Today, Jesus sets a new command for us, his disciples. But he also gives us the means to fulfill it: through his example (as he says in the passage), and in the sending of the Holy Spirit later to help us. We are not set up for failure, for the very credibility of the Christian message depends on our witness and how we live out that commandment of love.

As we ponder his command, we might ask ourselves whether love is at the heart of our lives. And keeping in mind that we can do all things with God's help, let us commit to love of God and love of neighbor – to serving others lovingly, speaking lovingly and forgiving abundantly. For a Christ-like love is the hallmark of the true Christian.

Fr. Dennis

ROSARY PRIOR TO MASS

You are invited to join with the Knights of Columbus
½ hour prior to Mass
during the month of May
to pray the rosary.
Rosaries are available in the vestibule.



LADIES' SODALITY

We will be meeting on Tues, May 21st
at 9:30AM in the church hall.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

This is a biennial 3 day experience of prayer, community, catechesis & empowerment for teens in grades 9 ~ 12 taking place this fall, from Thurs., 11/21 ~ Sat., 11/23 in Indy. Our group will leave Thurs., 11/21 & return Sunday 11/24. The cost is about \$450 per person (which we hope to defray with fundraising). We are asking for a \$50 non-refundable deposit with your registration by August 31st. Call Mary Bean (219-314-2686) for information



THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE GIBAUT INDIVIDUAL RAFFLE WINNERS

Grand Prize (\$6000): John Funke, Tipton, IN
2nd Prize (\$1000): Ronald Crawford, Tell City
3rd Prize (\$750): Sue Henderson
4th Prize (\$500): Scanameo, Muncie, IN
5th Prize (\$500): Jeff Miller, Elizabeth, IN
6th Prize (\$250): Rhonda Bigelow, Ossian, IN
7th Prize (\$250): Carl Davison, Fort Wayne, IN
8th Prize (\$250): Michael Blankman, Fort Wayne, IN
9th Prize (\$250): Juanita Hoffman
10th Prize (\$250): Bill Ulrich, Aurora, IN

Winners were drawn Saturday, May 4th,
at the State Convention:



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stceciliademotte.org



LADIES' SODALITY COOKBOOK

Do you have one yet??
Our fabulous cookbook
is on sale now for only \$5!
Or contact Fr. Dennis or Debra Opolski
Be sure to get a copy.

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.



May 26th 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 7 will be in charge of the readings, and ushering; Grade 2 will be in charge of the gifts. Parents are asked to please promote this outreach.

Sunday, May 26th is CCD Closing Day!
There will be a pancake breakfast for all CCD Students and Catechists, followed by a special program!

Congratulations to our children who make their 1st Communion on Sunday, May 19th, 2019

Dayton Curtis
Christopher David Duljan
Omar Espino
Chloe Grabski
Joseph Grabski, Jr.
Ariana Sandoval Hernandez
Olivia Grace Kritlow
Adyson Clair Long
Marisa Low
Jennifer Nichole Martinez
Maria Fernanda Martinez
Margaret Norwine
Roberto Ramos
Brea Sears
Ainsley Summers
Samantha Urban

**WE CANNOT ALL DO GREAT THINGS,
BUT WE CAN ALL DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE.
MOTHER TERESA**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$4,141.00 Loose Cash: \$411.00
Building Fund: \$69.00 Children's Envelopes: \$15.25
Candle Monies: \$83.25

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$4,719.50