

# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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Bulletin Notice Deadline: Noon Thursday

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

12<sup>th</sup> ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
13<sup>th</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Richard Olejnik  
14<sup>th</sup> ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Howard Renz  
16<sup>th</sup> ~ Fri... 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
17<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Tom Fritts  
17<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
18<sup>th</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Victoria Jakubowicz  
18<sup>th</sup> ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

**RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION**  
1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 1PM ~ 5PM

**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**  
WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 17 ~ 18, 2015

### SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Suzanne Herrmann  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
E Ministers: C. Fox, J. Juarez, B. Fentress  
Gift Bearers: Duke & Debbie Thornton  
Ushers: J. Vorst, D. Medsker, S. Davidson, Volunteer

### SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Brandon Smith  
Altar Servers: Emma Helms & Elizabeth Torbitt  
E. Ministers: D. Dolniak, D. Spradlin, D. Opolski  
Gift Bearers: Bill & Dona Kovach  
Ushers: J. Dolniak, D. Cooper, T. Niemiec, A. Helms

### SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Angela Sadler  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed  
E. Ministers: M. Paskash, MB. Misiak  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers Needed  
Ushers: M. Misiak, D. Yankauskas, T. Burke, Volunteer

## From the Pastor's Desk:

People often approach this weekend's Gospel story of the rich man by saying, "What Jesus meant to say...." This passage is quite possibly one of the most controversial in the New Testament. Even Jesus' closest followers reacted with a cry of, "But that's impossible." Jesus is quite plain when he tells the man that if he truly wants to gain perfection (and eternal life), he should sell what he had, give the money to the poor and then come follow Jesus. Some commentators through the years have said that these commands were only for professional religious people, and indeed this passage is behind the vow of poverty that men and women religious take in our own Catholic tradition. But we don't get to heaven by proxy, as it were. We can't say that because saints and other holy men and women have done this, that we're off the hook.

There are three parts to what Jesus is asking this man. The first is to let go of his attachment to his possessions, to the belief shared by many in his culture (and ours), that wealth was a sign of God's special blessing. But the second part is equally important. Then, as now, care for the poor in society was something that many people resisted. One of the common threads in the preaching of the great Hebrew prophets was the way the people were neglecting to take care of the poor in their midst. Jesus doesn't mince words on this point. In Matthew's Gospel he tells us that we will be judged by how well we have cared for these least ones. Few of us can honestly say that we've done all we can on either of these two counts. Most of us have more than we need, and few of us do as much as we can to help the poor and needy. Let's look at Jesus' third and final suggestion: "Then come follow me." Unencumbered by possessions, fulfilling the prophetic command to care for the poor, the man would be free to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

The rich man's problem is that he was still looking at religion as another way to get ahead in the world. What his question really meant was, "What's in it for me? How can I be perfect? How can I gain eternal life?" It's no wonder, then, that he turned away from Jesus' answer. **The lesson at the core of Christianity is that it's never about us. It's always about God.** We can't honestly deny that Jesus said, and meant, that we should sell what we have and give the money to the poor. But perhaps if we're having difficulty with living that out, we might start with his third point. As we grow in our willingness to follow Him, as we take up our crosses; we will find that the journey itself will have a way of reordering our priorities. If we're willing to take Him seriously, indeed to take Him at his word; we will find ways to deepen our commitment not only to Jesus but to the least of His brothers and sisters.

Sometimes I think of things that I would love to do (in regard to this specific teaching of Jesus), if I didn't have so many day-to-day responsibilities related to my priestly vocation. I'm sure that you, also, think of things you would love to do if you didn't have so many responsibilities (career, mortgage, family). But there are many things that all of us "can" do, in the way of volunteer opportunities and worthwhile causes. Like you will hear me say many times, God so much doesn't care "where" you're at on the road, but which "direction" you're heading. In other words, today is as good a day as ever, to either get started, or to take additional steps in this direction.

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

In Christ,  
Fr. Dennis

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America & Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers & please be generous in next weekend's (October 18<sup>th</sup>) collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith.

## RCIA/INQUIRY

Interested in learning more about our faith and becoming a full member of the church?  
Meet with Fr Dennis on Mondays at 6:30PM  
in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade classroom

## MENS' CLUB

There WILL NOT BE a meeting this month.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Will be meeting Wednesday, Oct. 14th at 7PM

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The Knight's of Columbus proudly invite you to  
View the movie, "Mary of Nazareth"  
This Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM

## LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

If you need a copy of last week's bulletin,  
they can be found on the shelf in the vestibule.

## CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MASS

There will be a Contemporary Music Mass  
Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM

## CHURCH CLEANING

We will be cleaning the church  
on Tuesdays at 9:00AM. Immediately following Mass.  
If you can spare some time, and want to help  
contact Deacon Joe at 956-4643.  
Let's work together to make our parish "excellent!"

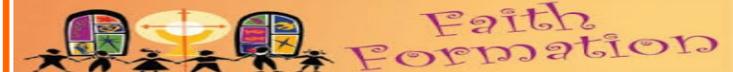


## Elizabeth Ministries

Will have a **TRUNK OR TREAT** Planning meeting  
on Tuesday, Oct 13th at 6:30PM in the hall.  
All are welcome to join in the planning  
More information can be found on the bulletin boards  
Or by contacting Mary (219-314-2686),  
Angie (219-484-8966) or Suzy (219-309-6465)

## 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.



There is a meeting & enrollment for the parents of  
those in the **1st Communion Class**  
**on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:35AM in the church.**  
All parents need to attend this mandatory meeting.

There will no CCD Classes  
On Sunday, October 18th, due to fall break.

## MEN OF ST. CECILIA'S

bring your families and join the Knights of Columbus  
in praying the rosary  
prior to weekend masses during October.

## TAMALE SALES

Once again, there will be Tamale Sales following  
Masses October 10/11 & 24/25  
They go fast & are delicious, so plan to pick some up

## Thank You Cards for Veterans

Say "THANK YOU" to a veteran.  
Purchase a THANK YOU card  
Write: "Thank you for your service to our country"  
Sign your name, and note you attend St. Cecilia's  
Do Not seal the envelope, or put a stamp on it  
Place the card in the basket in the vestibule by 11/1.  
The cards will be collected & forwarded to Veteran's  
Hospitals, so they will be received for Veteran's Day  
Thank you for remembering our vets!

## DeMotte MS Support Group

This group of patients and caregivers meet  
on the 2nd Wed of every month at 6:00 PM  
Here at St. Cecilia Church.  
Contact Maria Fagen for information at 863-1853

## SOLES FOR SOULS

A Shoe Drive will be held here to provide shoes to those  
in need benefit as well as those needing to  
utilize the food pantry in Lake County.  
Please place your donated unwanted shoes/boots in the  
box located in the vestibule. If you have shoes that you  
would like picked up, please call  
Colleen at 219-985-6170.  
The donations will be collected from the box each  
Monday through the end of October.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP from LAST WEEK

Weekly Envelopes: \$3,669.00 Loose Cash: \$313.87  
Future Expansion: \$30.00 Building Maint: \$787.00  
Children: \$1.75 Candle Money: \$60.00  
**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK : \$ 4,861.62**