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THIS WEEKEND'S MASS
WILL BE LIVESTREAMED SATURDAY AT 5 PM
ON OUR FACE BOOK PAGE
ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOU CAN WATCH IT ANY TIME LATER
BY GOING TO "VIDEOS"
ON OUR FACE BOOK PAGE

PLEASE NOTE: RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 11:00 ~ 11:45 AM

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS SCHEDULE

11TH ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Bruce Perisho
13TH ~ Thu 5:00 PM - Lorraine Frantz
15TH ~ Sat 5:00 PM - John Walters
15TH ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
16TH ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
16TH ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Dena Damian

GIVING

Online and Text giving are now available.

The link to Online giving is
on the website:
www.stceciademotte.org

To set up text giving:
Text StCecilia to
73256

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,218.00 Loose Cash: \$92.00
Building Fund: \$285.00 Children's Envelopes: \$1.25
Assorted Envelopes: \$550.00 Candle Monies: \$53.75

ONLINE GIVING

Weekly Offerings: \$945.00 Various Funds: \$90.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$5,235.00

From the Pastor's desk:

It's Time to Jump

A college professor once posed an interesting question to his class. Holding up a large water glass, he asked, "How can I get all the air out of this glass without using any special equipment?" The class was stumped. Try as they might, they couldn't figure it out. So finally they gave up, and then groaned when the professor picked up the pitcher of water that was on his lectern and filled the glass all the way to the top. "There," he said, "all the air is out!"

----- Theological Reflection -----

Easy, once you see it! But not everything in life is so easy. In fact, many things seem downright impossible - as impossible as walking on water.

Across the years, that inner voice of ours has said over and over to us, "You're stuck with what you've got: stuck with your way of life, your habits, your paltry bag of talents, your so-so relationships, your set way of reacting to things. You're stuck with what you are, and nothing is going to change. It's just not possible!" That's what the little voice keeps saying.

From time to time, we may try to kid ourselves into thinking that real changes are in the works: That's what a lot of our shopping, new hairstyles, trips, and even affairs of the heart are about. For a moment they feel like transformation - like breaking out -- but mainly they're just smoke screens, behind which our dreary old patterns grind on. And eventually we come back to saying, "I'm stuck in here and I can't get out." And the sadness descends on us again.

Are we stuck? We are for sure if we're trying to do our work alone. And despite our regular professions of faith, we often think and operate as if we were totally alone. But we're not alone. God himself is at our very fingertips! Peter figured that out, as told in this weekend's Gospel: He reached out to the Lord and grasped his hand. And the Lord made him walk on water!

Much of what we want to do - and need to do - feels as impossible as walking on water. But the impossible becomes possible when we do what Peter did, when we grasp the Lord's hand tightly and don't let go. He has the power, and he wants to share it. But that can't happen if we keep him at arm's length.

Walking on water is not for cool fence sitters. It's only for passionate believers who are willing to leap into the arms of the Lord, and not look back.

We can't sit here on our little fence forever. Isn't it time we jumped - straight into the arms of the Lord? Isn't it time?! You know it is -- and so do it! So let's jump! And remember, Our Lord has never dropped anyone.

My door is always open and you are always welcome.

Fr. Dennis

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. DENNIS

FR. DENNIS' FINAL MASS CELEBRATIONS
WITH US WILL BE NEXT WEEKEND, AUG 15/16.
WE WILL BE DISTRIBUTING CUPCAKES IN HIS HONOR
OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCH
FOLLOWING ALL MASSES THAT WEEKEND.
GODSPEED FR DENNIS, WE WILL MISS YOU!



COMBINED PARISH BUSINESS DIRECTORY
IS NOW READY
YOU MAY PICK UP A COPY
ON THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH,
WE WILL HAVE A MASSES AT 8:30AM
SINCE IT FALLS ON A SATURDAY,
IT IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

NEW PASTORATE MASS SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE BEGINNING AUG. 22-23, 2020

LORD'S DAY MASSES

SATURDAY, 4:00PM - ST. AUGUSTA
SUNDAY, 8:00AM - SORROWFUL MOTHER
SUNDAY, 10:00AM - ST. CECILIA (ENGLISH)
SUNDAY, 12:15PM - ST. CECILIA (SPANISH)

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUE, 7:00PM - ST. CECILIA (SPANISH W/ ENGLISH)
CONFESSIONS 7:30-8:00PM
WED, 5:30PM - ST. AUGUSTA
CONFESSIONS 6:00-6:30PM
THU, 8:30AM - ST. CECILIA (ENGLISH)
CONFESSION 9:00-9:30AM
FRI, 8:30AM - SORROWFUL MOTHER
CONFESSION 9:00-9:30AM



Please remember in your prayers the souls of
Ronald J. Dinga and Barbara Garvey
Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light shine upon them. 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.



Extension of the Dispensation from the Obligation of Sunday Mass Attendance

Today, the Bishops across all five Indiana dioceses have extended the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance until Nov. 1, 2020.

In a joint statement, the bishops of the Province of Indianapolis announced that the dispensation was extended from a previously set day of Aug. 15, because of the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Indiana.

The group released the following statement: "While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the obligations of Sunday Mass attendance beyond Aug 15 until Nov 1, 2020, unless further developments determine otherwise."

In the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana our diocesan and parish staffs have gone to great lengths to implement policies and procedures to ensure safe worship spaces.

Bishop Timothy Doherty explained that he was confident local parishes would continue to practice social distancing and safety protocols so that public Mass and the sharing of the spiritual gifts of the Church may continue.

"To be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not mean people should stay away from Church or fail to keep holy the Lord's Day. We continue to invite each of you to prayerfully consider attending Mass with your parish family. In this way you may more fully experience the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist and the life of grace."

As parishioners consider their ability to attend Mass, please be advised to keep the following 6 guidelines in mind which should influence decision-making process:

1. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g., no Mass is offered, you are infirmed, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control

2. You are seriously ill, or if not seriously ill, your health condition will be compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high risk category) for as long as this endures, use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.

3. You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with one who contracted a contagion). Use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.

4. You exhibit flu-like symptoms. Use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.

5. You are overcome by anxiety and fear of becoming ill by being at Mass, such that you will not be able to participate in the Mass in a full and active manner; you should rather speak with your pastor about this anxiety.

6. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.

The diocese encourages those who have been away to contact their local parish to learn of the various protocols that have been put in place for their safety.



BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

- REV 21:5

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