



# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

14<sup>th</sup> ~ Mon 8:30 AM - People of our Parish  
15<sup>th</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Dan Darner  
16<sup>th</sup> ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
18<sup>th</sup> ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Roy Attocchi  
19<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Earl Schallmo  
19<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
20<sup>th</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Betty Spradlin  
20<sup>th</sup> ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish  
20<sup>th</sup> ~ Sun 2:00 PM - First Communion Mass

**RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON**

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

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF MAY 19 ~ 20, 2018

### SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Carl Martikean  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
E Ministers: C. Fox, L. Winter, C. Davidson  
Gift Bearers: Joe & Judy Buchholz  
Ushers: S Davidson, R Morales, F Brodner, D Medsker

### SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Paul Mihalich  
Altar Servers: Kim Wyrobek & Preston Kritlow  
E. Ministers: P. Wyrobek, D. Spradlin, D. Courtright  
Gift Bearers: Don & Helen Cooper  
Ushers: A. Helms, A.J. Helms, T. Niemiec, D. Cooper

### SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Catherine Allen  
Altar Servers: Volunteer  
E. Ministers: Maria Fagen & Volunteer  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers  
Ushers: T. Burke, G. Vahl, D. Yankauskas

## From the Pastor's desk:

A musician travelled to Vienna to visit the grave of his hero, Beethoven. As he stood at the grave and whispered his prayers, he could hear Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, but it was being played backwards! It was very strange, so the next day he returned to the cemetery with a friend. This time what he heard was Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, but again it was being played backwards! It was all quite bizarre, so he sought out the custodian.

"What's going on?" he asked. "Beethoven's symphonies are being played backwards at his grave!"

"Well, of course!" said the custodian, rolling his eyes. "This is a cemetery. Don't you get it? Beethoven is de-composing!"

## Spiritual Reflection

Sometimes it feels as though parts of our world may be decomposing. Check-out the news: A local boy wipes out his whole family, including his grandparents! A couple of "militiamen," who are mad at life, blow up a building they know is full of people, including many little babies. Thousands of Americans are murdered every year, most of them by relatives or friends!

What does it all mean? Are some people just born bad, destined to destroy themselves and others? Our faith says "no!" Our faith says that every one of us is born good, made in God's image. Now if this is true, why do so many good people end up doing such monstrous things? Our first reading for this Feast of the Ascension offers a subtle clue.

Jesus speaks his last words to his disciples: "Go out to all the world and share the Good News, not just by talking about it, but by 'living' it; helping people to see what a real life looks like, just as I helped you to see that." Having said that, Jesus ascends to the heavens and disappears from sight. What happens next is ... absolutely nothing! No-body moves or does a thing, until finally an angel speaks up: "Don't just stand there looking up at the sky. Get busy. You have work to do. People need your help if they are to make lives that are worth living."

We all need one another's help, (lots of it, day in and day out), if we are to make lives that are worth living. And we all owe the same kind of help to one another. So many of God's good people end up stumbling badly or even destroying themselves, because at crucial moments, other good people were sitting on their hands or staring up at the sky.

Just as great lives start small and are built a piece at a time with the help of many people, so it is with monstrous lives: They are crafted slowly, over a very long time, with many good people sitting on their hands on the sidelines. Heroes and monsters are not born; they are built a piece at a time.

Being Christian isn't about being perfect. It's about getting better, a tiny piece at a time, with the help of our friends. If we truly want the beautiful world we say we want, then we have to help one another get better. We have to help! And that brings us to our question: Are we helping? Am I helping? Are you helping? If not, why not start now! Jesus has shown us how.

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

In Christ, *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 in honor of Mary, Queen of Heaven



## LADIES' SODALITY

We will be meeting on Tues, May 15th  
at 9:30AM in the church hall.

## THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus wish to honor the  
mothers of our parish with a special prayer card.  
Please make sure you obtain one from a Knight  
after this weekend's Masses.

## LADIES' SODALITY ANNUAL APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The annual appreciation luncheon will be held on  
Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at McVey's Restaurant, in Lowell at 1PM.  
All paid members of the Sodality are welcome,  
but reservations must be made by Sunday, May 20th.  
To make a reservation, call Edie (987-6613), or Deb (987-4674)

## FRUITFUL HARVEST APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you again for your support of Fruitful Harvest 2016. As a result of your generosity, we have already received a rebate of over \$6,000. Again, thank you.

As we come to a close in the current diocesan appeal, Fruitful Harvest 2016 "Stewards of Christ... Sharing Our Gifts", please remember if you have a current pledge balance that all gifts must be received and posted no later than September 1, 2018 in the Fruitful Harvest Office. The last redemption notice will be mailed in August 2018. If you wish to make a gift electronically please visit the diocesan website at [www.dol-in.org](http://www.dol-in.org).

Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers to your parish and the Local Church.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Dennis*

**HOW DO YOU MAKE GOD LAUGH?  
TELL HIM YOUR PLANS!**

## 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.



WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW DRE,  
TRISH WYROBEK  
MARGARET TUOHY WILL OVERLAP WITH HER FOR AN  
UNDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME.

The students in the 1st Communion Class  
Need to attend the following:

Choir practice Wed, 5/16 at 6:30PM  
Scapular Investiture (with parent) Sat 5/19 at 9AM

**1st Communion Mass will be  
Sunday, May 20 at 2:00PM**

If your child is in this class,  
PLEASE be sure to have them attend all of these.

May 27th... 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.

## COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASS:

Join us after Sunday morning 8:30 Mass for a time of  
fellowship, coffee and donuts in the hall  
during Religious Education classes.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

## SALAD BAR DISHES

There are still a few dishes from Salad Bar donations  
that have not yet been picked up.  
They may be found on the table in the hall.  
Those dishes that are not claimed  
will be sold at the rummage sale!!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday ~ Friday, June 25 ~ 29th  
Questions? Call Mary Bean at 219-314-2686



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



**& Drop It**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,906.50 Loose Cash: \$200.25  
Building Fund: \$1,125.01 Children's Envelopes: \$25.25  
Candle Monies: \$52.81

**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 5,309.82**