



# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

30<sup>TH</sup> ~ Mon 8:30 AM - No Mass or Service  
1<sup>ST</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Joyce Habrowski  
2<sup>ND</sup> ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of our Parish  
4<sup>TH</sup> ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Mary Lunde  
5<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Lillian Ross  
5<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
6<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish  
6<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sun 11:00 AM - George Malocha

**RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON**

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

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 5 ~ 6, 2019

### SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Craig Fox  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
E Ministers: C. Davidson, N. Narus, Laura Winter  
Gift Bearers: Patrick & Stacy Kurdelak  
Ushers: F Brodner, S. Davidson, D. Thornton, R. Morales

### SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Jerome Wyrobek  
Altar Servers: Rory Bennett & Jedidiah Ahrendt  
E. Ministers: B. Kovach, D. Spradlin D. Takacs  
Gift Bearers: Dan & Doris Kras  
Ushers: D. Cooper, T. Niemiec, Volunteers

### SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Catherine Allen  
Altar Servers: Caleb Lindberg  
E. Ministers: Jerri Taborski, Volunteer  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers  
Ushers: T. Burke, D. Yankauskas, G. Vahl

## From the Pastor's desk:

The poor are where God lives. God is in the slums in the cardboard boxes where the poor call home. God is where the opportunity is lost and lives are shattered. God is under the rubble in the cries we hear during natural disasters and wartime. God is with the poor, and you could say that God is with us if we are with them.

This weekend, the prophet Amos reminds us that this has long been a problem in human society. Words of contemporary prophets remind us that the problem continues unabated.

This weekend's parable of the rich man and Lazarus is a familiar story, perhaps so much so that it's lost its cutting edge. The rich man neglects the poor beggar at his door; they both die; one goes to heaven, the other goes to hell; their roles are reversed. The rich man is now the beggar, pleading for just a drop of water to quench his thirst.

This is the stuff of classic fairy tales and myths. We respond with a deep-seated recognition of our desire to see bad people punished and good people rewarded, even if it happens only in the afterlife. Too often, however, we fail to see ourselves in the person of the callous rich man.

We don't like to admit it, but we know we're often indifferent to people who are suffering from poverty, hunger, and disease. It might not be as close as a beggar at our front door; but it might be.

We've become numb to news stories of mass shootings, natural disasters, and starvation in the developing world. The best among us take an active role in these situations, working on the ground to bring an end to suffering and oppression. Some of us donate time, money and a collective voice lobbying in the halls of power. We occasionally feel guilty that we have so much when others have barely enough to survive — when we can tear our attention away from the many distractions of our lives.

The prophets demand that we stay aware of injustice, even when we'd rather not, until we feel compelled to do something about it. The ironic ending of our Gospel helps to wake us up. The rich man has asked that Lazarus be sent to his five brothers to warn them to change their lives and avoid his fate. Abraham tells him: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

These are words from Jesus. Are we persuaded? And if we are, what are we going to do about it?

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

*Fr. Dennis*

## PLEASE NOTE

Fr. Dennis will be out of town  
Saturday, Sept 21st ~ Monday, Sept 30th  
In an emergency please contact  
Fr. Paul (Sorrowful Mother) at 956-3343  
We welcome Fr. Dennis Chriszt, C.P.P.S.  
for this weekend's Masses

## ROSARY PRIOR TO MASS

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



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a meeting  
this **Tuesday, October 1st** at 7 PM  
in the Church Hall.

## FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

The monthly First Friday Eucharistic Adoration  
Will be held on **October 4th, from 7~ 8 PM**  
Come to adore God, & spend some quiet time in prayer



## WE HAVE TURNED IN OUR THIRD MILLION POP TABS!

We are still collecting to reach  
**A RECORD 4TH MILLION.**  
So keep turning in those tabs.

**Pop It**



**& Drop It**

## CHURCH CLEANING

Please join us to clean the church  
every Tuesday at 9:00AM.  
Coffee & Donuts are served afterwards.

## FEED THE NEED WALK

The DeMotte United Methodist Church is sponsoring a 5 mile walk around town on Oct 5th beginning at 10am  
Participants are asked to collect pledges, with the collected funds going to the Good Neighbor food pantry & supported missions in Jasper Co.  
The walk will begin at the Methodist Church and travel through town sidewalks, Spencer park, & Field of Dreams. Churches along the way will offer water, & a place to rest.  
If you are interested in participating, there are pledge envelopes on the table in the vestibule.

## 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 for the parents & students of those in the **1st Communion Class**  
Next Sunday, Oct. 6th at 9:35AM in the church.  
All parents need to attend this mandatory meeting.

CATECHISTS ... there will be a meeting  
TODAY following classes

## 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!!!!

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Study of Conversion in the Lives of 8 Notorious Sinners"  
The series continues on Sundays  
From 9:30 ~ 10:45AM (between the Sunday Masses)  
in the Crying Angels Room

## SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a dinner on Friday, Oct 25th, 5:30 ~ 6:30PM followed with entertainment by The Wolfgang Singers from 6:30 ~ 8:00PM  
Your \$13 ticket includes:  
Your dinner as well as beverage and dessert (prepared by Jan's Catering)  
And may be purchased from any Knight after Masses this weekend



## CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

October Calendars and Liturgical Minister Schedules are available on the table in the vestibule

## LADIES' SODALITY COOKBOOK

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



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,596.00 Loose Cash: \$347.00

Children's Envelopes: \$15.00

Candle Monies: \$56.55

**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$4,014.55**