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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

13th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
14th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Darlene Laine
15th ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
17th ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
18th ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Vivian Boer
18th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
19th ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Kelly Glivar
19th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Fred & Chris Stavitzke

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18 ~19, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Carl Martikean
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: C. Fox, L. Winter, B. Matusiak
Gift Bearers: Patrick & Stacy Kurdalak
Ushers: S Davidson, R Morales, D Thornton, D Medsker

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Faith Formation, Grade 7
Altar Servers: Kim Wyrobek & Alyanna Walsh
E. Ministers: D. Opolski, D. Takacs, C. Goetz
Gift Bearers: Faith Formation, Grade 3
Ushers: Faith Formation, Grade 7

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Volunteer
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: MaryBeth Misiak & Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: T. Burke, M. Misiak, D. Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk:

We've reached the final three weeks of the liturgical year. The readings are filled with wild apocalyptic imagery, suggestions of the end of time and the coming judgment day.

The twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel offers us a trio of stories about being prepared, being ready, knowing what we need to do to welcome the king of heaven and earth and enter into God's reign. We hear the first today and the other two next week and the week after.

This week we hear from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. It was addressed to a community that believed that Christ's return in glory was imminent, and Paul needed to find a way to calm their anxieties.

This week's passage from Wisdom talks about seeking it out wisdom in confidence, so that what we seek we will find. It offers a fitting analysis of the behavior of the wise virgins in the Gospel. We don't see any sign of great effort to acquire enough oil. But what they have is, in fact, sufficient. It's also easy to get bogged down in considering the common-sense, practical implications of the lamp oil running out and the risk of the bridegroom arriving in the dark.

But, in comparing all this to modern day customs and concerns, whether we're making the weekly grocery list or preparing for a forecasted storm, we know to make allowances for keeping staple foods, water and blankets on hand for emergencies. And in these days of 24-hour grocery stores, running out of something can be remedied with a five-minute drive to the nearest convenience store.

Finally, having been taught from the time we're toddlers to share what we have in abundance with those who lack what they need, we are naturally aghast at the response of the wise virgins, who tell their out-of-luck companions not to look to them for help in replenishing their oil supply.

What then, are we to make of this story that Jesus tells? Although parables connect to familiar things in everyday life, their message is not about the mundane, daily grind. Jesus isn't talking about laying in stores of food or fuel for the winter or for some apocalyptic disaster. He's talking about keeping our focus clear and our priorities straight. And we need to remember that he's talking about preparations for a wedding celebration.

For us faithful believers, the end of our lives, even the end of time, is not something to dread. We have been told again and again in Scripture that a loving God has prepared a place for us for all eternity. All we need to do is be ready and accept that call when it comes. Through prayer, through good works, through a constant awareness of God in the person of Christ the Bridegroom, we will be ready when the time comes. And the light from our lamps will pale in the blazing brightness of the eternal banquet.


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

Fr. Dennis

RCIA/INQUIRY

Interested in learning more about our faith and becoming a full member of the church?
Contact Fr. Dennis following Masses,
Or call the office (987-3511).
Meetings will begin soon.

MENS' CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

 Will be held on **THIS SUNDAY** at 9:30AM
Come & enjoy breakfast
In honor of Veterans Day, all Vets eat **FREE!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Parishioners, If you are a veteran, and your name is not included on the memorial plaque, Please contact Fr. Dennis, Deacon Joe, or any Knight so your name may be added.

MENS' CLUB

There **WILL NOT** be a meeting this month.

The St. Joseph Retreat Center, operated by the Lafayette Diocese, is putting together a planning committee. If you would like to volunteer to be on this committee & travel to Tipton for regular meetings, please let Fr. Dennis know.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are not currently receiving envelopes & would like to....
please let Fr. Dennis know
Thank you for your financial support.

**PLEASE~TURN OFF CELL PHONES
BEFORE MASS BEGINS**

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

Pop It



& Drop It

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS,
WRITE WHAT YOUR HEART TELLS YOU.
YOU CANNOT DEPEND ON YOUR EYES
WHEN YOUR IMAGINATION IS OUT OF FOCUS**

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.



Nov 19... 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 3 will be in charge of the gifts. Parents are asked to please promote this outreach.

There is a bulletin based on the current week's gospel reading for children ages 3 ~ 6 available every week. They bulletins can be found next to the regular bulletins.

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.

Meals from Sodality

If you know of someone in our parish who has an illness in their family, or just welcomed a new arrival Call Charlotte Fagen (987-6320) and she will arrange for a meal to be delivered

WOULD YOU LIKE TO AID IN THE MASS AS A LITURGICAL MINISTER?

(Ushers, Gift Bearers, Lectors, Altar Servers, & Eucharistic Ministers)
Please contact Fr Dennis, or call the office.

LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

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

WE ARE ONLINE!

www.stceciliademotte.org

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Do you have religious articles you don't want, but just don't know what to do with?
There is a basket in the vestibule where you may leave them to be recycled ~
And if you find one in the basket you would like, feel free to take it along with you.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,523.00 Loose Cash: \$218.37
Building Fund: \$975.00 Children's Envelopes: \$6.25
All Saints Day: \$1083.82 All Souls Day: \$1001.00
Candle Monies: \$95.10

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 6,902.54