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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

15th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Roy Attocchi
16th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Communion Service
17th ~ Wed 8:30 AM - No Mass or Service
19th ~ Fri 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
20th ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Walter Mauch
20th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
21st ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
21st ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Darlene Letko

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 20 ~ 21, 2018

SATURDAY 5:00PM

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

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Paul Mihalich
Altar Servers: Preston Kritlow & Tessa Sears
E. Ministers: D. Spradlin, B. Helms, P. Wyrobek
Gift Bearers: Don & Helen Cooper
Ushers: D. Cooper, T. Niemiec, A. Helms, AJ. Helms

SUNDAY 11:00AM

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

From the Pastor's desk:

This weekend's Gospel gets out attention. 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. 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 additional charitable things that I would "like" 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 charitable things you would "like" 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.

Fr. Dennis

ROSARY PRIOR TO MASS

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



LADIES' SODALITY

We will be meeting on Tues, October 16th at 9:30AM in the church hall.

ANOTHER CHANCE??

During weekday evenings, are you interested in participating in a wonderful Bible Study series called, "The Acts of the Apostles"? Background: This same series is offered between the Sunday Masses here at St. Cecilia. If you are unable to attend on Sunday mornings, and are interested participating in a weekday evening group, please call Fr. Dennis at the office 987-3511.

PUMPKIN ROLLS

The Ladies' Sodality will once again be making delicious Pumpkin Rolls. This year we will be taking preorders, as we will only be making 100 rolls. The cost is still \$12. There will be extra forms in the vestibule, or call Debra (682.4674) or Deb (688-1446) to order. Delivery of the rolls will be Nov. 17th/18th. Order yours, so you are sure to get at least one for Thanksgiving dinner!



ELIZABETH MINISTRIES

Will host the 3rd Annual TRUNK OR TREAT Sunday, Oct. 28th at 10:30, during Religious Ed Classes. Decorate your trunk, bring some candy & a chair and have fun handing out candy to the children! If you would like to donate candy, there will be a basket in the vestibule.



As you know, the Fruitful Harvest Appeal kicked off last weekend. Will you please consider helping the parish attain its \$62K goal? Fruitful Harvest is a two (2) year program, so your current pledge will fund many faith-filled programs for the next 2 years (with no additional Fruitful Harvest appeals until the year 2020). We have a mountain to climb, and we will do it together only through God's grace. I am most GRATEFUL for your prayerful consideration. *Fr. Dennis*



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Bill Hromada
Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. Amen.
If you wish to send April a card, the address is 11636 Roberts St. Unit #2 Mokena, IL 60448



No CCD Classes Today, October 14th
Classes resume the following Sunday, Oct. 21st

Oct. 28th... 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 8 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!!!!

SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a dinner on Friday, Oct 26th, 5:30 ~ 6:30PM followed with entertainment by The Wolfgang Singers from 6:30 ~ 8:00PM Tickets are \$11 in advance or \$13 at the door and includes: Your dinner as well as beverage and dessert And may be purchased from any Knight after Masses this weekend



WOMEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend Women's Gospel Reflections on Thursday evenings from 7 ~ 8pm in the Church Hall. We will read the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Our reflection will focus on recognizing Christ's presence in our everyday journey and of those around us. You are not required to share but will be welcomed to do so. We will follow up with a short fellowship time. Come weekly or monthly or whenever the Spirit leads you Please join us.



ELIZABETH MINISTRIES

Hayride & Bonfire



on Friday, Oct 19th at Buckley Homestead in Lowell The hayride will begin at 7 PM, and the bonfire will follow Please bring your own beverages, hot dogs, s'mores. Don't forget to bring your chair. RSVP to Mary Bean at 219.314.2686.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,248.50 Loose Cash: \$368.39
Building Fund: \$987.50 Children's Envelopes: \$5.25
Candle Monies: \$36.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 4,645.64