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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

15th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Thomas Zilligen
16th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Gerald Boes
17th ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
19th ~ Fri. 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
20th ~ Sat. 5:00 PM - Gloria Maretich
20th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
21st ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
21st ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1 ~ 5PM**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF AUGUST 20 ~ 21, 2016

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Suzanne Herrmann
Altar Servers: Dean Schmidt
E Ministers: R. Attocchi, E. Habrowski, B. Fentress
Gift Bearers: Patrick & Stacy Kurdalak
Ushers: J. Vorst, D. Shrall, D. Thornton, R. Morales

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Debra Courtright
Altar Servers: Emma Helms & Mitchell Kieres
E. Ministers: D. Dolniak, D. Spradlin, B. Helms
Gift Bearers: Bill & Dona Kovach
Ushers: C. Cooper, C. Kieres, D. Medsker, J. Wyrobek

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Angela Sadler
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E. Ministers: Maria Fagen & Marian Paskash
Gift Bearers: Bill & April Hromada
Ushers: T. Burke, Dom Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. St. Cecilia will have our usual Monday 8:30am Mass. (Sorrowful Mother, to my understanding, will have a 6pm vigil Mass, but check with that parish to verify that). This year, this solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation. So you might wonder, "Who picks Holy Days of Obligation, and why?" As we approach this Solemnity of the Assumption tomorrow (Monday), I thought that this topic might make for a good column this week.

In 1998 the U.S. Bishops decided that when the Solemnities of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1), The Assumption of Mary (August 15) or All Saints Day (November 1) fell on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is removed. Since it is easy to forget Mass times, our parish phones often ring off the hook with people asking questions regarding these three holy days.

Holy days of obligation:

Catholics are required to celebrate Eucharist – as the result of tradition, devotion and church law; and the number of these solemnities has, in the past, varied according to history and place. Before the mid-17th century, individual bishops could determine what holy days would be observed in their diocese. This resulted in vastly different church calendars from diocese to diocese and a huge number of holy days. In 1642 Pope Urban VIII reduced the number to 36. In 1911 Pope Pius X, realizing that it is difficult for people to observe religious feasts that are not also civil holidays, reduced the number to eight. The 1917 Code of Canon Law raised the number to 10 and allowed bishops to alter the days in their own dioceses. The law allows the bishops of each country to move a feast to a Sunday or remove it as a day of obligation. The Canadian Bishops moved many of the days of obligation to Sunday several years ago. The Bishops of the United States have designated six of the 10 days as "obligation" - - Ascension, Assumption, All Saints, Immaculate Conception, and Christmas.

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From the Pastor's Desk: (continued)

In addition they moved Epiphany and the feast of Corpus Christi to Sunday. The feast of Saint Joseph and that of Sts. Peter and Paul, while a day of obligation in other countries, is not a day of obligation in the United States.

In 1998 the Bishops removed the obligation of Mass attendance for the feast of the Assumption, All Saints and January 1 when they fell on either a Saturday or Monday. They also determined that individual provinces (a district consisting of a group of dioceses under the jurisdiction of an Archbishop) could vote to move the feast of Ascension from Thursday to the following Sunday. This is the practice now implemented in most but not all the Dioceses in our country.

Hopefully, I have not confused the issue more. However, with the approaching feast of the Assumption this week, I thought this bit of history might be helpful. Continue to enjoy your summer which is passing all too quickly. Have a nice week!

In Christ, Fr. Dennis

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

IS TOMORROW, MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH.

IT IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION,

WE'LL HAVE OUR REGULAR MORNING MASS AT 8:30

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Elections to the parish council will be held in the fall. If you are interested in running for a position on the council and would like to be considered in the election, please let Fr. Dennis know. If you would like more information, please speak with Fr. Dennis or any of the current council members

Did you know the Rosary is prayed in the Chapel every Sunday after 11:00 Mass?

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.



**Registration for CCD Classes will be
The weekends of Aug 20/21 & 27/28
Following 5:00, 8:30, & 11:00 Masses
Classes will begin on September 11th.**

**There will be a meeting for all Catechists
Mon, Aug. 22nd, at 6pm in the Cry Room.**



St. Cecilia's Annual Rummage Sale

Thank You to ALL who helped to sort, organize, and prepare for the sale!
And Thank You to ALL who worked on the sale days, and helped clean up when it was over, especially our Confirmation students, AJ Helms & Riley Smith.
With your help our profit was \$2,000.00
Which we will use to support the CCD Program
YOU ALL MADE IT A GREAT SUCCESS!!

INTERESTING TRIVIA FACT.....

**WITH THE POKÉMON CRAZE GOING ON.....
NOT ONLY IS ST. CECILIA'S IS A POKÉSTOP, OUR
BELL TOWER IS A POKÉGYM HOW ABOUT THAT??**

Back-to-School Backpack Program

Thank you to all who donated glue sticks
In support of this program.
There were approximately 240 families, and 600 students receiving school supplies this year.



PARISH HOG ROAST & PICNIC

**Will be held on Sunday, August 28th, at 1:00 PM
There is a registration sheet in the vestibule for you to sign and let us know what side dish you'll bring.**

GLOW IN THE DARK

A Lock-In Event for middle & high school students will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Chesterton on September 10/11 th. The cost is \$20 per person.
If you are interested in attending,
Please contact Mary Bean at 219-314-2686.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP from LAST WEEK

Weekly Envelopes: \$3,794.50 Loose Cash: \$198.00
Church in Africa: \$1080.00 Children: 25¢
Assumption of Mary: \$10.00 Good Samaritan: \$10.00
Candle Monies: \$83.06

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK : \$ 5,175.81