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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

30TH ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Barb Olejnik
31ST ~ Tue 5:30 PM - People of our Parish
1ST ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
3RD ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Rose Anderson, OFS
4TH ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Frank Hudak
4TH ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
5TH ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Jill Norwine
5TH ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Dick Evans

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 4 ~ 5, 2020

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 & Ryan Gray
E. Ministers: P. Wyrobek, D. Spradlin D. Takacs
Gift Bearers: Dan & Doris Kras
Ushers: D. Medsker, J Dolniak, Volunteers

SUNDAY 11:00AM

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

From the Pastor's desk:

Spiritual New Year's Resolutions for 2020

Throughout the years, we've always heard about the end of time. For the purpose of this column, I would like to describe it as "the end of a football game". Most sports fans are familiar with the "two-minute warning" that occurs near the end of every professional football game. It's a free time-out given to both teams so they can prepare for the last few moments of the game. Whether we have 6 months of earthly life remaining or 80 years remaining, the beginning of 2020 is a good time to reflect on how this time/age we're living in is sort of a final "two-minute warning" for our lives. Here are a few things you might want to consider in your New Year's resolutions.

Improve our prayer lives. Simple enough, right? We all know that it's not that easy. But then again, it's not that hard, either. A lot of us make this resolution and soon fail, because we take too big a step at first. If you're not used to praying often, jumping into an active prayer life can be a daunting task. Maybe you can start off praying each morning when you get up or before you go to bed. Start off by giving five minutes to God. Then maybe try adding another five minutes later on. Soon you'll find yourself going to God more often, giving Him thanks and praise. Let's not worry about what to talk to Him about; you just need to talk – and listen. You'll be amazed by the results.

Read Holy Scripture. Getting into the habit of reading the Word is also a common New Year's resolution for many of us. There are plenty of Bible reading plans out there that guide us through reading the Bible in a year. It just takes a little discipline to read Holy Scripture every morning/night. You may not even want to read the entire Bible, but rather use 2020 to focus on a specific topic or area of your life that you want God to help you improve.

Help other people. God calls on us throughout the Holy Scripture to do good works. Good works are part of the Christian walk and an act of our love for God. We don't have to look very far to find local volunteer opportunities. There are so many people who just need a bit of assistance, and helping others is a great way to set a Christian example.

Get involved in the parish. Worshiping our good and gracious God is fundamental. Can't we dedicate every Saturday evening or Sunday morning to give thanks to our loving God who breathed life into us and sustains us on our faith journey? It's also a great way to meet new people who believe. As the old expression goes, "It's all about who you know". Getting to know our Lord and other members of the faith will only help us grow on our faith journey.

To summarize, let's make it our New Year's resolution to draw closer to our Lord and get to know Him better. Let's tell Jesus that we want to love him more. Let's tell him every day, that we entrust our lives into his care. Every new year is a perfect opportunity to reflect on how we're living and on our relationship with God. It's a perfect time to make some decisions about how we want to live our remaining days and to make whatever changes that will help us to feel our Lord's presence in our lives. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can change. We can grow closer to God and bear lasting fruit. We can deepen our friendship with God. Let's make 2020 a special year for Jesus, and for us.

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

Fr. Dennis

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

31ST ~ Tue 5:30 PM - Solemnity of Mary Vigil
1ST ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Solemnity of Mary

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

The monthly First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Will be held on **January 3rd, from 7~ 8 PM**
Come to adore God, & spend some quiet time in prayer

**EUCCHARIST ADORATION & BENEDICTION
FOLLOWED BY ANOINTING OF THE SICK
NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 1~3 PM**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support Group continues to meet the 1st Monday of each month in the church at **5:30 pm**. If you or someone you know is suffering from the loss of a loved one please join us. The next meeting will be **Monday, Jan 6th**
For more info call Elva at 219-201-7189



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a meeting
this **Tuesday, January 7th** at 7 PM
in the Church Hall.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet **Wed. January 8th**
In the Church Hall from 6-7pm.
The group is open to those 14~18 years of age.

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR POP TABS!



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



**VISIT & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT
"St. Cecilia Catholic Church"**
And check our website,
stceciliademotte.org

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.



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.



No Religious Education classes
Today, Sunday, December 29TH,
for Christmas break
Classes will resume Sunday, January 5TH

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Next year's envelopes can be found in the vestibule.
If you cannot find yours, or
haven't received them in the past, & would like to....
please let Fr. Dennis know
Thank you for your financial support.

*Wishing everyone a
Blessed New Year*

New Year's Resolution

Will you please consider making it your New Year's
Resolution to help clean the church on Tuesdays
after the 8:30 mass? We actually have a lot of fun
doing it and enjoy coffee and donuts afterwards.
We can't do this without you!

**HAVE PATIENCE TO WALK WITH SHORT STEPS,
UNTIL YOU HAVE WINGS TO FLY**

Received from Good Neighbor Food Pantry

To our friends at St. Cecilia Catholic Church,

God's blessing to you for your donation of \$1,977.27 to
the food pantry. Thank you for your generosity and for helping
us to reach out in Christ's name to help those in need. Your
kindness & neighborly love was greatly appreciated.
God bless you all.

the Good Neighbor Food Pantry

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$4,201.00 Loose Cash: \$404.70
Building Fund: \$10.50 Children's Envelopes: \$12.75
Human Developmnt: \$5.00 Our Lady of Guadalupe: \$20.00
Immaculate Conception: \$5.00 Candle Monies: \$78.49
Christmas Flowers: \$293.00 Christmas Gift: \$446.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$5,476.44