

# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS**  
**WILL BE LIVESTREAMED SATURDAY AT 5 PM**  
**ON OUR FACE BOOK PAGE**  
**ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**YOU CAN WATCH IT ANY TIME LATER**  
**BY GOING TO "VIDEOS"**  
**ON OUR FACE BOOK PAGE**

**PLEASE NOTE: RECONCILIATION**  
**SATURDAY 11:00 ~ 11:45 AM**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS SCHEDULE

21<sup>ST</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Dan Darner  
23<sup>RD</sup> ~ Thu 5:00 PM - Harry Istok  
25<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Dena Damian  
25<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
26<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Lorraine Frantz  
26<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

### GIVING

Online and Text giving are now available.

The link to Online giving is  
on the website:  
[www.stceciliademotte.org](http://www.stceciliademotte.org)

To set up text giving:  
Text [StCecilia](mailto:StCecilia) to 73256

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$2,852.00 Loose Cash: \$100.00  
Building Fund: \$115.00 Children's Envelopes: \$2.00  
Seminarian Fund: \$50.00 Candle Monies: \$19.79

### ONLINE GIVING

Weekly Offerings: \$180.00

**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$3,318.79**

### From the Pastor's desk:

Forget "Perfect" Forever!

When a boss is at a dead end with an employee, it can inspire some real eloquence. Here are a few samples of frustrated bosses' evaluations of their less than competent employees:

1. This employee is a few fries short of a "Happy Meal."
2. If he were any more passive, we'd have to water him twice a week.
3. When she opens her mouth, it's only to change feet.
4. Some people drink from the fountain of wisdom and knowledge. He only gargles.
5. It takes her an hour and a half to watch "60 Minutes."

----- Theological Reflection -----

We can only imagine what those employees must have been like. And yet there's not one of us who hasn't merited a similar evaluation at some time or other. How can that be? We're smart, well-motivated, and good hearted. It's the very same question the farmers were asking in this weekend's gospel: "Where did those weeds come from?"

It's the mystery that we face every day of our lives, as we look at ourselves, our kids, our spouses, our friends! How can such good people, such as ourselves and others, strive so hard and still screw up so badly? It's the human condition: God made us good, but we're just not done yet - not near done.

That's not the best of news! But if we come to terms with it, we know what we have to do: Forget the word "perfect" forever! There is no perfect husband, wife, child, friend, or golf pro. No perfect marriage, no perfect family, no perfect anything - and there never will be. So what are we going to do with the messy reality of life, with all the loose ends and imperfect parts of our relationships - all the stuff that frustrates and makes us angry?

Jesus showed us what to do. He had a very clear fix on every one of the people around him. He knew that Peter was something of a blowhard, but he saw something more in him. He knew Judas was a thief, but he saw something more in him too. So Jesus focused on that "something more." He walked with them both, and day-by-day tried to bring out the good in them - it was there in both. With Peter he succeeded in drawing it out. With Judas he failed.

That's all that Jesus asks of us as we struggle with the frustrations of our own weaknesses and those of our spouses, kids, and friends. Instead of attacking or ridiculing or walking away from them, focus on that "something more" in them. Walk with them, gently, as Jesus walked with his people. Walk patiently as Jesus walks with you and me. We owe it to them, precisely because Jesus is doing it for us every day.

The marvel is that, as we walk with folks and leave our judgments and verdicts behind, they'll get better - slowly. They'll get better because we're walking with them and hoping in them. And, almost miraculously, we'll get better too.

So let us walk kindly and humbly, remembering our own endless need for forgiveness and understanding. Hope and healing are the gifts we have to give. Let us give them with understanding hearts!

My door is always open and you are always welcome.

*Fr. Dennis*

### FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. DENNIS

**FR. DENNIS' FINAL MASS CELEBRATIONS**  
**WITH US WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF AUG 15/16.**  
**WE WILL BE DISTRIBUTING CUPCAKES IN HIS HONOR**  
**OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCH**  
**FOLLOWING ALL MASSES THAT WEEKEND.**  
**GODSPEED FR DENNIS, WE WILL MISS YOU!**

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

Thank you for your generous gift towards helping us to fill the "Backpacks" for students this year.  
If anyone would like to volunteer to help pack the bags or help the day of the fair, please call Karen Hamstra at 219-863-2692.  
Dates and times:  
Fri, July 31<sup>st</sup> (9 ~ Noon) at KVMS for packing bags  
Sat, Aug 1<sup>st</sup> (8:30 ~ Noon) at KVMS for distribution



### VISIT & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT

**"St. Cecilia Catholic Church"**

And check our website,  
[stceciliademotte.org](http://stceciliademotte.org)



For prior bulletins, other parish information, as well as links to the Diocesan & Vatican Websites!

### REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR POP TABS!

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



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP

The Knights are looking for new members.  
If you are interested, please see any Knight  
Ask for Form 100 (application) or visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)

### LADIES' SODALITY COOKBOOK



Need a new idea for something to Prepare for dinner or desert?  
Check out our cookbook.  
It has many great recipes and is on sale now for only \$5!  
Contact Fr. Dennis or Debra Opolski

### 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.



Communion Photos are ready for pick up.  
They are located in the Crying Angels Room.  
If you did not order a class picture and would like one, we can still order them.  
The class photo is \$10.00.  
A basket will be on the table for orders & payment.



### Passion Driven Stewardship

How many times in the bible do we read, "Fear not", "Be not afraid", and "Take Courage"? We are not called to be frightened, but to be strong, confident and joyful. Yes, I said joyful! We are called to be joyful even in the midst of crisis and struggles. Even in times when we are physically separated from our families, and our spiritual brothers and sisters. Like true love, true joy is more than a feeling. It is a commitment. It is how we think. It is our mindset, and it is our actions, even when we do not feel joyful.

In the midst of the current crisis, your parishes have made joyful noise in your local communities. They are working hard to help you stay connected to your parish, your fellow parishioners and to continue to serve those in need.

How about making some joyful noise of your own?  
Your passion is what speaks to your individual heart and motivates your action. We are all called to passionately steward the gifts of our time, talent and treasure across each of the four quadrants of stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service, as we bring the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to others. What is God placing on your heart?

Lead a virtual group of prayer-warriors who pray the Rosary & Diving Chaplet of Mercy or the Liturgy of the Hours

Offer to help your parish set up technology to keep connected with parishioners

Utilize your talents to help virtually teach youth or adult religious education

Make calls to families that joined your parish in the last few months to make sure they feel connected and part of your Church community

In addition to your time and skills, your parish also needs your financial help to maintain all their good works. Please keep in mind that your parishes have not been receiving the Offertory Gifts that they typically received at Mass each week due to the quarantine. Perhaps you can mail in your offering, or transition to a recurring on-line gift. You may also be in a position to help make up the difference for your fellow parishioners who have been impacted financially during this recent crisis.

I know you need your local parish. Please know that they need you too. This not a time to be fearful, but a time to make joyful noise.

Mike MacNulty is the director of stewardship and development for the diocese.



BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

- REV 21:5

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