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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

27th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
28th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
1st ~ Wed 12:15 PM - Ash Wednesday
1st ~ Wed 7:00 PM - People of our Parish
3rd ~ Fri... 8:30 AM - Jennie Muscara
3rd ~ Fri... 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
4th ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Jennie Muscara
4th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
5th ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
5th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1 ~ 5PM
FOLLOWED BY ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF MARCH 4 ~ 5, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Craig Fox
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: C. Martikean, J. Juarez, E. Habrowski
Gift Bearers: Patrick & Stacy Kurdelak
Ushers: F Brodner, R Attocchi, R Morales, S. Davidson

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Jerome Wyrobek
Altar Servers: Mitchell Kieres & Riley Smith
E. Ministers: D. Courtright, C. Goetz, D. Dolniak
Gift Bearers: Joe & Donna Dolniak
Ushers: T. Niemiec, D. Cooper, D. Medsker, J. Dolniak

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Catherine Allen
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: MB Misiak, D. Yankauskas
Gift Bearers: Bill & April Hromada
Ushers: T. Burke, D. Yankauskas, M. Misiak

From the Pastor's desk

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this special time for sharpening our spiritual focus. Its name (Ash Wednesday) comes from an ancient rite in which those who start their Lenten practice are signed with ashes on their foreheads. These ashes come from the burnt palm branches of last year's Palm Sunday celebration.

During my first Ash Wednesday as a priest, receiving the ash cross was especially meaningful to me, for I had read Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's book "*The Last Week*". It starts with Palm Sunday. When you read the book, you will understand that the Palm Sunday procession in which we carry palm branches, as the people did who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, is a counter-demonstration to the entry of Pontius Pilate into the city from the other side. Pilate came on horseback surrounded by soldiers; Jesus came riding on a donkey as Prince of Peace. This and his other non-violent demonstrations cost Jesus his life. So, when we are signed with these ashes we are reminded of the "cost of discipleship" (the title of a book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whom the Nazis executed for his faith).

While the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister signs the faithful with ashes they say, "Remember that from dust you came and to dust you will return." The implication of this sentence is: "NOW is the time, and the time is short". But the sentence doesn't ring with the joy of living in the "NOW" of God's presence. That's why I like the other optional formula better: "Turn away from sin, and believe the Gospel." Sin stands for everything that cuts us off from our authentic self, from one another, and from God. This optional formula basically says that the Good News that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The world order in accord with God's design is only waiting for us to make it a reality here and now.

And how do we make God's design for the world a tangible reality? By overcoming sin in its three dimensions: we becoming authentic by pulling ourselves together; we celebrate our belonging to the universe by sharing with one another; we ground ourselves in God by letting ourselves down into God's silence to drink from the fountain of life, the very source of our being.

The traditional terminology for pulling ourselves together is "fasting" (meaning of course a lot more than discipline in eating and drinking). Sharing with others is called almsgiving" (meaning more than doling out alms). And for grounding ourselves in being, the term is "prayer" (meaning more than saying prayers). Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three ways of aligning ourselves, and our world, with God's design; the three intersecting pathways into the joy of Lent.

As we start the Holy Season of Lent this week, it is important that we try to use this period as a time to focus on our relationship with God and with others, and to draw closer to the Lord through availing ourselves of the Sacrament of Penance, acts of sacrifice, and in general, giving more time to prayer, reflection on the Word of God, and fidelity to the Eucharist.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION, BENEDICTION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Adoration will be next Sunday, March. 5th, 1~5 PM
Anointing of the Sick will be offered following Benediction

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ~ MARCH 1ST

Will be held at 12:15PM & 7:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Lenten Fridays at 6PM
And will be followed by a Communion Service

LENTEN REFLECTION

For an inspirational video e-mailed to you everyday during Lent, please go to dynamiccatholic.org/Lent to sign up.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will meet this Wednesday, March 1st,
at 7PM in the Church Hall.

THE REAL PRESENCE

A monthly First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Will be held on March 3rd, from 7~ 8 PM
refreshments will be served afterwards

Come to adore God, Praise Him through music,
Light a Candle, and spend some quiet time in prayer.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

DIVORCE & BEYOND

The support group will hold their next meeting
next Monday, March 6th at 6:30PM
Contact Angela Elrod-Sadler for information
At 219-644-5589



Elizabeth Ministries

Will host a **Roller Skating Party**
On Saturday, March 11th from 1 ~ 3PM
At Bazz's Roller Rink in Rensselaer
Fee for entry and skates is \$4....but
The 1st 50 people will get in FREE!
There is more information on the bulletin boards
Or call Suzanne Herrmann at 219.309.6465

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.



Catechists ... there will be a meeting following
CCD Classes next Sunday, March 5th

Service Hours Needed for Confirmandi

Our students are looking for needed service hours,
which are required for Confirmation.
If you have a job one of our student may do,
Please place the opportunity on the sign-up sheet
Located in the hall on the parent information board.
Please include your contact information.

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!!!!

Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Attention to all graduating high school seniors:
For more information on scholarships available
through the Lafayette, Diocese,
please call or e-mail Fr. Dennis (saint1@netnitco.net) or
Angela Elrod-Sadler (saint2@netnitco.net),
who will forward the information to you via e-mail.

FISH FRY

The Men's Club

announces their Lenten Friday Fish Fry
will be held on March 10th, from 5 until 8 PM.
They are looking for anyone who is willing to
make a commitment to help at the fish fry
If you will help, please contact Craig Fox
At 987-2116 or cfox7101@netnitco.net



DART BALL CHAMPS

Congratulations to St. Cecilia
Dartball Team #2!!!
They not only won the season,
But are also the tournament champions!



INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

This year's session of the Indiana legislature has
just begun. Want to know if your elected State/Fed
officials are following Catholic Church teachings
during current legislative session? Visit the ICC
(Indiana Catholic Conference) at www.indianacc.org



PARISH STEWARDSHIP from LAST WEEK

Weekly Envelopes: \$3,893.50 Loose Cash: \$375.30
Religious Retirement: \$20.00 Children: \$1.25
Catholic Moment: \$1518.00 Candle Monies \$69.25

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 5,877.30