



# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

18<sup>TH</sup> ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
19<sup>TH</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Long Family  
20<sup>TH</sup> ~ Wed 8:30 AM - No Mass or Service  
22<sup>ND</sup> ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Communion Service  
23<sup>RD</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Roy Attocchi  
23<sup>RD</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
24<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Pat Ashby  
24<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

**THERE WILL BE NO RECONCILIATION  
ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

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

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 23 ~ 24, 2019

### SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Suzanne Herrmann  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
E Ministers: C. Badowski, N. Narus, J. Juarez  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers  
Ushers: S Davidson, C. Fox, D. Shrall, J. Vorst

### SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Faith Formation, Grade 7  
Altar Servers: Jacob Chapman & Preston Kritlow  
E. Ministers: D. Spradlin, F. DeSimini, D. Dolniak  
Gift Bearers: Faith Formation, Grade 6  
Ushers: Faith Formation, Grade 7

### SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Paul Carlson  
Altar Servers: Volunteer  
E. Ministers: Jerri Taborski & Volunteer  
Gift Bearers: Greg & Peggy Mitchelin  
Ushers: T. Burke, D. Yankauskas, G. Vahl

## From the Pastor's desk:

Worldly wealth and success has, from ancient times, been interpreted as a favor from God. We've seen it in our own times as something known as the "prosperity gospel," the idea that God rewards faith with good health, wealth, and happiness. At least one writer has referred to this as the "vending machine God" in which we "put-in" faith and blessings "pop-out" for us.

People who buy into the "prosperity gospel" tend to interpret misfortunes of any kind as a lack of faith or the absence of God's blessing. Too often they go on to justify not helping those less fortunate than themselves. They believe that those people are already rejected by God and so not worth a second look.

The biggest problem with the prosperity gospel is that too often prosperity becomes more important than the gospel. Faith becomes merely a means to an end.

The Gospels, and in fact most of the Hebrew Scriptures, provide a much needed corrective to the notion of the prosperity gospel. Our readings this weekend give us a clear picture of the way God's view of the world differs from ours.

In today's first reading, we hear from the great prophet Jeremiah. He tells the people, "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings....Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."

This is the essential message of the Hebrew prophets in its most basic form: Trusting in human strength and alliances will always lead to tragedy; trusting in God will always lead to salvation (though not necessarily worldly success).

Today's Gospel makes most Americans uncomfortable. It's easy to make excuses for why we're affluent and successful. We talk about how hard we've worked for what we have, and why we're entitled to enjoy it. We don't want to give up our worldly goods, but neither do we want to be included among those to whom Jesus is saying, "Woe to you...." The prosperity gospel is an attempt to have it both ways. On the other hand we might hear the "blessings" as a sort of hollow consolation to those who aren't as fortunate as us.

Hearing and doing the word of God in an upside-down world means that everything we have been given in this world is a gift to be freely given to those in need. We are blessed when we welcome everyone into the circle of blessing, not hoarding what we have a sign that we are loved. When we shift our focus to "blessing" rather than "prosperity", we begin to see the world with God's eyes.

*My door is always open and you are always welcome*

*Fr. Dennis*

## PLEASE NOTE

Fr. Dennis will be out of town  
Wednesday, Feb. 20th ~ Monday, Feb 25th  
In an emergency, please contact  
Fr Paul (Sorrowful Mother) at 956-3343.

## WELCOME FR. SCHWEITZER

While Fr. Dennis is enjoying some well deserved time away, we welcome Fr. Jerry Schweitzer, who will celebrate Masses with us next weekend. Fr. Schweitzer is a retired priest of the Diocese of Gary. He served as Dean & Chancellor of the Diocese of Gary, along with pastoring for 31 years. He is a well known Catholic retreat and parish presenter on Biblical Studies and enjoys photography.

## LADIES' SODALITY

We will be meeting on Tues, February 19th  
at 9:30AM in the church hall.



## The Catholic Moment

Serving the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana

February is Catholic Press Month.

What a blessing it is to have such an excellent Catholic newspaper in our diocese, "The Catholic Moment". This weekend there is a giving envelope in your box for a subscription to "The Catholic Moment".

Thank you for helping support in spreading the Gospel through this important publication. Weekly reading "The Catholic Moment" is a great way to keep informed of happenings in the Church. May I also suggest, that if you're not currently reading the "The Catholic Moment", that you consider making that a Lenten promise to our Lord.

## CHURCH CLEANING

Please join us to clean the church  
every Tuesday at 9:00AM.  
Coffee & Donuts are served afterwards.



**WE ARE REACHING FOR  
A THIRD MILLION POP TABS!**

And we are close....  
Please Keep the Pop Tabs coming

**Pop It**



**& Drop It**



Welcome to our Faith Family,  
Azalea Grace Rowe  
Daughter of Andrew & Jillian Rowe  
May God grant her and her family  
years of health and happiness amongst us.

## 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.



Feb 24th 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 7 will be in charge of the readings, and ushering; Grade 6 will be in charge of the gifts. Parents are asked to please promote this outreach.

**CATECHISTS ... there will be a meeting**  
Next week following classes

## 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!!!!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights would like to thank everyone Who came out to support our annual Valentine Celebration Wine, Cheese & Entertainment

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO AID IN THE MASS AS A LITURGICAL MINISTER?

(Ushers, Gift Bearers, Lectors,  
Altar Servers, & Eucharistic Ministers)

**Please contact Fr Dennis, or call the office.**



## 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)

## VISIT & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT

"St. Cecilia Catholic Church"  
And check our website,  
[stceciliademotte.org](http://stceciliademotte.org)



## "THE REASON ANGELS CAN FLY

IS BECAUSE THEY TAKE THEMSELVES LIGHTLY."

G. K. CHESTERTON

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$4,263.50 Loose Cash: \$205.00  
Building Fund: \$35.00 Children's Envelopes: \$7.25  
Propagation of the Faith: \$80.00  
Candle Monies: \$56.00

**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 4,646.75**