

Saint Cecilia Parish

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

18[™] ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Miks/Turner/ Luzer Family

19[™] ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Poor Souls

20[™] ~ Wed 8:30 AM - No Mass or Service

 $22^{ND} \sim Fri$ 8:30 AM - Don Marando

23RD ~ Sat 5:00 PM - KoC Members

23RD ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass 24[™] ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish

24[™] ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Walter Maretich

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION 1st Sunday of the month from 1 ~ 3pm

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Weekend of March 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: Debra Courtright

Altar Servers: Jacob Chapman & Emma Helms E. Ministers: D. Spradlin, T. Wyrobek, D. Dolniak

Gift Bearers: Aaron & Bridget Helms

Ushers: J. Dolniak, J. Wyrobek, D. Cooper, D. Medsker

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Paul Carlson

Altar Servers: Caleb Lindberg

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

P.O. Box 700

From the Pastor's desk:

A preacher was selling his horse and warned the buyer that the horse responded only to church talk...."If you want her to go, say 'Praise the Lord.' If you want her to stop, say 'hallelujah."

"No problem," said the buyer, hopping into the saddle. "Praise the Lord," he said, and off he went. "Praise the Lord," he said again, and the horse was in full gallop. "Praise the Lord!" The horse was streaking toward a high cliff! "Stop!" shouted the new owner who couldn't remember the code. "Stop, horse, stop!" he cried as the cliff drew near. And then, at the very last moment, he remembered. "Hallelujah!" he shouted. And the horse stopped on the very edge. Mopping his brow, the man sighed in relief, "Praise the Lord!"

Theological Reflection

It was a long way down! Most of us know what that feels like -the long free fall. The marriage, the career, the friendship, the life, the brokerage account....they can fall apart before our very eyes, and the reality of it can hit in a matter of seconds. Life can really knock the stuffing out of us. Fortunately, it doesn't happen too often.

What does happen daily is that we have to face the routines of our lives, the ordinary things that have to be done over and over again, day after day, year after year. Think of your own routines....they're probably 90% of your life. The sheer repetition can wear us down, burn us out, and make us vulnerable to all manner of stupid choices. Over time, the routines of our life can get to us just as much as any tragedy.

Jesus knew this about us. He knew that under the pressure of tragedy or of simple weariness we could lose heart and forget who we are and where we're going. And so, on the mountain top (during the Transfiguration), he showed us who he really is....God's own son. And he reminded us who we are and where we're going. We're destined to be like him and to be with him forever. And we're not going alone. We are called to take it one step at a time to help each other to glow from the inside out, just the way Jesus did on that mountain top. It's a huge future we're building!

The tiny fragments of our day can seem so insignificant and small when viewed one at a time. But up there on the mountain, Jesus assures us that all those little parts can add up to something very large and lasting, if we remember what each moment is really for, and if we give each moment our best.

So if you want the pieces of your life to add up:

Remember every day who you are -- God's very own, and Remember where you're going -- to be part of his family forever.

Use the moments well, one at a time.

With God's help, you'll find your way home. And you'll enjoy the journey -- every single day of it!

My door is always open and you are always welcome

Fr. Dennis

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are continuing with our series on "Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues" It is being held between the Sunday Masses (9:30~10:45AM) Please join us in the Crying Angels Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Lenten Fridays at 5:30PM And will be followed by a Communion Service

LADIES' SODALITY

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

FISH FRY

The Men's Club would like to announce their Lenten Friday Fish Fry will be held on March 22nd from 5 until 8 PM. Plan on being there for really good fish!



A SPECIAL (LENTEN) OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN

WHAT: AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE TO HELP YOU DISCOVER WHAT'S MISSING IN YOUR LIFE

WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 8:00 AM-1:00 PM WHERE: St. CECILIA CHURCH HALL Who: any man over the age of 18

WHY: BECAUSE YOU DESERVE TO LIVE A LIFE WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE

RSVP—SIGN UP FOR THE MEN'S WEEKEND IN THE BACK OF CHURCH. OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 219-987-3511 OR CARL AT 219-310-1263

THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be making available raffle tickets after the weekend Masses. Ticket donations are \$1/ticket or 6 tickets /\$5. Proceeds will benefit Gibault Home Children's Services. The Gibault Home was founded in 1929 in Terre Haute by the Knights. Prizes and other information may be found on the ticket. Please be generous. Thanks



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Walter Maretich Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. Amen.

Need Prayer Intentions?

Parishioners of St Cecilia will pray for you and your special intentions. Cáll Gen Mestrich 956-3020 You do not have to give your name. Call Gen if you can help with the prayer line.





PENNY WARS CONTINUE!

Donate your pennies to contribute to your classes total! Remember, pennies count to your class total, silver coins and bill subtract from your total. The class with the highest total of PENNIES will receive a prize. Proceeds will benefit Tyler Trent Cancer Research.

No Faith Formation Classes next Sunday, March 24th as it is Spring break. Classes resume Sunday, March 31st with All Classes Attending 8:30 Mass together when Grades 9 & 10 will be in charge of the readings and ushering and Kindergarten will present the gifts

Lenten Penance Services

3/27 ~ Wed 7:00рм - At St. Cecilia

4/1 ~ Mon 7:00рм - At Sorrowful Mother. Wheatfield

4/3 ~ Wed 7:00рм - At St. Augusta, Lake Village 4/10 ~ Wed 7:00рм - At St. Augustine, Rensselaer

4/15 ~ Mon 7:00рм - At St. Helen's, Hebron

SECULAR FRANCISCAN "CALL OUT"

The Secular Franciscans invite anyone interested in learning more abut this way of Christian living to attend an open "Call Out" held on Saturday, March 23, from 9 ~ 10:30AM At the beautiful grounds of

Our Lady of Lourdes Franciscan Friary 12921 Parrish Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303 No reservations are required. All ages are welcome.

PRAYER BLANKETS & SHAWLS

Do you like to knit or crochet? Or have extra varn left from projects to donate? The Ladies' Sodality would like to invite you

to use your extra yarn, or donated yarn to make a lap blanket or shawl as you pray. These will then be blessed and then available for those who may need or want one in a time of need.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,867.50 Loose Cash: \$285.10 Building Fund: \$55.00 Children's Envelopes: \$2.25 Ash Wednesday: \$161.00 Church in Europe: \$30.00 Catholic Moment: \$84.00 Candle Monies: \$72.75

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 4.557.60