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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

20th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Jimmy Nagel
21st ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
22nd ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
23rd ~ Thurs 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
24th ~ Fri 8:30 AM - No Mass or Service
25th ~ Sat 5:00 PM - John Walters
25th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
26th ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Kelly Glivar
26th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Jane Lindsay

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 25 ~ 26, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Suzanne Herrmann
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: B. Fentress, L. Winter, J. Juarez
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: S Davidson, D Shrall, C. Fox, R. Attocchi

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Paul Mihalich
Altar Servers: Mitchell Kieres & Preston Kritlow
E. Ministers: B. Helms, D. Spradlin, D. Courtright
Gift Bearers: Bill & Dona Kovach
Ushers: D. Cooper, T. Niemiec, A. Helms, AJ. Helms

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Volunteer
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: Dom Yankauskas & Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Volunteer
Ushers: T. Burke, D. Yankauskas, M. Misiak

From the Pastor's desk:

Anyone who has ever visited an old cemetery has seen how there was once great care taken in writing short little sayings, engraved on the headstone. These short sayings often capture the essence of the deceased's life. Some are amusing, others profound and full of praise.

As we come to the end of this liturgical year, the Church moves us toward reflecting on the great questions of life and death. As we heard in this weekend's Gospel reading, the Holy Spirit may prod us to ponder what might be said about "us" after we are gone. Given the opportunity, what would those we leave behind chisel on our headstones; what might we be remembered for?

Our readings today offer some good ideas in terms of what we should want as our legacy. The first reading, from the Book of Proverbs, tells of the ideal woman, gifted not just with physical attributes, but with gifts of ingenuity, hard work, generosity and love of others. She is presented as a model of what is possible when someone uses their gifts and skills well. The point of the reading lies not in the fact that she is gifted, but in what she chooses to do with those gifts and skills.

The Gospel takes up this theme in the parable of the three servants entrusted with their master's talents. In this case, a talent was a coin of great value. To be entrusted with five, or two, or even one talent meant that you were entrusted with something of great value.

As we heard the Gospel passage proclaimed, we might have been drawn to side with the one who simply buried the talent and presented it back to his master. After all, he did show some degree of prudence and care in dealing with another's property. As we know from the current economic climate, the cautious, and even timid, approach can often be the better path....but....

Jesus is actually stressing to us that "now" is the time to use all that God has placed at our disposal to build up God's Kingdom. Now is the time to use our gifts, talents, our sense of hope and our commitment to charity for the sake of the Gospel. This is the sacred task entrusted to each of us Christians by virtue of our baptism – to invest ourselves totally in the work of the kingdom and to bring others to Christ.

Today, as we are encouraged to reflect on our own inevitable earthly death, we are to assess how well we are fulfilling this task....our calling. We are to live each day as if this were the day the Master is calling us to account. If today "were" that day, what would "our" short saying on our headstone? Would it announce that we were a bold servant of God, using all we were given to build up his kingdom on earth? If this is not what it would say, now is the time to make a change, especially as we enter into a new liturgical year.

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

Fr. Dennis

RCIA/INQUIRY

Interested in learning more about our faith and becoming a full member of the church?
Contact Fr. Dennis following Masses,
Or call the office (987-3511).
Meetings will begin soon.

MENS' CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you to the Men's Club and all of the Volunteers who assisted with the pancake breakfast!
The food was delicious and the time for fellowship was delightful.

LADIES' SODALITY

November 21st (Tues) We will be meeting at 9:30AM in the church hall.

"IN THANKSGIVING" ENVELOPE

All proceeds collected in this envelope are given to the Good Neighbor Food Pantry here in DeMotte. Please be generous.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Begin your Thanksgiving Day by
Coming to Mass at 8:30 and
Giving thanks for all of
The blessings we have.
Coffee & Donuts will be served following mass.



The St. Joseph Retreat Center, operated by the Lafayette Diocese, is putting together a planning committee. If you would like to volunteer to be on this committee & travel to Tipton for regular meetings, please let Fr. Dennis know.

LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

If you need a copy of last week's bulletin, they can be found on the shelf in the vestibule.

**WE ARE REACHING FOR
A THIRD MILLION POP TABS!**
And have a goal of collecting them
By the close of the CCD term in May
So Please Keep the Pop Tabs coming

Pop It



& Drop It



Please remember in your prayers the soul of
Maggie Bryan
Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light shine upon her. Amen.

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
THIS MORNING following classes

No CCD Classes next Sunday, Nov. 26th
As it is Thanksgiving break
Classes resume the following Sunday, Dec 3rd

There is a bulletin based on the current week's gospel reading for children ages 3 ~ 6 available every week. They bulletins can be found next to the regular bulletins.

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.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the US, one in six people live in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remain in our diocese for local anti-poverty projects. Please consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. Information at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

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.

PLEASE~TURN OFF CELL PHONES
BEFORE MASS BEGINS

Meals from Sodality

If you know of someone in our parish who has an illness in their family, or just welcomed a new arrival Call Charlotte Fagen (987-6320) and she will arrange for a meal to be delivered

WE ARE ONLINE!
www.stceciliademotte.org

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,998.00 Loose Cash: \$275.75
Building Fund: \$135.00 Children's Envelopes: \$15.25
All Saints Day: \$50.00 All Souls Day: \$25.00
Candle Monies: \$75.25

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 4,574.25