



# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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FEBRUARY 16, 2020 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

17<sup>TH</sup> ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Bestich Family  
18<sup>TH</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
19<sup>TH</sup> ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Perisho Family  
21<sup>ST</sup> ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
22<sup>ND</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Nick Statviske  
22<sup>ND</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
23<sup>RD</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish  
23<sup>RD</sup> ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Walter & Gloria Maretich

**RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON**

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

### MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 22 ~ 23, 2020

**SATURDAY 5:00PM**  
Lectors: Suzanne Herrmann  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
E Ministers: E. Habrowski, D. Spradlin, J. Juarez  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers  
Ushers: S Davidson, C. Fox, D. Shrall, D. Medsker

**SUNDAY 8:30AM**  
Lector: Faith Formation, Grade 7  
Altar Servers: Jacob Chapman & Olivia Kritlow  
E. Ministers: B. Kovach, D. Takacs, D. Opolski  
Gift Bearers: Faith Formation, Grade 6  
Ushers: Faith Formation, Grade 7

**SUNDAY 11:00AM**  
Lector: Steve Gable  
Altar Servers: Volunteer  
E. Ministers: Volunteer  
Gift Bearers: Greg & Peggy Mitchelin  
Ushers: T. Burke, D. Yankauskas, G. Vahl

### From the Pastor's desk:

A long time ago, a missionary priest set out to bring the Gospel to a remote tribe of American Indians. He told them about heaven and hell, and that they should be baptized, go to confession, and eat fish on Friday.

There was a very old man in the village. The priest baptized him and gave him the name "Anthony". The priest told Anthony he'd have to go to confession every week, and eat fish on Friday if he wanted to be a good Christian.

Some time later, the people of the village reported that Anthony was not going to confession. So the priest went to see him. It was Friday. When he found Anthony, the old man was cooking a deer! The priest asked why he was eating meat on Friday. So Anthony explained, "Father, I'm an old man. I shot that deer with my bow and arrow, and then I dragged it all the way down to the river. And there I baptized that deer and named it 'Fish' in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

### ----- Theological Reflection -----

He got the words right, but something was missing: The REALITY behind the words. Despite the baptism, "Fish" was still a deer on the inside.

That's the very question that Jesus is posing to us in this weekend's Gospel: What are we on the inside? How big? How small? What's the shape of our hearts and what shape will our hearts imprint on our lives?

In the Gospel Jesus gives us a look at two kinds of hearts. The first kind of heart busies itself with staying out of trouble, keeping the rules, keeping the shoes shined and the taxes paid. No murder, no adultery, no stealing, no scandal! Nice and tidy, and very laudable! (If we could only get people that much in our increasingly lawless culture.) But is that really enough to make a life? Is a calculating little "adding machine" heart really enough?

Jesus reminds us that it isn't. So he shows us a different kind of heart, the heart of a lover who approaches every person and every part of God's creation with wonder and delight, and asks not what's the least I can do?...But rather, what's needed here, and how can I help?

What the heart of a lover imprints on life is a shape that is gracious and large and a delight to see. And best of all, the heart of a lover is happy, because it is free -- free of all the nit-picking that can make life so small and so sad.

May our hearts grow ever larger. And may our hearts' indelible mark be visible to all the people in our small corner of the world, but most importantly, be visible to God.

*My door is always open and you are always welcome.*  
*Fr. Dennis*

### LADIES' SODALITY

We will be meeting on Tues, February 18th at 9:30AM in the church hall.  
Following our regular meeting, we will be holding a **Ladies' Retreat** with speaker Fr. Jerry Schweitzer and concluding with a brunch.  
The Sodality invites all ladies of the parish to attend, but ask you to call Sandy Martikean (219-310-1263) for reservations, TODAY AT THE LATEST, so we know how many will attend.

### YOUTH GROUP

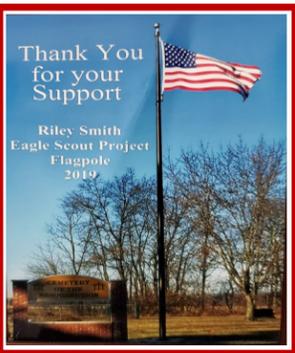
The Youth Group will meet **Wed. February 19th** In the Church Hall from 6-7pm.  
The group is open to those 14~18 years of age.

### PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

The men have been holding a "Men's Retreat" for a couple of years. So now, they have decided to invite the women to attend also.  
**Come to a wonderful half-day retreat with Fr. Jerry Schweitzer**  
**On Saturday, March 7th, 8AM ~ 1PM**  
**Beginning breakfast.**  
**Discover what's missing.**  
**Please make plans to attend and listen to this insightful, renowned, preeminent presenter.**  
**RSVP: Register for the parish retreat in the back of church, or call the parish office at 987-3511 or Carl at 219-310-1263**

### 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.**



### SAVE YOUR POP TABS!

We are still collecting to reach **A RECORD 4TH MILLION.** FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE  
So keep turning in those tabs.  
**Pop It** **Drop It** Thank you for your Support!!

### 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.

### FAITH FORMATION

Feb 23rd CCD Mass (All Classes) Kindergarten through grade 9 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**

### Evangelization, part 3

If each of us is to evangelize the world, our desire must come from opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit and sharing the unconditional love of our God with another. Sharing the Gospel with others is possible when we unconditionally love the people we encounter within our corner of the world. Pope Paul VI reminds us that searching is, "sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope," to receive the Good News.

In our last update, we spoke of the hope to bring the Good News to those dearest to us, our families, so that they might live in unity with the Church where they can encounter the word of salvation. We know that there are many in our families that we should be evangelizing. There are also many that, while not in our families, are in "our world" around us that we cannot ignore.

As we journey through the Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan, God will open doors to us as we prayerfully focus on our call to discipleship and evangelization. Through the Holy Spirit we will be called to follow pathways that lead to our sharing of love and hope with others so that we may be instruments of unity. When we pray the Uniting in Heart prayer, we are asking God to "Show us the way to pass on His gifts to future generations". May our evangelization be fruitful so that in the years ahead we are blessed with growing faith communities, the richness of faith-filled families, and an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, religious and married life.

*Uniting IN HEART* BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW - REV 21:5  
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### LADIES' SODALITY COOKBOOK

Do you have one yet?? Our cookbook is on sale now for only \$5!  
Or contact Fr. Dennis or Debra Opolski  
Be sure to get a copy.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$4,441.00 Loose Cash: \$384.00  
Building Fund: \$5.00 Children's Envelopes: \$12.25  
Religious Retirement: \$20.00 Propagation of Faith: \$82.00  
Candle Monies: \$74.31  
**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$5,018.56**