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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

5th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Murphy Family
6th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Campos & Alvarez Family
7th ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Marlene Darner
9th ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Peggy Gray
10th ~ Sat 5:00 PM - John Walters
10th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
11th ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Richard Szczudlak
11th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

NO RECONCILIATION SATURDAY, FEB 3RD

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10 ~ 11, 2018

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Ed Habrowski
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: C. Martikean, J. Juarez, C. Badowski
Gift Bearers: Duke & Debbie Thornton
Ushers: J. Vorst, G. Vahl, C. Fox, S. Davidson,

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Erika Smith
Altar Servers: Riley Smith & Rory Bennett
E. Ministers: C. Goetz, D. Courtright, D. Dolniak
Gift Bearers: Don & Helen Cooper
Ushers: J. Wyrobek, D. Cooper, T. Niemiec, J. Dolniak

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Paul Carlson
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: M. Fagen & Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: T. Burke, D. Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk:

Today is Super Bowl Sunday. Love it or hate it, it's part of our American culture. A big issue at the end of the football season is how many players are injured and whether or not they'll be able to play in the Big Game. For good or ill, playing through the pain is one of the time-honored philosophies of sport. This can be a terrible idea, leading to far more serious injuries. Or it can move someone to break through some barrier to the next level of accomplishment.

We've all had days when we can echo Job's words in our first reading. Our daily tasks feel like mere drudgery. We can't sleep at night because of the worry, stress and anxiety that linger from the day's activities. We think that we'll never be happy again. How we long for Jesus to take us by the hand, as he does with Peter's mother-in-law, and help us to see that our afflictions, real or imagined, are only temporary.

We can mope around like Job or we can get up and do something, as Peter's mother-in-law does (in the Gospel). We can let ourselves be healed, realizing that the price of wholeness and new life is turning around and sharing that with others.

It's no accident that after healing so many people in the town, Jesus goes off by himself to pray. Rest and prayer are essential in our busy lives. There's an old adage that says, "If you think you're too busy to pray, then you're too busy not to pray." I know people who only slow down when they're too sick to get out of bed. For some of us, it takes a physical illness to turn our attention from our own lives to what God might be asking of us.

It's sometimes hard to believe that when dealing with a chronic illness that exercise can actually relieve fatigue. When you think you're so tired you can't move a muscle, making the effort to go for a walk can restore you to a normal energy level.

We can have times when we feel cut off from God, when we think that God doesn't hear our prayers or want to heal us. Prayer can be difficult at times like this. We might think that we're just going through the motions. But that's not the worst thing in the world. Sometimes just showing up actually is enough. Because if we at least make that much effort, God is willing to meet us more than halfway.

If you have a regular prayer time, stay faithful to it day in and day out. If you don't have a regular prayer routine, think about starting one. It can be as simple as a few minutes at the beginning of the day. Or it can be something more formal, such as making time for daily Mass one or two days a week.

Nothing we do comes without at least some practice. Prayer can feel awkward and self-conscious when we first begin, or when we return to it after a long time away. But if we let ourselves be absorbed in the rhythm, it will take us where we need to be. Prayer is God's way of taking us by the hand to heal our fevered thoughts (just like Jesus did to Peter's mother-in-law).

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

Fr. Dennis

PLEASE NOTE

Fr. Dennis will be on vacation Jan 27th ~ Feb 4th.
We welcome Fr. Ziegler to our parish to celebrate Masses while Fr. Dennis is on vacation.
After these two weekends, Fr. Ziegler will be retiring from these long-distance weekends (to places like DeMotte), and will instead concentrate his efforts in ministering to the Lafayette area.
Please feel free to express to Fr. Ziegler, your appreciation for his past service to our parish.

SIGN OF PEACE....

Flu season is once again upon us.
If you or other parishioners near you are unwell, & you feel uncomfortable shaking hands during the sign of peace, just verbally greet each other.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION & BENEDICTION TODAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1~3 PM

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support Group continues to meet the 1st Monday of each month in the church at 5:30 pm. If you or someone you know is suffering from the loss of a loved one please join us. The next meeting will be **Monday, Feb 5th**
For more info call Elva at 219-201-7189

PARISH COUNCIL

Will be meeting Wed, February 7th at 7 PM
in the Crying Angels Room



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive,
Sat., Feb 17th, from 7:30AM until 12:30PM.
Please call 1-800- Red Cros (733-2767)
To schedule your donation appointment.
Walk-ins are also welcome.



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

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.

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.



As many of you are aware, Margaret is out of town.
If you have any questions or concerns regarding CCD,
you may contact Sarah Kritlow on Sunday mornings
while classes are in session (she will be in the office
by the classrooms) or call Fr. Dennis (987-3511)

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.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS

ARE HOSTING A SPECIAL VALENTINE'S CONCERT ON
FRIDAY, FEB. 16TH, FROM 7~9 PM.

THEY WILL BE PRESENTING JIM BULANDA, WHO
DELIGHTS HIS AUDIENCE WITH HIS STYLINGS OF A
VARIOUS ARTISTS, INCLUDING DEAN MARTIN, TONY
BENNETT, AND OF COURSE, FRANK SINATRA.

THE TICKETS WILL COST \$10 EACH,
AND WILL INCLUDE CHEESE AND A GLASS OF WINE.
ADDITIONAL SERVINGS OF WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE. KNIGHTS WILL BE SELLING TICKETS
FOLLOWING MASSES
PROCEEDS FROM THIS WILL GO TO VARIOUS CHARITIES

VISIT & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT

"St. Cecilia Catholic Church"

See what is happening here at church
And check our website,
stceciliademotte.org



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
to them by the Ladies' Sodality.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,193.50 Loose Cash: \$323.30
Building Fund: \$987.00 Children's Envelopes: \$46.25
March for Life: \$28.00 Misc. Envelopes: \$30.00
Candle Monies: \$50.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 4,658.05