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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

8TH ~ Mon 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
9TH ~ Tue 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
10TH ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
12TH ~ Fri 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
13TH ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Frank Hudak
13TH ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
14TH ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Ed Krzyston
14TH ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Walter Maretich

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF JULY 13 ~ 14, 2019

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, C. Fox, D. Shrall, D. Thornton

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Erika Smith
Altar Servers: Hunter Long & Thomas Builta
E. Ministers: C. Goetz, D. Dolniak, D. Courtright
Gift Bearers: Bill & Dona Kovach
Ushers: J. Dolniak, D. Medsker, A. Helms, AJ Helms

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Theresa Chesnut
Altar Servers: Max Lindberg
E. Ministers: M. Fagen & Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: T. Burke, G. Vahl, D. Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk:

Pack Light for the Journey; God will Provide all that we Need!

If you were preparing to go on a journey, but could only take one thing with you, what would that one thing be? Perhaps you would take a GPS to make sure you do not get lost. But what good would a GPS be if you did not have a car to plug it into? Perhaps you would take a smartphone to stay connected with others? But what good would a smartphone be if you had no charger? Perhaps you would take a flashlight so you could see in the dark. But what good would a flashlight be if you had no extra batteries?

When you come right down to it, it's almost impossible to think of going on a journey & choosing only one thing to take along. An yet isn't that what Jesus is telling the 72 he appoints in this weekend's Gospel & sends in pairs to every town & place he intended to visit? Jesus clearly tells the 72 not to take along a money bag, sack, or sandals; but he does tell them to carry along one thing and one thing only ~ Peace! *"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"*

This weekend's Gospel passage provides several points for us to reflect upon. First, it challenges us to reflect upon the *baggage* we carry with us throughout life ~ material possessions as well as emotional guilt & grudges that weigh us down & prevent us from communicating Christ's peace to others. The point is not that possessions are bad in & of themselves. We simply need to be careful NOT to let our possessions possess us, so that we can experience, first in our own hearts, the peace Christ wishes us to share with others. To do that, we should ask ourselves the following questions: How do I relate to the things in my life? What do I need to let go of in order to lighten my load & move forward?

Second, today's Gospel invites us to look at how we are doing at trusting God & others. We profess with our lips that God *"will provide"* & yet in our society today, we face the enormous power of a consumer culture that tries to convince us that *"more is better"* & that as much as we have, we still need more. At the same time, we live in a society that promotes fierce independence, where you rely on no one but yourself to get ahead.

In contrast, Jesus was able to tell the 72 to make their journey empty-handed because of his profound trust that God the Father was always providing for his needs as he worked to accomplish the task for which the Father had sent him, & that the Father would do the same for all of us, his children. But Jesus knew that God provided for his needs through the kindness & generosity of others. To do that, we should first ask ourselves the following questions: Do I trust that God is providing for my needs? Do I accept that God sometimes uses the generosity of others to care for me? Do I let God use me to care & provide for the needs of others?

Finally, it cannot be overlooked that today's Gospel is not just about Jesus appointing 72 people in a land far away & a long time ago. No, it is clear that Jesus is instructing "US" as well; all of us who have accepted the call of Baptism & have thereby been set apart to live & love like Christ; & to work throughout our lives to bring about & spread the peace that God alone can give, so that his Kingdom might grow here on earth, as it is in heaven. *"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."* How am I doing at responding to God's call to spread the Good News to others? In what ways do I help build God's Kingdom here on earth? Are the laborers really do few, or have I simply resisted committing my time, talent & treasure to serving God & others?

Every time we come to Mass most of us receive the Body and Blood of Christ. What more could God do to provide for our needs than to nourish our bodies with this spiritual food & drink; & at the same time heal & save our souls with his redemptive grace? Life is a journey, & no matter where we come from, our destination is the same. As we continue heading toward the fullness of His Kingdom, remember to pack light because God is here to provide all that we need.

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

Fr. Dennis

**EUCCHARIST ADORATION & BENEDICTION
FOLLOWED BY ANOINTING OF THE SICK
TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 7TH 1~3 PM**

MENS' CLUB

There WILL NOT be a meeting this month.



**St. Cecilia Sodality's Annual Rummage Sale
will be passed to the youth this year
and held this summer on July 31st, Aug 1st & 2nd.
with the profits going towards offsetting the costs
of those attending NCYC this fall.
So start gathering all of those items
that have been collecting dust in your closets.
You may begin Dropping off your clean, usable
Donations beginning Monday, July 15th
At the Northwest door of the hall.
We are not accepting
Furniture, Large Appliances or tube TV Sets.**



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*

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.



**"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS
AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT." JOHN 1:5**

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

This is a biennial 3 day experience of prayer, community, catechesis & empowerment for teens in grades 9 ~ 12 taking place this fall, from Thurs., 11/21 ~ Sat., 11/23 in Indy. Our group will leave Thurs., 11/21 & return Sunday 11/24. The cost is about \$450 per person (which we hope to defray with fundraising). We are asking for a \$50 non-refundable deposit with your registration by August 31st. Call Mary Bean (219-314-2686) for information



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.



DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

On Wed, June 26th, the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, revealed its Draft Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan. If you missed the meeting, the information (plus future updates about the draft plan), is available on the diocesan website (www.dol-in.org – just click on "Uniting in Heart").

This draft plan will also be published in the July 7th Catholic Moment. You may also speak with Fr. Dennis and he will print the information from the website for you.

As we know, all plans are subject to change. *And this plan, if not modified, will align all 3 parishes (Wheatfield, Lake Village and Demotte) under one pastor (himself being the sole priest).* Other parishes in the Diocese are also being effected. But the root of the problem is: The declining number of priests. There are 67 priests currently serving 61 parishes. By the year 2030, that number is projected to decline to 48 priests, and by 2033 the number will be 38. Keep in mind that this is only a plan, but segments of the overall plan may be implemented much sooner than 2030. But, the good news is the Diocese would like to receive **YOUR** input into this plan; but you only have until **July 19th** to make your suggested changes known. For questions, comments, or suggested changes to the plan, please : unitinginheart@dol-in.org

Online form: dol-in.org/uih
Voicemail: 765.269.4669

FYI – During the June 26th meeting, those present from St. Cecilia recommended that this cluster of 3 parishes have at least 2 priests (preferably one of those priests would also speak Spanish). Again, you have until July 19th. Thank you for your faith, and by all means, keep the faith!

Back-to-School Backpack Program

Will be held once again in Spencer Park on Aug 3rd If you have a student in K ~ 12, and are going to have difficulty purchasing all of the needed school supplies, there will be a backpack giveaway to receive them. The program is sponsored by the churches in DeMotte. St. Cecilia will be supplying the **GLUE STICKS**.



A box is located in the vestibule for your donation



**WE HAVE REACHED
A THIRD MILLION POP TABS!**

We are still collecting to go for a record
4th million.
So keep collecting those tabs.



& Drop It

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$4,173.96 Loose Cash: \$404.54
Building Fund: \$7.00 Children's Envelopes: \$1.25
Candle Monies: \$72.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$4,658.75