



SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

1st ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
2nd ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Pat Ashby
3rd ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Margaret Copp
5th ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Julian Habrowski
6th ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Michael DiCosola
6th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
7th ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
7th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF APRIL 6 ~7, 2019

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Craig Fox
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: C. Davidson, N. Narus, Laura Winter
Gift Bearers: Patrick & Stacy Kurdelak
Ushers: F Brodner, S. Davidson, D. Thornton, R. Morales

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Jerome Wyrobek
Altar Servers: Julia Buczek & Tessa Sears
E. Ministers: P. Wyrobek, D. Spradlin, B. Helms
Gift Bearers: Dan & Doris Kras
Ushers: D. Medsker, J. Dolniak, A. Helms, AJ. Helms

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Catherine Allen
Altar Servers: Max Lindberg
E. Ministers: Jerri Taborski, Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Volunteers
Ushers: T. Burke, G. Vahl, D. Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk:

This weekend's Gospel tells the familiar story of the Prodigal Son. One reason this story works so well to convey the message of the Gospel is because at different times in our lives, we can identify with one or another of the characters. Family dynamics are inescapable for most of us. Our families of origin shape our most basic ways of relating to other. Often the way we see our workplaces, our world, our religious institutions, and even our God is rooted in our experience of family.

Some of us can identify with the rebellious younger son who loses himself in pleasure and adventure. We also may know what it's like to come to our senses and realize that somewhere we've taken a wrong turn.

When we realize that the road we have been following, or the life we have been leading, may not be the one that is best for us; we must have the humility to admit that we have strayed, that we have been mistaken, that God knows better than we the life that will lead us to him. We must resolve to say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."

Nothing is more difficult than admitting that we have failed, that we have sinned. We sometimes feel haunted by the past, as we rehearse the role that we feel lies ahead.

Many of the burdens we carry from our past have to do with not being able to forgive ourselves. Until we can do that, we can't believe that God—or anyone else—is able to forgive us. We cannot stay in the desert forever, wandering in despair. No matter how much we rehearse our role, no matter how willing we are to do penance and suffer, in the end the greatest humility is accepting the role the Lord has written for us.

Others identify with the older son, the dutiful one who stayed at home and played by the rules and never put a foot over the boundaries of life. We can't understand why God the Father would reward sinners and chastise those who are righteous and law-abiding. We don't see that being intolerant and merciless toward others can also be sin.

There are also the rare ones among us who can identify with the lavishly forgiving father in the Gospel. All they ask is that their children come home. This kind of unconditional love is difficult but not impossible.

We must accept our roles as sons and daughters of God. We refuse his great gift of love when we insist that we're only hired hands. This is the mistake the elder son makes. In the story, he says he's slaved for his father all his life. What he doesn't realize is that like his brother, he, too, is a son.

We are all children of the Father, we have all sinned, but we are all welcome in our Father's house. We must live as a forgiven and as a forgiving people (just as Jesus forgave the very people who crucified him).

Let's take time this week to reflect on your own experiences of family—good and bad—and how a parable like the Prodigal Son taps into those experiences.

My door is always open and you are always welcome

Fr. Dennis

75th Anniversary of Lafayette-in-IN Diocese

As you may already know, this year the Diocese is celebrating our 75th Anniversary. To commemorate this occasion, for the next few days 75th Anniversary historical documents and artifacts will be displayed in the main entrance of the church. We hope that you will take time to look at this display, as we give thanks to our Lord for giving us the Church to help guide us into Eternal Life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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, April 1st**
For more info call Elva at 219-201-7189



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a meeting
this **Tuesday, April 2nd** at 7 PM
in the Church Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

*The monthly First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Will be held on April 5th, from 7~ 8 PM
Come to adore God, & spend some quiet time in prayer*

THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS

The K of C has SOLD out its allotted portion plus additional Gibault raffle tickets .
We thank all those who purchased tickets and pray we have a winner or winners at St. Cecilia.
Those who may have ticket stubs have until Sun April 14 to turn them in.
Thank you. Ed Habrowski, Grand Knight"



ELIZABETH MINISTRIES

The Elizabeth Ministries will be hosting their annual **EASTER EGG HUNT**
on Saturday April 20th at 12:15.
This event is open to children Pre-school - 6th Grade.
Wrapped candy donations may be placed in the basket in the church vestibule. If you would like to help or for more info contact Mary Bean 219-314-2686

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

*April Calendars and Liturgical Minister Schedules
are available on the table in the vestibule*

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.*



PENNY WARS CONTINUE!

*Donate your pennies to contribute to your classes total!
Remember, pennies count to your class total, silver coins and bills subtract from your total. The class with the highest total of PENNIES will receive a prize.
Proceeds will benefit Tyler Trent Cancer Research.
Currently Grade 1 Is in the lead with 17¢ in pennies,
Grade 8 Is in 2nd place, and Grade 3 In 3rd.
Bringing up the rear is Confirmation Class*

Living Stations of the Cross

*The Confrimandi from St. Cecilia & Sorrowful Mother
will be presenting the Live Stations
on Wednesday, April 17th, at 5PM in the church.
Refreshments will be served following the stations.
(Confrimandi ~ practice on Wed. April 10th, 6:30 ~ 8PM)*



Lenten Penance Services

4/1 ~ Mon 7:00PM - At Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield
4/3 ~ Wed 7:00PM - At St. Augusta, Lake Village
4/10 ~ Wed 7:00PM - At St. Augustine, Rensselaer
4/15 ~ Mon 7:00PM - At St. Helen's, Hebron

THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS

The Knights are raffling
"the world's largest Bunny" for Easter.
Tickets available for a good-will donation,
and are on the table in the vestibule
or in the hall, along with the Bunny!
Proceeds will go to the tornado victims in Alabama



PRAYER BLANKETS & SHAWLS

*Do you like to knit or crochet?
Or have extra yarn 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.
For information, or have a completed one,
contact Laurel Baumgarte at 219-510-2278*



PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

*Envelopes: \$4,017.50 Loose Cash: \$166.00
Building Fund: \$25.00 Children's Envelopes: \$1.00
Ash Wednesday: \$25.00 Easter Flowers \$1082.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$5,316.50*