



# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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Bulletin Notice Deadline: Noon Thursday

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

4<sup>th</sup> ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
5<sup>th</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
6<sup>th</sup> ~ Wed 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
8<sup>th</sup> ~ Fri... 8:30 AM - Fred & Chris Stavitzke  
9<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Victoria Jakubowicz  
9<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
10<sup>th</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Don Shanley  
10<sup>th</sup> ~ Sun 11:00 AM - People of our Parish

## RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION 1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 1PM ~ 5PM ANOINTING OF THE SICK TO FOLLOW ON JAN 3

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF JANUARY 9 ~ 10, 2016

### SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Ed Habrowski  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
E Ministers: C. Davidson, D. Opolski, MB Misiak  
Gift Bearers: Marion & MaryBeth Misiak  
Ushers: D. Medsker, S. Davidson, M. Misiak, C. Fox

### SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Debra Courtright  
Altar Servers: Kim Wyrobek, Valerie Tyrka  
E. Ministers: B. Kovach, P. Wyrobek, W. VanSchepen  
Gift Bearers: Joe & Donna Dolniak  
Ushers: J. Wyrobek, A. Helms, AJ. Helms, C. Kieres

### SUNDAY 11:00AM

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

## From the Pastor's Desk:

As I mentioned in last weekend's homily, we often think about our search for God, but we seldom think about God's search for us (or at least we don't think we do). But, the truth is that God first seeks us out, so that we might seek Him. He thirsts for us, so that we might thirst for Him (Catholic Catechism 2560-2567).

This is an amazing truth that we seldom reflect upon, but in the last few days of the Christmas season, it is good internalize this sacred truth. St. John of the Cross tells us that when we think of God, it is not our doing at all — God has placed those thoughts in our minds and hearts as He dwells within us, probing our hearts. Isn't that exciting? And there is no better day, than the Feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this truth as we, like Magi, come to worship our Lord. God has come into the world to find you....to rescue you....to save you....to lead you back home to Him. He loves you so much that He became one of us, born into a human family. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will allow this truth to soak into our very core... to refresh and renew our hearts.

In our first reading on this Feast of the Epiphany, we hear, "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). Jesus is that light and He now shines upon each of us.

The Gospel tells the story of the Magi from the East who traveled in search of Christ, the new-born king. Again, we see this truth, the God of all creation has come to the world, and those of good will seek Him. The Magi traveled over great distance/time to seek the new-born king. They found Him and brought great gifts for Him. And they followed Him, forsaking the lure and temptations of the culture and corrupt government.

The story of the Magi is a wonderful occasion and opportunity to renew our prayer life. There is much for us to meditate/reflect upon here, as we welcome Christ our Savior into our hearts/minds. So during the remaining week of the Christmas season, let's jump-start our prayer-lives by reflecting on this passage and how it applies to us, individually:

How seriously do I seek God?  
Do I place Him first in my life?  
What is my most important goal in life?  
Do I give Jesus Christ, my Savior & King, the homage He is due?  
What gifts and talents do I offer to my King?  
What am I willing to sacrifice to know and love my Lord?  
Do I surrender to my King no matter what doing so costs me?  
Do I faithfully and persistently invite His light to shine upon me and to guide my will?

All good things to reflect upon as we enter 2016.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Dennis*

## RCIA/INQUIRY

Interested in learning more about our faith and becoming a full member of the church?  
Meet with Fr Dennis on Mondays at 6:30PM  
in the furthest classroom to the left on the west side.  
(The one with the comfy furniture!)

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*Adoration will be on TODAY, January 3RD 1 ~ 5 PM*  
*Anointing of the Sick*  
*Will be offered following Benediction*

## Received from the Good Neighbor Food Pantry

Dear Friends at St. Cecilia Catholic Church,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1829.50! Our food pantry could not exist without support from generous people like you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! May the Lord Bless you greatly in 2016!  
Good Neighbor Food Pantry

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will meet this Wednesday, January 6th,  
at 7PM in the Church Hall.

## DeMotte MS Support Group

This group of patients and caregivers meet on the 2nd Wed of every month at 6:00 PM  
Here at St. Cecilia Church.  
Contact Maria Fagen for information at 863-1853

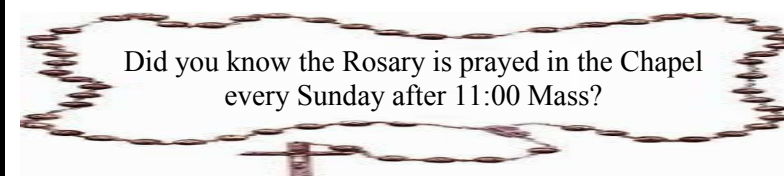
## LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

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



## INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Want to know if your elected State and Federal officials are following Catholic Church teachings during current legislative session? Visit the ICC (Indiana Catholic Conference) at [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org)



Did you know the Rosary is prayed in the Chapel every Sunday after 11:00 Mass?

## 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.*



There will no CCD Classes today, Jan 3rd,  
due to Christmas break.  
Classes will resume Sunday, Jan 10th.

## THE WINNERS OF THE POSTER CONTEST "JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"

Age Group 5 ~ 7: Julie Buczek, Tessa Sears,  
Clemente Lopez, & Dane Lacefield  
Age Group 8 ~ 10: Andrea Garcia,  
Annie DeSimini, & Anai Garcia Barajas  
Age Group 11 & Up: Catherine Sadler

The Religious Ed dept would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the contest.

## ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

With your help, 1 little girl & boy had a great Christmas, as I was able to purchase everything on their lists.

Donations by class:

Kindergarten ~ \$ 7.26	Grade 5 ~ \$ 2.95
Grade 1 ~ 0	Grade 6 ~ \$ 3.61
Grade 2 ~ \$17.42	Grade 7 ~ \$ 4.86
Grade 3 ~ \$ 4.40	Grade 8 ~ \$ 7.41
Grade 4 ~ \$ 2.82	Grade 9-10 ~ \$ 6.96

Total donations collected \$57.69

I am thankful to all who participated in this worthwhile project

*God Bless, Margaret Tuohy, DRE*

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.

## PLEASE ~ TURN OFF CELL PHONES BEFORE MASS BEGINS

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The **January schedules** are now ready and can be found on the shelf in the vestibule. All ministries listed on one page, with everyone's contact information on the back. Please pick one up.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

*Next year's envelopes can be found in the vestibule.  
If you cannot find yours, or  
haven't received them in the past, & would like to....  
please let us know in the office.*

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP from LAST WEEK

Weekly Envelopes: \$2,689.50 Loose Cash: \$531.99  
Maint/Expansion \$20.00 Children: \$3.00  
Christmas Gift \$4670.83 Christmas Flowers \$38.00  
Solemnity of Mary \$75.00

**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK : \$ 8,028.32**