



# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

15<sup>th</sup> ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
16<sup>th</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Richard Szczudlak  
17<sup>th</sup> ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of our Parish  
19<sup>th</sup> ~ Fri 8:30 AM - Peggy Gray  
20<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Jimmy Nagel  
20<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
21<sup>st</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish  
21<sup>st</sup> ~ 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 JANUARY 20 ~ 21, 2018

### SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Carl Martikean  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
E Ministers: C. Fox, L. Winter, B. Matusiak  
Gift Bearers: Patrick & Stacy Kurdalak  
Ushers: S Davidson, R Morales, D Thornton, D Medsker

### SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Paul Mihalich  
Altar Servers: Kim WYROBEK & Preston Kritlow  
E. Ministers: B. Helms, D. Spradlin, D. Courtright  
Gift Bearers: Bill & Dona Kovach  
Ushers: A. Helms, A.J. Helms, T. Niemiec, D. Cooper

### SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Volunteer  
E. Ministers: MaryBeth Misiak & Volunteer  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers  
Ushers: T. Burke, M. Misiak, D. Yankauskas

### From the Pastor's desk:

Mark Twain told the story about a man who had memorized the Ten Commandments. He told Twain that his ambition was to go to the Holy Land, climb Mount Sinai and recite the Ten Commandments aloud. Twain replied, "Have you ever thought about just staying home and keeping them?"

This story may give us a good chuckle, but it points to the inescapable and challenging truth of our Catholic faith – that it's one thing to "know and articulate" that which we believe, but "putting that faith into practice" is and should be our ultimate goal.

In our first reading and in our psalm response this weekend, we hear the phrase "*Here I am, Lord*". And in our second reading and again in the Gospel, we see examples of what life should look like for us as Catholic Christians when we understand our faith as an invitation to place ourselves at God's disposal to use as he sees fit. We are to commit our entire being to the Lord's service, and we follow the example of the first disciples in leaving everything behind to walk closely with Jesus.

But the phrase "*Here I am, Lord*" isn't just another command to recite. It's our "mission statement" as Catholic Christians who, by virtue of our baptism, are incorporated into the Body of Christ as members of the Church. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we are a community of believers that is, "sent out into the whole world. All members of the Church share in this mission, though in various ways." (CCC 863).

So how do we live our faith and put it into practice? Well, three important lessons can be extracted directly from the phrase "*Here I am, Lord*". First, consider that the phrase begins with the word "*Here*". This is a reminder that God calls us to live, to love, and to serve others right where we are. One need not travel great distances to look for opportunities to recognize God's presence because wherever we are, wherever we go, that's where we'll find Christ present in the people right in front of us.

Second, the phrase contains the word "*I*". This is a reminder that the call to give witness to our faith in our daily lives isn't just something for others to be concerned about, but it's our call as well. No matter who we are, or where we're from, or what we've done; God equips each and every one of us with unique gifts and talents that we can offer in the service of building up his kingdom here on earth.

Finally, the phrase concludes with the words "*I am*". This implies that the call to live out our baptism and put our faith into practice isn't just something we should have done yesterday, or a task we can put off until tomorrow. No, we have only now, today, this moment as a gift from God and a gift we can offer back to God. So let's not wait until we think we have our lives all figured out or think we have it all together. Let's begin today to let God work in, on, with and through us to accomplish his will for us as individuals as well as for our world. May we always respond with all our hearts, "*Here I am, Lord!*"

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

*Fr. Dennis*

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It's not too late to join Carl Martikean for an 8 week Bible Study called "*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*".

It is being held between the Sunday Masses (9:30~10:45AM) in the Crying Angles Room

## LADIES' SODALITY

*We will be meeting on Tues, January 16th at 9:30AM in the church hall.  
Remember to bring your gift for The Birthright Baby Shower*

## MARCH FOR (PROTECT) LIFE

*This coming week people gather to "March for Life" in Washington DC and other cities around the country, so that we can help build a culture of "life" and to be a voice for the unborn.*

*As a show of support for this event, we will be taking up a 2nd collection next weekend. The entire collection will be given to Birthright, a non-profit organization, located in Rensselaer, which serves to support women who are pregnant, especially those who are considering aborting their baby, as well as giving aid, such as diapers and clothing. Our Sodality has a "Baby Shower" for Birthright next Tuesday, if you would like to give a shower gift.*

*Thank you for your support.*



## INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

This year's session of the Indiana legislature has just begun. Want to know if your elected State/Fed officials are following Catholic Church teachings during current legislative session? Visit the ICC (Indiana Catholic Conference) at [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org)

## RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

*Do you have religious articles you don't want, but just don't know what to do with?*

*There is a basket in the vestibule where you may leave them to be recycled ~  
And if you find one in the basket you would like, feel free to take it along with you.*

**WHEN THE WORLD SAYS, "GIVE UP",  
HOPE WHISPERS, "TRY IT ONE MORE TIME."**

### 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!!!!*

## Received from the Good Neighbor Food Pantry

Dear Friends at St. Cecilia Catholic Church,

God's blessing to you for your recent donation of \$2,486.50 to the Good Neighbor Food Pantry.

Thank you (and the Roy Attocchi estate) for your generosity to help us to reach out in Christ's name to help those in need.

It is a beautiful thing to see God's love expressed by those who show they care about their fellow man!

Your friends at the Good Neighbor Food Pantry

## SIGN OF PEACE....

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

## 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.*

## VISIT & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT "St. Cecilia Catholic Church"

See what is happening here at church  
And check our website,  
[stceciliademotte.org](http://stceciliademotte.org)



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

*Envelopes: \$6,496.50 Loose Cash: \$196.00  
Building Fund: \$1,067.00 Children's Envelopes: \$4.25  
Christmas Gift: \$25.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$468.00  
Candle Monies: \$61.50*

**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 8,318.25**