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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

6 th ~ Mon	8:30 AM - Florence Lang
7 th ~ Tue	8:30 AM - Poor Souls
8 th ~ Wed	8:30 AM - People of our Parish
10 th ~ Fri.	8:30 AM - Gloria Maretich
11 th ~ Sat.	5:00 PM - Ann Krygier
11 th ~ Sat	7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
12 th ~ Sun	8:30 AM - People of our Parish
12 th ~ Sun	11:00 AM - Nick Matusiak

**No RECONCILIATION SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH,
DUE TO ORDINATIONS IN LAFAYETTE**

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1 ~ 5PM**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF JUNE 11 ~ 12, 2016

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Ed Habrowski
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E Ministers: R. Attocchi, C. Davidson, MB Misiak
Gift Bearers: Joe & Judy Buchholz
Ushers: J. Vorst, D. Thornton, D. Medsker, S. Davidson

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Erika Smith
Altar Servers: Riley Smith & Rory Bennett
E. Ministers: B. Kovach, W. VanSchepen, P. Wyrobek
Gift Bearers: Don & Helen Cooper
Ushers: J. Wyrobek, D. Cooper, B. Smith, C. Kieres

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Paul Carlson
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E. Ministers: Angela Sadler & Maria Fagen
Gift Bearers: Bill & April Hromada
Ushers: D. Yankauskas, T. Burke,

From the Pastor's desk

Thank you for your generosity to the Diocese Seminarian Appeal, if you haven't had the chance yet, please consider giving to this cause during next weekend's collection offering. Last weekend I attended the ordination of 4 men (John Nguyen, Cole Daily, Coady Owens, & Michael Bower) to the ministry of transitional deacon. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, Michael Bower is the son of my best friend from high school. Next weekend, I plan to attend the ordination of 2 priests within our diocese: Rev. Mr. Kyle Neterer and Rev. Mr. Derek Aaron. We are very blessed in our diocese to have such good young men studying for the priesthood, but there is a continued need for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, & religious life for women. Many of us pray devotedly for increased vocations, but do we actively seek out young men and women who stand out to us and physically tell them "You would make a great priest/sister?" The number one reason why men enter the seminary, or women enter the convent, is because someone suggested it. We have to get over any embarrassment we might feel and just start saying it, & encouraging young people to ask God about His intentions for their lives & trust that the path will lead to true happiness. Also, let's continue to pray for Nick Carlson, a member of our parish who is studying for priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I'm not sure if you ever heard of our St. Cecilia's "Linen Ministry". Our current parish Linen Ministry is a team of dedicated women (Edie Seeger & Diane Mestrich) who love to serve the Church through laundering corporals, and purificators used in the Liturgy. The minister picks up the linens, launders the linens at home, & returns them to the Church within a week or so. There are no meetings to attend and the linens can be returned at the convenience of each person. One linen minister once told me, that she finds the ministry very therapeutic, & helps her commune with the Lord. If you're interested in volunteering, please call the office or coordinate with one of the other linen ministers. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all our current and past linen ministers. Just like Mary, all of our linen ministers are role models for holiness.

Without doubt, the gift of life (our life in particular) should be a subject for our daily prayer of thanksgiving to God. Physical life is precious and it is part of human nature to do all we can to preserve it. In this weekend's readings, we hear of two incidents in which human life was restored. In the first Book of Kings, a widow's son is revived after Elijah asks God to restore his life. The Gospel tells of Jesus raising the son of another widow from the dead. Imagine the joy these mothers must have felt at having their sons back.

As Christians, we treasure life from conception until natural death, for it comes from God our creator. Created in the image and likeness of God, we are more than our physical bodies. We also have a spiritual self, a soul that is distinctly ours. We are charged to care for our bodies; and we are also charged to care for our souls. To paraphrase a teaching of Jesus: What does it profit one to gain the whole world [physical life] but destroy the spiritual life within?

We learn from family and experience how to care for our bodies, and how various activities make strong muscles and sharp mental function. It is through the Holy Spirit, that we can learn to nurture the spiritual life that is within us as well. Many Christians around us can also be role models for us in exercising the fruits of love, joy, kindness & generosity.

How do we continue to develop these spiritual gifts and fruits? When we regularly engage in spiritual reading and reflection, when we pray to the Father that the Spirit may grow in us, and when we practice acts of love, kindness and patient endurance; these virtues will take hold within us. They will begin to shine through in our acts of mercy, both corporal (feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless) and spiritual (counseling those who doubt, comforting those who are sorrowful, forgiving those who have injured us). Ah yes, physical life is a wonderful gift. But so is our *life within*, especially when it reflects the presence of God acting in the world through us.

In Christ, Fr. Dennis

SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL:

"ANSWERING GOD'S CALL"

Did you know, that around the country and the world, there are many dioceses that have a serious shortage of priests? Just look up the road at Chicago, and even in Indianapolis. We are blessed to have a sufficient number of priestly vocations in our diocese, but we continue to need your support. Please consider giving to the Seminarian Appeal during the next two weekends. Thank you for your sacrifice and your generosity.

EUCARIST ADORATION & BENEDICTION TODAY 1 ~ 5 PM

OUR "POP TABS" AT WORK

Our smallest parishioner, Matthew Oliver Sabol, is currently at Advocate Christ Hospital in Chicago. His mother is staying at the Ronald McDonald house in Oak Lawn, where they provide living quarters, food, laundry facilities, and even transportation to & from the hospital. You can help with a donation from the following list of new/unused household items:

Paper goods: (paper towels, paper plates, napkins, Cube boxes of Kleenex, toilet tissue)

Cleaning products: (Liquid dish soap, soft scrub, windex, Scrubbing bubbles, Furniture polish, Lysol spray & wipes)

Liquid Laundry Soap (unscented), Dryer sheets

Pump hand soaps, Hand sanitizer (any size)

Drawstring garbage bags (kitchen, 33, 13, or 4 gallons)

Aluminum foil, Saran Wrap, Wax paper

To-go food containers, for hot and cold items

Individual Snacks: (mini boxes of cereal, chips, cookies, Fruit snacks, granola bars, pudding)

Gift Cards: (Target, Walmart, Sam's, Costco, Walgreens, Gas cards, local restaurants)

There will be a collection box in the vestibule for you to place your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

We are still collecting pop tabs, so keep them coming. Currently we are at 644,012. That is only 355,988 away from our goal of a Second Million!

NO PARKING IN THE FIRE LANE!

*The fire lane in front of church (painted yellow)
Must be completely open, with No Vehicles parked there
in case of emergency. There are handicap accessible
parking spaces directly across from the front doors,
on the front corners, and by each of the side doors.
Thank you for your cooperation.*

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.*



BACCALAUREATE MASS

Honor our graduates at 8:30 Mass
on Sunday, June 12th

Graduates are invited to wear your caps & gowns, and meet in the vestibule at 8:15AM

LADIES' SODALITY

June 14th (Tues) There will be a meeting at 9:30AM in the church hall. All ladies are welcome to join us. We are meeting a week earlier than usual, Due to Vacation Bible School.

MENS' CLUB

There WILL NOT be a meeting this month.

PARISH COUNCIL

Will be meeting Wed, June 8th at 7PM
in the Crying Angels Room

Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday ~ Friday, June 20 ~24th, from 9:00AM ~ 11:30AM. All children entering Kindergarten ~ 5th grade (current 4th graders) Registration is now open & forms are in the vestibule. Also needed are volunteers from middle school age And upwards to help with the children.

HAVE AN OLD FLAG TO DISPOSE OF?

Gather together your old, faded, tattered flags The Knights will soon have a collection box for them in the vestibule, so the flags may be properly disposed .

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The **June 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.

PRAYER GARDEN

Spring is here, and the weather is turning nicer. Be sure to visit our new prayer garden! It is located on the north side of the church, between the hall and faith formation doors. It was built by Alex Villalpando with the help of his family, as his Eagle Scout project.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP from LAST WEEK

Weekly Envelopes: \$3,347.00 Loose Cash: \$278.80
Seminarian Fund: \$185.00 Children: 25¢
Candle Money \$93.50

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK : \$ 3,904.55