



SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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AUGUST 23, 2020 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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THIS WEEKEND'S MASS
WILL BE LIVESTREAMED SATURDAY AT 5 PM
ON OUR FACE BOOK PAGE
ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOU CAN WATCH IT ANY TIME LATER
BY GOING TO "VIDEOS"
ON OUR FACE BOOK PAGE

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE
25TH ~ Tue 7:00 PM - English/Hispanic Mass
Confession: 7:30 ~ 8:00 PM
27TH ~ Thu 8:30 AM - Dena Damian
Confession: 9:00 ~ 9:30 AM
30TH ~ Sun 10:00 AM - Colleen Casey
30TH ~ Sun 12:00 PM - Hispanic Mass

GIVING
Online and Text giving are now available.
The link to Online giving is on the website: www.stceciadiemotte.org
To set up text giving: Text StCecilia to 73256

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK
Envelopes: \$3,064.00 Loose Cash: \$272.00
Building Fund: \$135.00 Children's Envelopes: \$6.00
Assumption of Mary: \$691.00
Assorted Envelopes: \$70.00 Candle Monies: \$34.30
ONLINE GIVING
Weekly Offerings: \$1,695.00
Building Fund: \$125.00 Other Offerings: \$100.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$6,192.30

From the Pastor's desk:

In today's gospel, after surveying his disciples about what they are hearing from people concerning his identity, Jesus asks them this fundamental question: "But who do you say that I am?" Like Simon Peter, we think we can reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The reality is that sometimes our lifestyle choices, our Facebook posts, our conversations with friends, our spending patterns, and our time commitments speak of another set of values other than that Jesus is the Christ.

As we begin this new phase of our Catholic presence in northern Newton and Jasper Counties, it is easy to be focused on the change of your priest and the shift in schedule for Masses and confessions. But the real conversion to which the Holy Spirit is inviting us is not external church structures but an interior re-orientation to commit ourselves to following Jesus as the Anointed One, the Christ, and to share him with everyone in this area.

Just last month Pope Francis issued a letter about conversion in parishes and writes, "If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light, and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life."

My suggestion is that we all can work on adjusting the frequency, fervor, and fidelity of our prayer life and then the quality, quantity, and conviction in our witnessing of our faith to others as simple ways to participate in the ongoing conversion that deepens our commitment to Jesus as the Christ

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

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NEW PASTORATE MASS SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE BEGINNING AUG. 22-23, 2020

LORD'S DAY MASSES

SATURDAY, 4:00PM - ST. AUGUSTA
SUNDAY, 8:00AM - SORROWFUL MOTHER
SUNDAY, 10:00AM - ST. CECILIA (ENGLISH)
SUNDAY, 12:15PM - ST. CECILIA (SPANISH)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DIOCESE HAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO USE THE PARISH HALL WITH MASS BEING LIVE STREAMED FOR OVERFLOW SPACE AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES WHEN NEEDED. PROPER DISTANCING WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT ALL AREAS, AND MASKS SHOULD BE WORN DURING MASS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUE, 7:00PM - ST. CECILIA (SPANISH W/ ENGLISH)
CONFESSIONS 7:30-8:00PM
WED, 5:30PM - ST. AUGUSTA
CONFESSIONS 6:00-6:30PM
THU, 8:30AM - ST. CECILIA (ENGLISH)
CONFESSION 9:00-9:30AM
FRI, 8:30AM - SORROWFUL MOTHER
CONFESSION 9:00-9:30AM



Communion Photos are ready for pick up.
They are located in the Crying Angels Room.
If you did not order a class picture and would like one, we can still order them.
The class photo is \$10.00.
A basket will be on the table for orders & payment.



COMBINED PARISH BUSINESS DIRECTORY
IS NOW READY
YOU MAY PICK UP A COPY
ON THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE.

VISIT & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT
"St. Cecilia Catholic Church"
And check our website, stceciadiemotte.org



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.



MANAGING THE NEUTRAL ZONE

In last edition's column, I wrote about "change." A "change" is any event that can shake up our understanding of the world and our old priorities. A "transition," on the other hand, is a three-phase psychological reorientation process that people go through when they are coming to terms with a "change." In a "transition" there is an ending, a neutral zone and a new beginning.

The neutral zone is an area of great discomfort. These are the days after the funeral, the job loss, the resignation, moving from one parish to another or after a divorce. These are the pain-filled days when there is a temptation to want to return to the familiar for relief. The secret of success in the neutral zone is to "stay the course" and "get through" it.

I have spent so much time in the neutral zone phase that I wrote a book about it. Sometimes change simply "happened" to me. Later, realizing there was no rescue party out looking for me, I learned to "induce the labor pains" of change.

One of my very favorite "neutral zone" stories from that book happened a few weeks after my ordination fifty years ago. This "change" was unwelcomed.

All through seminary, after spending years in rural areas, my heart was set on an urban assignment. I had a fabulous chance of seeing that dream come true because newly ordained priests typically became associate pastors in large urban parishes.

When the call came from the Priest Personnel Board, I was told that I was being assigned to the "home missions" of our diocese, in Appalachia, down along the Tennessee border. The area was what the Glenmary Fathers called "No Priest Land."

Unable to change their minds, I went into a depression, angrily packed my bags, bought a map and drove toward my hated assignment. Halfway there, I had a conversion experience. I learned something about all unwanted "changes" - I could change my mind! I started telling myself, "If you don't get what you want, you can always want what your get!" Because of that mind change, it became a great assignment, better than I could have ever imagined.

In the next and final segment of this series we will talk about managing a new beginning.

Father Knott, a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, was a weekly columnist for his archdiocesan paper, *The Record*, for fifteen years. He spent fifteen years doing ongoing priest formation in ten countries.

