

SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

21st ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
22nd ~ Tue 8:30 AM - Poor Souls
23rd ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
25th ~ Fri 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
26th ~ Sat 5:00 PM - People of our Parish
26th ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
27th ~ Sun 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
27th ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Fred & Chris Stavitzke

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

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

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 26 ~ 27, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Carl Martikean
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E Ministers: C. Badowski, L. Winter, J. Juarez
Gift Bearers: Joe & Judy Buchholz
Ushers: D. Shrall, D. Thornton, D. Medsker, C. Fox

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Paul Mihalich
Altar Servers: Kim Wyrobek & Rory Bennett
E. Ministers: D. Dolniak, D. Spradlin, D. Courtright
Gift Bearers: Dan & Doris Kras
Ushers: A. Helms, A.J. Helms, J. Wyrobek, C. Kieres

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: MaryBeth Misiak
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E. Ministers: Jerri Taborski & Maria Fagen
Gift Bearers: Marion & MaryBeth Misiak
Ushers: T. Burke, M. Misiak, D. Yankauskas

From the Pastor's desk:

We often ask ourselves, "How's come God does not always give us what we want when we want it? For sometimes, God seems silent and indifferent to us, as Jesus appears to be in this weekend's Gospel toward the Canaanite woman? We are used to a merciful and kind Jesus, who healed the sick and took pity on sinners; and yet, this Gospel reading seems to portray Jesus as uncaring and indifferent. This woman begs for His help to heal her daughter, and he, at first, ignores her, refusing to answer her pleas. But she is persistent. Even the disciples are annoyed with this woman. They tell Jesus to send her away because she keeps calling out after them.

What is going on here? Well, there may be many things, but at first glance, it appears that Jesus is testing the woman's faith. We can recall that God tested the faith of Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac (Gn 22:1-18). And again, God tested Job, who lost everything but remained steadfast in his fidelity to God (Book of Job). So, it seems that Jesus is testing the Canaanite woman's faith, especially since she is outside the circle of those to whom he initially was sent to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom, the Israelites.

Why does God test people's faith? More specifically, why does God test OUR faith? Because in this way, through OUR struggles and hardships, we are given the opportunity to grow in faith and in our relationship with God. Many people who have struggled with a great burden (e.g. an illness), or the loss of a loved one, a scandal, a divorce, or any major crisis – will attest to the fact that an ordeal (of some type) brought them closer to God and made them better disciples of Christ.

The woman in the Gospel is a Canaanite, not an Israelite; so Jesus tells her, It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. And yet, she persists and tells Jesus, "Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters". Jesus, who obviously was impressed by her boldness and faith in him, gives in to her and says, "O woman, great is your faith, let it be done for you as you wish". And then, Jesus heals her daughter.

Our faith calls us to endure through the struggles of our lives. One reason for that is, because in that struggle, God can awaken something within us. Through the hardships that we endure we can find growth, grace and transformation. If we give up, we have gained nothing. Many people around us just give up and lose their faith, because their faith is not deep enough to withstand the trials of life.

Through the struggles of OUR lives we can find the grace to persevere. Jesus came to wake us up, to shake us out of the haze of our sinfulness. If we strive to strengthen our faith through prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments & devotions to God & the Saints; we can endure. We can persist, like the Canaanite woman, and in our hardship, we can open ourselves to gaining an even more meaningful & deeper relationship with God.

Fr. Dennis

PARISH HOG ROAST & PICNIC

Will be held on Sunday, August 27th, at 1:00 PM
There is a registration sheet in the vestibule for you to sign and indicate what side dish you'll bring.
All are welcome!

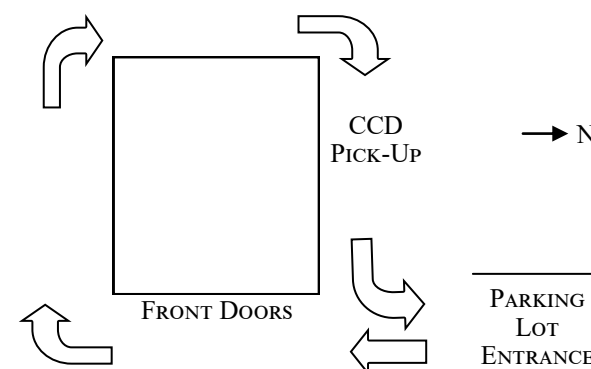


NEW UPDATED ONE WAY TRAFFIC PATTERN

In consultation with some of the finance committee and parish council members, we have decided to make the traffic **clock-wise**. Some of the reasoning behind this is: that when parents pull-up to let their children out of the car, the passenger door will be next to the building~ without the children having to cross the traffic. Secondly, by making the traffic pattern clock-wise, two thirds of the traffic will be able to park before they have to drive around the building to park on the north side.

I understand that change is not easy. Please bear with us as we implement this new traffic pattern.

Thank you for your consideration.



Meals from Sodality

If you know of someone in our parish who has an illness in their family, or just welcomed a new arrival Call Charlotte Fagen (987-6320) and she will arrange for a meal to be delivered



Welcome to our Faith Family,

Jessica Cazares
Daughter of Humberto & Virginia Cazares
May God grant her and her family
years of health and happiness amongst us.

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.



Registration for this terms CCD Classes will begin this weekend, Aug 19/20 & continue next weekend, Aug 26/27 after all masses

The tuition is the same as last year
\$55 for 1child; \$65 for 2 children;
And a maximum of \$75 for 3+ children
Classes start on September 10th

CATECHISTS ... there will be a meeting
Monday, August 21st at 6:30PM
In the Crying Angels Room

CONFIRMANDI

The photographs from last year have been delivered to the church, And may be found on the shelf in the vestibule. Please pick up yours to enjoy.

CHURCH CLEANING

Please join us to clean the church every Tuesday at 9:00AM. Coffee & Donuts are served afterwards. Parish cost savings for your efforts is \$800/month. We can't do it without your help!

WE HAVE REACHED A SECOND MILLION POP TABS!

And we are still collecting ..
Our goal is a 3rd Million!
So Please Keep the Pop Tabs coming



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.

**PLEASE~TURN OFF CELL PHONES
BEFORE MASS BEGINS**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK

Envelopes: \$3,615.50 Loose Cash: \$261.00
Building Fund: \$1034.50 Children's Envelopes: 25¢
Assumption of Mary: \$68.00 Church in Africa: \$70.00
Candle Monies: \$63.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$ 5,112.25