

# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

8<sup>th</sup> ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Marlene Darner  
9<sup>th</sup> ~ Tue 8:30 AM - People of our Parish  
10<sup>th</sup> ~ Wed 12:15 PM - Ash Wednesday  
10<sup>th</sup> ~ Wed 6:00 PM - Ash Wednesday  
12<sup>th</sup> ~ Fri... 8:30 AM - Poor Souls  
12<sup>th</sup> ~ Fri... 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross  
13<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 5:00 PM - Martikean family  
13<sup>th</sup> ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass  
14<sup>th</sup> ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Joe & Leita Cooper  
14<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**

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 13 ~ 14, 2016

**SATURDAY 5:00PM**  
Lectors: Ed Habrowski  
Altar Servers: Volunteer  
E Ministers: R. Atocchi, C. Davidson, MB Misiak  
Gift Bearers: Joe & Judy Buchholz  
Ushers: R. Morales, S. Davidson, M. Misiak, C. Fox

**SUNDAY 8:30AM**  
Lector: Erika Smith  
Altar Servers: Adrianna Dolniak & Rory Bennett  
E. Ministers: B. Kovach, W. VanSchepe, P. Wyrobek  
Gift Bearers: Don & Helen Cooper  
Ushers: J. Wyrobek, A. Helms, AJ Helms, C. Kieres

**SUNDAY 11:00AM**  
Lector: Paul Carlson  
Altar Servers: Volunteers  
E. Ministers: M. Fagen, A. Sadler  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers  
Ushers: T. Burke, D. Yankauskas, Volunteers

### From the Pastor's Desk

In reflecting on Lent, which begins this coming Wednesday, I recall how my Lenten practices have changed significantly over the years. When I was younger, the Lenten season was the time I would give up something - usually candy or deserts. I remember my dad would give up eating between meals. I would look forward to Easter Sunday when I could indulge in all the candy and cookies I wanted to. At times, I even envied my Protestant friends who never had to give up anything.

Friday was always fish day - although that was never a sacrifice, for my mother cooked the best fried Perch around (sometimes even with fried potatoes or French Fries....yum). I recall how I liked the early Ash Wednesday morning Mass for two reasons. First....I wouldn't have to ride the bus to school (My parents would drop me off at school after the Mass) and secondly....I recall wanting to get the dirtiest black ash mark on my forehead on Ash Wednesday so that others in my public school would know that Dennis went to church that day. Lent seemed to be more about me than about God and others.

Perhaps some of you "oldsters" reading this column might readily identify with some of these Lenten practices. I'd like to think I have matured in my Lenten outlook. Nowadays, for me, it is a time to get to know Jesus more intimately in my life and determine how I can best reflect that relationship with others. Giving up desserts and candy has been "partially" replaced with trying to give up my impatience, and at times, my focus on myself. For me, I really believe that Jesus is more pleased when I display those qualities (patience and selfless) - rather than just giving up candy bars. The early Fathers of the church remind us that when one would fast or abstain from certain food during Lent that the monies saved are to be given to those in need - the poor. And yet how many will abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent only to substitute it with a much more expensive salmon or shrimp dinner? Hardly a sacrifice. We will keep the regulation, but usually with little to no personal inconvenience.

As we look at fasting, the following might be a meaningful guide:

A Lenten Prayer - "How to Fast" by Lisa Terneus

- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling within us.
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; feast on trust.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
- Fast from facts that depress; feast on truths that uplift.
- Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Excerpts taken from the St. Louis University Prayerbook "A Time For God," 2/17/2010

I pray that these next six weeks will be a time of growth for all of us. Giving up sweets, desserts, and TV are all well and good. For others, giving, prayer, and forgiveness just might be more meaningful. But whatever we do during this Lenten season, may it bring us closer to Jesus and His message. Enjoy - yes, enjoy Lent. It can be a great time of spiritual growth.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Dennis*

**EUCCHARIST ADORATION & BENEDICTION  
TODAY 1 ~ 5 PM**

## MENS' CLUB

There will be a meeting Tuesday, Feb 9th at 6:30PM in the church hall.  
We are asking all interested men attend  
To discuss the upcoming Fish Fry  
As well as the future of the club & its activities



## Elizabeth Ministries

Will host **BEAT THE WINTER BLUES**  
On Tue, February 9th at 6:30PM in the church hall  
Everyone of all ages is invited to bring the whole family  
For some carnival-like games (to get you up & moving),  
music, and refreshments.  
Come join in for an evening of fun & fellowship.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ~ FEB 10<sup>TH</sup>

Will be held at 12:15PM & 6:00PM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Lenten Fridays at 6PM

And will be followed by a Communion Service

## COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN EUROPE

The collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter & training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care & catechesis. Your donation on **Ash Wednesday** helps **restore the Church & build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous.  
Visit [www.succb.org/ceee](http://www.succb.org/ceee).

## 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



Welcome to our Faith Family,  
Mason Raymond Kennedy Kieres,  
son of Christopher Kieres and Krystal Hoover;  
May God grant him and his 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.



**PENNY WARS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY!**  
So be sure to start saving your pennies to contribute to your classes total! This year our donation will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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.

There will be a meeting for all Catechists Today, Feb 7th, following CCD.

Take a look at the bulletin board in the hall honoring the month of the Holy Family designed by Shannon Adler. Thank you, Shannon.

## CRS RICE BOWL~HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY

Join our parish community ~ and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the US ~ in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your families Rice Bowl TODAY, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app. Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives!

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The **February 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.

## 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 to them by the Ladies' Sodality.

## TAPT RETREAT

The Gary diocesan TAPT retreat returns to Camp Lawrence March 11-13. It is a dynamic, life-changing spiritual retreat for high school teens, sponsored by the Diocese of Gary Office for Youth. Cost \$85. Deadline: Feb 29.  
Complete details at [garytapt.com](http://garytapt.com). [Facebook.com/garytapt](https://www.facebook.com/garytapt), or contact Kevin Driscoll:219.769.9292x229

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP from LAST WEEK

Weekly Envelopes: \$3539.00 Loose Cash: \$411.32  
Maintenance Fund \$14.00 Children: \$42.00  
Good Samaritan: \$15.00 Prop: of Faith \$52.00  
Religious Retirement \$20.00 Candle Monies \$46.20

**TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK : \$ 4,139.52**