

St Cecilia Parish Update From Father David

There are two major things happening in our parish. **The first is, thanks be to God, we are able to proceed with finishing our roof!**

We raised a little over \$16,000, blowing past our goal of 12,000! At the same time, we also did very well with our DDF contributions. Many thanks for your generosity! After months of watching the steel market and getting weekly updates from the various roofing companies in the area, prices fell to where we could purchase all the needed roofing for \$16,000. The price was only good for three days, and we jumped on it! We still needed to purchase the wood slats for the roof (which cost \$3,300), but with **the Delta Fair coming up**, we are confident we can make that amount back.

The second thing is that we are making some changes to our PSR program. The bigger change is that we want to involve the parents in the learning process with their children. Our goal with PSR has always been to draw people closer to God, through the learning of the faith. The problem we have seen is this can't happen in one hour a week. It is a task for the whole family, children learn best from their parents.

What we are going to do is have classes for the parents, as well as for the children. The classes for the parents will be aimed at giving them the tools to teach their children the faith, to reinforce the lessons they are being taught at PSR.

The minor change is that we are moving our focus to January through May. With the rains opening in October through December, attendance is too difficult for some during this time, and we'd like to work around that.

We will be having an **informational meeting on September 12th** to go over all the changes and the info you will need if your child is to receive first Communion next spring, or if your child is in the 5th grade or higher and will be ready to receive Confirmation next time the bishop is here in 2023. -Fr David



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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English
(10:05am Rosary; Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of the month)
1pm Mass in Spanish
Monday: Adoration 5:30-6:30

If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.

Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Mary Gurley, Deanne Cole, Sandy DeLisle, Greg Bradley, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember the deceased, our clergy and bishop, Covid quarantined parishioners, our chronically ill, and our homebound.

Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,
Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4
Wednesday: Adoration at 5; mass at 6

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

Collection Information for August 29

Adult Collection: \$1816.80

Loose: \$218

Monthly Calendar of Events

Monday, September 6 No Mass

Wednesday, September 8 Youth Bible Study and Pizza after mass

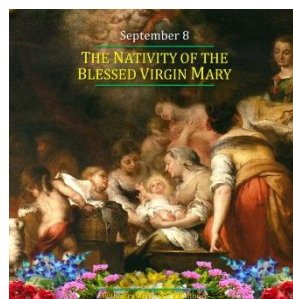
Sunday, September 12th PSR Meeting for First Communion and Confirmation parents
(Grades 2 and 5-8, as well as anyone older who desires Confirmation)

September 28-October 2 St. Cecilia Delta Fair Booth

Memorials and Feasts This Week

September 8-The Feast of the Nativity of Mary

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.



Memorial of St. Peter Claver,
September 9

St. Peter Claver was born at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain, in 1580, of impoverished parents descended from ancient and distinguished families. He studied at the Jesuit college of Barcelona, entered the Jesuit novitiate at Tarragona in 1602 and took his final vows on August 8th, 1604. While studying philosophy at Majorca, the young religious was influenced by St. Alphonsus Rodriguez to go to the Indies and save "millions of perishing souls."

Boarding the slave ships as they entered the harbor, he would hurry to the revolting inferno of the hold, and offer whatever poor refreshments he could afford; he would care for the sick and dying, and instruct the slaves through Negro catechists before administering the Sacraments. Through his efforts three hundred thousand souls entered the Church. Furthermore, he did not lose sight of his converts when they left the ships, but followed them to the plantations to which they were sent, encouraged them to live as Christians, and prevailed on their masters to treat them humanely. He died in 1654. (From www.catholic.org)

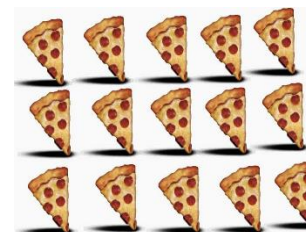
Youth Bible Study: The Role of Food in Our Faith

Starts Wednesday after mass!

Grades 6-12 are Welcome!

Bible Provided

Pizza and drinks will be served.



Delta Fair Note: We need water and soda donations!



Please bring these items before or after masses or adoration from now until September 27th. The Delta

Fair is scheduled for **September 28 to October 2**. Thank you all and God bless you.