

Collections for September 11th \$1835

Helping Hands Food Bank Really Needs Your Help

Helping Hands here in Kennett has almost nothing to give to the poor and hungry in our area at this time. Please bring any non-perishable food items to church and Beth Johnson will be sure to get them to the food bank. You may also drop by Helping Hands and bring your gift in person. Please consider picking up something this week to help the most vulnerable in Kennett.

Delta Fair is Coming in September!

The Delta Fair is a great fundraiser for our parish that helps keep everything running day to day. We sell delicious food and drinks, but we need your help to do this! Please bring a **12 or 24-pack of soda** and drop it off in the classrooms! (There will be a sign.) Thank you so much for your support to keep St. Cecilia!

PSR Classes

These classes are for anyone seeking the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. We have parent classes at the same time as the children's classes, which is 11:45am on Sundays.

September 21st: Family Movie Night at St. Cecilia!

After mass, we will gather to watch the movie Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe. Popcorn and drinks provided!



Feast of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz

The Feast Of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz will be celebrated on September 24th with rosary beginning at 11:30 AM, and a festive meal following at noon.

Upcoming Cancellations

Father David has to be out of town the next two Mondays. Therefore, adoration and mass will have to be cancelled.

Monday 9/19
Monday 9/26

No Mass/Adoration
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September 18, 2022
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,
Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4

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

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday and Wednesday Adoration at 5; Mass at 6pm
Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English; 10:05am Rosary
1pm Mass in Spanish

Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Pedro Orocio, The Melendez Family, James Hargett, +Sandy DeLisle, +Bill Anderson, Polly McAtee, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, and Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember Bishop Rice, Fr. David, and our homebound.

Mass Intentions

September 14 For An End To Abortion
September 18 +Tony & Freda Saracini
September 21 For An End To Abortion

Evangelization 101: Being “Good at” Relationship

The mission to spread the Gospel belongs to every Catholic by Baptism. None of us are exempt from the mandate of the Lord to “go, make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19). But how do we do it? For our answer, we look to Jesus Christ Himself and the way in which He led and nurtured His own disciples. This happened primarily by way of relationship. Jesus entered into and built over time a relationship of trust, intimacy and friendship with his disciples. And through this relationship He communicated His own life and salvation to them. When we think of evangelization, many people picture a man standing on a street corner with a bullhorn proclaiming a message to passers-by. But this isn’t the heart of evangelization. Evangelization is fundamentally a work that proceeds in and through relationship. God Himself demonstrates this as He constantly seeks personal intimacy with each one of us, walking with us, communicating Himself to us, speaking to us, directing our lives. So, too, the disciples of Jesus Christ who are called to make other disciples do this primarily by entering into relationship with others, building trust, friendship, intimacy, and waiting for those opportunities when a person is ready to hear about Jesus and His great love for them. This basic truth about evangelization - that it proceeds by way of relationship - illumines a fundamental obligation for all of the baptized. We must become good at relationship. Being “good at” relationship means that we are growing ever more deeply in the virtues that make relationship and friendship possible. First, we must have room in our hearts for other people. That is, we must become more and more liberated from our own ego and self-interest, from our tendency to use other people to get our own needs met. In its place, we must have enough freedom of heart to focus on and genuinely desire the good of the other person for his or her own sake. This is the very definition of love. Without it, our attempts to evangelize are simply a “noisy going, a clanging cymbal” (1 Cor 13:1). Second, disciple-makers must know how to listen. It is far more important to have a genuine desire in our hearts to know the other person, understand where they are “at” and what they are seeking, than it is to have all the right answers about our Faith. The best way to become a good listener is to practice regular periods of prolonged silence – first in prayer and then when we are around others. Silence is our way of creating space for the other – first for God and then for the other person. Silence makes us capable of listening. The experience of being listened to and understood opens people’s hearts to the possibility of God. Third, those who wish to evangelize must be capable of intimacy. The ability to be vulnerable and to share one’s heart humbly as an offering is a necessary part of all true

relationship. Humble self-disclosure is the only way by which the Gospel can reach another person’s heart. This means that those who wish to make disciples must embark on a journey of working through their own intimacy issues – fear, mistrust, withdrawal, arrogance, neediness, self-righteousness, the need to control, and so on. The best way to make this journey – and thus prepare for the mission of evangelization - is to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who will lead us on a journey of intimacy with Himself. Relationship with Him becomes a kind of school in which we learn how to be in relationship with others. So where do we begin? Perhaps with a simple prayer like this one prayed from the heart: Lord Jesus, I want to help the people in my life come to know You. I recognize that I can only help others come to know You through my own relationship with You. Jesus, I invite you anew: come into my life. Grant me the grace of friendship and intimacy with You. Give me courage to surrender myself to You, especially those parts of my heart that don’t yet belong to You. Show me, Jesus, the people in my life that You want me to befriend and build relationship with. Teach me, Jesus, how to be good at relationship: how to love, how to listen, and how to humbly share my Faith. Thank you for the privilege of participating in Your great mission to save the world.

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I make this prayer. Amen.

You Are Called to Evangelize!

Do you know anyone who is interested in the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a great place to ask questions and find out more. Please help spread the Good News! Contact Vanessa for information about RCIA classes at St. Cecilia.

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults