



St. Cyprian Church

Fall 2018 News



Rev. Dr. William J. Promesso
Pastor

Sound Retreat!

In early October I took a week off to “retreat” from the busyness and demands of parish life and focus on my spirituality, vocation and health.

Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia says this about retreats: *The Christian retreat can be defined in the simplest of terms as a definite time (from a few hours in length to a month) spent away from one's normal life for reconnecting, usually in prayer, with God. Common locations for Christian retreats include churches and retreat centers.*

The California desert is my preferred retreat location because I have discovered that mountains, palm trees, cacti and sunshine put me in the right frame of mind to reflect backwards on the past year and prepare to move forward into the next. Being surrounded by the beauty of creation opens me to gratitude and growth. Yet I realize that being able to take this time away would be a luxury for many people. Most of you have family responsibilities that preclude you from taking a week for yourself, which is why local retreat houses and retreat leaders plan one-day or weekend retreats for people. In the next few months we will be putting extra effort into encouraging you to take some time for yourself and your relationship with Jesus **to be a better spouse, parent, child and disciple. We're just beginning to put some things together, so watch for future details.**

Have a wonderful autumn. May you find a little time for yourself to refresh and renew.

All the Lord's best,

Fr. Bill

UPCOMING

NOVEMBER

- 4 Blanket Making
- 9 Paint & Pour
- 11 Pancake Breakfast
- 28 Book Club

DECEMBER

- 9 Pancakes w/St. Nick
- 9 Christmas Party
- 30 5th Sunday Rosary

JANUARY

- 5/6 Epiphany Hospitality
- 20 Pancake Breakfast
- 30 Book Club

FEBRUARY

- 9/10 Anniversary Hospitality
- 10 Soup Bowl Painting
- 28 Book Club

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MARCH

- 1 Volunteer Appreciation Party



Christian Service & Outreach Ministries



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Recently, I was reading a book about growing in faith. The author suggested to start the day with an hour of quiet prayer. I thought, "Do I have time in the morning for an hour of quiet prayer? Could I stick to that? What do I do each morning?" ...I usually say a short prayer, watch The Today Show and go on my phone... What a realization for me. I think nothing of watching TV for an hour but wonder how I can spend an hour of quiet time in prayer. The world has become comfortably noisy. Although I enjoy watching TV, when I think of special moments in my life, it doesn't usually involve watching TV. Special moments for me are quiet time with God and nature and spending time with others. I want a close relationship with God. How am I to hear Him if it isn't quiet? If I am not listening to Him, then who am I listening to? He is the way. Quiet prayer time would strengthen my relationship with God, help me grow in faith, and help me stay on His path. Wishing you all quiet time with God this fall.

The upcoming months are a great time to renew our relationship with God. To look at our lives and see where we can give more time to Him. What might Jesus be asking us to give up? Is the 'world' telling me what is right or am I seeking answers from God? What are we holding onto that Jesus is asking us to hand over to Him? Is it hatred? Is it sin? No matter what it is, Jesus can handle it: He is our Savior.

This year we are focusing on 'Igniting the Gospel'. We are living in a generation where there is great opportunity to reveal God's love in the world. So many people are seeking. People want to feel happiness and love. The "world" has all kinds of remedies for this, but none are truly fulfilling. God is the way to true happiness and fulfillment. Together, in love, let us bring Christ to the world.

Kim

Upcoming opportunities to serve:

- USDA - we need 1 volunteer who is able to lift boxes when deliveries arrive, available on Thursday morning once a month.
- Turkey Donations in November.
- Communion to the Homebound - in need of a volunteer available on Friday morning.
- All Saints Soup Kitchen - volunteers needed on Wednesday morning every other month.
- Giving Tree project in November and December.
- Welcome ministers needed for the 5:00pm and 9:00am mass and to contact new members and welcome them.

Called Ever Deeper Into God's Love

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Pastoral Ministry

The call to holiness and ongoing conversion is being lived and embraced at St. Cyprian Church again this year through our RCIA program, adult faith formation opportunities and our weekly Bible study. Our parish is blessed to have 9 catechumens and candidates in our RCIA program who are actively seeking to enter into a personal relationship with Christ and identify with a community of faith. They, along with their sponsors, have begun to pray, study and reflect upon the teachings of the Catholic faith with the desire to know more about who Jesus Christ is, why He came and what He has to offer them. Our Catholic faith that is expressed through beliefs, rites and the sacramental life is an enduring stream of grace, mercy and love that empowers each candidate and catechumen to experience the ever-present love of God more deeply in their daily life.

Our Adult Faith Formation Committee will be working to bring dynamic speakers, interesting programs and new resources to our parish. Our focus will be providing parishioners diverse opportunities to deepen their faith in God through Jesus Christ and to be equipped to joyfully evangelize as His disciples for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Each of us is called to ongoing and lifelong faith education and formation, in order to become more and more like Christ. Each parish member is vital to creating and contributing to a Spirit filled and vibrant community that allows each member to

be a joy filled witness to the world.

Our weekly Bible Study class provides a wonderful opportunity for the examination and deeper study of the Word of God. Everyone is welcome to join us to pray, study and reflect on the Word of God as we learn how to live our Catholic faith in our daily lives. We focus on the Sunday readings for the coming week and the books of the Bible in order to discover how our Catholic Christianity is **based in Scripture and how God's Word** is vital to deepening our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Let's keep praying for each other, serving together as a parish community and living out our Baptismal call to holiness.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with his riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through the Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with the fullness of God.

Eph 3: 14-19

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Worship & Music Ministries



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The season of fall brings a bit of a chill, but a refreshing start to the year ahead of us! With all the activities kicking back into gear, we are off to a good start.

This year, St. Cyprian Church has seen more growth in the music department. I am always encouraging new people to come and join us. If you play an instrument or have a love of singing, please consider sharing your talent by joining the choir or playing an instrument at one of our weekend Masses.

The Handbell Choir will be starting our rehearsals on October 16th in the evening. We have finally filled each position in the handbell choir and are looking forward to a strong year! This wonderful group will be **ringing at our All Soul's evening prayer**, Christmas Season Masses and a couple of weekend Masses in between.

The Liturgical Choir is our primary choir for the parish that consists of about 26 to 30 members. We are always looking for more **people to join us! You don't necessarily** have to read music. A love of singing is required, and a sense of humor helps! We

rehearse weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. The Liturgical Choir is regularly scheduled to sing at the 11am Mass on Sundays, but we sometimes sing at other Masses and Liturgies. This year we have started early on our Christmas Music and are looking forward to adding a beautiful sound to our Liturgies!



The Guitar Group that we have at the 9am Mass continues to flourish! Consisting of two or three guitarists, a bass player, piano and drummer, these well-polished musicians contribute to waking everyone up with songs of praise at the early Sunday morning Mass! If you are looking for a good wake up call, consider joining us for the 9am Mass on Sundays if you have not yet **done so. It's worth waking up early, I promise!**



Our Resurrection Choir has continued to enhance the funeral liturgies. We also have had a few instrumentalists start to join us as well. This ministry is balm to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Switching gears, I'd like to acknowledge the St. Cyprian Worship Commission. We have started our meetings up for the year and are working towards building stronger foundations for our Liturgical Ministers at our upcoming Liturgical Ministers Day on Saturday, November 10th, from 8:30am to 12noon. Aside from enhancing Liturgical Ministries, the Worship Commission oversees the Art & environment of the church.

They have continued to help brighten up the atmosphere with plants and decorations appropriate to the Liturgical Seasons. I would like to encourage others to be a part of a Liturgical Ministry at our weekend Masses. If you feel the call, answer it! Please consider this wonderful opportunity to serve, share and help grow your parish this year! If you have been thinking about being a part of a Ministry or have any questions please feel free to contact me at 734-283-1366 x120 or email: mkoch@stcyprian.com.

Mason

Liturgical Ministers Day

(lector, greeter, altar server, AA/sacristan, choir member, cantor, extraordinary minister of holy communion, usher, etc.)

Are you being called to serve the church in any of the these ministries?

Liturgical Ministers Day calls all current liturgical ministers and *those interested in serving* the community in this capacity. Come and meet current ministers and see what a great opportunity this is to use your gifts within the Mass. We will begin with coffee and a light hospitality at 8:30am in the social hall, followed by formation specific to your ministry or ministry interest.

**November
10, 2018
8:30am —
12:00noon**



RSVP by November 8
to the parish office at
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sponsored by St. Cyprian Worship Commission

All Saints Liturgies
Thursday, November 1
12:00noon and 7:00pm

All Souls Liturgies
Friday, November 2
9:00am and 7:00pm,
followed by hospitality

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 22
9:00am

Immaculate Conception
Friday, December 7
7:00pm vigil
Saturday, December 8
9:00am

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24
4:00pm and
12:00midnight

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25
11:00am

Mary,
the Mother of God
Monday, December 31
5:00pm Vigil
Tuesday, January 1
11:00am



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Welcome Back!!!!

This summer has been busy getting the "new rooms" ready for the formation programs. As you know, we are renting out the rooms in the Education wing to Riverview schools and the Creative Montessori Center, so the parish offices have been turned back in to the classrooms that they originally were back in the day. Now all the formation classes will take place in the social hall area of the church and former



offices. The rooms are equipped with tables, chairs and white boards. It has been an adjustment but one that has been done with much positivity from both the catechists and children. I am looking forward to a wonderful year. We

also have welcomed a few new families and catechists into our program this year. **May God's blessings be upon all of them** as they share their time and faith with our children.

The catechists and children in grades 1-5 will be working with Christian Service Commission on a Mercy in Action Project in October. They will be stuffing animals made by the crafters and making cards. Both will be given to kids in need of some love and support.

The Youth Group has started, and we are already planning events for the year. We will be participating in our annual events like the Night in a Box, a retreat at Subiaco, and CYO Camp Cleanup. The youth room is AWESOME, and the teens LOVE it! They will be working on projects throughout the year to decorate the space and make it their own. In December, we will be participating in a parish wide evening of worship and adoration.

The Family Faith Committee will be organizing the Blanket Making event again this year on November 4 in the Social Hall from 4:00-6:00pm. This project is open to all. Please bring your fleece with you. We will have some fleece available to use. Sizes are as follows: Baby = 1 yard, Lap = 1 ½ yards, Child = 2 yards and Adult = 3 yards. We will be celebrating with St. Nick in December and painting soup bowls in February. Other ideas are in the works so please keep

Religious Formation

tuned to the *Connection*, so you don't miss a thing.

The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** has started and will be offered at both masses on Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity for children between the ages of 4-10 years to be able to listen and learn about the readings of the mass at their own level. It also gives the parents a chance to fully engage in the Liturgy of the Word themselves. You do not have to sign up for this; the children are called up to the front with their catechist who escorts them out and will return with them in time for the offering of gifts.

We have 19 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be held on March 2, 2019. There are also 19 children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Both programs have begun, and we ask that you keep all of them in your prayers.

World Youth Day in Panama 2019 is rapidly approaching. Thank you all for your continued support of our bottle drive to help defray the costs. I will be taking two young women from the parish, and we have begun preparing for this exciting trip. We will be walking many, many miles with backpacks full

of supplies, so we spent a day walking from the Solanus Casey Center to Belle Isle, and back again — a 6 mile round trip. Afterwards, we listened to testimonies of three former participants of WYD and how it affected/changed their lives. Watch the *Connection* and webpage for posts in January!

If you ever have a question or suggestion, please feel free to call or email me at 734-283-1366 x118 or sshurtz@stcyprian.com.



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Given to St. Cyprian @ September 30, 2018 \$226,245

How that was used:

- ADMINISTRATION: \$105,423
- WORSHIP & MUSIC: \$23,614
- CHRISTIAN SERVICE: \$7,819
- RELIGIOUS FORMATION: \$18,199
- DIOCESAN/VICARIATE SUBSIDIES: \$12,091
- CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: \$34,075
- PLANT & MAINTENANCE: \$39,302

*Net Operating Loss
 after expenses: (\$14,276)*

We are now all settled into the new parish offices, located at the former rectory. I hope you had a chance to visit us during the open house at the parish picnic, but if not, stop by for a tour. Riverview Community School District (RCSD) and Creative Montessori Center (CMC) are leasing all of the classrooms in the former school wing. Religious Formation classes and other parish activities are taking place in new meeting/class rooms in the social hall and former offices. Leasing to the two schools brings in \$5,350/month (\$64,200 annually) to the parish, which enables us to do some major improvements to the complex, and build up our savings account. It was a chaotic summer, but well worth it!

Over the summer (in addition to the move), we did parking lot repairs, put new siding on the large parish garage, purchased some new furniture and office equipment, and put in a new handicapped accessible entrance to the new offices and landscaping. Special thanks to Biundo Cement, Nicola Construction and KDS Lawn and Landscaping for their donations, as well as their excellent work.

As of September 30, the parish finances are stable. The net loss showing is just a reflection of cash flow as of the end of September, not that the parish is in financial trouble. The only day this number has a true impact is on June 30th of each year, the last day of the fiscal year. As of September 30th, we had \$9,795 in the checking account, and \$404,654 in savings.

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