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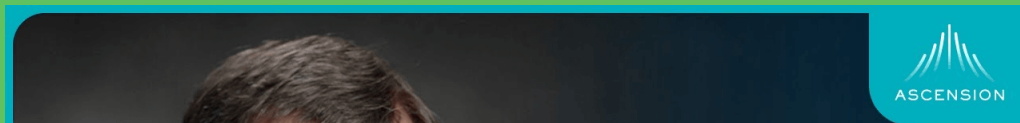
Transforming Lives Through Faith Inspired Relationships

OUR PARISH'S MISSION: ***Proclaim the Good News, embolden all believers, and inspire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ so our parish will love and serve others generously.***



The NICENE CREED

We recite the Nicene Creed each Sunday. It was written 1700 years ago. Each week, we will share a video of a bishop from our Church reflecting on one line of the Creed. May these words inspire us. ***WHO IS JESUS....?***



ASCENSION



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Summer! I heard someone refer to summer as “bird chirping weather”. I love it! I hope you can enjoy the lovely song of the birds and much more.

There are lots of summer construction projects happening around campus through your goodness and generosity: we installed new paving and a new concrete pad at the school dumpster that can better support the weight of the trash truck; we will have brick pointing done on the “old” school building and the Church this week; we had the wooden floors of three of our original classrooms refinished and a new wood floor installed in the Rectory Dining Room; the classrooms are being cleaned and floors stripped and waxed; we will paint some classrooms and our wonderful crew will keep the grass cut, new trees and flowers waters (essential work with the heat this week). Most significantly, we are collecting the bids for the renovation of the bathrooms at the Auditorium and have started the permitting process with the City. We hope that work can start in the next few weeks and, with the blessing of God, be completed by the start of school! Thank you for making it possible to continually improve our campus.

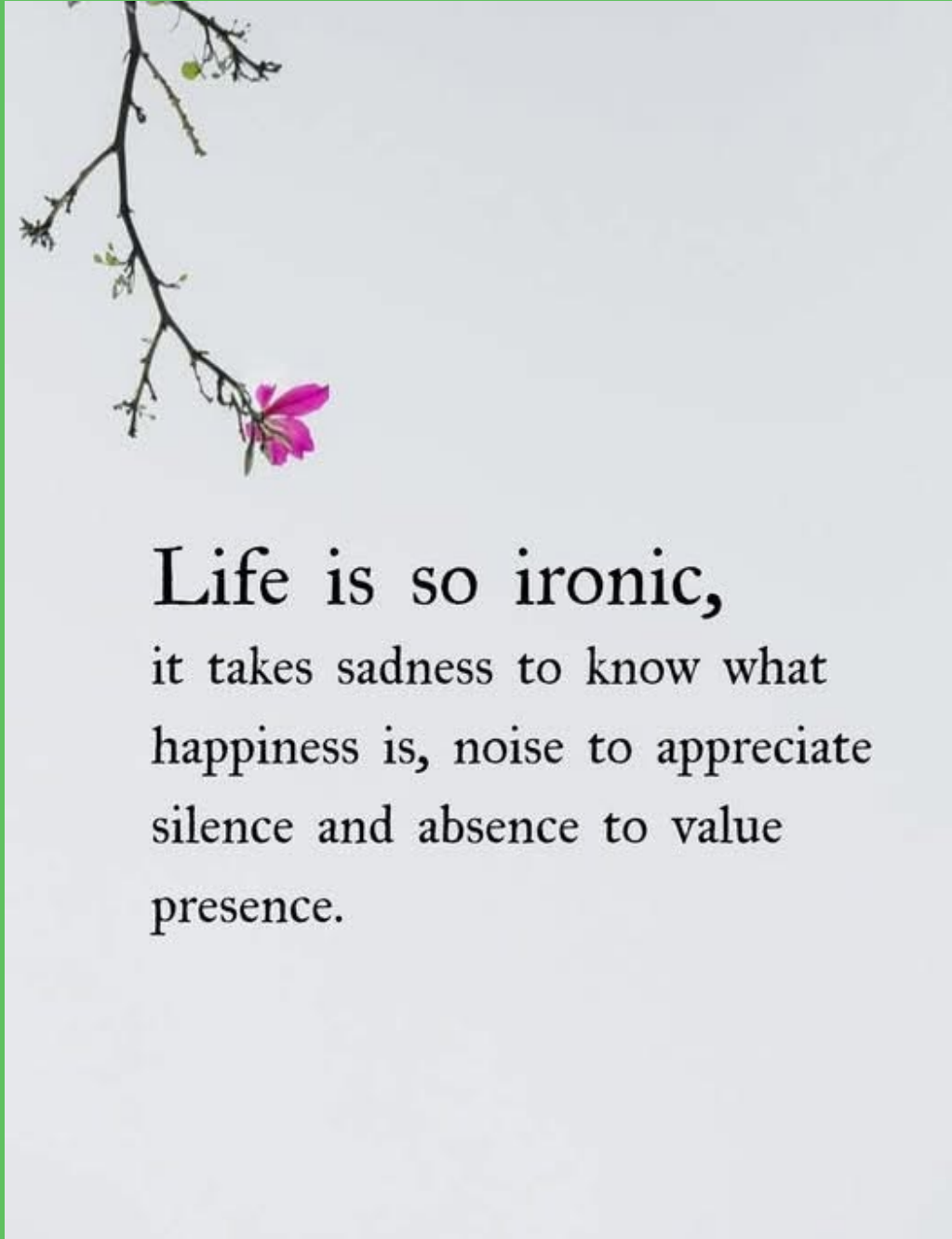
Sister Koreen Marie, IHM has returned to Saint Cecilia. Sr. Koreen was our Vice Principal until 2020. She will be living in our Convent while continuing her work at the Shrine of Saint John Neumann. Welcome back, Sister!

Thank you for your concern for my eye. I saw my doctor on Monday. There has been some improvement with the optic nerve. My vision remains good. I wear the patch to eliminate the double vision caused by the nerve palsy. The issue ought to resolve itself in a few weeks, maybe more. I have no pain and I can continue my wonderful work in the parish. I am avoiding driving at night as much as possible. Please continue to pray for me.

Our Parish Finance Council met on Tuesday evening. We discussed reports from our four Committees: School Finance, Human Resources, Budget & Investments, and Buildings and Grounds. The parish remains in very good financial shape. If you have questions about Parish Finances

very good financial chapter. If you have questions about Parish finances, Financial Policies, or suggestions, please connect with Eleanor Kerwick or me. We can also put you in touch with our Finance Council Chair (Joe Danella) or Vice Chair (Bob Rambo).

Father Chris



Life is so ironic,
it takes sadness to know what
happiness is, noise to appreciate
silence and absence to value
presence.

**"WE CAN ONLY BUILD THE
FUTURE BY STANDING
TOGETHER, INCLUDING
EVERYONE"**

EVERYONE.” – Pope Francis



Disciple Maker Index **SURVEY**

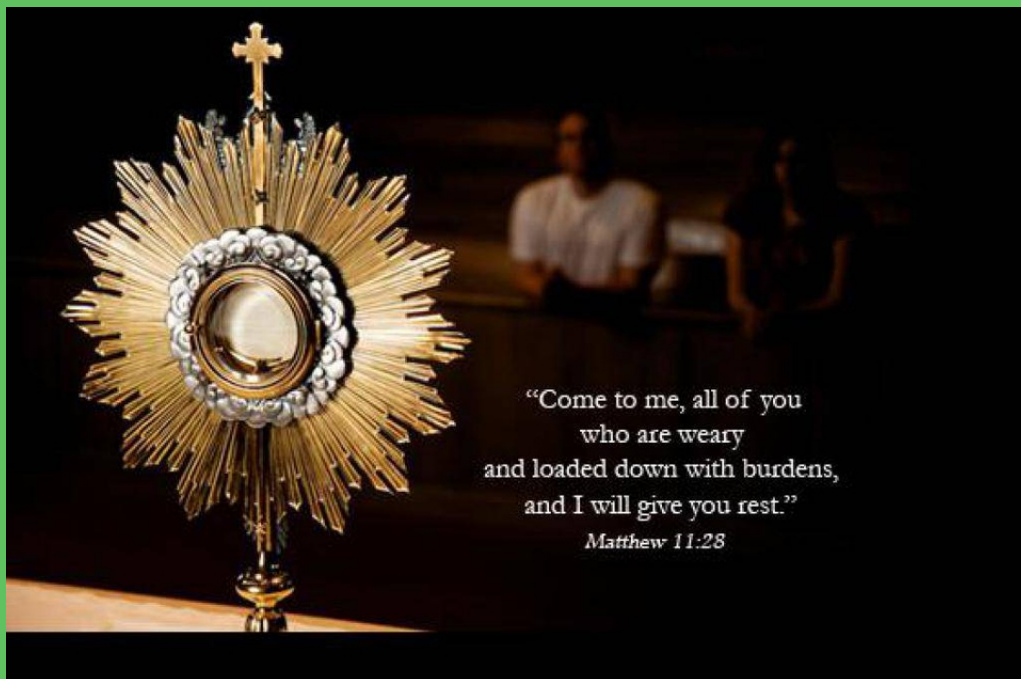


Saint Cecilia had 588 parishioners complete the DMI survey in Lent 2025 (we had 399 participants in 2022 when it was first taken). Over the summer, we will share “the results” of the survey. Father Chris, the Next Generation Parish Team, the Parish Staff, and others will begin reviewing the results to set new goals for our Parish Pastoral Plan for 2026-2029. There will be listening sessions for the whole parish in the Fall to gain more feedback and ideas as we move forward, guided by the Holy Spirit!

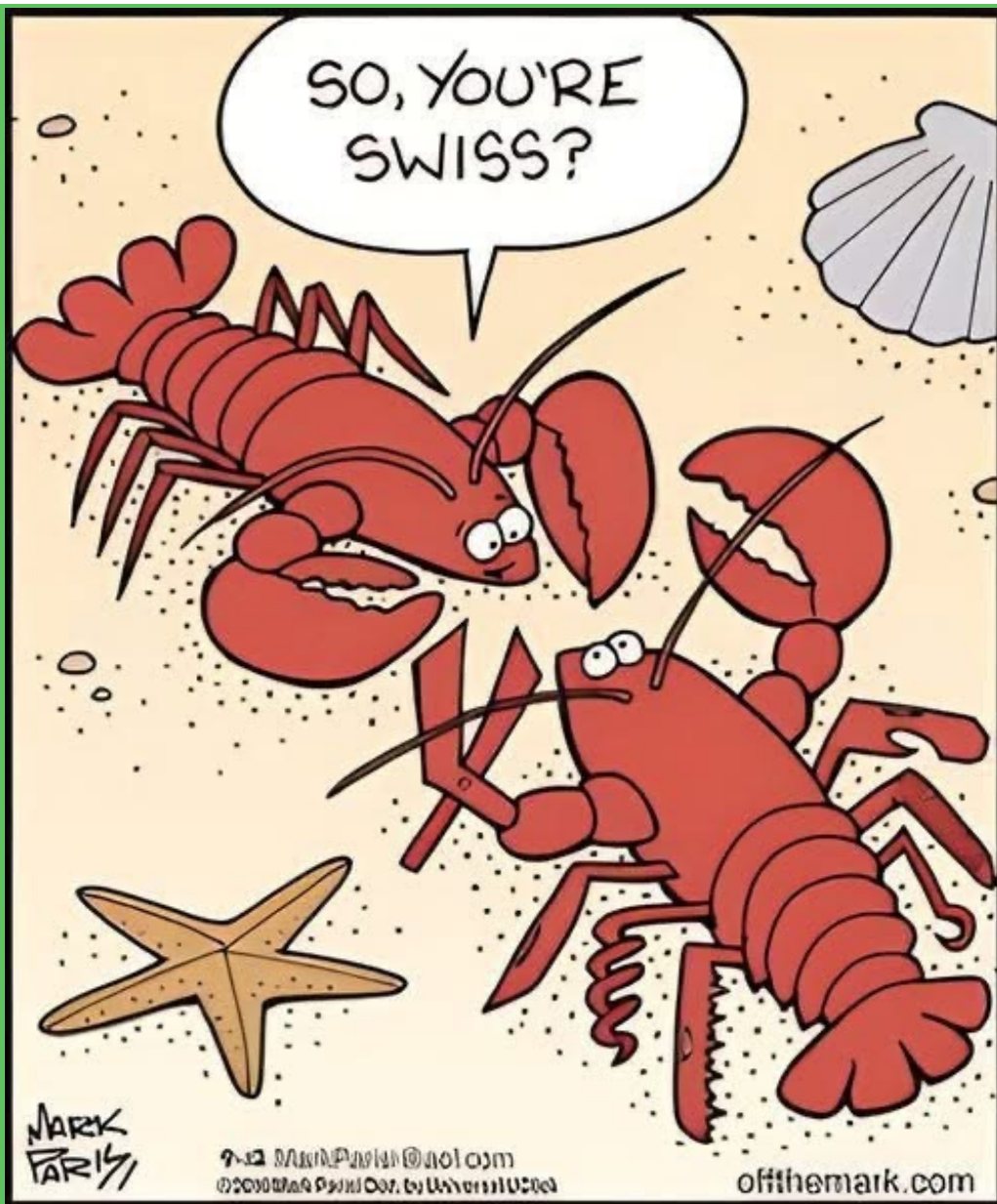
The first set of data we will review is called the **Four Factors for a Thriving Parish**. These data points, based on research with parishes across the United States, help us be a “thriving” parish, leading others to Christ and living as authentic missionary disciples. The four areas are: Leadership, Sunday Experience, Spiritual Practices, and Missionary Impulse.

Leadership Indicators (the number shared is the percentage of parishioners who “strongly agree”; the second number was the percentage in 2022 to show movement): the Parish is involved in making decisions 32% (10%); the Parish practices Financial Transparency 44% (29%), the Parish follows up when I want to get involved 36% (18%), the parish provides opportunities for me to serve 45% (26%), I would recommend my Pastor 70% (51%), I would recommend the Parish 69% (44%), I would recommend the Parish Staff 60% (38%), I would recommend priests in the Parish other than Pastor 57% (23%).

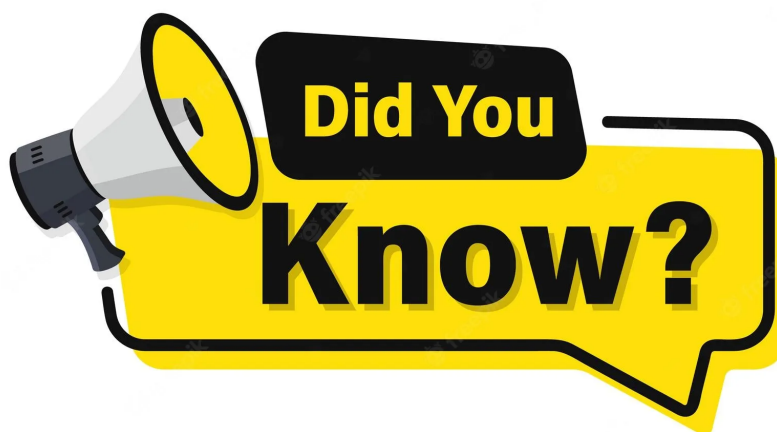
If you have questions or comments, please feel free to share them with someone on the Parish Staff or use the Suggestion Box in the back of the Church. The parish will share the next set of results for the next weeks.



**Have you joined us for Adoration on Mondays?
Jesus wants time with you.
Join us from Noon to 7pm.
Come for 10, 20 or 30 minutes. Maybe even an hour!
Look at Him. Let Him look at you.**



- Pray for all those who are seeking sobriety and peace from anxiety
- Pray for peace in Iran, Israel, Ukraine and all places where violence threatens peace;
- Pray for the soul of **Paul Anzalone**, whose funeral will be Tuesday, June 24, at 11:30. May he rest in peace, and may her family be comforted.
- Pray for the soul of **Dennis Grasse**y, whose funeral will be Wednesday, June 25 at 10:30. May he rest in peace, and may his wife and family be comforted.
- Pray for the soul of Steve Maye, whose funeral will be Saturday, June 28, at 10:30. May he rest in peace, and may his family be comforted.
- Pray for the sick: Walt M., Chris H., Fr. Chris, Lorraine B., Jim M., Juan L. and all who are hospitalized at Fox Chase or Jeannes.
- Pray that twelve people will hear God's call to follow Jesus in the Catholic Church at Saint Cecilia and respond with joy.



- ***Can you cook?*** During the summer months, Caring for Friends has an increased need for frozen meals to supply dinner for our sisters and brothers who are homebound. You can set a time to make a bunch of meals or make a meal with your leftovers each night. This can be a great activity with your children and grandchildren as well. Our parish can supply the containers, and you bring the frozen dinner to a fridge in the Rectory. Jesus rejoices when you feed the hungry! Need more information? Contact Ruth in the Parish Office (215-725-1240 or rmccabe@stceciliafc.com)
- ***Saint Cecilia School Community joyfully celebrates the accomplishments of the Class of 2025.*** With pride and gratitude, our parish recognizes their hard work, perseverance, and faith throughout their academic journey. Our 67 graduates have received over \$ 1.5 million in scholarships to various Catholic high schools in the area. CCC 625 members display academic, athletic, artistic, and

the area. SCS '25 possesses diverse academic, athletic, artistic, and musical talents. We know they will take all they have learned at Saint Cecilia with them out into the future. Please pray for these young men and women as they take their next steps. If you would like to help keep Saint Cecilia School education affordable for working families and allow for future students to excel, please contact Courtney Cligget Hanes in our Advancement Office (advancement@stceciliafc.com or 215-725-2821).

- ***Praise God for your financial goodness to Saint Cecilia!*** Our collection for June 14 & 15 was \$17,432. We are now averaging \$19,326 (with our goal being \$18,846). Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Cecilia.
- Our ***Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for the Special Olympics*** after all Masses on June 28th & 29th. Your support of this wonderful program is greatly appreciated. If you are a man interested in learning more about the Knights, please talk to one of the Knights that weekend.
- Join women from Saint Cecilia and across the area on Saturday, October 18th (9 am to 4 pm) for the [CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE](#) at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown (carpooling available). Great speakers and beautiful experiences of grace in a sacred setting. The cost for the day is \$50 (the normal cost is \$60, but there is a discount if you register with our parish; the Parish has some scholarships available as well). The event sells out every year, so act today. Drop off your check (payable to St. Cecilia Church) with your name and phone number. Questions? Contact Eileen Litka at 215-725-1240 or eileen@stceciliafc.co
- **LOVE IS IN THE AIR!!! *Planning a Wedding?*** Congratulations! Please visit our website to complete a form to get things started (Worship, Sacraments, Marriage). A deacon or priest will follow up with you! ***Considering a Destination Wedding?*** Please get in touch with one of our priests to explore how you can have your marriage become a sacramental marriage (couples need the grace of God to live the vocation). Already Civilly Married? The Church has a simple process to allow your marriage to become a sacrament. There is no cost, and it can include as many or a few guests as you desire. Do not hesitate to complete the same form on our website (Worship, Sacraments, Marriage).
- [Three priests - and a nun - in one Virginia Family.](#) Praise the Lord!
- Need some groceries? There are FREE canned goods and other non-perishable food on the shelf near the Caring for Friends freezer (small room between Church and Rectory; the door is open each day from

9am to 4pm). Help yourself!

- **SAVE THE DATE:** We have a Pilgrimage to Philadelphia's St. John Neumann and St. Rita Shrines on Saturday, September 13th and there will be a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Blessed Mother in Washington, DC on Tuesday, October 28th. Parishes from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will gather to celebrate the Year of Hope! More information to come, please mark your calendars and plan to join us!
- Pope Leo is taking a vacation - [do not look for him in Sea Isle or Wildwood.](#)
- Did you read last Sunday's [Church Bulletin](#) ? Be sure to take a minute to keep up on the great things happening at St. Cecilia
- Fr. Chris and Fr. Phong are available for [CONFESSION](#) on Monday (6 pm to 7 pm); Wednesday (7 am to 8 am), and Saturday (4 pm to 4:50 pm). Please make use of this wonderful Sacrament to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Chris
- **Happy 249th Birthday, USA!** Please join Saint Cecilia Church in marching down "The Pike" on July 4th at the Rockledge Parade! Parishioners of all ages are welcome to walk with us and show their love for our Parish (wear your red, white, and blue or your St. Cecilia Swag). If you have questions, please call the Parish Office. We will gather at 9:30 am at near the Domino's Pizza on the Pike.
- [Pew](#) did some research on [Catholics in the United States](#) - check it out!
- **SAVE THE DATE:** There will be lots of wonderful things happening at Saint Cecilia in the months to come so please mark your calendars (details will be shared as the events get closer): Create "Angels in Motion Blessing Bags" for Kensington (July 23rd at 6:30 pm); Cooking for Friends 8Aug. 16th at 6:30 pm); Did Jesus *really* start the Catholic Church (Sept. 3rd at 7 pm); Fall Wednesday Night Bible Study on the Nicene Creed (Sept. 17th through Oct. 22 at 7 pm); join us once a month to watch The Chosen (starting Monday. Sept 22 at 7:15 pm); Vivaldi's Four Season with a string quartet, fee in our Church (Sept. 28th at 2 pm); Fall Night of Mercy on October 29th;



The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 21st & 22nd

- **Worship** with us as we rejoice in the precious gift of Jesus' Body and Blood. Renew your belief in this tremendous gift.
- Communion will be offered under "both species" (the **Precious Blood**) at the 5 pm and 11 am Masses
- There will be a **Eucharistic Procession** around the block after the 11 am Mass with Benediction in front of the school on Stanwood Street

Children are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits and help lead the procession. If you would like to help lead sing during the Procession, or help with crown control, please contact Mike Tate at 215-725-1240 or mike@stceciliafc.com





Mexican Martyr, Blessed Miguel Pro's Prayer to the Sacred Heart: ***Heart of Jesus, I give my heart to Thee; but so enclose it in Thee that it may never be separated from Thee. Heart of Jesus, I am all Thine; but take care of my promise so that I may be able to put it in practice even unto the complete sacrifice of my life. Amen.***



**THIS IS HAPPENING NEXT WEEK
ONLY THREE SPOTS LEFT FOR KIDS**

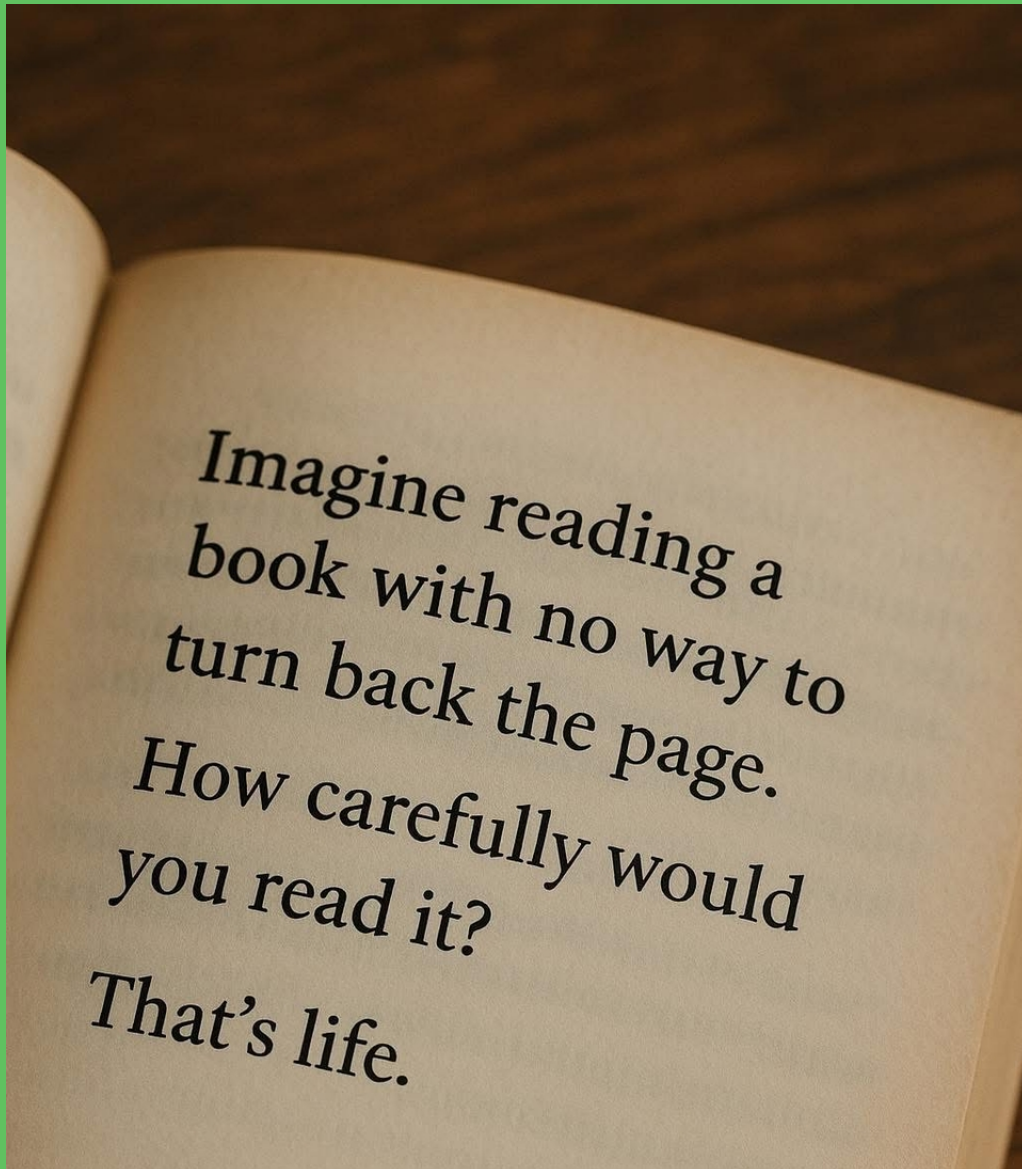
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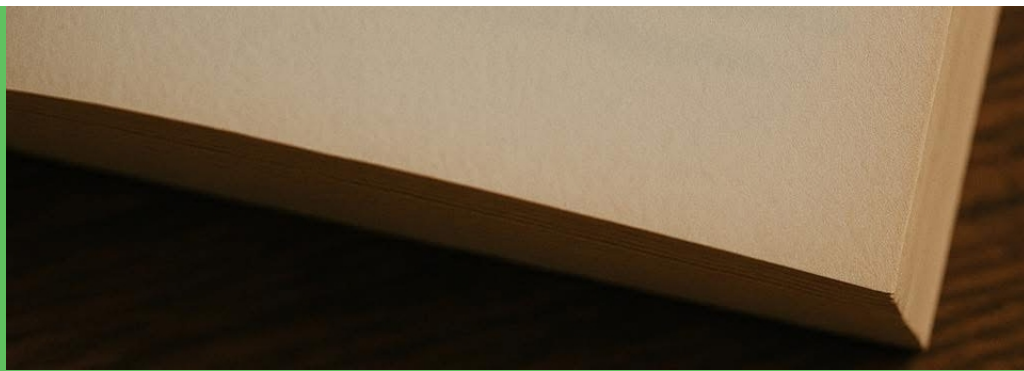
**ADULTS CAN COME WITHOUT KIDS TO
THE AUDITORIUM EACH NIGHT!
YES - THE AC WILL BE ON!!!**

All are welcome to join us from June 23rd to 27th
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm each night in the Auditorium.
We will study God's Word, share our thoughts, sing, and laugh!
It is a chance to meet others and read the Bible!

Come alone or with kids or grandkids! Separate programming for the adults
and kids at various ages. No cost. No experience needed. Haven't you
always wanted to do a Bible Study? Now is the chance! Join us!

[SIGN UP TODAY - FOR YOURSELF OR THE FAMILY](#)





Where in the bible does it say it's man's job to wash dishes!

Salvation in Christ

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2 Kings 21:13 Says
".....And I will wipe
Jerusalem as a man wipeth
a dish, wiping it, and turning
it upside down.

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