



Church of Saint Cecilia

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Weekly Masses:
Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 8:15 & 10:00
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



Michael O'Brien

TRANSFIGURATION

WELCOME

To join the parish,
please call the office at
651.644.4502,
or talk to one of the
hospitality ministers
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The parish office is open
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Editor's Note: During the seasons of Lent and Advent we will be featuring a variety of voices from the community in our bulletin.

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent by Marge Virnig

I have a tendency to overthink things, and this week I overthought the weather. Besides the snow and rain, I've been focusing on the sun and clouds and how they were both on the mountain at the Transfiguration.

When people have an experience (or awareness) of God, they radiate like the sun...whether it's Moses, Elijah, Mary, Mother Teresa, Jesus, or any of us. However, when people seem to be going through difficult times, we say there is a cloud over them. Rather than being a symbol of "bad luck," maybe clouds are confirmations of God's constancy in our lives, especially when we aren't aware of it. In the scriptures, the cloud is a symbol of God's presence (leading the Israelites in the Exodus, the Baptism of the Lord, the Transfiguration, etc.)

We need the sun for the Aha! moments, but we need the clouds for every day guidance and assurance.

Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent reprinted due to last weekend's cancelled liturgies.

An Interview with Norah S. Based on the Gospel for March 9/10

Q: Is it hard sometimes to do the right thing?

Norah: Yes, because sometimes the temptation is killer! When someone says something mean to me I might want to say something mean back, but I know it would be better to ignore it.

Q: What do you do when you are faced with temptation?

Norah: I think about the consequences and who might get hurt.

Q: What consequences did Jesus face if he gave in to the devil's temptation?

Norah: The devil would win and then we would be doomed!

Q: Who gets hurt if Jesus gives in?

Norah: God would be hurt because Jesus would be turning his back on God. All of us would get hurt, too, because we wouldn't be talking about Jesus the way we talk about him now. He wouldn't have helped all those people and he wouldn't have saved us from our sins.

Q: Did Jesus resist temptation on his own?

Norah: No, he got help from the Holy Spirit, his angels, and God.

Q: Who do you turn to for help?

Norah: Friends, my parents, teachers, and God.

Q: Can we avoid temptation?

Norah: No, temptations will always be back. At the end of the story the devil leaves, but we know he will be back to tempt Jesus again. That is how it is with us, too.

Q: What advice would you give to others who are facing temptation?

Norah: Pray and ask for others to help you, even if it's hard. It's okay to say 'no,' Jesus didn't do it on his own, so you don't have to either!

Early Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday, March 19th at 9:00am. Email info. to bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

Contributions Update:

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| March's Budgeted Revenue | \$31,004 |
| Amount Received To Date | \$9,602 |
| Remaining to Achieve Budget | \$21,402 |

Year to Date Financial Information as of December 31, 2018:

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| Anticipated Contributions | \$189,182 |
| Actual Contributions | \$190,198 |
| Building Fund Contributions | \$10,806 |
| Total Income | \$201,004 |

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| Budgeted Expenses | \$194,970 |
| Actual Expenses | \$174,882 |
| Principal Payments on Debt | \$7,292 |
| Total Expenditures | \$182,174 |

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| Revenues Over Expenses | \$18,830 |
| Debt Outstanding | \$77,939 |

Alms Box Balance as of March 3 \$804.81

Faith Formation - Vatican II Presentation by Arthur E. Zannoni Wednesday, March 27th—6:30pm

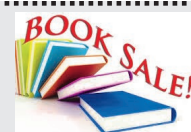
As part of our Whole Community Wednesday, on March 27th at 6:30pm, Arthur E. Zannoni will present:



The Council That Changed the Church: Vatican II

This presentation will explore the challenges and accomplishments of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). It will look at some of the Council's sixteen documents and how they affect our practice of faith. Participants will be led through the Council's four historic constitutions which have shaped and continue to shape what we believe and practice as Catholics.

Join us for a potluck at 5:30pm with the presentation to follow at 6:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



Library Book Sale
March 16/17
Fellowship Hall

COMMUNITY NEWS



March Food Drive

March is Minnesota Food Share month, bringing together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. Help us feed more Minnesota families by donating nonperishable food & monetary donations all month long. Food donations may be placed in the lower link, monetary donations (payable to St. Cecilia "food drive") may be placed in the regular collection basket during Mass. Thank you!

Presentation

Sunday, March 24th—11:00am

You give from the heart. But, do you give smart?

Presented by:

Bill Marsella & Mary Haeg, J.D.

from the Catholic Community Foundation
Join us to learn about smart giving to benefit both you and your favorite charities.



**Lenten Evensong
Sunday,
March 24th
7:00pm**

Please come join in singing the Psalms, Hymns "Magnificat" and more with the Choir and Cantors.

All are welcome!

Lenten Resources

Art Zannoni has published two resources for Lent. They are "Journeying Through Lent" and "Journeying Through the Triduum." Both are available at www.pastoralcenter.com for a nominal fee

Welcome

St. Cecilia's would like to welcome the following new members to our community of faith:

Trisha Vicario & Adam Olow; and son, Dylan

Hymn Numbers:

41, 195, 878, 480

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Whole Community Wednesday Classes

- March 20th - Confirmation and 2nd Grade only meet 6pm-7:30pm, **no potluck**
- March 24th (Sunday) - Building the City of Jerusalem with Legos after 10:00am Mass
- March 27th - Small Groups & Art Zannoni's rescheduled Vatican II Presentation

Potluck at 5:30, programming to follow at 6:30. All are welcome!

First Eucharist Welcome Weekend

Please keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive First Eucharist:

April 28th at St. Cecilia

Alec B.
Sam C.
Brooks C.
Quentin F.
Eleanor R.
Julia R.
Isaac R.
Chante W.

May 5th at St. Cecilia

Aubrey P.
Emery P.
Kellen P.
Tabia T.

May 11th at St. Agnes

Grace P.

COME JOIN US! - Parish Event

Thank you! So many of you have already bought raffle and dinner tickets, and we already have several silent auction donations that have come in. Keep the ball rolling—**stop by the link after Mass to get your dinner and raffle tickets, and to sign up to volunteer for the event!**

Silent Auction Items & Events Needed

Do have a talent or craft you would like to share? How about a basket of coffees, wines, snacks, or other treats? Want to host a St. Cecilia's community event like a BBQ or golf outing? Do it for the St. C's Silent Auction coming up at the Parish Event on April 7! As always, this event doesn't work without the support of our great parish community, so please donate baskets, new and unused items, and other crafts or talents to the Silent Auction.

Please drop off your items (preferably packaged and priced for display) at the Church office now! If you would like to host an event that could be auctioned off, please contact Silent Auction coordinators Joe Van Thomme (jvanthomme@eckbergglammers.com) or Hannah Van Thomme (hannah.vanthomme@gmail.com) with the idea, date, cost and the maximum amount of guests you can accommodate. Finally, if you want to donate your items, time or money, but aren't sure how, just ask!

*Please note that due to the outpouring of generosity from the community and our limited space, we can only accept **new and unused** items for the Silent Auction.



Building the City of Jerusalem with Legos

This year we are going to have the City of Jerusalem activity after 10:00am Mass on Sunday, March 24th. We hope that having this on a Sunday will allow more parishioners to take part in this fun tradition. Annamary Boler will lead a brief presentation about many of the important places in Jerusalem then we will break into small groups to build the city out of Legos.

Youth Group Pancake Breakfast

Join our Youth Group on Sunday, March 31st for the annual pancake breakfast following both 8:15am and 10am Masses. The free-will offering donations will go to help fund their summer mission trip to Red Lake Reservation. Anything above and beyond the cost for attending the trip goes directly to the Red Lake community.