



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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

*The Spirit of Truth, whom the world  
cannot receive, because it neither  
sees HIM nor knows HIM; but you*

**HOLY SPIRIT**

*know HIM, for HE dwells with  
you and will be in you.*

*John 14:17*

## WELCOME

To join the parish,  
please call the office at  
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## TEMPORARY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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10:00am to 1:00pm

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia

### How are you weathering the Corona crisis?.....a pastor's question

I've been enjoying my weekly outing to gather with a small rotating group of us who prepare and present our weekly recorded Sunday liturgy. However, those experiences can't replicate the group experience we've had when we could converge to form our Sunday Assembly then linger to meet for talk that is both small and serious. We've also missed our weekly Wednesday gatherings and the various activity groups that mix and mingle. If you are able to virtually join the little group of us on screen, know that I am thinking and wondering about what is happening off screen. Our staff members and I do hear and are in contact with many of you via e-mail messages, but that leaves out many.

Are you able to stay in touch with others you know in the parish? How many of us have had a personal struggle with the virus? How many of us or our family members have been hospitalized or lost loved ones during the recent shut down? For many folks, treatment for serious health conditions or surgical procedures were suspended and are now beginning or resuming. Many of us are learning to live with new health realities and have not processed these internally enough to share, but many of us are also willing to care, pray and support as we are able. Marge Virnig has been randomly corresponding with parishioners and recently organized a group of parishioners to call or email people in our parish whose current email addresses and phone numbers we have.

So many of us have dropped our phone land lines or have separate, personal email addresses other than those we have on file so these inquiries or messages may not have reached you. Feel encouraged to call the parish office to update phone or email addresses should you not be hearing from us or receiving our weekly parish emails. One of our first tasks once we can re-assemble will be to call for a thorough updating of our parish roster. Meanwhile, we may be attaching a brief survey to one of our upcoming parish emails to invite your response to questions about how the virus has affected you or your loved ones.

Many of you have been extremely generous in maintaining or even increasing your financial support even though we cannot fully gather together during this difficult time. We have a small, largely part-time staff and we have been able to keep things going at a reduced scale during this time. You can imagine that it is difficult to know how to plan for and sustain ourselves as a parish in the future. We've had to sacrifice our parish's major social and fundraising parish dinner event with hopes we could recoup some of this at Oktoberfest time. The possibility of large groups gathering even in the Fall, however, remains in question.

**This past week, we were fortunate enough to have been granted a loan through the US government's Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Plan. Through the diligent work of Stephen Klein, our new Parish Operations Coordinator, that loan was secured through Premier Banks.** When the first round of those loans was made available, it was unclear at first if those loans would be eligible to churches. As the archdiocese sought clarity and encouraged parishes to get on board that first round of available money was gobbled up. That made us prepared, however, once the second round was approved, to find a bank who would accept us as a candidate.

Using the approved formula, we can now apply money from that loan to cover salaries, utilities, equipment leases and the reduced cost of diocesan assessment to off-set any income losses we have had for these recent months. Our Finance Committee recently met and we are in the process of attempting a forecast of income and expenses for the next few months. Our Staff and Liturgy Team will be meeting again soon to consider what steps we may be able to take if conditions are safe enough to resume some level of parish activity. Meanwhile, most of our personal and communal plans need to be on hold. Until then, let's stay in touch!

John Hofstede

### Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

#### Financial Information ending March 31:

Anticipated Collections	\$272,080
Actual Collections	\$261,006
Major Gifts	\$53,749
Building Fund Contributions	\$15,485
Other Revenues	<u>\$10,630</u>
Total Income	\$340,870
Budgeted Expenses	\$298,875
Actual Expenses	\$270,558
Major Repairs	\$8,499
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$11,635</u>
Total Expenditures	\$290,692
Revenue Over Expenses	\$50,177
Debt Outstanding	\$58,879
Alms Box Balance as of April 26	\$733.13

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

*Philip the deacon evangelizes Samaria.  
Peter and John come to impose hands that  
the newly baptized may receive the Holy  
Spirit.*

Psalm (65)66, 1-3, 4-5, 6-7. 16. 20.

**Let all the earth cry out, cry out to  
God with joy.**

1 Peter 3: 15-18, 16

*"Speak gently and respectfully" when  
asked about "this hope of yours." It is  
better to suffer for good deeds than for  
evil ones. "This is why Christ died for sins  
once for everyone.*

John 14: 15-21

*Jesus promises the Spirit of truth.  
Therefore you will not be orphaned. "I am  
in the Father, and you in me, and I in  
you."*

**Prayer Ministry:** If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please call the parish office at 651.644.4502 or complete the form on our website (Community/Prayer Ministry tab).

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Email info to [bulletin@stceciliasp.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliasp.org).

**Anniversaries of Environmental Milestones**

April 22, 2020 marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, a secular celebration that many faith communities have incorporated into their annual calendars for awareness and action. This year also marks the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. The anniversary will be marked between *Laudato Si'* week (May 16-May 24) and June 18th (the date of the encyclical's publication). In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls on the world to "dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet".

While most of our attention has gone to combating the Coronavirus, these anniversaries are opportunities to keep in focus the challenging issues of environmental disarray that call for response from us through prayer and action.

**Let us pray:**

O Creator,

Our world is large, and yet your Creation is so fragile. We glimpse the needs of our common home, of our sisters and brothers, and those needs are great.

We want to turn away, but you call us back. We want simple solutions, but you want us to help solve the complex problems.

Through your Church, you call us to listen, to learn, to reflect and to act.

Give us a deep sense of our place in this web of Creation. Give us the wisdom of mind and generosity of heart to seek your will in the world today. Inspire us to respond to the call to live in solidarity with all of your Creation, so that the Earth, and all children of God might live in dignity and peace.

Amen.

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**Possible Actions:**

Below are some climate actions you might consider taking. These actions can help lower your carbon footprint or make yourself and others aware of climate vulnerabilities. To get more information go to <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org>.

- Calculate your carbon footprint and commit to reduce it
- Refuse disposable plastic bottles, bags, straws, cutlery and cups! Say NO to single-use plastic.
- Replace incandescent and compact fluorescent lights with LED lights
- Plant pollinator-friendly flowers and spread wildflower seeds
- Switch to renewable energy
- Go meatless on Mondays and/or Fridays (at least)
- Reuse, recycle, lower your consumption of resources
- Use less water
- Start conversations about climate change with family and friends
- Support youth-led climate movements
- Speak to your elected officials about climate change
- Wash clothes in cold water and hang-dry clothes
- Install a programmable thermostat
- Pray for our common home and all Earth protectors

**COMMUNITY NEWS****Graduates**

We're planning to recognize our high school/college graduates in an upcoming bulletin. If you would like your name with school published, **please let us know by Monday, May 18th**. Email [bulletin@stceciliasp.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliasp.org) or call the parish office at 651.644.4502.

**Welcome**

St. Cecilia's would like to welcome Michael & Rebecca Murray & their children to our community of faith.

**Helping Others**

If you know of someone in our community who needs help with grocery shopping, etc., please call the parish office at 651.644.4502.

**FAITH FORMATION****First Eucharist**

Congratulations to

**Clayton K.**

(Parents, Matthew & Jeannie K.)

who is celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist and joining us at the Lord's table.



**Liam F.**

**First Eucharist May 9th**

*Photo credit: Theresa O.*

**Mulch, mulch!**

Looking for something to do outside? We've been using brown colored mulch around our plantings in front of the church and parish center. They are generally on sale at garden centers and grocery stores like Cub. Pick up a bag or two and spread them around. Don't just drop them off for someone else to spread, though. Our pastor writes, "I may be an old goat, but my doctor said to stay off the slopes for awhile."

**Recorded Sunday Liturgy**

Our recorded liturgy is available for viewing late Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The link is included in the weekly parish wide email or you may also find it on the homepage of our website at [www.stceciliasp.org](http://www.stceciliasp.org). Thank you.