



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Transfiguration

Sieger Koder

WELCOME

To join the parish, please call the office at 651.644.4502, or talk to one of the hospitality ministers who greets you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:00am to 4:00pm

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Muchas Gracias

I made a brief, initial excursion back to St. Cecilia's last weekend to participate in a Reconciliation Retreat we had initially planned with families of our First Communion candidates in mid-January. That earlier event was canceled due to a snow emergency and rescheduled for last weekend as our last opportunity to complete this before our kids could shift focus on their final preparation to join us at the eucharistic table. I'm grateful that Archbishop Hebda was free to join us last weekend to help us focus this Lenten season as a time of preparation and welcome for these candidates. The weekend's experience was powerful for me as I was touched by the tender care of our parents and catechists for our young people. The simplicity and earnestness of our young ones and their parents as they entered into our prayer time during the retreat was deeply moving.

I was also able to receive the many expressions of care and support that so many of you sent to the parish office. I took a bag full of cards and notes home and spent the afternoon opening and savoring the greetings you sent. Most dear to me were messages from our youngest members. One of our youngsters expressed the hope that my knee gets better and then reported "other people are wondering about you." Hm. Another hoped I could come back "and give all of us normal Sunday Church."

I'm hoping this week to review the path ahead with my surgeon as I prepare to make a shift from my predominantly homebound status. In the coming week I will be coming in for interviews with candidates for our Parish Operations position and for some parish meetings with staff, Finance Committee and Parish Community Council. My first weekend back for some of the weekend liturgies will be March 14/15. All of this depends on the cooperation of Mother Nature.

I'm grateful to all of my priest colleagues who've filled in and to Marge Virnig for arranging their scheduling. Our many liturgical ministers helped keep things moving. While we look forward to the celebrations ahead of the Triduum and Easter, we will also need to consider adjustments we may need to make due to the virus that threatens our communities.

John Hofstede



Food Drive Next Weekend! March 14th & 15th

March is Minnesota Food Share month, bringing together various community organizations, businesses and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide.

We will be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items and monetary donations. Note: Food shelves can stretch monetary donations further than donations of food because of their access to discount products and programs. Monetary donations are

payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "food drive" and may be placed in the regular collection basket during Mass or brought to the parish office.

Thank you!

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

Contributions Update:

December's Budgeted Revenue	\$24,264.00
Amount Received To Date	\$32,667.38
Remaining to Achieve Budget	\$(8,403.38)

Financial Information ending

December 31:

Anticipated Collections	\$195,740
Actual Collections	\$185,943
Major Gifts	\$44,245
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$12,840</u>
Total Income	\$243,028

Budgeted Expenses	\$198,750
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Actual Expenses	\$181,301
Major Repairs	\$8,499
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$7,682</u>
Total Expenditures	\$197,482

Revenue Over Expenses	\$45,546
Debt Outstanding	\$62,832

Alms Box Balance as of March 1	\$1,666.24
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Saturday, March 14, 4:30 pm

Cross:	Bob S.
Book:	Scott S.
Candle:	
Lectors:	
Host:	Colette S.
Cup:	Linda B./Ellen C.
Hospitality:	Karol B.
Sacristan:	Marge V.

Sunday, March 15, 8:15 am

Book:	Julie B.
Lectors:	
Host:	Eileen S.
Cup:	Steve C./Brad C.
Sacristan:	Pat K.

Sunday, March 15, 10:00 am

Cross:	Jack S.
Book:	Mary Pat Z.
Candle:	Bridget B./
Lector:	
Host:	Julie M.
Cup:	Kathy Z./Dick B.
Cup:	Claudia B./Michelle H.
Hospitality:	Tom C.
Sacristan:	Paul C.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pope Francis' Universal Intentions for the Challenges of Humanity March 2020

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
who sent your disciples to bring the Good News to the whole world,
inspire our brothers and sisters who follow you in this great country, China.
May your Spirit lead those responsible in the Church to hold in their hearts the desire for dialogue, openness, peace, and reconciliation.

This month, we commit ourselves to be more united to our brothers and sisters in China who,
through many difficulties,
believe in you and profess your Name.
May your Love be for each one of them their strength and their joy.
Our Father...



Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal is underway. Your prayers and contributions enable the funded ministries to reach out to many in need.

Information and pledge forms are available in the link. Thank you for your support.

Operation Rice Bowl

As we move through Lent, we invite you to participate in Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. The cardboard "bowls" are available in the back of church. Money saved by substituting a simple meal for one's usual fare or other Lenten savings may be collected in the rice bowl and returned to church as part of our Holy Thursday liturgy offerings.

Easter Flowers

Forms are available in the back of church and need to be returned to the parish office by Monday, March 23rd if you would like your name and intention published in the Easter program.

Lenten Fish Fry

The St. C's Men's Club is hosting a fish fry dinner on Friday, April 3rd. Mark your calendar. More info to come.



Save the Date - 'Come Join Us'

Save the date and 'Come Join Us' for our annual parish dinner and silent auction on Sunday, April 26th from 11:00am-2:00pm. Do you have travel plans in the coming weeks? Please consider picking up a unique souvenir for our Silent Auction! Donations may be brought to the parish office.

Lenten Resources

Art Zannoni has published two Lenten resources. The one is entitled "*Journey Through Lent*," and the other "*Journey Through the Triduum*." They are available at www.pastoralcenter.com. One resource reflects on the Sacred Scripture readings assigned for the Sundays of Lent, the other on the assigned readings for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter day.

Rest in Peace

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lorraine & Gerry Sande on the passing of Lorraine's brother, Leonard Palmer. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Whole Community Wednesday (WCW) Events

On Wednesday, March 18th just our sacramental preparation class and our stations of the cross group will meet. There will be no potluck meal and class time will be extended. On Wednesday, March 25th the stations will be presented to the parish at 6:30pm, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Soup supper begins at 5:30pm.

3/11 - No WCW, spring break

3/18 - Bonus class for 6th-8th graders and First Eucharist prep 6:00-7:30, no potluck

3/25 - Stations of the Cross Presentation

4/1 - Small groups - Lenten Labyrinth

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

Save the Date - Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, March 29th our youth group will host a pancake breakfast after 8:15am and 10:00am Mass in order to raise funds for the July mission trip to St. Mary's school on the Red Lake reservation. A free will offering will be accepted at the door. Thank you for your support!

St. C's 6th-8th graders invite you to their presentation of:



**The Stations of
the Cross
Wednesday, March 25th
6:30pm**

Join us for a soup supper & potluck starting at 5:30pm.
All are welcome!

OUT AND ABOUT

Gala. St. Mary's Mission—8th Annual "Catch the Dream Gala", Friday, April 24th— 6:00pm at St. Pascal Baylon Church, 1757 Conway Street, St. Paul. Call 651.774.1585 for more information.

Tour. Join Fr. Michael Byron on a tour of France including Normandy, Monday, August 3rd-Thursday, August 13th. Space is still available for this guided tour. Register online at www.magitravelinc.com or call 952.949.0065 for more information. A brochure with itinerary and more information is in the link.

Caregiver & Bereavement Support Groups. Meeting the first Thursday of every month, 10:00-11:30am at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ (corner of Commonwealth & Chelmsford).

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Second Sunday of Lent
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:00	Staff Meeting
	10:30	Nursing Home Service
Thur	5:00	Finance (tentative)
	6:00	Parish Community Council (tentative)
Sat/Sun		Food Drive
Sun		Third Sunday of Lent

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please call Sheila Boos at 612.810.5035 or complete the form on our website (Community/Prayer Ministry tab).

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Email info to bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

Hymn Numbers:
44, (4:30 & 8:15) 878, 480