



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



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

The parish office is open
Monday-Thursday
9:00am to 4:00pm.

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Enough is enough!.....or is it.....a pastor's epistle

Sorry, I'm not in a position to declare the end of Winter and it is clear that King Boreas was not dethroned this year in our fair city. For the second time in my 5 years at St. Cecilia I made a decision last week to cancel liturgies on Sunday morning due to weather conditions. Feel free to question my judgment, wisdom or common sense. The full month of March is now in view and it is a good time to assess how, when and why we should cancel the central event of our communal life.

I'm sorry that word didn't reach those of you who arrived without getting the message. Our staff will be discussing our options and how to improve them when we meet this week. Folks are rightly protective of your personal contact information or may be unaware that we may or may not have accurate phone or email addresses. Many choose to attend without formally registering. As we sing, "All are welcome," but we need to find better ways to get news out to people.

We have been careful to limit our contacts with you. We have a weekly email "blast" with highlights of the upcoming activities. We have also used this list the few times we have sent emergency notices about closures. Theresa O'Toole likewise regularly communicates with families about Faith Formation news and she sent an email to her families who may not also be on our parish wide list. Jeanne used her phone and email lists to choir members and cantors. Not everyone has email or checks it. Understood. The email format, though, is the one we've chosen so far to deliver emergency messages. Folks have the option to opt-out of receiving these messages, but they may then miss the important, emergency messages.

We could purchase an additional feature that sends "robo-calls" (I hate receiving robo-calls!) or texts. We do not now have an up-to-date and comprehensive list of our parishioner's phone numbers be they land-lines or cell phones. All of these rely on our having current and complete information in our system.

After our next staff discussion we may reach out to you with an email survey to hear your communication preferences. We may invite you at that time to share/update your current contact information. I hope we'll get a good response!

Back to the particulars of my thought process last weekend. It seemed like we were experiencing what many call the "perfect storm" situation; I don't recall this combination of dangerously high winds, falling snow and temperatures in my recent/distant memory. It was not only an issue of my not being able to come in; the potential existed of folks who approach St. Cecilia from far and near, many who rely on uncleared highways, getting stuck or having to walk great distances on questionable surfaces while exposed to the harsh conditions. Public transportation is less frequent and reliable in such situations.

How can we alert people in time? What should we provide for those who do make it in? Marge walked up from her home to greet the small numbers of those who straggled in. She reported that folks didn't stay long. Some may have left to pursue other options. Some stopped in the church to pray for a moment before heading out again. She didn't feel there was a "critical mass" assembled there to gather for something like a simple communion service. We need now to discuss how we communicate cancellations, but also how to accommodate those who come anyway. Do let us know what you think, because we may be faced with the same challenges again before the Spring melt.

John Hofstede

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

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

Contributions Update:

February's Budgeted Revenue	\$23,253
Amount Received To Date	\$34,277.25
Remaining to Achieve Budget	\$(11,024.25)

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

Anticipated Contributions	\$189,182
Actual Contributions	\$190,198
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$10,806</u>
Total Income	\$201,004

Budgeted Expenses	\$194,970
Actual Expenses	\$174,882
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$7,292</u>
Total Expenditures	\$182,174

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

Alms Box Balance as of Feb. 17 \$746.81

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 9, 4:30 pm

Cross:

Book: Leo S.

Candle:

Lectors: Mary V./Julie S.

Host: Stephanie K.

Cup: Dick M./Kate O.

Hospitality: Michael R.

Sacristan: Linda B.

Sunday, March 10, 8:15 am

Book: Jean W.

Lectors: Julie B./Brent D.

Host: John P.

Cup: Stacia P./Rose R.

Sacristan: Pat K.

Sunday, March 10, 10:00 am

Cross:

Book: Jack S.

Candle: Aaron S./Liam W.

Lector: Preethi T./Cindy W.

Host: Mary Kay M.

Cup: Maureen R./Julie M.

Cup: Mary Pat Z./Kathy Z.

Hospitality: Bill & Mary J.

Sacristan: Paul C.



The Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Weekend

Stop by the link this weekend to complete a paper pledge form in support of the CSAF. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ash Wednesday, March 6th

Our Ash Wednesday schedule is as follows:

12:05pm Service

5:45pm Soup Supper

6:30pm Service

Upcoming Book Sale

Reminder: The Church Book Sale is coming up March 9/10 and March 16/17 after all Masses and will benefit the St. Cecilia Library. We are still accepting all types of books—please leave them by the pie room in the hall. Books will be \$1 each and buy 1 get 1 free. Books not sold will be donated to the Archdiocesan Prison Ministry, the Military, Listening House and other parishes serving large refugee populations. If you have donations you need picked up or you would like to volunteer to cover a shift during the sale, please contact Ann Kjorstad at ajkjorstad@gmail.com or Geri Jwanouskos at gjwanouskos@aol.com. Thank you. The Library Team

Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, March 10th daylight saving time begins. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Weekly Email

Our weekly email blast highlights activities and news at St. C's, and if necessary, parish closure and event cancellations. To be added to the distribution list, please contact Barb Falardeau at bulletin@stceciiaspm.org or call the parish office at 651.644.4502.

COME JOIN US! Parish Event

Dinner and Raffle Tickets available for purchase in the link.



Archdiocesan Data Breach Notice

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis learned recently that hackers outside of the United States compromised an Image-I-Nation Technologies (INT) database that contained personal information on some employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese. INT is a vendor used by the company that conducts Archdiocesan background checks. Anyone affected was already sent an individual letter from INT with instructions to call the 800 number listed, others have no need to do anything.



Food Drive March 9th & 10th

March is Minnesota Food Share month, bringing together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. In addition to nonperishable food, monetary donations are welcome. Food shelves can stretch monetary donations further than donations of food because of their access to discount products and programs.

Help us feed more Minnesota families by donating to the food drive next weekend. Food donations may be placed in the lower link, monetary donations may be placed in the regular collection basket during Mass. Thank you!

Hospitality

We offer hospitality following the 8:15 & 10:00am Masses and encourage everyone to gather in fellowship hall for conversation and coffee & donuts. This is a great way to build community!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Sanctuary Coalition Prayer Vigil

The University Area Sanctuary Coalition will gather at St. Cecilia Church on Sunday evening, March 10th at 7:00pm. We will pray for those seeking safety at our borders and for open hearts for all as we attempt to live this biblical challenge: "You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for them as for yourselves, for you to were once aliens in the land of Egypt." (Leviticus 19:33-34)

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Whole Community Wednesday Classes

- March 6th - Ash Wednesday—no WCW meeting
- March 13th Spring Break
- 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 led by Annamary
- 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

On March 9th and 10th we will recognize and bless those children who will be receiving First Eucharist this spring. There will be prayer partner sign up sheets available in the link. First Eucharist will be on April 28th and May 5th during 10:00am Mass. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Event Tickets Sale Catholic Services Appeal
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed		Ash Wednesday
	9:15	Staff Meeting
	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	12:05	Service
	5:45	Soup Supper
	6:30	Service
Thur	5:00	Finance
	6:00	Parish Community Council
Sat/Sun		Event Tickets Sale Food Drive Library Book Sale First Eucharist Welcome
Sun		First Sunday of Lent
	11:00	Sunday Forum
	7:00	Prayer Vigil

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.

Hymn Numbers:

902, 271, 1115, 784, 942, 750