

Church of Saint Cecilia

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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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Annual Parish Event Sunday, April 29th 11:00am-2:00pm

Purchase Tickets this Weekend!

'Come join us' next Sunday for an afternoon of conversation and celebration. Last weekend's blizzard impacted our ticket sales, donations, and volunteer sign up, and with a week to go we need your help more than ever. Below are more details:

Purchase Raffle Tickets

We need to sell a minimum of 3,500 raffle tickets, and how wonderful it would be to surpass this amount. As of this writing approximately 2,000 raffle tickets have been purchased. In order for the raffle to be successful, we could use your help. We're encouraging every family to buy at least 20 raffle tickets. We also ask you to consider purchasing additional tickets and/or selling tickets to friends and neighbors.

Volunteer!

<u>We need many, many more volunteers</u> to help before, during, and/or after the event. Sign up on the job board in the link or through the St. C's website at www.stceciliaspm.org under the Community Tab-Annual Parish Event (or go directly to the volunteer sign up at http://signup.com/go/MhFQxmy). Sign up assistance is also available by calling the parish office.



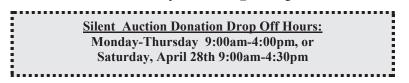
Donate to the Silent Auction

We continue to receive great items for the Silent Auction but still need your most creative baskets, events or <u>new</u> items! Here are just a few of the great items and events that will be available for bid:

- Pedal Pub Group Outing
- Specialty Baskets
- Pillows, comforters and home décor
- Outdoor items (binoculars, scooter, watches)
- Hosted BBQs
- Handmade Travel Bags
- Happy Hours!

- Great Items for Kids
- Sports Memorabilia
- Books, Jewelry
- MN Raptor Presentation Outing
- Gift Cards: Micawber's Book Store, The Original Malt Shop, Barely Bros. Record Shop and other great businesses ...plus much, much more!

For questions on hosting an event, donating a service, or ideas for themed baskets, contact Joe and Hannah Van Thomme at jvanthomme@eckberglammers.com.



Donate a Pie or Dessert

Families are reminded to bring a pie or other dessert to the kitchen the morning of April 29th.

Other Ways to Give

- Prizes for Kids' Games (\$5.00 x 100 Target Gift Cards). We need many more!
- Sponsor the event, donate a raffle prize, or a donation of any amount! Thank you!

Bulletin Deadline -Wednesday at 9:00am. Email info. to bulletin@stceciliaspm.org.

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please call Marge Virnig at 651.644.4502 ext. 12 or complete the form on our website.

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Year to Date Financial Information as of December 31, 2017:

Anticipated Contributions	\$184,344
Actual Contributions	\$177,680
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$11,495</u>
Total Income	\$189,175
Budgeted Expenses	\$187,919
Actual Expenses	\$166,069
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$9,295</u>
Total Expenditures	\$175,364
Revenues Over Expenses	\$13,811
Debt Outstanding	\$113,545
Alms Box Balance as of April 15	\$1,221.60

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next weekend, April 28th/29th is the missions appeal weekend. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal is a grant-giving group of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that financially supports dioceses in the U.S. and U.S. territories that are unable to be self-supporting. Prayers and donations are welcome. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "mission appeal" may be placed in the regular collection basket next weekend.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Event Ticket Sales Pancake Breakfast <i>Oh My Goodness</i> Kickoff
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	5:30	WCW Potluck
	6:15	WCW Classes
Sat	Parish Event Set Up	
	9-4:30	Silent Auction Drop Off
Sun	11-2	Parish Event

Hymn Numbers:

537 (4:30), 3 (8:15 & 10), 271, 81, 723, 950, 541

COMMUNITY NEWS

Oh My Goodness

The weather is testing our faith! Fight back by planting love, hope and nourishment in your garden.

Add a row, pot or plant to grow produce for someone who is hungry for love, hope and nourishment.

Take a seed pack from the kids/carrots, find a place to plant it, and bring the produce here to church

where it will be taken to the local food shelf or Listening House.

If you don't have space to plant, feel free to pick up a little extra at the market to bring to church to share.

Your faith and your produce will grow!

Event Parking & Child Buddy

System. During next weekend's parish event, please extend a parking courtesy towards our neighbors by not blocking driveways, crosswalks and intersections. Also please be mindful that our building doors are unlocked during this event to welcome all and as such, we encourage using the "buddy system" for children at all times.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Reservations are still being accepted for the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Art Zannoni and David Haas (& Fr. Ray East and Betsy Beckman), December 27, 2018-January 7, 2019. More information on the link bulletin board, or contact Art at aezannoni@aezconsulting.com.

Welcome

St. Cecilia's welcomes the following new member to our community of faith:

Mary Elise Miller & Richard Conner Sarah & Tim Tebbe & Family

Men's Softball Team



Men ages 28 and up are invited to join the St. C's softball team, which plays in a church league on Wednesday evenings at various local fields. The

season runs from May 2nd through August 25th with games at 6:15 or 7:15pm. Experience not required. To sign up or for more info, please contact the parish office at 651.644.4502 or Michael Wright at 6 5 1 . 2 1 0 . 3 9 0 1 or mwright1912@comcast.net. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION

Pancake breakfast following both 8:15am and 10:00am Masses.



Sunday Forum May 6th

Holly Hoey-Germann will present our Sunday Forum on May 6th after the 10:00am Mass. Holly will speak about the results of an unprecedented two-year national study on why young people are leaving the Catholic Church. The report, Going, Going, Gone: The entitled Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics, explores the reasons young people are leaving the Catholic Church and religion in general. Holly is a religion teacher at Totino-Grace High School who was invited to participate in a national symposium in Baltimore to discuss the findings of the report. Holly will share results of the study as well as her own insights as a high school religion teacher for more than 20 years. Holly's presentation will provide helpful background information for us as we prepare for St. Cecilia's annual Parish Assembly on Sunday, June 3rd. This year's Parish Assembly will focus on this topic of disaffiliation of young Catholics. Join us on May 6th. All are welcome!

WCW Soup-er Bowl Donations -Thank You!

Our first Soup-er Bowl was a success! We want to give our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who donated soup for our WCW potluck dinners this Lenten season. We enjoyed many delicious soups, chili, and other entrees. We even had the pleasure of sharing our dinner with a few of our volunteers. Thanks to: Julie Michels, Paul Cleary, Pete Trist, Alice Snortland, Julie Borgerding, Marge Virnig, Michelle Heroux, Sheila Boos, Ellen Demerath, Eileen Kjorstad and Ann Kjorstad. Your support is so greatly appreciated!

New Parish Event Game - paper supplies needed!

WCW is sponsoring a new game where you can win bottles of wine, beer, and alcohol. We are in need of paper bags, small boxes, and newspapers to help our winners take their bottles home safely. Donations can be dropped off in the office, thank you!

Calling all First Graders!

We would like to welcome all current first graders to our final WCW class of the year on Wednesday, May 9th. We will have a special ceremony where our incoming First Eucharist class will plant and bless wheat seed. The students will be able to watch the wheat grow and will harvest it in the spring at a special retreat prior to the sacrament. Hope to see you there!

First Eucharist Celebration

Our candidates will receive their First Eucharist during the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 6th. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this special time.

WCW families will host a cake reception on Wednesday, May 9th. We welcome all parishioners, prayer partners, family, and friends to join us for a lasagna dinner at 5:30pm, prayer service recognizing our students at 6:15pm, and a celebration to follow.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Tres Iglesias Habitat group (St. Frances Cabrini, St. Cecilia, and Prospect Park United Methodist Church, summer build is June 18th-June 29th (weekdays). Sign up info. to come. Join us on May 26/27 for our kick-off social.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Socks?? Don't most mothers want flowers or candy or jewelry? These special mothers who live in the Women's Advocate shelter have had to flee the domestic violence in their homes, often at night with only the clothes on their back and their frightened children running with them. They are very grateful for the luxury of a new pair of socks. Can you help? Bring socks (women's, children's, long, ankle length, warm, cotton, even bed socks) to church and put them in the sock box in the link anytime before 11:00am on Mothers' Day, when a volunteer will take them to the shelter.