



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Abraham and Isaac on the way to the place of sacrifice.

Marc Chagall

## 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  
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# The Church of Saint Cecilia

*Editor's Note: During the seasons of Lent and Advent we will be featuring a variety of voices from the community in our bulletin.*

## Hearing the Voice of God By Marge Virnig

It has always struck me that God spoke on a regular basis to ordinary and unsuspecting people in ancient times and they seemed to take it in stride ... "Build an ark," "Leave everything you have and go to a land I will show you," "This is sacred ground," "I Am Who I Am," "This is My Beloved Son," "Saul, why do you persecute me?" etc.

Today, if someone says the Lord spoke to him/her the first reaction might be raised eyebrows, a skeptical look, or the quizzical therapeutic response, "Tell me more ..."

I think the important point to consider is that God is a God of love who has been communicating that love to all of us throughout history. This communication happens in a myriad of ways: liturgy, family, friends, nature, scripture, our five senses, music, the arts, to name a few. Some would argue that it could possibly happen through social media and technology, and that might be true. Maybe God is Tweeting through #PopeFrancis.

Our challenge is to be attentive and discerning. Maybe in ancient times people had more quiet time and fewer distractions, but that's not the case in my life. I need to be intentional in taking quiet time when I can be aware of God's presence. I also need to be around people who can help me discern what is of God and what is me. When left on my own, I tend to put words in God's mouth, and then I am pleasantly amazed when God tells me exactly what I want to hear.

The beauty of belonging to a faith community is that we are all seeking God together. We gather each week to experience God and then we scatter to share that experience in our ordinary lives. As the Beloved Children of God, let us pray that always and everywhere we faithfully communicate the truth, beauty and goodness that is God.

**Bulletin Deadline** -Wednesday at 9:00am.  
Email info. to [bulletin@stceciliasp.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliasp.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 Feb. 18 \$1,907.86

### Lenten Schedule of Events

- Whole Community Wednesday, February 28, March 7, 21  
5:30pm Soup Supper/6:15pm Prayer-Program
- Lenten Movie Nights  
March 3, 10, 17, 24  
5:30pm Light Supper/Movie
- Lenten Evensong,  
Sunday, February 25, 7:00pm
- Living Stations  
Wednesday, March 14  
5:30pm Soup Supper  
6:30pm Living Stations

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	7:00	Second Sunday of Lent
		Lenten Evensong
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	5:30	WCW Potluck/Classes
Sat	5:30	Movie Night
Sun		Third Sunday of Lent
	11:10	Immigrant Support Task Force

**Hymn Numbers:**  
78, 195, 878, 480

You are invited to attend

Lenten Evensong  
Sunday, February 25  
St. Cecilia's Church  
7:00pm



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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Food Drive March 10/11

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings

together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. In 2017, over \$8 million dollars and 4.7 million pounds of food were raised. Minnesota FoodShare envisions a Minnesota where all residents have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. **On the weekend of March 10th/11th we'll be collecting nonperishable food and monetary donations (payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "food drive") for our neighborhood food shelf. Thank you!**

**Kitchen Refrigerator Usage.** The kitchen refrigerator/freezer is available to all for food storage needs for events and activities. While we're curious about the recent disappearance of food from the freezer; we ask that going forward to please notify the parish office before removing any food that appears to be no longer needed. Thank you!

### A Note of Gratitude

*I express my sincere appreciation for all the care and support I received from you throughout my years of studies and membership at St. Cecilia's Parish community. I found a home here after visiting a few churches around when I arrived from Nigeria seven years ago. As I receive sending blessing from you this week I wish to let you know that I hold each of you in prayers. I am taking up a new apostolate as assigned by my Institute at St. Gregory Retreat Center, Adair, Iowa. My email address: nkiruadaeze@gmail.com. Thanks immensely.*

*Sr. M. Nkiruka Okafor IHM, PhD, LAMFT*

**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.

### Lenten Resources Available

Art Zannoni has published three Lenten Resources entitled "Journey Through Lent," "Journey Through the Triduum," and *The Gospel's Legacy*. They are available at [www.pastoralcenter.com](http://www.pastoralcenter.com).

### Catholic Services Appeal

The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal is underway. Your prayers and contributions enable the funded ministries to reach out to many in need. Donation envelopes are in the back of church and may be returned to the regular collection basket during Mass.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Movie Nights During Lent

We are scheduling movie night every Saturday during lent after our 4:30pm Mass. All are invited to come to one or all of the evenings to share a light supper, watch a movie and engage in some reflection afterwards. If you are able to RSVP that would be great (for food planning) but spontaneous drop ins are always welcome too.

Mar. 3rd Everything is Illuminated  
Mar. 10th Salmon Fishing in the Yemen  
Mar. 17th The Secret Life of Bees  
Mar. 24th Wrestling Jerusalem.

### WCW Upcoming Events

We welcome Julia Mosby in to lead our adults in Meditative Yoga on March 7th (please note the date change) and Art Zannoni will present to our adults about "The Last Seven Words Jesus Spoke from the Cross" on March 21st. Potluck at 5:30, presentation/activity to follow at 6:15pm. All are welcome!

### Young Voices Choir

The choir will have practice following 10am Mass on March 4th and 11th in preparation for singing the prelude at the Stations of the Cross on March 14th.

### First Eucharist Prayer Partners

There is a sign-up sheet in the Link allowing you to become a prayer partner for our First Eucharist candidates. We will recognize our candidates and their families at this weekend's Masses: Ronan Keel, Fedora Ndubizu, Cassidy O'Toole, Keller Ruhland, and Leah Stankey. Please keep these children and their families in your thoughts and prayers during this time of preparation.

### Faith Formation Retreats

On March 24th we have two WCW retreats taking place. Our First Eucharist class will meet from 8:30-12:30 and our 5th-6th grade group will meet from 9:00-2:00. Look for more information in our Sunday night updates



*St. C's 4th-8th graders  
invite you to their  
presentation of:*

**The Stations of the  
Cross  
Wednesday, March 14th  
6:30pm**

The stations are centered around the beautiful artwork of John Ilg.

Soup supper will be provided starting at 5:30pm. All are welcome!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Monthly Prayer Vigil

You're invited to join the University Area Sanctuary Coalition, a group of sanctuary and supporting sanctuary congregations for the Sunday, February 25th prayer vigil hosted by University Lutheran Church of Hope ( 601 13th Ave. SE, Mpls) A brief prayer service begins at 7:00pm followed by a time of fellowship.

### National Call-In Day for Dreamers

The USCCB President, USCCB Vice President, and Migration Chair have announced a National Catholic Call-In Day on Monday, February 26th, encouraging faithful across the nation to call their Members of Congress to protect dreamers from deportation, to provide them a path to citizenship, and to avoid any damage to existing protections for families and unaccompanied minors in the process.

### Training for Delegates and Alternates to the Senate District Conventions

Thursday, March 1st (6:30-9:00pm) at UCC New Brighton-1000 Long Lake Road. This session will provide training as well as an opportunity to meet the people who will be attending your senate district conventions as Faith/Values Delegates. Questions to Bob Kessler [bobkessler45@gmail.com](mailto:bobkessler45@gmail.com).