



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



I saw the Spirit come down from heaven like a dove...

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Do the waters of baptism flow into society or do they form a moat around the church?

This was the sending forth question at a presentation I attended about 25 years ago that continues to challenge and inspire me. It surfaced again last Sunday after I attended one of the pre-Synod listening sessions and heard a wide range of comments from people throughout the Archdiocese.

I hear a wide range of responses to the Synod in general ... hopeful, apprehension, curiosity, cynicism, optimism, etc. I'm convinced that no matter where you stand, your participation is important. Everyone's input is needed to help set the direction and priorities for the Archdiocese. Right now our church seems as divided as our country and that is unfortunate. There is a tendency to walk away or not speak up, particularly if we don't think our voice matters. I believe our voices do matter, but no one can hear us unless we actually say something. The listening sessions give us an opportunity to do just that and hopefully everyone is able to attend at least one of them:

Saturday, Jan. 25, St. Peter Claver (St. Paul), 9 – noon
 Tuesday, Jan. 28, Pax Christi (Eden Prairie), 6-9 pm
 Saturday, Feb. 1, St. Stephens (Mpls) 9 – noon
 Tuesday, Feb. 11, Providence Academy (Plymouth) 6-9 pm
 Saturday, Feb. 15, Lumen Christi (St. Paul), 9 – noon
 Tuesday, Feb. 18, St. Stephen (Anoka), 6-9 pm
 Thursday, Feb. 27, Our Lady of Grace (Edina), 6-9 pm
 Saturday, Mar. 7, Transfiguration (Oakdale), 9 – noon
 Saturday, Mar. 14, St. Alphonsus (Brooklyn Center), 9 – noon

There is a lot of emphasis on prayer/adoration as well as justice/outreach. Both are good and necessary but prayer that doesn't include justice, and justice that doesn't include prayer are incomplete. Who we are and what we do as Church ought to have an impact on who we are and what we do as a society.

St. Cecilia's has a good balance between the two – all the more reason for our voices to be heard.

If you are interested in attending one or more of these sessions (no reservations needed) or if you have any questions contact any of our parish ambassadors.

Marge Virnig

Pope Francis' Intentions for the Challenges of Humanity January 2020

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ

At the beginning of this year, and bearing in mind that you came among us as Prince of Peace, we give thanks for the gift of Your presence and the call to fraternity that you bring us...calling us your brothers and sons of the same Father. This month, united to the Pope and his Worldwide Prayer Network, We ask that we all feel this call to the construction of peace and justice. That religious, cultural and social differences are not walls between us, but reasons for mutual enrichment and building a better world, the kingdom of heaven among us.

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)

Year to Date Financial Information as of September 30, 2019:

Anticipated Collections	\$80,260
Actual Collections	\$82,458
Major Gifts	\$44,239
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$3,548</u>
Total Income	\$130,245
Budgeted Expenses	\$96,735
Actual Expenses	\$81,296
Major Repairs	\$5,177
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$3,786</u>
Total Expenditures	\$90,259
Revenue Over Expenses	\$39,986
Debt Outstanding	\$65,470.60
Alms Box Balance as of Jan 5	\$1,429.21



Saturday, January 18, 4:30 pm

Cross:

Book: Leo S.

Candle:

Lectors: Tom M./David P.

Host: Gaida Q.

Cup: Alice S./Karen V. W.

Hospitality: Sue B.

Sacristan: Marge V.

Sunday, January 19, 8:15 am

Book: Julie B.

Lectors: Brad P./Stacia P.

Host:

Cup: John B./John P.

Sacristan: Pat K.

Sunday, January 19, 10:00 am

Cross:

Book: Jack S.

Candle: Cassidy O./Delaney O.

Lector: Cindy W./Matt Y.

Host: Mary Pat Z.

Cup: Paul C./Julie M.

Cup: Bill J./

Hospitality: Evelyn P.

Sacristan: Tom C.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Environment

Thanks to the many who helped decorate our church for the Christmas holidays! Special thanks to Michele Cromer-Poire and Lois Charboneau and their helpers and Ann and Kevin Commers who once again selected and provided a beautiful Christmas tree. **Immediately following our 10:00 Mass this weekend, we hope to enlist many additional helpers in taking down our decorations as we prepare for the coming Sundays of Ordinary Time.**

Our Liturgical Environment Team does all the background work each week to prepare our space for worship with floral arrangements and seasonal banners. We're always in need of new folks to help--especially as the next seasons of Lent and Easter approach. Thanks to all who contribute to our memorial collections in advance of the church's major celebrations.

Save the Date

The Community Events Team is hosting "Halls of Entertainment," a mid-winter event on Friday, February 7th, 7:00-9:00pm. Save the date and watch the bulletin for more information.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Gift of Warmth collection this Christmas season. Your donations of socks, mittens/gloves, hats and scarves and even several winter coats are greatly appreciated. The items will be donated to organizations to benefit those in need. Thanks again for your generosity!

OUT AND ABOUT

A Course on the Psalms

Father Michael Joncas and Art Zannoni will be teaching a course on the Psalms at the Selim Center for Life Long Learning at the University of St. Thomas. It will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm from February 5 through March 4. For more information contact www.stthomas.edu/selimcenter or call 651.962.5175.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

David Haas and Art Zannoni are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from December 29, 2020 to January 10, 2021. Brochures are available in the link or you can contact Art at 651.486.6361 or aezannoni@aezconsulting.com.



Winter Work Camp

Tres Iglesias is seeking volunteers for a Habitat for Humanity work camp on Friday, January 24th and Saturday, January 25th. This work will be indoors and the building is heated. If you would like to volunteer please register at www.cabrinimn.org/habitat-signup. The day will start at 8:30am and end at 4:00pm. The project is indoors at 857 Jenks Avenue, St. Paul, 55106. Lunch and snacks will be provided so no need to bring anything except drinking water. For further information please check out the website cabrinimn.org/habitat or email habitat@cabrinimn.org. Thank you and we hope you'll join us!

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Whole Community Wednesday (WCW) Events

1/15 - Small Groups, Meditative Yoga with Lisa Reiner
1/18 - Reconciliation Retreat - 9:00am-12:00pm
1/22 - Small Groups, Pushing Back on the School to Prison Pipeline led by Bridget Sabo
1/29 - Large Group, Meals on Wheels Service Project
Pot Luck at 5:30pm, meetings to follow at 6:30pm.
All are welcome!

Reconciliation Retreat

On Saturday, January 18th we welcome all children in our sacramental preparation class to attend a reconciliation retreat from 9am-12pm. Watch your email for more details.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) News

In the month of January our students will learn about the Epiphany, the Nativity, the Adoration of the Shepherds/Magi, and the Presentation in the Temple.

January Schedule

Jan 12th - class
Jan 19th - Family weekend, MLK
Jan 26th - class



Coffee & Donuts

Following 8:15 & 10:00 Masses in Friendship Hall.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Food Drive
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	5:30	WCW Potluck/Small Gr
Thur	5:00	Finance
	6:00	Parish Community Council
	6:15	Community Building Team
Sat	9:00-N	Reconciliation Retreat
Sun	11:00	Liturgy

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

Hymn Numbers:

873, 207, 1012, 661, 584, 459



**Saturday, February 8th
5:30pm
Friendship Hall**

Sign up a team
(up to 8 players)
or join in as an individual.

\$10 per person registration fee includes food, beverages, and prizes.

Email rosejagim@gmail.com

Proceeds for St. C's Catholic School Parents' Association