



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



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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

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

The Church of Saint Cecilia

Supporting Sanctuary Declaration

The Parish Community Council recognizes the need to respond to the Immigrant and Refugee Communities of the Twin Cities that are threatened by increased anti-immigration policies and accepts the recommendation of the Immigration Support Task Force at St Cecilia's. **We thereby declare St. Cecilia's Catholic Church to be a Supporting Sanctuary Church.** We encourage parish members to embrace the values and to undertake the action components in the resolution outlined by the Task Force.

These include:

1. Becoming a community of love, faith, hospitality, and fellowship for all Sanctuary and Supporting Sanctuary Churches, which encompasses many different denominations in the Twin Cities and throughout the state of Minnesota,
2. Hosting prayer vigils and declarations of moral and spiritual support for immigrants and their families,
3. Providing tangible and physical resources to one or more partnering Sanctuary Churches of various denominations in the Twin City Area,
4. Providing monetary aid, food, clothing, and related items to our partner Sanctuary Churches through the regular collection of donations administered by the parish of St. Cecilia's,
5. Providing accompaniment to people in Sanctuary care,
6. Providing support for parish members and others who decide to become rapid responders in situations of public need such as press conferences, immigration raids, demonstrations, and similar public actions,
7. Engaging in advocacy for legislation and legal action to alleviate the threat to immigrants and refugees,
8. Conducting other activities as needed to support immigrants and their families during stressful times.

The full text of the Task Force resolution has been posted on our Parish Web Site at <http://www.stceciliasp.org/immigrant---refugee-assist-effort.html>, and printed copies are available in the back of church.

Building Policy Update

The Parish Community Council recently completed updating the St Cecilia's Building Use Policy. The draft of the updated policy is available for review on our website (<http://www.stceciliasp.org/parish-community-council.html>). Limited copies are available at the back of church. Please send comments to Michelle Roman (PCC Chair) at mmromanski@yahoo.com by Sunday, May 14th.

Thank You from Women's Advocates

Dear Friends of the Church of St. Cecilia:

Thank you for supporting the programs at Women's Advocates, Inc. with your recent donations. Many of the women and children residing at Women's Advocates come from a place of unpredictable danger. Once they enter our doors, they begin the journey of healing and rebuilding their lives and are able to move toward self-sufficiency with confidence. It is your thoughtfulness and generosity that fuel the work of eliminating violence in the lives of women, children and families.

Thank you!

Tom Brinker, Development and Volunteer Coordinator.

FAITH FORMATION

Final WCW Class - May 10th

We are celebrating our final WCW on Wednesday, May 10th from 5:30-7:15pm. We have a lot to celebrate! Our evening will include:

- 5:30pm Lasagna dinner
- 6:15pm Prayer service recognizing our First Eucharist and Confirmation candidates
- 6:30pm Wheat planting in preparation for next year's First Eucharist group
- 6:45pm Slideshow
- 7:00pm Confirmation service project presentations & cake reception

Invites recently went out to sponsors, prayer partners, guest speakers, and other members of our community who have played an important role in our faith formation year. All are welcome to join us for this celebration!

Faith Formation Registration 2017-

2018. Registration has begun for the 2017-2018 faith formation year. Families can pick up materials at WCW or in the link next weekend. We are offering formation for PreK-K children (ages 3-5) on Sunday mornings during 10am Mass in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. We also offer PreK-8th grade instruction on Wednesday evenings during the school year. **We will offer First Eucharist preparation, but will not offer Confirmation again until the fall of 2018-2019.** I hope to have registration materials returned to the office no later than June 30th so planning for the fall can begin. Please spread the word to anyone looking to join our community, all are welcome. I look forward to another wonderful year with the families of St. Cecilia. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa O'Toole at theresa@stceciliasp.org.

Church Cleaning—Wednesday,

May 24th. Spring cleaning time is here again! Join us on Wednesday, May 24th at 5:30pm to help clean the closet, kitchen, and church grounds. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office or theresa@stceciliasp.org by May 17th. Thank you!

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Sunday Forum May 21st

"Jesus Our Companion: Reflections on the Emmaus Story in the Gospel of Luke"
On Sunday, May 21st, Art Zannoni will present a reflection on the story of the two disciples of Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). The presentation will explore what it means to be a companion of Jesus and how both Jesus' resurrection and the Eucharist help us to join him as we pilgrimage through life.

Youth Group News. Please let Kate O'Connell know if you are considering attending this year's mission trip to Red Lake Reservation, Mon, July 10th to Fri, July 15th. Hope you can join us!

COMMUNITY NEWS

"Come Join Us" Thank You

Thank you to all who worked at and attended the Come-Join-Us parish celebration. We served 400 meals with great parishioner-made desserts. The silent auction, children's games and raffle were all great successes. We hope to have final financial numbers to share with you next week. Save the date for next year's CJU celebration, Sunday, April 29, 2018. Mary Fleming & Michael Raimondi Event Co-chairs

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:

\$600 prize—Teri DeMore
\$400 prize—Bill McDonough
\$300 prize—Bev Blake
\$200 prize—Sue Peterson

Silent Auction Items Available

We have a handful of items left over from the silent auction, in the link, that are available for purchase. Please peruse the selection and consider purchasing above the suggested minimum bid. Thank you. A reminder also if you haven't yet picked up and paid for your silent auction items to please do so. Items are in the soft room on the lower level. Checks payable to St. Cecilia Church along with the bid card may be left in the parish office.

Marriage Enrichment

There's nothing magical or mysterious about our Marriage Enrichment program. It's married couples getting together to talk about marriage; what's important, what's difficult, what's rewarding. The atmosphere is comfortable and informal. Couples will hear a talk, go off to apply the talk to their own marriage, then gather

again for general conversation. All are welcome. Monday, May 8th at 7:00pm.

Parish Directories Are Here!

The directories have arrived and are available in the link for those who had their photo taken, or submitted a photo for inclusion in the book. Please pick up your copy after Mass to save us the cost of mailing same. The complimentary photo accompanies the directory for those who haven't received theirs. If you were not able to participate in the directory, but are interested in seeing the finished product, please stop by the office to view a copy.

Book Drive May 20th/21st



Mark your calendar for our book drive collection beginning May 20th/21st to benefit the students at College Prep Elementary, a charter school serving Hmong and Karen children. The goal is to provide each child in grades K-6 with 10 books to keep them reading and working on English over the summer. Although we accept books on an ongoing basis, many more new and gently used picture books, easy readers and chapter books are needed to reach our goal. **If you have donations at this time, please place them in the container in the lower link.**

Music Ministry Alive!

Music Ministry Alive! is a program founded and directed by David Haas that engages and empowers young people from around the world to serve as liturgical leaders in the Church. This is done primarily by hosting an annual summer institute (July 25-30, 2017) that offers formation, mentoring and networking opportunities for high school and college age students. In the past, St. Cecilia's has helped support this endeavor by providing a scholarship for a St. C's youth to attend. If you would like to be considered for the scholarship to attend, please contact the parish office. Monetary donations towards the scholarship are welcome as well. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "MMA" on the memo line may be placed in the regular collection basket during Mass or brought directly to the parish office. Thank you.



Mark your calendar for our May 13th/14th food drive. Donations of nonperishable food and toiletries, as well as monetary donations (payable to St. C's with a notation of "food drive") are appreciated. In addition to our monthly drives, we also accept donations on an ongoing basis. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket during Mass, and food/toiletries may be placed in the lower link.

Graduates

If you are graduating from high school or college, please contact the parish office with pertinent information. We plan to recognize our graduates in an upcoming bulletin.

OUT AND ABOUT

Catholic Charities Counseling Program.

Easter and Spring remind us that we are people of new life and new growth, even after very difficult days. The Counseling Program at Catholic Charities has openings ready in St. Paul, Blaine, or Burnsville for anyone who is interested in working on some areas that need renewal, whether individually, or as a couple or family. Call 651.647.3186.

Spring in to Fitness.

Listening House, a downtown homeless drop-in center, is holding their annual Next Steps 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run on Sunday, May 21st at Upper Landing Park. If you would like to run or sponsor a homeless guest to run, please contact Julie at 651.227.5911 or Julie@listeninghouse.org. For more info. or to register, go to the Events page at www.listeninghouse.org.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	10:00	First Eucharist
Mon	7:00	Marriage Enrichment
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:00	Staff Meeting
	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	5:30	Faith Formation
		Celebration Dinner/ Program
	5:30	Finance
Thur	7:00	Parish Community Council

Hymn Numbers: 537, 271, 35, 723 (4:30 & 8:15), 938 (10:00), 940, 519