



# 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.

## THANKSGIVING MASS

Thursday, November 23rd  
9:00am

I was frightened so I buried what you gave me.

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia

### Don Tienter's ordination .....a pastor's epistle

On Saturday December 9 at 10:00am., parishioner Don Tienter and nine other men from the Archdiocese will be ordained to the diaconate at the Cathedral. We at St. Cecilia's applaud the commitment Don and his wife Maria have made to the formation process these recent years.

At our masses that weekend, I have asked Don to assist us at our liturgies and receive our blessing as he begins this order of service to the archdiocese. Don will receive his parish assignment near the time of the ordination. He expects that a component of his ministry will be to support those imprisoned in our jails and detention facilities.

I have spoken to Don about our archdiocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Spirit*, and their solicitation of parishes for "congratulatory" ads on occasions such as this. I said that in lieu of that, St. Cecilia's would offer him a check in a comparable amount for him to use at his own discretion for books, supplies or whatever he feels will enhance his ministry.

We will have a reception for Don and his family following our 10:00am mass on December 10. The preceding afternoon, following the ordination, friends and family members of Don and Maria—many of whom are here from out of town—will gather at St. Cecilia's for a luncheon with assistance of St. Cecilia parishioners.

Your contributions toward or assistance at these weekend events will be welcomed. You can send any offerings to the parish office or speak to Marge about ways you can help.

The order of Diaconate is primarily a ministry of service and presently is open to married and single men, though there has been much discussion of restoring this ministry to both men and women. Deacons are assigned by the local bishop for service in the archdiocese and the policy here is to not have them assigned for work in their "home" parish. Their ministry, fundamentally, is to those especially in need of our attention as a church: the sick, the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned. We extend our prayers and support to Don, Maria and their family as they undertake this new journey of service.

### Winter's arrival

You may have noticed the return of the plywood sheet at the street entrance leading to our lower level doors. Some of us had been working this summer to solve some of the problem areas that seasonal changes cause for safe entrance to our building or that bring damage to our property. Modifications to the curbs, sidewalks and alley behind the building are being considered that will help us better navigate the freezing and thawing of ice and snow in these areas. Improvements or changes will not come without cost and we had a number of meetings in recent months with parishioners and city/regional government folks to consider options and determine possible costs. We hope that in the coming months a plan or two will be put in place with the assistance of our local watershed districts who may have some grant money that would assist us. There would still be some expense for us whatever modifications we undertake.

### Building needs

We will be looking at improving our sound system in the church, in coming weeks. Also we will be arranging for some carpet cleaning again—addressing some of the same areas as last year and moving into some we didn't do. We may need to look at replacing the carpeting in the upper and lower links and purchasing some mats in the food serving area in the social hall. Contributions will be welcomed.

John Hofstede

**Sunday, November 19th is World Day of the Poor—(Pope Francis)**

**Early Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday, Nov. 21st 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.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Sunday Forum After 10:00am Mass

Like other recent mass shootings in our country, the assault at Sutherland's First Baptist Church was perpetrated by someone with a history of domestic violence. DV Awareness Month is over, but the issue persists. Join St Cecilia's DV Education and Action team to raise your awareness about domestic violence. After the 10:00am Mass, Cathy Green, a victim survivor and member of ISIAH's Domestic Violence Task Force, will share her own experience, as well as discuss warnings signs of an abusive relationship.

### Help Draft Our Faith Agenda—Meeting November 28th

The first drafting session for the Faith Agenda for the caucuses on February 6, 2018, will be held on Tuesday, November 28th from 6:30-9:00pm at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (285 Dale Street North). If you have attended a House Meeting you are welcome to participate in this session to profess our values and prepare an agenda of inclusion and economic justice along with people of many different faith traditions. This powerful statement will be used, when complete, to unite our efforts moving forward into 2018. Questions? Bob Kessler at 651.334.2289 or email [bobkessler45@gmail.com](mailto:bobkessler45@gmail.com).

*You're Invited to:*

***Advent Evensong***  
***Sunday, December 3rd***  
***7:00pm***

***Church of St. Cecilia***

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

A reception will follow  
All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development– November 18th/19th

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs in communities across the United States by giving a hand up, rather than a handout. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of “CCHD” may be placed in the regular collection basket.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass.** Our Thanksgiving day Mass will be at 9:00am on Thursday, November 23rd. We have two traditions here at St. Cecilia that you are invited to take part in: 1) bring nonperishable food and/or monetary donations for those in need, and 2) bring the bread and/or wine that you will be serving at your dinner for a special blessing during Mass.

**Parish Community Council’s Parish Assembly Summary.** Have you found the summary of last June’s parish assembly on our website yet? Look under About Us-Parish Community Council. Our task as Church right now, in keeping with the Global Church, is to listen to youth. This was our goal at our Parish Assembly discussion, and was the basis for the question selection. Check out what we heard (in abbreviated form, of course)! Thanks again to all who participated for your thoughtful and honest input. Let’s keep talking! Watch for announcements of our next annual assembly, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 3, 2018.

**Caroling.** Please come and share your gift of singing Christmas carols on Saturday, December 2nd, 6:00pm at the St. Anthony Park Nursing Home (2237 Commonwealth Avenue). Song sheets provided.

**Book Signing.** Fr. Mike Joncas, Artist-in-Residence and Research Fellow in Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas (and former parochial vicar at St. Cecilia’s), will read from his new book “On Eagle’s Wings: A Journey through Illness toward Healing” and sign copies of the book 4:00–6:00pm Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in the O’Shaughnessy Room of the O’Shaughnessy-Frey Library at the University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN. All are invited!

## FAITH FORMATION

### Advent Program & Young Voices Children's Choir Schedule

All meetings/practices will follow 10:00am Mass. Young Voices Choir will meet immediately following Mass in the choir rehearsal room. Advent program families can grab a quick donut and plan to meet at 11:15 in the church.

November 19th - First Practice & Young Voices Rehearsal

December 3rd - Second Practice & Young Voices Rehearsal

December 10th - Dress Rehearsal (Young voices will sing during Rehearsal)

December 17th - Advent program during 10:00am Mass.

*An angel speaks, "Oh do not fear. I bring you JOY. I bring you CHEER. At Bethlehem near break of morn, the SAVIOR of the world was born!"*

We would like to welcome all parishioners to join us at 10:00am Mass on December 17th to watch a presentation of the Nativity led by the children of St. Cecilia.



### Upcoming WCW Events - Join us!

All are welcome to join our adults for Meditative Yoga on Wednesday, November 29th and Wednesday, December 13th. We also invite you to join us for our Advent Party on Wednesday, December 20th. Potluck at 5:30pm, activities to follow at 6:15pm. Hope to see you there!

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Catholic Campaign for Human Development Giving Tree Tags in Link 11:00 Sunday Forum 11:15 Advent Program Practice
Mon	7:00	Community Events Meeting
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
Thur	9:00	Thanksgiving Mass

### Hymn Numbers:

577, 319, 86, 834, 946, 766



## Gift Requests in the Link!

Thank you to everyone who selected tags off the giving tree last weekend. We still have plenty of tags available and invite you to stop by the link and consider fulfilling a gift request of a family member from College Prep Elementary or Holy Rosary Church.

Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, tags, and tape are appreciated as well. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we can use it to purchase extra gifts and wrapping paper (checks payable to St. Cecilia Church with a notation of “Giving Tree.” Program instructions are available in the link as well.

*Thank you for your prayers and generosity towards our giving tree families.  
The Giving Tree Team*

**Please return the gifts to the link (unwrapped w/the gift tag securely fastened) by December 3rd.**

### About College Prep Elementary (by Tong Ge, Community Relations/Co-Founder/Special Event Coordinator)

College Prep Elementary (CPE) is a K-6 charter school located in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Our school was established in 2009 to serve Hmong and minority families through a specialized focus on college and career readiness. This is our 8<sup>th</sup> year in operation.

We have a small school environment to accomplish our mission of preparing every student to succeed in college and career. We provide our students with a strong educational program within a learning community that builds self-confidence and awareness of diverse cultures and ideas. Our school is sponsored by The GUILD and formerly by Concordia University of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Our student body is both ethnically and economically diverse. Hmong represents the largest group of student population here at CPE—more than 50 percent. Most of our students live on the East Side of St. Paul, West Side of St. Paul, and a small percentage is from other smaller cities outside of the St. Paul district. Thank you!