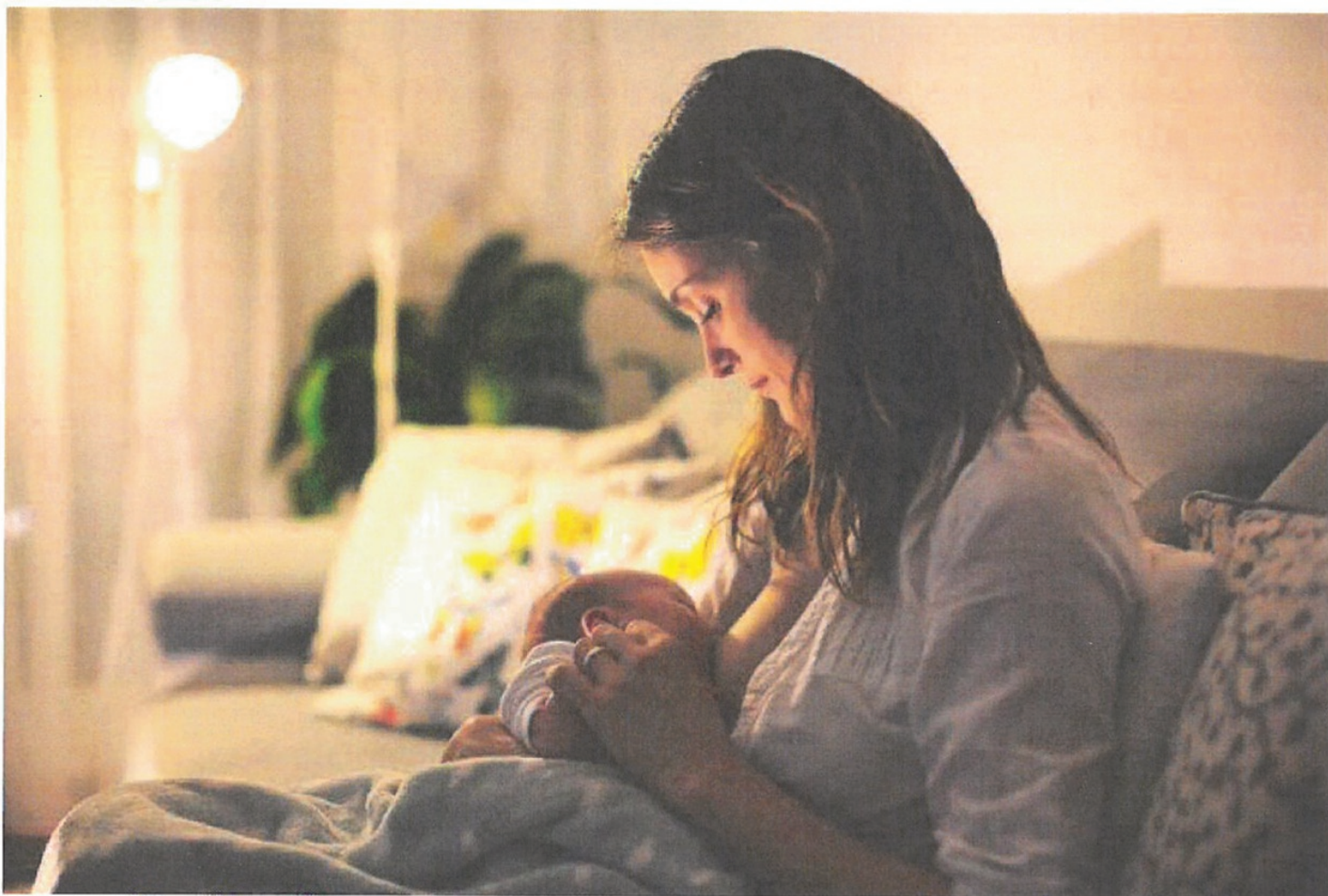




# Church of Saint Cecilia

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



We were gentle among you like a nursing mother caring for her children.

1 Thessalonians 2:7

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia

### Food Drive November 11th/12th

Feeding the hungry is one way that the St. Cecilia community lives the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. On the weekend of November 11th & 12th we'll be collecting nonperishable food, toiletries, and monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, donations focusing on the holiday meal are greatly welcome.

Nonperishable food suggestions:

Canned Corn/Vegetables	Canned Fruit
Canned Cranberries	Vegetable Oil/Shortening
Canned Yams	Soup & Stew
Flour & Sugars	Crackers/Snacks
Boxed Corn Bread	Instant Pudding & Jell-O
Boxed Stuffing	Cake/Cookie/Muffin Mixes
Canned Pumpkin	Canned Fruit for Pies
Canned Evaporated Milk	Boxed Pie Crust Mixes
Instant Potatoes	Apple Cider/Bottled Juices
White/Brown/Wild Rice	Breakfast Cereal

Plus much more!

Monetary donations are greatly welcomed and allow the food shelf to buy food more efficiently than we can. Checks payable to St. Cecilia Church with a notation of "food shelf" on the memo line may be placed in the regular collection basket next weekend.

#### Hunger Facts

- Food security is "access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life." Food insecurity means that consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year.
- One in 10 Minnesotans, or more than 500,000 state residents are food insecure on a regular basis. That is more people than attended Minnesota Vikings home games during the 2015 regular season.
- 8.3% of seniors in Minnesota reported being threatened by hunger. Senior hunger is expected to rise as more baby boomers reach age 60.
- Lack of adequate nutrition can impair a child's ability to concentrate at school.
- Children who experience hunger get sick more often, recover from illness slower and are hospitalized more frequently than children who do not. Children who experience hunger are more likely to experience headaches, stomachaches, colds, ear infections and fatigue.



On the weekends of November 11/12 & 18/19 our giving trees will be set up in the link with gift requests from families at College Prep Elementary and Holy Rosary Church. We will have a variety of gift requests at a variety of prices and we welcome you to take more than one tag if you desire. Children ages 18 and under will have two tags on the tree; one for their clothing request and the other for a toy or gift card request (you are not obligated to select both tags).

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").

We hope you'll consider participating in this outreach program to benefit families who would otherwise go without gifts at Christmas. Gifts are returned to the link (unwrapped w/the gift tag fastened) by December 3rd.

**Bulletin Deadline** Wednesday at 9:00am.  
Email info. to [bulletin@stceciliaspn.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliaspn.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

**As of September 30, 2017**

#### September 30, 2017

Anticipated Collections	\$25,552.00
Actual Collections	\$25,340.78
Less :Actual Expenses	\$23,418.45
Actual Debt Payments	\$1,560.73
Balance	\$361.60

#### Year-to-Date

Anticipated Collections	\$76,656.00
Actual Collections	\$79,104.16
Less: Actual Expenses	\$79,224.42
Actual Debt Payments	\$4,622.38
Balance	(\$4,742.64)

Parish Bank Debt	\$118,295.33
Alms Box Balance as of Oct. 29	\$212.05

#### Sunday Forum—November 19th

After the 10:00am Mass on November 19th, our Domestic Violence Education and Action Team is sponsoring Cathy Green, who will speak for 30 minutes. A member of Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women Survivors Council, Cathy will educate us about Domestic Violence: red flags, her own experience. If you have questions, please contact parishioner Mary Ellen Briel: [mebriel@gmail.com](mailto:mebriel@gmail.com) or 651.247.1572.

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	11:00	Immigrant Task Force
	4:00	All Souls Evening Prayer
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:00	Staff Meeting
	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	5:30	WCW Potluck/Classes
Sat	6:00	Game Night
Sat/Sun		Giving Tree
		Food Drive
Sun	11:00	Advent Program Mtg.

**Hymn Numbers:**  
**748, 319, 89, 810, 735, 807**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### All Souls Evening Prayer

On Sunday, November 5th at 4:00pm we will gather as a community, along with the choir, to pray Evensong for the Dead. Please join us.

**Advent Resources.** Art Zannoni has published a series entitled *"Journey Through Advent 2017."* It is a series of reflections on the Sunday Gospel readings of Advent and is available for a nominal fee at [pastoralcenter.com](http://pastoralcenter.com) or by calling 1.844.727.8672.

**Game Night.** Parishioner Marilee Giere invites you to game night at St. C's on Saturday, November 11th, 6:00-9:30pm. Each table will have a different game on it and every 20 minutes people rotate to another table to continue the game started by the previous team. Please bring beverages and treats to share.

### 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, CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decision, and find ways to improve their lives and neighbors. Your support helps to end poverty through building solidarity in our communities. Envelopes for donations will be available next weekend.

### Feast of St. Cecilia Celebration November 18th.

To celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia, the Community Events Team is hosting a wine and cheese gathering in the link following the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, November 18th.

**Oh My Goodness.** Three-hundred and fifty-two pounds. That's a lot of Goodness! Thanks for your growing and your sharing. Many were nourished by the produce received, from the first greens and radishes to those last tomatoes and squash.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Immigration Task Force Regular Monthly Meeting November 5th

The Immigration Support Task Force meets in the soft room following the

10:00am Mass. All are welcome to attend to get the latest information on immigration support activities and the good work that ISAIH is doing on the larger issues of racial and economic justice.

### Claiming our Voices Training

ISAIH is continuing to offer training to all interested people on how to host a House Meeting (Claiming our Voices) to mobilize good people to change the narrative on race and economic justice. A House Meeting is essentially an invitation to a small group of friends and family to have a conversation about social justice issues and to consider joining an independent, non-partisan political movement grounded in our faith and shared values of racial and economic justice. To find out more attend one of the following training opportunities:

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 Dale Street North (two blocks south of I-94)

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 Dale Street North (two blocks south of I-94)

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 Dale Street North (two blocks south of I-94)

Questions? contact Bob Kessler at 6 5 1 . 3 3 4 . 2 2 8 9 ( [bobkessler45@gmail.com](mailto:bobkessler45@gmail.com)).

### Prayer Gathering

Please join the next gathering of *Come Together, Twin Cities* to pray for racial reconciliation and healing from violence on Sunday, November 19th, 4:00-6:00pm at Our Lady of the Presentation at Carondelet Center.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Childhood Anxiety.** On Wednesday, November 8th during our WCW we will have two guest speakers in to present on the topic childhood anxiety. We will learn ways to help our children and grandchildren through times of transition, stress, and anxiety. All are welcome. Potluck begins at 5:30 with classes/speakers to follow at 6:15pm.

### Annual Advent Program

Our annual Advent Program is just around the corner! This program takes place during 10:00am Mass and is open to all St. Cecilia youth, not just those enrolled in our programs. The children tell the Nativity story with Mary, Joseph, angels, readers, and many of the friendly beasts in costumes sewn by our parishioners. It's a St. C's favorite! We will have our parent meeting on Sunday, November 12th. All meetings/practices will follow 10:00am Mass. **It would be best if those committing to the program for speaking and main roles (readers/Holy family/star) are able to make at least 2 of the 3 practices. The dress rehearsal is most important.** Here are the dates:

November 12th - Parent Meeting

November 19th - First Practice

December 3rd - Second Practice

December 10th - Dress Rehearsal

December 17th - Advent program during 10am Mass

The choices for parts are: Reader, Mary, Joseph, angel, sheep, dove, cow, donkey, stage crew, the star, and shepherds. We ask that readers be in at least 2nd grade and are able to speak clearly and confidently at the mic. Children signed up for the choir can also sign up for another role in the program. Look for sign-up sheets at WCW and CGS. You can also sign up by email at [theresa@stceciliasp.org](mailto:theresa@stceciliasp.org). We hope to have another great turnout!

### Calling Young Voices

Young voices are needed (to sing) for the Advent Program on Sunday, December 17th during the 10:00am Mass. The rehearsals will be November 19th, December 3rd and December 10th immediately following the 10:00 Masses in the choir room. Anyone in 2nd grade and older are welcome to sing. It is important that you attend all three rehearsals.

### Upcoming WCW Service Project

On Wednesday, November 15th we had to change our large group session and will now be working on a service project benefiting the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital. We are putting together snack and craft/activity kits. We welcome you to join us that evening to assemble the kits. Potluck at 5:30pm, service at 6:15pm. Thank you in advance for your support of our service!