



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



*"Whoever welcomes one
such child in my name
welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me
welcomes not me but the
one who sent me."*

Mark 9:37

WELCOME

To join the parish, please
call the office at
651.644.4502,
or talk to one of the
hospitality ministers
who greets you.

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

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New Parish Community Council Convenesa pastor's epistle

At our first meeting last week, we welcomed three new members and thanked three outgoing members. Leaving office were original members of our revised Community Council **Michelle Roman**—who also served as chair—and **Julie Michels**. **Geri Jwanouskos** who filled an open seat in our first year also stepped down. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their commitment and work. They helped establish Council procedures and helped shape policies on Building Use and Communications. Our Council members also hosted the annual **Parish Assembly** established to be held in June as an opportunity for conversation about issues facing our church.

New members of our Council are **Brad Poeschl**, **Sam Sands** and **Mary Pat Dunlap**. **Molly Hoefer** also agreed to serve as an alternate. They join existing members **Tom Deegan**, **Julie Toner** and **Stephanie Klenk**. Parish Trustees **Mary Ellen Ryan** and **Dick McCarthy** serve as *ex officio* members. Our task as a Council is to oversee the Parish Mission and assist in developing policies to help our members and various parish teams fulfill the mission that engages us in worship, outreach, faith formation and mutual support in fostering community. Thanks to all who serve us so faithfully!

Thursday, September 27, A Day of Penitence

We are inviting our community members to keep this day as a day of Penitence. We are encouraging each of us to engage in some form of self denial or service that will redirect our energy and attention to the greater needs of healing our environment and our relationships as families, church and world community. We will have a **Soup Supper** at 6:00pm followed by a **Service of Penance and Lament** at 7:00pm.

Our Jewish brothers and sisters, with whom we share a heritage of faith, are concluding this week their annual observance of the High Holy Days of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* with the intervening ten days they term “Days of Awe.” They understand this time to be one of homecoming, repentance and renewal. Our own annual cycle of lectionary scripture readings assigned for this time of year mirrors this common need we share. For us, there is an invitation to again “take up the cross.” This year, we do this more pointedly as we are faced with acknowledging the wounds created and felt by the abuse of power in our church. We call each other to prayer for healing and commitment to change.

A recent Letter to the Editor (08/25) in the **Tablet**, a London-based Lay Catholic journal caught my attention and we may or may not agree. A woman wrote:

We now have to take responsibility for the abuse that has been carried out by the few. They may be few but they are our few and we have harbored them, honored them, paid respect to them and given them space to do horrible damage to innocent lives.

Yes, I didn't know about it, you didn't know about it--but we should have. It is our Church and we have to take responsibility. The whole church has to ask for forgiveness and do penance.

John Hofstede

Sanctuary Coalition Prayer Vigil—Sunday, September 30th

Art Zannoni will preside at the prayer of the University Area Sanctuary Coalition at St. Cecilia Church on Sunday evening, September 30th at 7:00pm. It will be a chance to reflect on the culture of diversity and inclusion and on our Christian response.

An excerpt: *Loving God, as we stand before you today, help us to remember the ones whom we call “alien,” are our neighbors, to be loved as God loves them, without distinction. Help us to remember, that when we speak of immigrants and refugees; when we speak of the stranger - we speak of Christ.*

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 9:00am.
Email info. to 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 June 30, 2018:

Anticipated Contributions	\$365,000
Actual Contributions	\$387,730
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$21,834</u>
Total Income	\$409,564

Budgeted Expenses	\$383,842
Actual Expenses	\$363,745
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$37,609</u>
Total Expenditures	\$401,354

Revenues Over Expenses	\$8,210
Debt Outstanding	\$85,231

Alms Box Balance as of Sept. 16 \$837.19

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marriage

When members of our community celebrate the sacraments, the whole community celebrates in their joy. We, therefore, wish to congratulate and offer our prayers for:

Taylor Jacobs & John Marinkovich
who were married on September 22nd.

Ministry Sign Up

You're invited to share you gifts and talents with us at St. C's. Sign up forms as well as various ministry sign ups are in the link.

PARISH CALENDAR

Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	5:30	WCW Potluck/Group
Thur	6:00	Soup Supper
	7:00	Penance Service
Sat	3:00-7	Oktoberfest
Sun	7:00	Sanctuary Prayer

Hymn Numbers:

836, 319, 1165, 751, 735, 807



Tickets Available in the Link
 Tickets are \$1/each and can be used toward food and beer/root beer.
 Bingo is sold separately.

Note: If you purchased presale tickets as part of the 'Come Join Us!' parish event, you may pick them up at the ticket sales table or on the day of Oktoberfest.

Sponsorships

If you would like to support the event financially, you may "sponsor" an item by making a donation to the church. Some great examples include \$25 toward the cost of a beer keg, \$50 toward the cost of the tent, or \$100 toward the brats. You may make a donation at the ticket sales table following Mass, or by sending a check to the church. Please write "Oktoberfest Donation" on the subject line.

Volunteers

We have had a great turn out for volunteers so far, but we still need more help! You can sign up at the ticket sales table following any Mass. Please write legibly, as you will receive emails about your shift before the event.

Finally, if you have any questions or would like to make a donation and call bingo, please contact: Joe Van Thomme (jvanthomme@eckbergglammers.com) or Hannah Van Thomme (hannah.vanthomme@gmail.com).

Purchase tickets this weekend!

Saturday, September 29, 2018 3:00-7:00pm

SOCIAL JUSTICE

October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Sunday, October 14—"DV 101" after 10:00am Mass

Myth: Abuse only happens in certain "problem" families, ethnic minorities, or in uneducated, economically disadvantaged strata.

Fact: Abuse pervades all ethnic and social strata. White-collar workers are just as likely to abuse their wives as are blue-collar workers; financially independent people are just as likely to suffer abuse as are people who live below the poverty line. It is not the social standing, the amount of stress, or the company kept which makes abusers. It is the internal need for power, and the belief that they have the right to control someone else.

**Adapted from "HiddenHurt," website for Victims of Domestic Abuse. Questions or further information: Contact Mary-Ellen Briel mebriel@gmail.com or 651.247.1572.*

AWARENESS + Action = Social Change

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation 2018-2019

Our faith formation year will kick-off on Wednesday, September 26th with our first Whole Community Wednesday (WCW). Our students will meet their catechists and classmates, and the parents will hear about what's in store for the year. Please note that we are extending our class time this year by 15 minutes to ensure we have enough time for lessons and presentations.

5:30pm - Begin gathering for potluck meal

6:15pm - Opening Prayer Service

6:30pm - Student and Parent Meetings

7:30pm - Dismissal

Contact Theresa O'Toole with any questions at theresa@stceciliasp.org.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Sunday School

- Introduction to the Atrium orientation for new CGS students (by appointment) - Sunday, September 23rd

- New students only - Sunday, September 30th

- Returning students only - Sunday, October 7th
- All students - Sunday, October 14th.

Coco's Heart Dog Rescue Service Project - Feast of St. Francis

On Wednesday, October 3rd we have our first family service project for the year. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a short prayer service and animal blessing. Send in photos of your family pets to theresa@stceciliasp.org and we will add them to our slideshow! Following the service, we will assemble fleece dog blankets and chew toys. Coco's Heart will send in a representative with some adoptable pets later that evening for us to meet. Coco's has started a new initiative called Cocos Cares. This effort works with homeless and displaced people around the area who need help with their beloved pets. Any donations given to this cause will go towards spaying/neutering, providing veterinary care, and covering temporary boarding costs if that's the best option. If you would like to donate to the Cocos Cares initiative, you can place it in the collection box with "Cocos Cares" or

"Dog Rescue" in the memo line. We would also gladly accept fleece remnants you have around the house. Thank you for your support and we hope you will join us! Potluck meal @ 5:30, prayer service/pet blessing 6:15, service project 6:30, Coco's dogs 7:00pm.

Festival of Giving



This year in our faith formation program we are working with *Doing Good Together*, which is a national nonprofit organization that promotes

kindness lessons and service ideas. They are hosting a service fair at Nicollet Island on Sunday, September 30th from 12pm-4pm. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 max per family. They will have service projects for you to work on focusing on plastic waste, welcoming refugees, and helping rescue animals. There will be multi-cultural music and food trucks with food for purchase. I will be taking my family and would love to see you all there too! You can find out more details on the flyer in the back of church or at <https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/>.