



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



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## The Church of Saint Cecilia

### Giving



### Gift Requests in the Link!

This weekend and next, we invite you stop by the link and consider fulfilling a gift request of a family member from College Prep Elementary or Holy Rosary Church. We 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 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.

Program instructions are available in the link as well.

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

*Today's focus is on Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Due to space issues, we'll feature College Prep Elementary next weekend. Thank you for your prayers and generosity towards our giving tree families. The Giving Tree Team*

### About Holy Rosary Catholic Church (by Dr. Deb Organ, Pastoral Associate)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church in South Minneapolis is 140 years old, and was established by the Central Province of Dominicans to serve the needs of German and Irish immigrants. Over the years, Holy Rosary has always been a place of welcome and connection for recently arrived immigrants, and we maintain that identity today.

Currently, Holy Rosary is 95% Spanish speaking immigrants, most first generation, from Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Puerto Rico, and many other countries. It is a place where people gather to deepen and express faith in our God who tenderly accompanies and strengthens God's people. We have 600 children and young people in our faith formation programs, and annually baptize 250 to 300 infants, children and adults.

Current negative rhetoric in society concerning immigration has made the lives of our parishioners, who already face many challenges in this new cultural context, much more painful and difficult. We are grateful to the St. Cecilia community for reaching out to us during the holiday season. Your gesture of hope and solidarity is very important for Holy Rosary families, especially during the holidays, when many people most miss home.

You are welcome to visit us anytime! Sunday Masses at Holy Rosary are 9:00am in English, and 11:30am and 6:00pm in Spanish. Thank you so very much.

**Bulletin Deadline** Wednesday 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.

### Pope Francis' Universal Intentions for the Challenges of Humanity November 2017

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

### Prayer

God our Father,  
you teach us to live the faith in the coherence between our words and our works, between what we profess and what we live.

Help us to live radically the spirit of the Our Father, in which we realize that we are all brothers and therefore invited to share and to dialogue.

In this particular month, we pray for the Christians in Asia, who in many countries are a minority, that they may always be bridge builders among the various religious traditions in the societies in which they live, witnessing the charity of the Gospel through their lives.

*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!

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Parish Calendar

Sun	11:00	Advent Program Mtg.
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	5:30	WCW Potluck/Classes
Thur	6:15	Community Bldg. Team
	6:30	ISAIAH/Trng. Session
Sat	5:30	Feast St. C./Reception

### 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 decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighbors. Your support helps to end poverty through building solidarity in our communities. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "CCHD" may be placed in the regular collection basket next weekend.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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. Please join us!

### 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.

### 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 or by calling 1.844.727.8672.

### Welcome

St. Cecilia's would like to welcome John Daniels to our community of faith.

### Rest in Peace

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lois and Ben Picard on the passing of husband and father, Dave Picard. Mass of Christian burial will be held at Church of St. Pascal Baylon, Monday, November 13th at 10:30am. Visitation 2-4pm Sunday, November 12th at Oakwood Family Funeral Home & Crematory (3585 Stillwater Rd. E., Maplewood) and one hour prior to Mass at the church on Monday. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

## FAITH FORMATION

### WCW Service Project - Children's Hospital

On Wednesday, November 15th we will be working on a service project benefiting the University of Minnesota Masonic 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!

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

All meetings/practices will follow 10am 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 10am 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!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Sunday Forum—November 19th

Like other recent mass shootings in our country, last Sunday's, 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 next Sunday to raise your awareness about domestic violence. After the 10:00am Mass, Cathy Green, a victim survivor and member of ISALAH's Domestic Violence Task Force, will share her own experience, as well as discuss warnings signs of an abusive relationship.

### House Meetings Continue—Special Training at St. C's on the 16th

ISALAH is offering a special training session to St. Cecilia's parishioners and others on how to host a House Meeting. 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. Please note the "political" movement does not involve the endorsing of any candidates. The delegates who decide to become part of this process will be Faith Delegates, and will not be tied to any candidate or any political party.

In addition to the House Meetings we will also be discussing our work on the Ramsey County Research Project. The purpose of this effort is to obtain funding for legal representation for detained immigrants. Currently there is no funding for legal representation and we rely on a network of volunteer lawyers who are stretched too thin to cover the number of people being detained.

**Meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:30pm Thursday night, November 16, 2017, in Fellowship Hall at St. Cecilia's.**

Questions? Bob Kessler at 651-334-2289 (or email bobkessler45@gmail.com)

### Help Draft Our Faith Agenda—Meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> At Redeemer Lutheran Church

The first drafting session for the Faith Agenda for the caucuses on February 6, 2018, will be held on **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 9:00pm at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 Dale Street North (two blocks south of I-94).** 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.

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**Hymn Numbers:  
871, 319, 58, 406, 728, 607**