



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Noah

Gerhard Marcks

WELCOME

To join the parish,
please call the office at
651.644.4502,
or talk to one of the hospitality
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open
Monday-Thursday
9:00am to 4:00pm.

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THE WAY OF THE CROSSa pastor's epistle

St. Cecilia's in recent months received the gift of a set of prints of contemporary representations of the Stations of the Cross. The original images from which these prints were reproduced were rendered in pastel by local artist John Ilg, who then made the copies for us. During Lent, we have hung the framed prints along the walls in our church beneath St. Cecilia's existing set of Stations. John will be our guest at the Sunday Forum following our 10:00am Mass this weekend. This will be an opportunity to hear from him how he came to create these Stations and to learn about how he approaches his work in the pastel medium.

He has given us permission to further reproduce his work in a booklet and also to project these images on screen in an upcoming Service of the Way of the Cross that will be led by the young people of our parish on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30pm. Parishioner Cindy Windau has further adapted the Living Stations format she had previously created and has been working with our children to prepare this alternate version. All members of the parish are invited to participate in this service.

The late artist Ade Bethune whose collected work is held at the St. Catherine University Library, created some illustrations featuring the Way of the Cross for the *Catholic Worker* in 1935. She later created an arrangement of texts to accompany these images in a booklet form of the Way of the Cross which was separately published. For our worship booklet used on March 14, we've included those images, beautiful in their simplicity, next to the more abstract ones created by John Ilg. Also, next to his framed images in church, we've displayed the texts as arranged by Ade Bethune. We hope these simple texts and the song verses from a setting of the "*Stabat Mater*" at each station might be a springboard for personal meditation for any who may want to walk the stations while visiting the church during the Lenten season. We also have another collection of booklets available with a lengthier format for any who might want to either use individually or as a gathered group.

The Way of the Cross is a traditional prayer of devotion commemorating the last day of Jesus' life. These devotions find their roots in the experiences of the earliest pilgrims to Jerusalem, who would walk the "*Via Dolorosa*" as it had been reconstructed there. At the time of the Crusades, however, it became impossible for pilgrims to make this journey. The custom arose of replicating the pilgrim's journey in congregational and individual settings. Often images or markers were placed on the walls or set in the floors of churches to commemorate the traditional stations (or stops) on the Way of the Cross.

The stations varied in format and number from as few as 7 to 12 or more. In the 18th century, the 14 stations familiar to many of us became the standard. These represent 9 scenes found in the gospels and 5 that arose from popular tradition. The "falls" of Christ (stations 3,7,9) while not scriptural could well have occurred in light of the all-night interrogation, scourging, and loss of blood which the gospels describe. Jesus' encounter with Mary (station 4) expands on the encounter at the crucifixion as recorded in John's gospel. The woman wiping Jesus' face (station 6) derives from a veil with Christ's image (i.e., "*vera icon*," or "true image" hence the name Veronica) which has been kept in the Vatican since the 8th century. Without debating the veil's authenticity, the station reminds us that the true image of Christ is imprinted in every loving gesture of a disciple.

We increasingly share with other Christian denominations this devotional practice as a common heritage of reverence for the mystery of the Cross of Jesus.

John Hofstede

Bulletin Deadline -Wednesday at 9:00am.
Email info. to bulletin@stceciliaspam.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 December 31, 2017:

Anticipated Contributions	\$184,344
Actual Contributions	\$177,680
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$11,495</u>
Total Income	\$189,175

Budgeted Expenses	\$187,919
Actual Expenses	\$166,069
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$9,295</u>
Total Expenditures	\$175,364

Revenues Over Expenses	\$13,811
Debt Outstanding	\$113,545

Alms Box Balance as of Feb. 11 \$1,858.45

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 24, 4:30 pm

Cross:

Book: Linda B.

Candle:

Lectors: Stephanie K./Mary V.

Host: Alice S.

Cup: Scott S./Karen V. W.

Hospitality: Colette S.

Sacristan: Bob S.

Sunday, February 25, 8:15 am

Book: Beth C.

Lectors: Rose J./Brent D.

Host: Eileen s.

Cup: Jean W./Steve C.

Sacristan: Pat K.

Sunday, February 25, 10:00 am

Cross:

Book: Mary Pat Z.

Candle:

Lector: Ellie R./Kathy Z.

Host: Dick B.

Cup: Claudia B./Bill J.

Cup:

Hospitality:

Sacristan:

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lenten Schedule of Events

- Whole Community Wednesday, February 21, 28, March 7, 21, 5:30pm Soup Supper/6:15pm Prayer-Program
- Lenten Movie Nights February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 5:30pm Light Supper/Movie
- Lenten Evensong, Sunday, February 25, 7:00pm
- Living Stations, Wednesday, March 14, 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Living Stations

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

SAVE THE DATE: COME JOIN US!

Mark your calendars! Our annual parish dinner and silent auction will be held on Sunday, April 29th from 11:00am-2:00pm. Details coming soon.

Lenten Resources Available

Art Zannoni has published three Lenten Resources entitled "Journey Through Lent," "Journey Through the Triduum," and *The Gospel's Legacy*. They are available at www.pastoralcenter.com.

Catholic Services Appeal

The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal is underway. Your prayers and contributions enable the funded ministries to reach out to many in need. Donation envelopes are in the back of church and may be returned to the regular collection basket during Mass. Thank you for your support

Summary of Parish Financial Info.

The Church of St. Cecilia summary of financial information, as of December 30, 2017, is available in the back of church as well as on our website at www.stceciliaspj.org.

Taste of the Neighborhood a Success! Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Community Events hosted *Taste of the Neighborhood*. Over 120 attendees enjoyed the evening mixing and mingling, and sampling delectable appetizers (and beverages) provided by our neighborhood restaurants. When out and about at The Finnish Bistro, Colossal Café, Pho 79, The Urban Growler, Café Biaggio, Keys Café, Foxy Falafel, The Naughty Greek, and Sharretts Liquor, please extend the management a "thank you" for their participation.

Rest in Peace

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mike and Kathy Fischer and family on the passing of Kathy's mother, Marian Martin. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Operation Rice Bowl

As we move through Lent, we invite you to participate in Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. The cardboard "bowls" will be available in the back of church. Money saved by substituting a simple meal for one's usual fare or other Lenten savings may be collected in the rice bowl and returned to church as part of our Holy Thursday liturgy offerings.

FAITH FORMATION

Welcome Weekend for First Eucharist Candidates

Our First Eucharist candidates will be recognized at the masses they typically attend over the weekend of February 24th-25th. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.

Upcoming WCW Events

On Wednesday, February 21st we will continue our tradition of building the city of Jerusalem out of Legos. A St. C's

favorite! We welcome Julia Mosby in to lead our adults in Meditative Yoga on March 7th (please note the date change) and Art Zannoni will present to our adults about "The Last Seven Words Jesus Spoke from the Cross" on March 21st. Potluck at 5:30, presentation/activity to follow at 6:15pm. All are welcome!

Movie Nights During Lent

We are scheduling movie night every Saturday during lent after our 4:30pm Mass. All are invited to come to one or all of the evenings to share a light supper, watch a movie and engage in some reflection afterwards. If you are able to RSVP that would be great (for food planning) but spontaneous drop ins are always welcome too.

Feb. 24th The Blue Butterfly

Mar. 3rd Everything is Illuminated

Mar. 10th Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Mar. 17th The Secret Life of Bees

Mar. 24th Wrestling Jerusalem



St. C's 4th-8th graders invite you to their presentation of:

**The Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, March 14th
6:30pm**

The stations are centered around the beautiful artwork of John Ilg.

Soup supper will be provided starting at 5:30pm.

All are welcome!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	11:00	First Sunday of Lent Sunday Forum
Mon		Office Closed/Holiday
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30 5:30	Nursing Home Service WCW Potluck/Classes
Thur	6:00	Parish Community Council
Sat	5:30	Movie Night
Sat/Sun		First Eucharist Welcome Weekend
Sun	7:00	Second Sunday of Lent Lenten Evening Prayer

Hymn Numbers:
485, 38, 195, 485, 922



You are invited to attend

**Lenten Evensong
Sunday, February 25
St. Cecilia's Church
7:00pm**

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