



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Blind, but now I see.

WELCOME

To join the parish, please call
the office at 651.644.4502.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

A Prayer Amid an Epidemic
By Kerry Weber
America Magazine

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.
www.americamagazine.org

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Contributions Update:

December's Budgeted Revenue	\$24,264.00
Amount Received To Date	\$32,667.38
Remaining to Achieve Budget	\$(8,403.38)

Financial Information ending

December 31:

Anticipated Collections \$195,740

Actual Collections \$185,943

Major Gifts \$44,245

Building Fund Contributions \$12,840

Total Income \$243,028

Budgeted Expenses \$198,750

Actual Expenses \$181,301

Major Repairs \$8,499

Principal Payments on Debt \$7,682

Total Expenditures \$197,482

Revenue Over Expenses \$45,546

Debt Outstanding \$62,832

Alms Box Balance as of March 15 \$722.13

Scripture Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

God judges not by external appearances, but what God sees in the heart. David, young, spontaneous and innocent is preferred to his older and stronger brothers. After his anointing, the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him.

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6:

***“The Lord is my Shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.”***

Ephesians 5:1-14

Live as children of “light [which] produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth.”

John 9:1-41

On the Sabbath, Jesus mixed spittle with dirt, and with the mud he restored sight to a man blind from birth. This man was later rejected from the synagogue for confessing Jesus as Messiah.



Minnesota Foodshare

Thanks for your generosity! In addition to the groceries we've collected, last week we sent a check to Keystone Community services for \$3,135 from the money you provided, and from our Alms Box we sent checks for \$500 each to 2nd Harvest Food Bank and Interfaith Action of St. Paul which sponsors a food shelf for the Department of Indian Work. We'll continue to accept contributions throughout this month during this time when the needs of many families are heightened by the current crisis created by the virus contagion.

John Hofstede

Cancellation Notice

Liturgies:

In compliance with guidelines set due to the threat of coronavirus, until further notice we're suspending gathering for parish liturgies. We're working on live streaming our liturgies but as of this writing have not finalized the process. We will continue to keep you informed via parish wide email and the bulletin. In the meantime, we suggest tuning in to the Diocese of St. Cloud Mass on Sundays at 11:00am on KSTC-TV/45.

Weekly contributions may be mailed to the parish office, or as an alternative please consider taking advantage of the option to sign up for monthly automatic withdrawal through your checking or savings account. Please contact Linda Whiteneck in the parish office at 651.644.4502 for more information. We're very grateful for your continuing financial support.

Events:

We've cancelled events through the end of March, but will continue to do so as necessary. Please watch the bulletin and parish wide emails for up-to-date information. You may also view our online calendar at www.stceciliasm.org.

Parish Office:

The office will remain open Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm at this time. For the health and safety of all in our community, we recommend contacting us by phone at 651.644.4502.

FAITH FORMATION

Dear families of St. Cecilia,

At this time we have decided to cancel faith formation classes until April 1st (or thereafter if necessary). Although we are disappointed our 6th-8th grade group will be unable to share the stations of the cross, we all agreed that erring on the side of caution was best in this situation. **Our Sunday school CGS classes are also cancelled.**

Other items to note:

- Our pancake breakfast is postponed at this time.
- Our First Eucharist retreat on April 4th will still remain on the schedule for now, and I will contact you if that changes. I would like to reassure our First Communion class that even if they are unable to complete the class work that is typically done in preparation, we will find an appropriate way to welcome the children to the table anyway. Some options may be meeting in smaller groups or pushing out the date a bit. **Our May 3rd communion date remains on the calendar for now.**

These are very uncertain and worrisome times, and I appreciate your understanding as we muddle our way through them. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I will miss seeing you all on Wednesday nights (a weekly highlight for my family), but pray that these precautions will help us do our part to slow the spread.

Theresa O'Toole

COMMUNITY NEWS

Global Solidarity Sunday

This weekend is Global Solidarity Sunday in our archdiocese. Financial contributions and prayers are welcome to provide for those who are the most vulnerable throughout the world. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Global Solidarity" may be sent to the parish office. Thank you.



Catholic Services

Appeal

The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal is underway. Your prayers and contributions enable the funded ministries to reach out to many in need. Thank you for your support.

Easter Flowers

You are invited to make a donation of flowers in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of someone special. **Please contact the parish office by Monday, March 23rd** if you would like your name and intention published in the Easter program.

Operation Rice Bowl

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

Save the Date - 'Come Join Us'

Our annual 'Come Join Us' event on April 26th remains on the calendar at this time. In the next few weeks we will have a clearer picture of whether or not we need to make changes to the event or cancel altogether. Watch the bulletin for updates.

Fish Fry Cancelled

The Lenten fish fry scheduled for Friday, April 3rd has been cancelled. Thank you to the Men's Club for offering to host.

Parish Wide Emails

If you're not receiving our parish wide emails and would like to be added to the distribution list, please send your contact information to Barb Falardeau at bulletin@stceciliasm.org or call the parish office at 651.644.4502. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Fourth Sunday of Lent Global Solidarity
Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please call Sheila Boos at 612.810.5035 or complete the form on our website (Community/Prayer Ministry tab).	
Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Email info to bulletin@stceciliasm.org .	

Hymn Numbers:

35, 195, 721, 960