



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Jorge Cocco

The found (lost) coin!

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

A pastor's epistle...

Season of Creation

Pope Francis and other religious leaders have invited us to observe these September days leading to October 4 (The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) as a Season of Creation—a time in which to observe, decide and act in a way that will honor and preserve the precious gift of our common home, the earth. The following was featured as one of the daily reflections in the *National Catholic Reporter*:

Laudato Si' — Pope Francis' letter "On Care for our Common Home" is a 150-page book that most people have not read.

Here are the "Top Ten Takeaways from Laudato Si'" as summarized by Jesuit Fr. James Martin, editor at large of the Jesuit magazine, *America*.

1. The spiritual perspective is now part of the discussion on the environment.
2. The poor are disproportionately affected by climate change.
3. Less is more.
4. Catholic social teaching now includes teaching on the environment.
5. Discussions about ecology can be grounded in the Bible and church tradition.
6. Everything is connected — including the economy.
7. Scientific research on the environment is to be praised and used.
8. Widespread indifference and selfishness worsen environmental problems.
9. Global dialogue and solidarity are needed.
10. A change of heart is required.

What stands out for you from among this list of key ideas? What thoughts do you have about responding to the messages?

Archdiocesan Synod

Preparations are being made for an Archdiocesan Synod that will engage people from throughout the archdiocese in a process of listening and dialogue to help shape the direction of the local church. An informational insert meant to answer questions about the Synod is available on the tables in the church entryway. Anyone who would like to become involved in this process on behalf of our parish should contact Marge Virnig by phone or email.

John Hofstede

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Email info to bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

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

Contributions Update:

September's Budgeted Revenue	\$31,004
Amount Received To Date	\$10,153
Remaining to Achieve Budget	\$20,851

Year to Date Financial Information as of June 30, 2019:

Anticipated Revenues	\$375,400
Actual Revenues	\$398,733
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$14,490</u>
Total Income	\$413,223
Budgeted Expenses	\$397,940
Actual Expenses	\$369,900
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$14,717</u>
Total Expenditures	\$384,617
Revenues Over Expenses	\$28,606
Debt Outstanding	\$70,524
Alms Box Balance as of Sept. 8	\$791.10

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 21, 4:30 pm

Cross:	Mary F.
Book:	Linda B.
Candle:	
Lectors:	Stephanie K./Pat D.
Host:	Kate O.
Cup:	Dick M./Gaida Q.
Hospitality:	Michael R.
Sacristan:	Tom K.

Sunday, September 22 8:15 am

Book:	Beth C.
Lectors:	Brad P./Jean W.
Host:	Stacia P.
Cup:	John B./Brad C.
Sacristan:	Pat K.

Sunday, September 22, 10:00 am

Cross:	Mary Pat Z.
Book:	
Candle:	Liam W./Bridget B.
Lector:	Colleen S./Sue W.
Host:	Monica R.
Cup:	Maureen R./Ken S.
Cup:	Rosie R./Michelle H.
Hospitality:	Evelyn P.
Sacristan:	Larry C.

Saturday, Sept. 28th



3:00-7:00pm

@Hampden Park

Fill the Keg Challenge: Parishioners can show their school "beer-it" and donate money to offset the cost of a beer or root beer keg representing either the University of Minnesota, St. Thomas, St. John's/St. Ben's, or Everyone Else.

Volunteer Sign-Up: Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the Link. Please sign up for a shift at Oktoberfest and stay to bingo the night away!

Ticket Sales: Food and drink tickets are on sale after all Masses beginning this weekend!

Bingo-Calling: As a reminder, if you would like to make a financial sponsorship and call bingo, you can do so by contacting Joe Van Thomme (jvanthomme@eckberglammers.com) or Hannah Van Thomme (hannah.vanthomme@gmail.com).



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pope Francis' Universal Intentions For the Challenges of Humanity September 2019

Let us pray that politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Prayer

*Father of kindness,
you created the world for us and entrust
your children with the stewardship of
creation.*

*We ask your forgiveness for not knowing
how to take care of the beauty that has
been entrusted to us and using selfishly
and unreflectively the resources we
possess.*

*We apologize for our lack of sensitivity
and love to nature and to your sons and
daughters who suffer the consequences of
our bad choices.*

*Give us light to make decisions for the
defense of the oceans, doing everything in
our power to make the Earth the place of
beauty that you dreamed for us.*

Our Father...

Adult Choir. The Adult Choir will begin rehearsing for the coming year on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00pm in the church. We would **love** to welcome some new voices this fall! Due to space limitations, there is an audition. You do not have to read music, but you will need to be able to sing back notes played on the piano and follow directions. You will also need to be able to attend most of the rehearsals. We usually rehearse 3 Tuesdays a month and share refreshments after each rehearsal. If you are interested or just have questions before the first rehearsal, please talk with Jeanne Dold or email her at jeanne@stceciliaspn.org.

Furniture Available

We have several pieces of furniture that we no longer need; a dresser, armoire, wooden desk, and coffee table. In addition we have some vintage lockers as well. If interested, inquire via the parish office and make us an offer.

Mission Appeal Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the August mission appeal for the Diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga, Ghana, West Africa. Through your generosity, \$2,488 was collected. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

Whole Community Wednesday

Kick-off. Join us on Wednesday, September 25th for our first Whole Community Wednesday gathering. We will begin our potluck meal at 5:30pm with a prayer service to follow. Afterwards our parents and students will hear about what's in store for this year. Join us as we prepare for another wonderful year together in faith formation. All our welcome

Calling all Teenagers!

We are kick-starting a new high school initiative this fall and hope your teen will be a part of it. On Wednesday evenings when we meet as a **large group**, we will have a special high school small group session led by Jonathan Santiago. Jonathan was confirmed last spring and is a freshman at the U of M this fall. This opportunity is open to all high school students, so we encourage your teen to attend and bring friends! Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30pm following our usual 5:30pm potluck meal. As we progress through the year, watch for additional dates and activities. We encourage teens to come as often as their schedule allows. I would also like to introduce Gloria Osemenam who will be taking over as our youth group leader. She attended Red Lake this summer and had the opportunity to meet many of our teens. A huge thank you to Kate O'Connell and Annamary Boler who have been our youth leaders these past few years. We were blessed to have you and wish you all the best.

Animal Blessing & Cocos Heart Dog Rescue Service Project

On Wednesday, October 2nd we will have our first family service project. We will begin with an animal blessing prayer service in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. Send pictures of your beloved pets to Theresa O'Toole at theresa@stceciliaspn.org by Sept 26th to be included in the slideshow. Then we will work on putting together blankets and chew toys to donate to Cocos Heart Dog Rescue. **This year we are focusing on reusing materials rather than buying new for the blankets. We welcome donations of towels, pillow cases and blankets that you no longer**

use. Look for the donation bin in the link. We will end the evening by meeting some adoptable pups from Cocos. All are welcome to join us! Potluck at 5:30pm, activities to follow at 6:30pm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Project Home Thank You

A huge thank you to the 32 volunteers that stepped up for the evening to welcome the families, and to staff the overnight shifts at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in August! You are what make the program work! St. Matthew's housed seven families for the month, in what is a yearlong program by the Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul. Hopefully, we can continue to support this effort again next year. We meet Christ in those we serve.

JoAnn Mason and Rose Marie Assad

OUT AND ABOUT

A Presentation on Compassion

On Saturday, September 21st from 9:00am to 12:30pm Art Zannoni will lead a program entitled *A Conversation About Compassion: How We Can Encounter the Compassionate God of the Bible*. It will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 1500 SE Franklin Ave, Minneapolis. All are welcome.

Rummage Sale

St. Mark's Church rummage sale Fri-Sun, Sept. 27-29 (Fri & Sat 9-4, Sun 9-Noon). Donation drop off days Mon-Wed, Sept. 23-25 9:00am to 8:00pm.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Food Drive Oktoberfest Ticket Sales & Volunteer Sign-Up
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
Thur	6:30	Liturgy Team
Sat	4:30	Baptism
	5:30	Oktoberfest Ticket Sales
	5:30	Community Building (outside)

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.

Hymn Numbers:

956, 319, 1163, 723, 922, 689