



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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



**I will not leave you orphans**

"Widows and Orphans" Kathe Kollwitz

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia

### Opportunities to Support Immigrants

The Immigrant Support Task Force appreciates the support of the larger St. Cecilia's community in declaring us to be a Supporting Sanctuary Church. There is good work to be done and there are many ways to become involved. The Following events are especially meaningful.

#### Monthly Prayer Vigil (Ecumenical service with 6 other Sanctuary Churches)

*Sunday, May 21st*, at 7:00 pm at First Congregational Church, 500 8th Ave SE. Minneapolis.

Besides meeting wonderful people committed to helping immigrants you will experience a different faith tradition each month. Last month the Vigil was held at St. Francis Cabrini and the service emphasized Catholic Social teachings.

#### Rapid Response Training. This is an opportunity to become a trained observer to document ICE enforcement actions on behalf of the immigrants being detained.

*Sunday, June 4th*, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at University Baptist Church, 1219 University Avenue, SE. This training is being held to establish a metro wide network of trained observers who are called to witness a detention event close to where the observers live. Volunteer observers are "on call" for one or more shifts a week to respond. We especially need volunteers who speak Spanish and who would consider being a multilingual dispatcher for the network.

There are other ways to become involved. Please call or email me at any time if you are interested in helping out this very important social justice calling.

Bob Kessler  
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### Four Key Ways to Support Immigrants

1. **Engage in Relationship Building.** This would include attending events and activities with immigrants such as soccer games and picnics; mass at immigrant congregations, prayer vigils, etc.
2. **Attend (help plan) education and training sessions**, public discussions, and Spanish classes.
3. **Volunteer to Provide Specific Help.** Become a Rapid Responder and/or member of Rescue Brigade, etc. Raise funds. Attend rallies. Provide individual support to immigrants. (See above opportunity.)
4. **Help plan and/or attend prayer vigils** and other forms of spiritual support for the immigrant community. (See above opportunity.)

**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.

### Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

#### As of December 31, 2016

#### December 2016

Anticipated Collections	\$57,297.00
Actual Collections	\$68,494.00
Less :Actual Expenses	\$33,822.00
Actual Debt Payments	\$1,667.87
Balance	\$33,004.13

#### Year-to-Date

Anticipated Collections	\$189,340.00
Actual Collections	\$202,683.00
Less: Actual Expenses	\$181,263.00
Actual Debt Payments	\$9,777.02
Balance	\$11,642.98

Parish Bank Debt	\$147,534.16
Alms Box Balance as of May 14	\$991.54

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, May 27, 4:30 pm

<b>Cross:</b>	
<b>Book:</b>	Bob S.
<b>Candle:</b>	
<b>Lectors:</b>	Pat D./David P.
<b>Host:</b>	Dick M.
<b>Cup:</b>	Kate O./Colette S.
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Michael R.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Marge V.

### Sunday, May 28, 8:15 am

<b>Book:</b>	Jean W.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Julie B./Jane C-K.
<b>Host:</b>	Stacia P.
<b>Cup:</b>	Mary Pat R./Rose R.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Pat K.

### Sunday, May 28, 10:00 am

<b>Cross:</b>	
<b>Book:</b>	Mary Pat Z.
<b>Candle:</b>	Elise C./Iris C.
<b>Lector:</b>	Evelyn P./Colleen S.
<b>Host:</b>	Maureen R.
<b>Cup:</b>	
<b>Cup:</b>	Sue W./Kathy Z.
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Cindy W.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Larry C.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Come Join Us Team Meeting**

The Come Join Us team will be meeting on Thursday, May 25th at 6:30pm for a wrap up meeting. If you were involved this year or are interested in helping out next year, please bring your ideas to the meeting on Thursday. Gather in the parish hall.

**Graduates**

If you are graduating from high school or college, please contact the parish office with pertinent information. We plan to recognize our graduates in next weekend's bulletin.

**Parish Directories**

The directories have arrived and are available in the link for those who had their photo taken, or submitted a photo for inclusion in the book. Please pick up your copy after Mass.

**Book Drive**

Our book drive collection is underway to benefit the students at College Prep Elementary, a charter school serving Hmong and Karen children. The goal is to provide each child in grades K-6 with 10 books to keep them reading and working on English over the summer. Although we accept books on an ongoing basis, many more new and gently used picture books, easy readers and chapter books are needed to reach our goal. Donations may be placed in the lower link.

**Oh My Goodness - Year Two**

Our yards and gardens are emerging from the clutch of winter. Birdsong signals a time to dig and plant. As our frisky carrots announced a couple of weeks ago, we again ask you to plant a row, a pot or a hill for the Keystone Food Shelf and Listening House. On the weekend of May 27/28 we will begin receiving produce in the wicker basket in the lower link. If you are a CSA subscriber, consider sharing from that goodness.

**Habitat for Humanity Ice Cream Social.** Mark your calendar for June 3rd/4th for our Habitat for Humanity Ice Cream Social fundraiser. Watch the bulletin for more info.

**Summer Hospitality**

During the summer we serve cookies, lemonade and coffee following our 8:15 and 10:00 Masses. Sign up in fellowship hall to host. You will be responsible for purchasing the cookies (you will be reimbursed), preparing beverages and serving/clean up. Please call the parish office with questions or for additional information.

**Silent Auction-Knife Sharpening**

As part of our silent auction; Tony Pfaff offered knife sharpening services. We have three knives that are awaiting pick up. If one is yours, please stop by the parish office to claim it. Thank you.

## OUT AND ABOUT

**Come Meet Your Muslim Neighbors!**

As our Muslim neighbors prepare for the sacred month of Ramadan this June, the Minnesota Council of Churches is excited to announce the Taking Heart Program, a series of open houses at area mosques organized in partnership with the Muslim American Society (MAS). Taking Heart is a program designed to bring Muslims, Christians, and members of other faith communities together for food and conversation during the Iftar meal which breaks Muslims' daily fast during Ramadan. Prior to the meal there will be an opportunity to learn about Islam and observe Muslims at prayer.

The program is free and open to the public. Please visit [www.mnchurches.org](http://www.mnchurches.org) to register and for a complete list of the open houses. Friends and family welcome!

**Open Houses in the neighborhood:**

- Masjid Tawqa—1608 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55408—Tuesday, May 30th at 8:00pm
- Masjid Al-Ihsan—955 West Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104—Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00pm

For further information please contact The Rev. Cynthia Bronson Sweigert, Taking Heart Organizer at [revcbs11@gmail.com](mailto:revcbs11@gmail.com).

**Hymn Numbers:**

919, 271, 59, 902 (4:30/8:15), 701, 949

## FAITH FORMATION

**Sunday Forum May 21st**

*"Jesus Our Companion: Reflections on the Emmaus Story in the Gospel of Luke"* On Sunday, May 21st, Art Zannoni will present a reflection on the story of the two disciples of Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). The presentation will explore what it means to be a companion of Jesus and how both Jesus' resurrection and the Eucharist help us to join him as we pilgrimage through life.

**Church Cleaning—Wednesday, May 24th.** Spring cleaning time is here again! Join us on Wednesday, May 24th at 5:30pm to help clean the closet, and church grounds. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office or [theresa@stceciliasp.org](mailto:theresa@stceciliasp.org). Thank you!

**Faith Formation Registration 2017-2018.** Registration has begun for the 2017-2018 faith formation year. Families can pick up materials in the link over the next few weekends. We are offering formation for PreK-K children (ages 3-5) on Sunday mornings during 10am Mass in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. We also offer PreK-8th grade instruction on Wednesday evenings during the school year. **We will offer First Eucharist preparation, but will not offer Confirmation again until the fall of 2018-2019.** I hope to have registration materials returned to the office no later than June 30th so planning for the fall can begin. Please spread the word to anyone looking to join our community, all are welcome. I look forward to another wonderful year with the families of St. Cecilia. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa O'Toole at [theresa@stceciliasp.org](mailto:theresa@stceciliasp.org).

**Youth Group News**

Please let Kate O'Connell know if you are considering attending this year's mission trip to Red Lake Reservation 7/10-7/15.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	10:00	CGS
	11:00	Sunday Forum
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	5:30	Spring Cleaning
Thur	6:30	Come-Join-Us Wrap Up Meeting
Sun	10:00	CGS
	10:00	Baptism