



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th
4:00pm Carols/4:30pm Mass

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th
10:00am Mass

(No New Year's Day Mass on Monday,
January 1, 2018)

The Church of Saint Cecilia

Pope Francis' Universal Intentions for the Challenges of Humanity December 2017

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Prayer

Father of kindness,

In this month in which we celebrate the birth of your Son Jesus, we realize that the Incarnation happens in the bosom of a family, as the place where God came to dwell among us.

The family is the core of society,
the first school of socialization,
where one learns to deal with the differences and the riches of each other.

The history of each family
is marked by the life experience of the elders,
who leave an important testimony
for future generations.

Lord God,
teach us to value the contribution of the elderly,
to not discard them,
and to pay attention to their teachings
and their life lessons.

Thank You

Our sincere thanks to everyone who served us well in all the ministries, the activities and the preparation that took place throughout Advent and leads us into the Holy Day. This includes the Giving Tree response, the Children's Advent Program, Liturgical Ministers, Choirs, Cantors, Instrumentalists, Environment, Church Cleaners, Lectors, Greeters and many more. All this work pays off when we as a community and guests gather and experience together this time of celebration. Thank you very much!



Year End Giving

Please note that end of year contributions for 2017 tax records must be received in the parish office by Sunday, December 31st. When making your year end gifts, please consider taking advantage of the option to sign up for monthly automatic withdrawal through your checking or savings account for your regular contribution to the operating budget of the church. An additional contribution can be likewise, made to the building fund. Forms are available in the back of church and on our website. Thank you.

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

As of September 30, 2017

September 30, 2017

Anticipated Collections	\$25,552.00
Actual Collections	\$25,340.78
Less :Actual Expenses	\$23,418.45
Actual Debt Payments	\$1,560.73
Balance	\$361.60

Year-to-Date

Anticipated Collections	\$76,656.00
Actual Collections	\$79,104.16
Less: Actual Expenses	\$79,224.42
Actual Debt Payments	\$4,622.38
Balance	(\$4,742.64)

Parish Bank Debt	\$118,295.33
Alms Box Balance as of Dec. 17	\$1,533.30

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 30, 4:30 pm

Cross:	Colette S.
Book:	Bob S.
Candle:	
Lectors:	Justin M./Linda B.
Host:	
Cup:	Ellen C./Karen V. W.
Hospitality:	
Sacristan:	

Sunday, December 31, 8:15 am

Book:	Beth C.
Lectors:	Steve C./Mary Pat R.
Host:	
Cup:	
Sacristan:	

Sunday, December 31, 10:00 am

Cross:	
Book:	Jack S.
Candle:	
Lector:	Susan G./Ann K.
Host:	
Cup:	
Cup:	
Hospitality:	
Sacristan:	

COMMUNITY NEWS

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th.

Neighborhood Parking

If you'll be celebrating Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day Mass with us here at St. C's, please extend a parking courtesy to those attending, as well as our neighbors, by not blocking driveways, crosswalks and intersections. Thank you.

The Gift of Warmth

This Christmas season we will be collecting something warm for those in need. Suggested items (socks, gloves, mittens, hats, etc.) may be placed in the basket near the crèche. Thank you.

2018 Catholic Calendars

Please take home a 2018 Catholic reflections calendar which is available in the back of church. Thank you to Rich & Sharon Purcell from Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home for providing them.

Save the Date: *Taste of the Neighborhood* –Friday, Feb. 9th

The Community Events Team is planning a new adult event, *Taste of the Neighborhood*, offering food from the restaurants around St. Cecilia's. Hardy hors d'oeuvres, from each restaurant, and beverages will be served at this fun, social gathering. Mark your calendar for Friday, February 9th, 7:00-9:00pm (\$10.00 per adult) and watch for participation details in January. Contact Stephanie Klenk at 612.308.5273 or klenksr@yahoo.com with questions.

CSPA Trivia Night is Back!

Mark your calendar for Saturday January 13, 2018 for the always fun, trivia night. Pre-register your team of 6-8 people by emailing rosejagim@gmail.com, list the names and team captain. Beer, wine, pizza, and snacks will be provided. Plus fun raffle prizes! Bring cash. Cost is \$10 per person if pre-registered. (Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Trivia Night" on the memo line) or \$15 per person at the door the night of January 13th from 6-8:30pm. Hosted by the CSPA. For further details see the flyer on the link bulletin board, and to pre-register please email rosejagim@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Mission Support Thank You!

Thank you so much for the wonderful support for Red Lake and our creative and hard-working Youth in purchasing baked goods and the generous donations; as a community, we raised over \$3,000! The majority of this money will be used to help Red Lake rebuild their community, with a small portion to help Youth travel to Red Lake again this summer. (We will also have a pancake breakfast in April with help from Mike Weber, so we can look forward to more tastiness then!) Check out the lovely pictures on St. Mary's Mission's facebook page of the December 10th Mass, including the quilt with the hand prints from students at St. Mary's as the backdrop.

Bulletin Online

Did you know you can access our weekly bulletin online? If you haven't checked out our website, we encourage you to do so at www.stceciliasp.org. Keep current with all the events/activities that St. Cecilia has to offer and more.

Communion

Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to anyone not able to join the procession at Mass. Please tell one of the hospitality ministers before Mass if you need this service. After distributing to those in line, Communion will then be brought to you.

January Food Drive

Mark your calendar for our January 13th/14th food drive. We'll be collecting nonperishable food, toiletries, and monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf.

Sacramental Policies

Marriage: Six months notice is required. Three months active parish membership necessary prior to initiating marriage preparation. Call the parish office at 651.644.4502.

Baptism: Baptism classes are held twice each year. Attendance at classes is required. Communal celebration is preferred—private may be discussed with the pastor. For more information please contact Marge Virnig at 651.644.4502 ext. 12

FAITH FORMATION

WCW Upcoming Events

We will be taking a break for the Christmas and New Year holidays and will reconvene on Wednesday, January 10th. That evening we will welcome a representative from Sarah's...an Oasis for Women. This non-profit group is run by the Sisters of St. Joseph. They provide a safe place for women affected by human trafficking, violence or torture where they can live and thrive. This presentation will be for our adult group while the students are in classes, but then on Wednesday, January 17th we will collect items that Sarah's needs and work on sewing lavender eye pillows for their current guests. All are welcome to join us for these events. Potluck at 5:30pm presentation/service at 6:15pm.

OUT AND ABOUT

Holy Land Trip

Art Zannoni and David Haas are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from December 27, 2018 through January 7, 2019. A brochure describing the trip is available in the link. For more information, please contact Art at aezannoni@aezconsulting.com.

Become a Reading Partner

Make a lifelong impact on a child who struggles with reading. Tutoring is easy and rewarding. Volunteers are needed to work one-on-one with students in area Twin City grade schools. A minimum of one hour a week is requested. Training is provided. For more information visit <https://readingpartners.org/location/twin-cities/>

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	11:00 Environment Set Up
	4:00 Carols
	4:30 Christmas Eve Mass
Mon	10:00 Christmas Day Mass
Tue	Office Closed
Wed	10:30 Nursing Home Service
Sun	New Year's Eve
Mon	New Year's Day
	No Mass
	Office Closed

Hymn Numbers:

See worship aid, 64, 420, 395 Vs. 1, 5-6