



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Woman, great is  
your faith.

## TEMPORARY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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10:00am to 1:00pm

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia

### Heading into Fall: Our Sunday worship and parish programs...*A pastor's epistle*

As summer draws to a close, we're welcoming the last of our First Eucharist candidates from this past year and we're gearing up to welcome new groups of candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist during the coming year. It has been a blessing to be able to intersperse the welcome of these candidates into our Sunday community masses. It is important to see these events as not something that "happens" to individuals but as renewing moments for our whole community.

Actually this year's class of First Eucharist candidates would have been too large to accommodate in the same, single celebration as has been our custom in the past. We foresee similar large candidate groups this coming year. In recent years, Confirmation has been celebrated with other parishes at either the Cathedral in St. Paul or Basilica in Minneapolis instead of in each parish's own church. With Covid's appearance this past year, however, the Archbishop has authorized pastor's to confirm their own candidates at their own respective parishes. We don't know yet, if that situation will be repeated this year. At St. Cecilia we prepare Confirmation candidates every other year, so this year will mark the return of our preparation program for that sacrament. If there are any adults among us who have not been confirmed or have an older family member needing to complete any sacraments, it will be important for us to assist them in their preparation.

Theresa has worked hard to develop safe ways to proceed with our faith formation program this year. It will mean working with smaller family groups as well as keeping our Good Shepherd and sacramental preparation programs going. We'll need to have lots of cleaning protocol in place to create a safe environment for students and families.

Regarding Sunday worship, it does not yet look like conditions will be safe in the near future for us to open up safely and more fully for the community. This remains disappointing because of our desire to be able to be fully engaged in our singing and responding when we do gather at liturgy. So far, we've been able to accommodate small groups, like our First Eucharist families. Now that these events are completed, we may be able to have small numbers of other parishioners join us. We'd like to give some precedence to people who would like to join us ahead of a pending surgery and share anointing of the sick or for baptism or to grieve with us the loss of a loved one. We also have some parishioners who do not have internet access or computer to receive our recorded mass.

If people are interested to join us on occasion or for an occasion, I ask that you would email or call Marge during the preceding week to let us know/determine if there are any conflicts anticipated. We need to anticipate who and when people would like to attend: no drops ins, please. Given the enclosed nature of the worship space and our need to have cantors, lectors and presider be mask-free when performing their respective roles, we need to keep the total number of additional people in the church limited to 10-15 people. We do not yet consider ourselves "open" for public worship. Anyone not serving a liturgical ministry needs to maintain safe distance and wear a mask in the building. I'm grateful to all who are working to make our weekly mass available and I'm happy that the quality of our recording has meant that our liturgies have proven to be a meaningful way for many of us to stay connected with each other.

John Hofstede

### St. C's Vir(tu)al FUN-draiser

**Saturday,  
September 26th**

FOOD / TRIVA / CRAFTS / RAFFLE /  
SILENT AUCTION / COMMUNITY -  
**all from the comfort of your  
home!**

Vir(tu)al FUN-draiser: Raffle

#### RAISE THE ROOF!

Hold on to your hats! We are going BIG with our raffle this year.... We are doing a CALENDAR RAFFLE, which means we will raffle off a prize **every day of October** -- that's 31 chances to win! Prizes include cash and gift cards valued from \$50 - \$500!

In order for our raffle to have the biggest impact, we need your donations! If you would like to help, send/\*drop off donations to the parish office (\*M-Th 10am-1pm) or use our PayPal link. **Either way, be sure to indicate that your donation is for the CALENDAR RAFFLE.** Money raised will go towards roof repairs and other needed building maintenance.

We are looking for cash prizes in any amount, or gift cards for the following businesses for at least \$50:

Target  
Cub  
Urban Growler  
Hampden Co-op  
Pho 79  
Naughty Greek  
Foxy Falafel  
Hazel's Northeast

Watch for info on our  
silent auction  
coming next week!



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7. *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.*

Psalms 34: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32. *God has imprisoned all in disobedience that he might have mercy on all.*

Matthew 15: 21-28. *The daughter of the Canaanite woman is finally cured by Jesus because of her persistent faith.*

### Reflection Questions

*When in your life did you first become aware of another race or culture?*

*Jesus seems to reconsider his initial response to the Canaanite woman. What resources did she have to use to bring this about? How or when have you had to face resistance and persist to bring about a desired or needed outcome? Is anything in your life today challenging you to act or to speak?*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Techie Helper(s) Needed

Responsibility for filming and posting our weekly recorded liturgies has largely fallen to Theresa O'Toole (Thanks, Theresa!) With Fall approaching, though, she will need to devote her time and energy to our Faith Formation programs. During the covid crisis, we need someone who can be consistently available to record the mass on Saturday, download it from our camera, perform the necessary editing and upload the completed recording for viewing. Having this available has been a great service to our community. While recording this during spring and summer has been a trial and error learning process, our format has become more or less fixed. Given the hands-on time it takes to film and edit, though, it takes quite a bit of waiting time for the camera, computer and internet to process the recording during the download and upload phases. She has generally done the initial work on site at the parish and then completed the rest of the work at home. **If you or someone you know might have the skill and interest to perform this service for us, contact Theresa at [theresa@stceciliasp.org](mailto:theresa@stceciliasp.org) for further information.** Thank you!

### School Supply Drive for

### Keystone Community Services

Regardless of the school model this Fall, students will need basis supplies.

For safety reasons, **drop off your donations at Merriam Park Community**

**Center (2000 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul), August 13, 14 & 17-19, 9:00am-5:00pm.**

### Supplies needed:

- backpacks,
- pocket folders
- pencils & pens, highlighters
- crayons, colored pencils & markers
- erasers, 12" rulers, scissors, glue
- calculators, notebooks
- pencil sharpeners, pencil boxes/bags

## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation Registration

**2020-2021.** Family Formation and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-6) will begin on Sunday, October 4th and both will be by appointment only. Registration forms for First Eucharist (2nd grade) and Confirmation (8th-9th grade) must be submitted by August 15th in order to take part in our in-person meetings, otherwise a homeschooling curriculum will be offered. The registration form for all levels can be found [here](#). I look forward to seeing you soon!

### Upcoming Meetings:

#### August 16th

First Eucharist 3:00-4:30pm

Confirmation 2:30-4:30pm

#### August 30th

First Eucharist 3:00-4:30pm

Confirmation 3:00-4:30pm

#### September 13th

First Eucharist 3:00-4:30pm

Confirmation 3:00-4:30pm

\*meetings outdoors, weather permitting



### First Eucharist

Congratulations to

**Claire B.**

(Parents, Joe & Kristin B.)

who is celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist and joining us at the Lord's table.



Top: Iris B.

Bottom: Peter & Margaret M.  
First Eucharist August 8th

Photo credits: Theresa O.

