

Church of Saint Cecilia

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



WELCOME

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

TEMPORARY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
10:00am to 1:00pm

The fullness of Christ fills all of creation.

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

A prayer for Graduates, Teachers and all learners and explorers:

I found this prayer in a collection of prayers "Prayers for the Twenty-First Century" by the late Australian minister and missionary Bruce Prewer. I found his collection "Australian Psalms" a number of years back and picked up a few of his other collections of prayers and limericks that I pick up for prayer and enrichment from time to time. He's a delightful wordsmith and I hope to share a few of his other short pieces from time to time.

John Hofstede

New Frontiers

We thank you, God of endless challenges, for those thinkers and explorers who are extending the frontiers of human knowledge:

biologists, searching genetic codes for ways to eradicate some of our hereditary ills

space scientists and astronauts, taking the first, primitive steps towards finding new worlds

theologians, living on the new borders with the holy Scriptures in their open hands

ecumenical diplomats, willingly spending themselves in the quest for justice and peace

medical researchers, discovering new methods of treatment for human suffering

ethical philosophers, wrestling with moral dilemmas which have never before been faced

computer scientists, striving to harness artificial intelligence for the good of all humanity

preachers, daring to stand on the new territories in the light of the gospel of Christ

agricultural scientists, endeavoring to increase our ability to feed the underfed millions

artists, poets, musicians, exploring the heights and depths of our contemporary experience.

God of truth and grace, for these brave souls we thank you. May they have the wisdom and the humility to 'seek first your kingdom and its right living' and so discover the blessings of the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord. Amen.



Amira B.
Como Park High School

Andrew K.
Maple Grove High School

Nicholas L.
DeLaSalle High School

Lillian R.
Cretin-Derham Hall High School

Congratulations Graduates!



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

Financial Information ending

March 31:

Anticipated Collections \$272,080

Actual Collections \$261,006

Major Gifts \$53,749

Building Fund Contributions \$15,485

Other Revenues \$10,630

Total Income \$340,870

Budgeted Expenses \$298,875

Actual Expenses \$270,558

Major Repairs \$8,499

Principal Payments on Debt \$11,635

Total Expenditures \$290,692

Revenue Over Expenses \$50,177

Debt Outstanding \$58,879

Alms Box Balance as of April 26 \$733.13

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11. *Between Easter and Ascension Jesus instructed the apostles and instructed them "to wait...for you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Eventually, Jesus will return gloriously, the same way by which he ascended from their midst.*

Psalm 46 (47), 2-3. 6-7, 8-9
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets to the Lord.

Ephesians 1:17-23. *Christ's "fullness fills the universe" and so the Lord distributes "the wealth of his glorious heritage" and "the immeasurable scope of his power in us who believe."*

Matthew 28:16-20. *Stresses the Lord's universal authority and the commission of the apostles to "make disciples of all nations." It was spoken by Jesus in Galilee.*

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please call the parish office at 651.644.4502 or complete the form on our website (Community/Prayer Ministry tab).

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th.

Helping Others

If you know of someone in our community who needs help with grocery shopping, etc., please call the parish office at 651.644.4502.

Something to Consider

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Pentecost Concert

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A live-streamed Pentecost concert
with David Haas

Sunday, May 31st 7:00pm

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To raise awareness and funds for Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts

FILL THE TRUCK FOOD DRIVE



Saturday, June 13th
10:00am to Noon

In an effort to help stock our neighborhood food shelf for those in need, we're planning a "Fill The Truck" food drive for **Saturday, June 13th from 10:00am to noon**. Keystone will provide a truck here at St. C's and we'll be accepting curbside drop off donations. St. C's volunteers will be on hand to unload your donations from your car so there will be no need for you to exit your vehicle. Your neighbors and friends are invited to participate as well. Here's where your help is needed. Begin shopping for extra nonperishable food and personal care items and plan to partake in this endeavor. Together we can "fill the truck" for Keystone Food Shelf. Below is a list of much needed items:

- Rice (white and Jasmine), & Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Meat/Tuna
- Condiments (ketchup/mustard)
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Soap

Monetary donations may be mailed to the parish office. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION



First Eucharist

Congratulations to

Alex T.

(Parents, Matthew & Andrea T.)

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



Clayton K.
First Eucharist May 16th

Photo credit: Theresa O.

Prayer

I do not know when we can gather together again in worship, Lord.

So, for now I just ask that:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder's Songs in The Key of Life Album, that it be counted as praise.

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, may it be counted as a Kyrie.

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier may it be counted as passing the peace.

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower may it be counted as remembering my baptism.

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer.

And that when I stumble upon a Tabitha Brown video and hear her grace and love of you may it be counted as hearing a homily.

And that as I sit at that table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion.

Amen.

-Nadia Bolz-Weber

Clothing Donations

Please be aware that we are unable to accept clothing donations at this time. With donation centers closed and nowhere to store these items and for the safety of our volunteers, we unfortunately are unable to accept your donations at this time. When the centers do open, we encourage you to utilize them for your donations. Thank you for understanding.

Bulletins Via Mail

If you or someone you know does not have a computer or email access, and would like a hard copy of the bulletin mailed to them, call the parish office at 651.644.4502 and we will add them to our mailing list. Thank you!

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.
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