



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Another chance for the barren fig tree?

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THE WAY OF THE CROSSa pastor's epistle

Last year St. Cecilia's received the gift of a set of prints of contemporary representations of the Stations of the Cross. The original images from which these prints were reproduced were rendered in pastel by local artist John Ilg, who then made the copies for us. During Lent, we have hung the framed prints along the walls in our church beneath St. Cecilia's existing set of Stations.

The late artist Ade Bethune whose collected work is held at the St. Catherine University Library, created some illustrations featuring the Way of the Cross for the *Catholic Worker* in 1935. She later created an arrangement of texts to accompany these images in a booklet form of the Way of the Cross which was separately published. We made a worship booklet including those images, beautiful in their simplicity, next to the more abstract ones created by John Ilg. Also, next to his framed images in church, we've displayed the texts as arranged by Ade Bethune. We hope these simple texts and the song verses from a setting of the "Stabat Mater" at each station might be a springboard for personal meditation for any who may want to walk the stations while visiting the church during the Lenten season. We also have another collection of booklets available with a lengthier format for any who might want to either use individually or as a gathered group.

The Way of the Cross is a traditional prayer of devotion commemorating the last day of Jesus' life. These devotions find their roots in the experiences of the earliest pilgrims to Jerusalem, who would walk the "Via Dolorosa" as it had been reconstructed there. At the time of the Crusades, however, it became impossible for pilgrims to make this journey. The custom arose of replicating the pilgrim's journey in congregational and individual settings. Often images or markers were placed on the walls or set in the floors of churches to commemorate the traditional stations (or stops) on the Way of the Cross.

The stations varied in format and number from as few as 7 to 12 or more. In the 18th century, the 14 stations familiar to many of us became the standard. These represent 9 scenes found in the gospels and 5 that arose from popular tradition. The "falls" of Christ (stations 3,7,9) while not scriptural could well have occurred in light of the all-night interrogation, scourging, and loss of blood which the gospels describe. Jesus' encounter with Mary (station 4) expands on the encounter at the crucifixion as recorded in John's gospel. The woman wiping Jesus' face (station 6) derives from a veil with Christ's image (i.e., "vera icon," or "true image" hence the name Veronica) which has been kept in the Vatican since the 8th century. Without debating the veil's authenticity, the station reminds us that the true image of Christ is imprinted in every loving gesture of a disciple.

We increasingly share with other Christian denominations this devotional practice as a common heritage of reverence for the mystery of the Cross of Jesus.

John Hofstede

St. C's Confirmation students are presenting a Service of Living Stations on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Sunday, March 24th—11:00am

You give from the heart. But, do you give smart?

**Presented by: Bill Marsella & Mary Haeg, J.D.
from the Catholic Community Foundation**

Join us to learn about smart giving to benefit both you and your favorite charities. Bill Marsella, Director of Partner Relations at the Catholic Community Foundation, is a certified Legacy Facilitator with nearly 40 years of gift planning experience and a passion for helping others be remembered for generations to come.

Mary Haeg, J.D., Senior Development Officer at the Catholic Community Foundation, assists individuals and families with planned gifts and donor advised funds. Using her legal expertise and years of gift planning experience, Mary ensures gifts are as smart as they are charitable.

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

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

Contributions Update:

March's Budgeted Revenue	\$31,004.00
Amount Received To Date	\$19,753.50
Remaining to Achieve Budget	\$11,250.50

Year to Date Financial Information as of December 31, 2018:

Anticipated Contributions	\$189,182
Actual Contributions	\$190,198
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$10,806</u>
Total Income	\$201,004

Budgeted Expenses	\$194,970
Actual Expenses	\$174,882
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$7,292</u>
Total Expenditures	\$182,174

Revenues Over Expenses	\$18,830
Debt Outstanding	\$77,939

Alms Box Balance as of March 17 \$878.81

Faith Formation - Vatican II Presentation by Arthur E. Zannoni Wednesday, March 27th—6:30pm

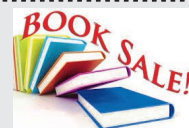
As part of our Whole Community Wednesday, on March 27th at 6:30pm, Arthur E. Zannoni will present:



The Council That Changed the Church: Vatican II

This presentation will explore the challenges and accomplishments of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). It will look at some of the Council's sixteen documents and how they affect our practice of faith. Participants will be led through the Council's four historic constitutions which have shaped and continue to shape what we believe and practice as Catholics.

Join us for a potluck at 5:30pm with the presentation to follow at 6:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



**Library Book Sale
March 23 & 24
Fellowship Hall**

COMMUNITY NEWS



**Lenten
Evensong
Sunday,
March 24th
7:00pm**

Please come join in singing the Psalms, Hymns "Magnificat" and more with the Choir and Cantors.

All are welcome!

Global Solidarity Sunday

Next weekend is Global Solidarity Sunday in our archdiocese. Financial contributions and prayers are welcome to provide for those who are the most vulnerable throughout the world. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Global Solidarity" may be placed in the regular collection basket during Mass.

Easter Flowers

Forms are available in the back of church and need to be returned to the parish office by Monday, April 8th if you would like your name and intention published in the Easter program.

COME JOIN US! - Parish Event

Help us make this year's event a HUGE SUCCESS -- donate to the silent auction! There are so many ways you can contribute. Use your own creativity to come up with something great, or consider one of the ideas below!

Gift Cards! Do you have a favorite restaurant? Do you know someone who owns a business? Consider donating a gift card to help support our parish!

Baskets! For those who are more creative, collect items around a theme and put together a basket. Don't have a basket? We have plenty! Just bring your items to the church office and we will put the basket together for you.

Tickets! Do you have season tickets to a theater or sports team? These make great silent auction items!

Single Items! Feel free to donate single items. We can combine several donations to make a basket, or auction them as stand-alone items.

Services! Do you have a special talent or skill? Donate your services!

Celebrations! Host a bowling party, a BBQ, a cooking lesson, a happy hour....the sky is the limit on this one! You pay the cost and participants pay a donation to the church. These are great community-building events!

Please remember to donate only new, unused items for our silent auction.

Finally, don't forget to buy your tickets and sign up for volunteer shifts in the link today!



Lenten Resources

Art Zannoni has published two resources for Lent. They are "Journeying Through Lent" and "Journeying Through the Triduum." Both are available at www.pastoralcenter.com for a nominal fee



March Food Drive

March is Minnesota Food Share month, bringing together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. Help us feed more Minnesota families by donating nonperishable food & monetary donations all month long.

Operation Rice Bowl

As we move through Lent, we invite you to participate in Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. The cardboard "bowls" are available in the back of church. Money saved by substituting a simple meal for one's usual fare or other Lenten savings may be collected in the rice bowl and returned to church as part of our Holy Thursday liturgy offerings.

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Whole Community Wednesday Classes

- March 24th (Sunday) - Building the City of Jerusalem with Legos after 10:00am Mass/Annamary Boler
- March 27th - Small Groups & Art Zannoni's rescheduled Vatican II Presentation
- April 3rd - Small Groups, Lenten Labyrinth

Potluck at 5:30, programming to follow at 6:30. All are welcome!

Building the City of Jerusalem with Legos.

This year we are going to have the City of Jerusalem activity after 10:00am Mass on Sunday, March 24th. We hope that having this on a Sunday will allow more parishioners to take part in this fun tradition. Annamary Boler will lead a brief presentation about many of the important places in Jerusalem then we will break into small groups to build the city out of Legos. Join us!

Youth Group Pancake Breakfast

Join our Youth Group on Sunday, March 31st for the annual pancake breakfast following both 8:15am and 10am Masses. The free-will offering donations will go to help fund their summer mission trip to Red Lake Reservation. Anything above and beyond the cost for attending the trip goes directly to the Red Lake community.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Third Sunday of Lent Event Ticket Sales
	11:00 City of Jerusalem
	11:00 Catholic Community Foundation Presentation
	7:00 Lenten Evensong
Wed	10:30 Nursing Home Service
	5:30 WCW/Potluck/Classes
	6:30 Vatican II Presentation
Sat/Sun	Global Solidarity Event Ticket Sales
Sun	Fourth Sunday of Lent Pancake Breakfast

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:

75, 195, 482, 958