



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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Weekly Masses:  
Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 9:30  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45

You did not choose me,  
but I chose you,  
and appointed you to  
go and bear fruit.

John 15:16

## WELCOME

To join the parish, please  
call the office at  
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## OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open  
Monday-Thursday  
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# The Church of Saint Cecilia



## Parish Event

Sunday, May 19th from 10:30am to 1:30pm

The Parish Event is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

Many of our favorite traditions will continue:

- Silent Auction
- Kids Raffle
- Calendar Raffle
- Meal catered by the amazing Adam Sieve of Hazels NE



We are excited to introduce a few new things this year:

- Brunch! Our earlier Mass time puts us in the perfect time frame for a brunch meal.
- Calendar Raffle donations - fulfill a specific high demand gift card.
- Pies are back! Sign up to donate a dessert.



**Please return your registration materials by Sunday, May 12th.**

Volunteers needed—sign up coming soon!

### Financial Results for the Nine Months ended March 31, 2024

Expected operating revenues	\$264,900
Actual operating revenues	\$258,,936
Expected operating expenses	\$278,750
Actual operating expenses	\$286,631
Excess costs over revenues	(\$27,695)
Building fund contributions	\$7,827
Endowment transfer	\$10,600
Building improvements	(\$78,433)
Total deficit	(\$87,701)

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35, 44-48. *Peter in the house of Cornelius shares his vision: The Holy Spirit has been poured out on anybody of any nationality who fears God. There is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.*

Psalm 98. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1 John 4:7-10 *God is Love. God sent his only Son into the world so that we would have life in him.*

John 15:9-17. *There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

## Faith FORMATION

### Faith Formation May Event

Join us on Wednesday, May 8 for our LAST group gathering for the year. We will enjoy subs for dinner and a slideshow of the many fun and important events from this year. We will assemble busy bags and shelving for the new children's area and get everything placed. At around 7pm, Father will join us to recognize our First Communicants and close the year with a short prayer service and cake celebration. Dinner begins at 5:30pm with events to follow. [Please RSVP here](#) by Tuesday at 10am. All are welcome to join us!

### Children's Area Donations - Update

I am happy to report that all of the items have been donated from the list! The cash donations will go towards the purchase of a new shelf and some shared toys that will stay in the back of church. Please join us on May 8th to assemble the bags at our last Whole Community gathering of the year. Thanks for supporting the children's area!

### Pancake Breakfast

We had a fantastic turnout at our pancake breakfast! The youth raised just under \$1,700 for the Red Lake Mission Trip. A huge thanks to Gary Schwartzbauer for donating the legendary hand-cut sausages and to Mike Weber who donates the food and runs the event every year. Thank you to all of our parishioners for supporting the mission trip!

### Faith Formation Schedule

- May 5 - CGS & First Eucharist, 9:30am Mass
- May 8 - Last Wednesday gathering for the year, 5:30pm
- May 12 - CGS & Lit of Word (last one for the season!)
- May 19 - CGS (last one for the season!) & Parish Event



**Hospitality**— Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass.

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	First Eucharist
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:00	Staff Meeting
	5:30	FF Dinner/ followed by activity
	6:00	Parish Community Council
Sat		Food Drive
Sun		Mother's Day Food Drive
	9:30	May Crowning
	9:30	CGS & FF Liturgy of the Word

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesdays at 9:00am. Email submissions to [bulletin@stceciliasp.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliasp.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Job Opening**

We have reopened our position of Parish Operations Coordinator. Applicants for this position should send resumes for consideration to [staffing@stceciliasp.org](mailto:staffing@stceciliasp.org). This is an important position to help coordinate our staffing and volunteer functions as well as oversee care of our building and grounds. For a copy of the job description email [info@stceciliasp.org](mailto:info@stceciliasp.org).

**Peace Initiatives for Gaza**

Parishioner Antonio Rosell is working with other interested parishioners to discuss, share information, and connect folks to peace-making efforts underway in our area. They'll have a table at hospitality after Sunday Mass (May 5) Please visit [www.StCeciliaPeaceAction.weebly.com](http://www.StCeciliaPeaceAction.weebly.com) and subscribe to receive the latest news. Questions? Please contact Antonio by email at [arosell@c-d-g.org](mailto:arosell@c-d-g.org).

**St. Cecilia's Young Adult Group Interest Gauger**

Are you a young adult seeking a supportive community to experience meaningful connections and spiritual growth with peers? We're excited to explore the possibility of starting a young adult group here at St. Cecilia's. If you're interested in fellowship, growth, and fun activities, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to Noah Friesen at [friesenn15@gmail.com](mailto:friesenn15@gmail.com) to express your interest and stay updated on upcoming plans.

**Food Drive Next Weekend**

Feeding the hungry is one way that the St. Cecilia community lives the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Next weekend, May 11th/12th we will be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items, and monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf. Checks payable to St. Cecilia or use our PayPal link [here](#). Please indicate "food drive" with any donations.

**Meet our Neighbors, Build Community, Share Food and have Fun**

The St. Anthony Park Faith Communities are planning a social gathering on May 26th - Trinity Sunday (and Memorial Day Weekend). We will meet at Centennial United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., at 12:00 noon for coffee and a short prayer service. Then we will walk together to College Park with music and banners. From 1:00 to 3:00pm, we will have food, games for all ages (*including a bouncy house!*), music, and an opportunity to get to know people from all five faith communities (Centennial United Methodist Church, St. Cecilia's, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church). Plan to join us for a fun afternoon.

**Gluten Sensitivity**

Gluten-free hosts are available. Please inform one of the greeters before Mass if you need a gluten-free host.

**Small Group News**

St. Cecilia's Care for Creation ministry: participants in Laudato Si' autumn small groups are meeting to prayerfully explore ways to care for God's Creation as a parish. During this season of Easter, we will also continue to put an Easter prayer/reflection in the bulletin.

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Prayer:

*Gracious Creator,*

*In your boundless love, you have called us to abide in your love and to follow the path of love set by your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to remain steadfast in keeping your commandments, so that we may experience the fullness of joy that comes from living in harmony with your will. Grant us the grace to love one another as Jesus loves us, laying down our lives for our friends and bearing fruit that endures. May our lives be a reflection of your love for all creation, inspiring others to join us in caring for our common home. Amen.*

Reflection:

*In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the profound love between the Father and Himself, inviting us to abide in that same love. He sets before us the commandment to love one another as He loves us, a love so great that He willingly laid down His life for His friends. As followers of Christ, we are called not merely servants, but friends, entrusted with the task of bearing fruit that will last. This fruitfulness springs forth from a life rooted in love, where our actions and decisions reflect the selfless love of Christ. Let us, therefore, embrace our calling to love one another, recognizing it as both a commandment and a gift, and may our love bear witness to the transformative power of God's love in the world.*

**Save the Date**

St Paul residents have an excellent opportunity to resist global warming!

Mark your calendar for: Wednesday June 5, 2024 at 6:30pm at St Cecilia's.

We will have a special presentation on the potential for **Thermal Energy Networks-TEN** (Aka Geothermal). TEN can dramatically reduce fossil fuel usage in St Paul. Partnering with Unidos/St Paul 350 we will prepare for ward meetings with each City Council member in July. You will have the opportunity to be part of a team who meets with your City Council member. If you are a St Paul resident, you shouldn't miss this opportunity to act for Care for Creation, right here in St Paul.

See the website for more information!

Visit the Care for Creation website  
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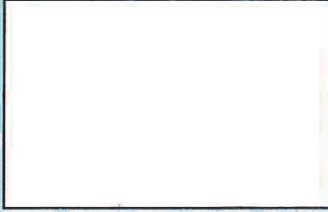
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