



Church of Saint Cecilia

Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 9:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45 pm

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August 22/23 and 29/30, 2026



St. Cecilia's craft night group went on a field trip on the Mississippi River aboard the Padelford.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 25

6:00 pm Choir Potluck

Friday, August 28

11:00 am Liz Borich visitation

12:00 noon Liz Borich funeral

Saturday, August 29

3:45 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am Mass

Monday, August 31

6:30 pm Craft Night

Thursday, September 3

6:30 pm Deck Night at the Zwacks

Saturday, September 5

3:45 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Mass

UPCOMING

Final Deck Night at the Zwacks

September 3, 6:30 pm

4417 Arthur St. NE, Columbia Hts

Enjoy evenings of conversation, treats, and relaxation. Popcorn, M&Ms, and lemonade provided. BYOB. *See flyer in the Link.*

The Psalms

Thursdays, September 10 thru
October 15, 6:30 pm

For 3,000 years, these ancient poem-songs have provided a stream of spiritual nourishment and guidance. Join us this fall for six presentations on the Psalms by Fr. Mike Joncas. *Free will offerings accepted.*

- September 10 at St. Frances Cabrini
- September 17 at St. Cecilia
- September 24 at St. Albert
- October 1 at St. Francis Cabrini
- October 8 at St. Cecilia
- October 15 at St. Albert

Stay in the Know!

As we move into fall and winter, be sure you're staying connected by receiving our weekly e-newsletter! Sign up at www.stceciliasp.org/email.

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Fall Office Hours

The Parish Office will retain current hours into the fall: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm. The office will be closed Mondays and Fridays.

Fall Bulletins

Bulletins will continue to be produced every two weeks, with deadlines on the 1st and 15th of each month
Submissions: bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

We're Hiring!

Catechetical Ministry Coordinator

Current Job Posting on the Staff page of the St. Cecilia website,
www.stceciliasp.org.

August 22/23: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



MUSIC

Entrance:	#615 <i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>
Gloria:	#319
Psalm 138:	#1152 <i>Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	#231
Preparation:	Instrumental Meditation
Eucharistic Acclamations:	#370, 373, 374, 391
Communion:	#928 <i>Take and Eat This Bread</i>
Closing:	#576 vs 1, 2, 3 <i>Canticle of the Sun</i>

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READINGS

Isaiah 22: 19-23. *Eliakim, as master of the palace with keys of the house of David, acts in the name of the king to open and close the palace.*

Psalm 138: *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Romans 11: 33-36. *How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God, how unsearchable are God's ways.*

Matthew 16: 13-20. *Jesus is confessed to be the Messiah and son of the living God by Peter who is then made the rock for the church and is given the keys to the kingdom of heaven.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Update

We completed our reporting for the fiscal year ending June 30. We finished the year with an operating surplus of \$6,982. Plate and envelope revenues exceeded budget by 3%. We met our goals for the Parish Dinner. Operating expenses were well controlled and in line with the budget and prior year. We were able to invest in a number of important building projects (stair repairs, HVAC upgrades, LED lighting, and a new dishwasher) using funds granted from our permanent endowment, building collections and prior year reserves. In addition, we had strong investment earnings from our reserve funds at Catholic Community Foundation (CCF). The bottom line is a total surplus of \$12,137. Our financial condition remains strong, with prudently invested reserves at CCF and Fidelity (our transfer agent). **We are grateful for your continued support!**

Financial results - FY ending June 30:

Operating Revenues	\$406,861
Anticipated Operating Revenues	394,000
Operating Expenses	399,879
Anticipated Operating Expenses	406,400
Operating surplus	6,982
Building Fund contributions	5,278
Endowment transfer	11,441
Bequest revenue, net	-
Net investment income	19,610
Major Building expenditures	(31,174)
Net Surplus	\$12,137
Cash on Hand for Operations	148,244
Cash on Hand - Building Fund	77,204
Savings/CD	110,702
Fidelity Investments	129,757
Reserve Fund at CCF	377,228

Full report is on the Finance page of the website.

Painting Volunteers Needed!

Do you love to paint? We are starting the process of repainting our interior spaces and are looking for help - everything from a couple hours of painting to serving as a **Project Manager**. If you can help, email Colleen, colleen@stceciliaspm.org.



August 29/30: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jeremiah Lamenting by Rembrandt van Rijn

FAITH FORMATION

Although we have not yet hired for the open position, we are moving forward with tentative plans for fall programming.

Whole Community Wednesdays

The faith formation schedule will begin in October. Our first Whole Group evening will be on **Wednesday, October 7th** starting with a meal at 5:30pm.

CGS/Lit of the Word/1st Eucharist

We will begin Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for PreK-1st grade, Lit of the Word for Children (open to all), and First Eucharist class (typically second graders+) on **Sunday, Oct 11th during 9:30am Mass**. Tentatively plan for 2nd and 4th Sundays.

We plan to have a **parent/child**

Introductory Retreat for second graders

(or older students who would like to receive First Eucharist) on Saturday, Sept 19th from 9am-12pm.

Confirmation

We will have Confirmation this year for students in 8th & 9th grade as well as for those who are older but who have not received yet. In the past, Confirmation has joined us for the first Wednesday each month and then we had a second Wednesday evening dedicated to Confirmation prep. Stay tuned as we decide what will work best this year. *Plan to attend on October 7th.*

Registration

The registration link is available on the website and in your weekly email. Please **complete the form by September 15** if you plan to participate.

Cost is \$85 per family with an additional \$45 sacramental preparation fee for anyone in First Eucharist or Confirmation. However, no family will be turned away if you have any barriers to paying your registration fee.

MUSIC

Entrance: #744
As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Gloria: #319

Psalm 63: #55
*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

Gospel Acclamation: #231

Preparation: #475
Tree of Life

Eucharistic Acclamations:
#370, 373, 374, 391

Communion: #783
Unless a Grain of Wheat

Closing: #575
All Your Works of God

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READINGS

Jeremiah 20: 7-9. *Jeremiah is duped by the Lord, he says, yet he must continue to cry out the prophetic message of violence and outrage.*

Psalm 63. *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

Romans 12: 1-2. *Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.*

Matthew 16: 21-27. *Not only must the Son of Man suffer greatly, but so must his disciples take up their cross and follow in his footsteps. Whoever saves one's life will lose it; whoever loses one's life for Jesus' sake will find it.*

Reason #8 why YOU Should Join the Choir this Fall

You and your spouse or partner both like to sing, and are looking for a way to be involved in the parish as a couple.

Rehearsals start September 8!

Questions? Email Betsy,
betsy@stceciiaspm.org.

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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