



Church of Saint Cecilia

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

www.stceciliaspn.org

August 8/9 and 15/16, 2026



Join us after mass on Sunday, August 9 for reflections on our Summer 2026 Mission Trip.



Summer Office Hours

For summer, the Parish Office will be open Tues, Weds, and Thurs 10 am to 2 pm. We will evaluate this late summer to determine if this should become a permanent change.

Summer Bulletins

Bulletins will be produced every two weeks, with deadlines on the 1st and 15th.
Submissions: bulletin@stceciliaspn.org.



Do you love to sing? Join our St. Cecilia's choir for just one day!

SUMMER 2026 FINAL PICK-UP CHOIR

Saturday, August 15
4:30 pm Mass (arrive at 4 pm)

Open to all! Details in weekly email.
Questions? Email Betsy.

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UPCOMING

Saturday, August 8

3:45 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mission Trip Reflections

Tuesday, August 11

6:30 pm Backyard Sing-Along

Wednesday, August 12

Loaves & Fishes

Saturday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
3:45 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Arrive for pick-up choir
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Mass

Monday, August 17

6:30 pm Craft Night

Tuesday, August 18

6:30 pm Deck Night at Zwack's

Wednesday, August 19

5:15 pm Light meal
6:00 pm "Book of Job" presentation

Saturday, August 22

3:45 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am Mass

We're Hiring!

Catechetical Ministry Coordinator

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

August 8/9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH EVENTS

Stories from the Mission Trip Sunday, August 9, 10:30 am

Our mission trip group is in Antigua, Guatemala from July 19-25. This has truly been a parish-wide effort, and we are excited to share our experiences with you. All parishioners are invited to join us on Sunday, August 9 following 9:30am Mass. We will share photos, stories, reflections and gratitude about our life-changing trip.

Sing-Along in the Backyard at St. Cecilia's

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 pm

We'll sing some Beatles, some 70's pop tunes, and some community favorites. If the weather or bugs are unbearable, we'll move inside to the Friendship Hall. Bring friends and family! Bring snacks to share!

Deck Night at the Zwacks August 18, 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. Rain or shine! See flyer in the Link.

The Book of Job – A Poem for our Times Wednesday, August 19, 5:15 pm light meal; 6:00 pm presentation

The Book of Job comprises one of the most profound reflections on the problem of evil, why the innocent suffer. David Penchansky, professor emeritus from the Univ. of St. Thomas, and parishioner, has spent much of his career writing about Job and teaching this profound work. Please RSVP to Marge for meal count: marge@stceciliasp.org.

MUSIC

Entrance: #694
How Firm a Foundation

Gloria: #319

Psalm 85: #62
Lord, let us see your kindness.

Gospel Acclamation: #231

Preparation: #680
We Walk By Faith

Eucharistic Acclamations:
#370, 373, 374, 391

Communion: #947
Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing

Closing: #607
Sing a New Song

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READINGS

1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13. *At Mount Sinai the prophet Elijah realizes that the Lord is not identified with the destructive forces of wind, earthquake and fire, but with a "tiny whispering sound."*

Psalm 85: *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

Romans 9: 1-5. *Paul grieves over his blood relatives, the Israelites, to whom still belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the worship and the promises.*

Matthew 14: 22-33. *Jesus bids Peter to come to him over the stormy waters of the sea, but reprimands Peter when he falters in his confidence and begins to sink.*

Craft Nights

**6:30 pm Every Other Monday
(Upcoming: August 17)**

Bring your current projects and join us for a craft night filled with creativity, conversation, and community. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced maker, all are welcome to relax, share ideas, and work alongside fellow crafters.



**Minnesota's primaries are Tuesday, August 11.
Remember to Vote!**

August 15/16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus and the Cnaanite woman by Peter Gorman, Erarta



SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE

School Supply Drive thru August 16

St. Cecilia's is collecting NEW backpacks, calculators, and other school essentials to benefit school children from low-income families being served through Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, including:

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Emma Norton Services
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Project REACH

See poster in the Link for the supply list.

Donations may be dropped off in the lower level Link. Thank you for your generosity!

Reasons #6 and 7 why YOU Should Join the Choir this Fall

6. You want to use your talents to serve God and our parish family by enriching the music of our liturgies with harmonies, descants, and beautiful song.

7. You would enjoy being part of a small community of friendly folks

Rehearsals start September 8!

Want to know more? Email Betsy,
betsy@stceciliasp.org.

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**. See the weekly email for details.

If you can help, email Colleen,
colleen@stceciliasp.org.



MUSIC

Entrance: #850, vs. 1, 4, 5
All Are Welcome

Gloria: #319

Psalm 67: *O God, let all the nations praise you.*

Gospel Acclamation: #231

Preparation: #833
Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

Eucharistic Acclamations:
#370, 373, 374, 391

Communion: #935
Draw Near

Closing: #635
Let All Things Now Living

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READINGS

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

Psalm 67. *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

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 Cnaanite woman is finally cured by Jesus because of her persistent faith.*

Pope's August Prayer Intention For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in the large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Read full prayer, www.popesprayer.va

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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