



Church of Saint Cecilia

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

WELCOME

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Ways You Can Help

Many are wondering what we can do to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors during these difficult times. Here are some opportunities:

FOOD DONATIONS

We are always accepting food donations in the lower link and will make sure these items make it to our neighbors in need.

Neighborhood House: We are collecting **coffee, tea, and spices** for Neighborhood House during the month of February. Donations can be left in the lower link in the blue bin. Please donate regular-sized spices (not bulk/warehouse size) and one-pound packages of ground coffee. See the weekly email for ways to have items delivered directly to Neighborhood House from Penzeys, Peace Coffee, and Café Juan Ana.

Amazon Wish List: There is an Amazon wish list of items that will be delivered directly to a local coordinator: Contact Marge if you have questions or need more information.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5Z9KNDWLWUSZ?ref=wl_share

Baby Clothes: We have a parishioner collecting baby clothes for pregnant women. Please leave donations in the lower link.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We continue to accept donations in the Alms box and will direct funds to our neighbors with mounting needs.

Every Meal: As of February 6, Every Meal has delivered **23,035 food bags** directly to trusted school and community partners who ensure they reach children in our community. To meet the increased need in the community over the next 2-3 weeks, Every Meal anticipates providing an additional 20,000 bags of food. Check their website for updates, www.EveryMeal.org.

Keystone: Keystone's mission is to build capacity in individuals and families so they can improve their quality of life. Focused on St. Paul and Ramsey County for more than 80 years, Keystone is facing unprecedented requests for support. More on their website: www.KeystoneServices.org.

Interfaith Action: Through Project Home, Department of Indian Work, and Interfaith Service and Learning, Interfaith Action is committed to relieving the causes and impact of poverty. Website: www.InterfaithAction.org.

Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota: CCF has reactivated the Minnesota Catholic Relief Fund. Donations to the fund provide financial support for local Catholic communities and schools as they accompany individuals and families navigating uncertainty and need. Website: www.ccf-mn.org.

St. Vincent de Paul: Profits from this much-beloved local thrift store pay for emergency rents, utilities, groceries, prescriptions, and clothing. Currently, sales are down 40% from the same period last year. Make a donation through their website, www.svdpmpls.org.

Ash Wednesday is February 18

Our Ash Wednesday prayer services with ashes will be at 12:05 pm and 6:30 pm. A soup supper at 5:30 pm in Friendship Hall will precede the evening service.

We will also record the liturgy. Lenten packets with ashes will be available for pickup from our outside bin beginning at 1:00 pm for those wishing to view the recorded liturgy from home

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

As a Church, we are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. This applies to all who have completed their fourteenth year of age.

Fasting (one full meal a day with smaller quantities of food at the other two meals) is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The obligation of fasting binds those who have completed their twenty-first year and ceases with the celebration on one's sixtieth birthday.

All the faithful, even those excused from fasting and abstinence because of age, physical conditions and the like, should strive to perform some form of penance during Lent. Works of charity, acts of neighborly concern and generous giving are highly recommended. An offering of time and talent, carried out safely, to someone in need of attention would be a good resolution to make and keep this season.

Operation Rice Bowl

cardboard bowls will be available after Ash Wednesday in the back of the church for household use. Any money saved by substituting a simple meal for one's usual fare or other Lenten savings should be collected in the Rice Bowl and returned to church as part of our Holy Thursday liturgy offerings.

Face masks are available in our Church's entryway. If you are feeling unwell, stay home and protect yourself and others. We record our liturgies so folks can stay connected

Catholic Services Appeal

The Catholic Services Appeal raises over \$8.5 million annually and supports ministries in three primary areas: Education, Discipleship and Evangelization, and Humanitarian Care. Envelopes and Fliers are available in the entry way.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Feb. 15, 4pm. Six Points Theater will present *The Happiest Man on Earth* here at St. Cecilia's. This is a one-man show (appropriate for grades 7 and up) by esteemed playwright Mark St. Germain, performed by renown Twin Cities actor JC Cutler. It's a true story of Eddie Jaku and his escape from two concentration camps during the Holocaust. Six Points Theater is an award winning theater producing work that looks through a Jewish lens and reveals common threads of humanity that complements history and cultural curricula. \$5 free will offering suggested.

February 28—Feed My Starving Children Parishioner Marilee Giere is leading a group at FMSC at the Coon Rapids location from 12 to 1:45pm. Check parish email for registration information.

February 24, Lumen Christi parishioner and Univ. of St. Thomas emerita professor Anne Klejment is leading a free zoom book discussion on Tuesday evenings during Lent. The group will read and discuss *Servant of God Dorothy Day's* 1963 book, *Loaves and Fishes*, the story of the Catholic Worker movement. To learn more and register:

<https://www.dorothydayguild.org/events>

February 28, 10 am. The election of Leo XIV signifies the overcoming of the taboo according to which it was unthinkable that a citizen of a global superpower should be elected to the papacy. Dr. Massimo Faggioli will offer an analysis of the election of Leo XIV and its meaning for the global Catholic Church and the Catholic Church in the USA in this ecclesial and historical moment. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Parish Calendar

Sun. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Food Drive
Liturgy of the Word
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
4:00 pm 6 Points Theater,
"Happiest Man on Earth"
Mon. President's Day—Office Closed
Tues. **7:00 pm** Choir
Weds. **12:05** Ash Wednesday service
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday service
Sat. Talent Show following 4:30 mass
Sun. 1st Sunday of Lent
Welcoming Weekend
9:30 First Eucharist & CGS
10:30 Chalice Workshop

Faith FORMATION

Youth Group T-Shirts are Ready!

Stop by the link to pick up your St. Cecilia t-shirt. A HUGE thank you to all of those who purchased shirts and supported our trivia night. The two fundraisers collectively brought in about \$4000 for our trip. We are truly humbled by the generosity of our parishioners! If you have not paid for your shirt, please leave payment in the basket in the link or on Linda's desk in the office. Reach out to Theresa O'Toole with any questions.

Sacramental Preparation

On Sunday, February 22 we have our Welcoming ceremony. During Mass the students who will be receiving First Eucharist will be called forward and introduced to the parish. They will receive a special blessing, and our parishioners can show their love and support by signing up to be prayer partners in the link. Students do have class that day, but they can begin up in church and Mary Pat will take them down for class afterwards. Students also have a parent-child First Eucharist retreat Saturday, March 7th, 9-12:30pm.

CGS Schedule Change

CGS will not meet on March 1st as initially communicated because Janet will be out of town. The dates for CGS for March will be March 15, 22, & 29. Please mark your calendars, thanks!

Parish Event

The wheels are in motion for planning this spring's parish celebration! Our first meeting is online on Sunday, February 22nd at 7pm. If you would like to help out, please email theresa@stceciliaspn.org and she will send you the meeting link. **Start collecting new/unused silent auction items and gift cards.** Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 18th & 19th for the event. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we appreciate and rely on your support!

Feed My Starving Children

Parishioner Marilee Giere is leading a group at FMSC on Saturday, February 28th at the Coon Rapids location from 12pm-1:45pm. All are welcome! Join: <https://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=E8M33Z>



St. Cecilia's Got Talent! Save the date *Saturday, Feb. 21 following 4:30 mass*—for the second annual St. Cecilia's Got Talent! See the link in the parish email to sign up to participate, help, and/or bring a snack or beverage. The talent show will only be a success if we have enough acts to fill the evening so start thinking about what you can share! Singing, dancing, joke telling, and more are all welcome. This is a free, community building event. Spread the word. Reach out to Theresa or Michael Wright with any questions.

Music for Liturgy: February 14/15

Opening	#810
Gloria	#207
Psalm 119 : Blessed are they who follow, Who follow the law of the Lord.	
Gospel Acclamation	#208
Preparation:	#581
Eucharistic Acclamations	#211, 213, 215, 216
Communion	#728
Going Forth	#611

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20. *We are responsible for our action. At the same time God is all-seeing and remains in control of the universe.*

Psalm 119: *Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 2:6-10. *God's wisdom is mysterious, planned before all ages, for those who love him.*

Matthew 5:17-37. *Fulfillment of the law and the prophets reaches beyond the letter of Scripture to new expectations of the Spirit.*

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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