



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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

## WELCOME

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

The parish office is open  
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10:00am to 2:00pm



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

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

**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, which means they are unable to help when help is needed most. Make a donation through their website, [www.svdpmpls.org](http://www.svdpmpls.org).

#### PRAYER AND VIGIL

**Minnesota Community Sing: Songs of Hope and Justice, February 7, 2 pm**

Location: House of Hope, 797 Summit Ave, St. Paul

Lift your voice. Build community. Sing for hope and justice.

**Vigil for Human Dignity, February 11, 5:30-7:00 pm**

Location: St. Albert the Great, 3204 E. 29th St., Minneapolis

Join Catholic communities around the Twin Cities to stand in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors through prayer and song. Children and families welcome!

#### Message of Solidarity from CA Catholic Bishops, excerpt:

*“In this moment, it is right to question whether our leaders truly seek peace, intend justice, or are concerned with treating all people humanely. The actions of many who give orders and follow orders no longer reflect the values upon which our society is based, and certainly not the Christian command to love one’s neighbor as oneself.”*

— from the CA Catholic Bishops’ Message on Recent Violence, Public Trust, and the Call for Peace and Accountability, January 28. Full message is linked in the parish email.

#### Financial results for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2025

Actual Operating Revenue	\$198,672
Anticipated Operating Revenue	\$185,000
Actual Operating Expenses	\$191,685
Anticipated Operating Expenses	\$199,900
Actual Operating Surplus	\$6,987
Building Fund Revenues	\$2,658
Major Building Expenditures	(\$10,518)
Net Deficit	(\$873)

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, February 14, 4:30pm

<b>Book:</b>	Leo S.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Stephanie K, Ellen D.
<b>Host:</b>	Scott S.
<b>Cup:</b>	Steve C., Terri D.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Kathy M.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Tom K.

#### Sunday, February 15, 9:30am

<b>Book:</b>	Mary Clare L.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Bryan L.
<b>Host:</b>	Ed Z.
<b>Cup:</b>	Susan G., Ann K.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Ken S., Rosie F.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Larry C.

#### Parish Calendar

Sun	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 First Eucharist Class 10:30 Chalice Workshop 10:30—Sunday Forum with Bill Huebsch
Mon	6:30 Craft Night
Tue	7:00 Choir
Wed.	Loaves & Fishes 5:30—Supper 6:30 Class
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”

#### Masks Optional

During this season when Flu, Covid, RSV and other infectious viruses are present among us, remember that 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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**February 8, Sunday Forum.** Join Bill Huebsch for an engaging parish forum on Vatican II—its story, theology, and lasting impact on the Church today. Perfect for young adults, and parents.

**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. It will focus on Day's spirituality, the challenges and rewards of performing the works of mercy, and the canonization process involving Day. To learn more and register: <https://www.dorothydayguild.org/events>

**February 28, 10 am.** All are invited to a presentation here at St. Cecilia's by Dr. Massimo Faggioli. 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. The talk 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. There is no charge for this, but free will offerings will be accepted. Please note that Massimo's latest book, *Pope Leo XIV and the Global Church. Unity and Peace*, published by Liturgical Press, will be available September 2026.

## 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 Events

We have two special events for our sacramental preparation group this month in addition to our scheduled classes. On Sunday, February 8th we will create chalices out of clay following 9:30am Mass. At least one adult should stay with each student. 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. All are welcome!

### Youth Group Meetings following 9:30am Mass:

Feb 22, April 12, May 17 & June 14

### Mission Trip Dates: July 19-25

### Pray With The Pope -

February intention—*For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope..*

**NOTE:** If you receive offering envelopes in the mail but don't use or want them, please email [linda@stceciliaspn.org](mailto:linda@stceciliaspn.org) or call the parish office to stop shipments. (It does not affect your registration status with St. C's.)

## OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreat** is an enrichment for married couples desiring a richer, fuller life together. The next weekend retreat is at Our Lady of Grace in Edina March 7-8. More: call 612-334-7440 or WWME.org.

### Music for Liturgy

Opening	#590
Gloria	#207
Psalm 112	#1104
Gospel Acclamation	#208
Preparation:	#589
Eucharistic Acclamations	#211, 213, 215, 216
Communion	#920
Going Forth	#759

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Isaiah 58:7-10.** *Do not turn your back on your own; share your bread with the hungry. Then light shall rise for you in darkness.*

Psalm 112: **The just one is a light in the darkness to the upright**

**1 Corinthians 21:5.** *Paul came among you in weakness and fear but also with the convincing power of the Spirit. Your faith rests not on human wisdom but on the power of God.*

**Matthew 5:13-16.** *You are the salt of the earth...the light of the world. Let your light shine before others so that they may give praise to your heavenly father.*

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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