



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
651.644.4502

OFFICE HOURS

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

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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. **Registration materials are available for pick up in the Link** this weekend. Envelopes not picked up will be mailed out.

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.
- Community baskets - donate 1 item for a basket so you can contribute to the silent auction without needing to complete a full basket on your own (details coming soon!)
- Calendar Raffle donations - fulfill a specific high demand gift card (details coming soon!)
- Pies are back! Sign up to donate a dessert.



Find more event details in your registration envelope in the Link. Please return your registration materials by Sunday, May 12th. Hope to see you there!

Children's Area Donations

My name is Cassidy and I'm a girl scout from troop 57785 and a member of St. Cecilia's. I noticed the amount of kids at church is less than before, so I tried to think of a way to make St. Cecilia's feel more inviting to families. I decided that for my Silver Award project I wanted to create a fun and welcoming atmosphere so I'm designing a play area and busy bags.

The play area will be located in the back of church and the busy bags will be able to be brought in and out of church. There will be bags geared towards older kids around ages 6-10 and younger kids around ages 3-5. I put together an Amazon wish list for things we need and I would be honored if you could donate or buy a few things on the list to contribute to my project.

I picked out items that use natural materials like wood instead of plastic. I also picked items that can be used again and again instead of things that will be thrown away. We will be purchasing a shelving unit from IKEA that is not on our list and adding to the play area, so you can also give monetary donations. Checks can be made out to St. Cecilia's with 'Children's Area' in the notes section.

I will be at church before and after Mass this weekend if you have any questions. Thanks for supporting the children's area!

Here's the link to the Amazon Wish List:

<https://a.co/8IRMaLa>

The items from Amazon can ship directly to St. Cecilia if you select **Theresa O'Toole, St. Paul** from the list of addresses. Otherwise items will ship directly to you and you can bring them in. Our goal is to have everything ready to go by May 8th so we can assemble the bags at our last Whole Community gathering of the year.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12. *Peter preaches to the elders and leaders of the people that "this is the only name by which we will be saved."*

Psalm 118. *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.*

1 John 3:1-2 *We shall see God as God is.*

John 10:11-18. *This is a section of John's well-known "Good Shepherd" discourse. The good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#903
Gloria	#217
Psalm 118	#81
Gospel Acc.	#537
	Verse 4
Baptism (4:30)	#124
Preparation	#723
Mass of Creation	#198, 200, 202, 204
Communion	#950
Closing	#541

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, call the parish office at 651.644.4502 or complete the form on our website. If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain, contact Teri DeMore at 651.399.0923. The role of a prayer chain member is to serve parishioners by offering prayers for special intentions and prayer requests.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	CGS & 1st Euch Group
	10:30	Liturgy Meeting
	10:45	Sunday Forum
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed		Office Closed
Sat	10:00	Visitation/11am Funeral
Sun	9:30	CGS & FF Lit of Word
	10:30	Pancake Breakfast

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 9:00am. Email submissions to bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rest in Peace

We extend our deepest sympathy to Melodee Klein and son Darren, on the passing of husband and father, Stephen Klein. Stephen was on staff here at St. C's from 2020 until 2024. He is greatly missed. Funeral arrangements at St. C's as follows.

Saturday, April 27th

10:00am Visitation

11:00am Funeral Mass

Luncheon to follow in Friendship Hall

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, April 24th for a Staff Development Day.

Job Opening

Since the death of our staff member Stephen Klein, we have reopened our position of Parish Operations Coordinator. Applicants for this position should send resumes for consideration to 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.

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 (April 21). Please visit www.StCeciliaPeaceAction.weebly.com and subscribe to receive the latest news. Questions? Please contact Antonio by email at arosell@c-d-g.org.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps mission dioceses minister to the unique pastoral needs of people they serve throughout the U.S. and its territories. These are dioceses that have small Catholic populations dispersed over a wide geographic territory, experience economic hardships caused by loss of industries, or have diminishing populations because of migration from rural to urban areas. Checks payable to St. Cecilia or use our PayPal link [here](#). Please indicate "special collection" with donations. Thank you.

Faith FORMATION

Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, April 28 we will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help cover the cost of the youth group mission trip to the Red Lake Reservation. Our trip will take place from July 15-19. All students in grades 8+ are welcome to join us. You do not have to commit to going on the trip to help out at the breakfast. It's a lot of fun and goes for a great cause! Please reach out to Theresa if interested in helping at the breakfast and/or learning more about the trip.

First Eucharist - Practice & Mass

Mark your calendars for the First Eucharist practice on Saturday, May 4 at 10am. **Students should arrive in their First Eucharist attire** because we will take individual and group photos with Father John. Families can have their pictures taken that morning or the next day before Mass. First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 5th at the 9:30am Mass.

Faith Formation Schedule

April 21st - CGS & First Eucharist, 9:30am

April 28th - CGS & Lit of the Word, 9:30am, **Pancake Breakfast, 10:30am**

May 4 - First Eucharist practice & photos, 10am

May 5 - First Eucharist, 9:30am Mass

OUT AND ABOUT

Zoom Event

Discerning Diakonia: Renewing a Prophetic Diaconate for a Co-responsible Church, Monday, April 29th from 3-5pm central time on Zoom. The gathering will be joined by synod assembly participants who will vote in the second session of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops with Pope Francis in October 2024. Click [here](#) for more information including a list of sponsors. Register to receive the Zoom link by clicking [here](#).

Buy Nothing Exchange

St. Anthony Park Faith Communities Buy Nothing Exchange, Saturday, May 4th from 10am-2pm at Hampden Park. See the bulletin board flyer in the link for more information and donation drop.

SMALL GROUP NEWS

Care for Creation Ministry

St. Cecilia's Care for Creation ministry: ten 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. Join us after Mass today in Friendship Hall for our **Care for Creation Ministry – Constructive Climate Conversations Event** led by fellow parishioner, **Grace Finnerty**. We would love to see you there!

Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We give thanks for the boundless love You have shown us through Your Son, our Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for His flock. As we journey through this season of renewal and new beginnings, may we be ever mindful of Christ's sacrifice and the profound connection we share with all of creation. Grant us the wisdom and courage to steward Your gifts with care and compassion, nurturing the harmony and balance of Our Common Home.

Amen.

Reflection:

As we ponder the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we're urged to consider our role as stewards of creation. How do we embody the sacrificial love of Christ, the Good Shepherd, in our daily lives? What steps can we take to deepen our connection to the Earth and its inhabitants? Let's reflect on our responsibility to care for Our Common Home and discern how we can contribute to its preservation and flourishing



Visit the Care for Creation website <https://stcs-careforcreation.netlify.app/>, or scan the QR code.

Easy Ways to Protect the Planet

Walk, bike, carpool, or use public transportation. - Greenpeace



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