



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



“I am the vine, you are the branches”

WELCOME

To join the parish, please
call the office at
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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.

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.



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.

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 and leave them at the table with my display. 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. Thanks for supporting the children's area



Here's the link to the Amazon Wish List:
<https://a.co/8IRMaLa>

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31. *Barnabas introduced Saul to the apostles and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

Psalm (21)22. *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

1 John 3:18-24. *His commandments are these, that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.*

John 15:1-8. *Jesus is the true Vine. "Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#903
Gloria	#217
Psalm	#1074
Gospel Acc.	#537
Preparation	#872 (4:30) The Simple Path-Choir (9:30)
Mass of Creation	#198, 200, 202, 204
Communion	#916
Closing	#759

Prayer

*The fruit of silence is prayer,
 The fruit of prayer is faith,
 The fruit of faith is love,
 The fruit of love is service,
 The fruit of service is peace.
 -Mother Teresa*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	CGS & FF Lit of Word
	10:30	Pancake Breakfast
Tue	7:00	Choir
Sat	10:00	Practice/Photos for First Eucharist
Sun	9:30	First Eucharist

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your donations. Checks payable to St. Cecilia or use our [PayPal link](#). Indicate "special collection."

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.

Thanks

I have been a member of this parish for nearly 60 years and I am writing a thank you note that is long overdue. I want to thank the people who make the music at our parish so enjoyable.

- *Jeanne Dold-Music Coordinator/Choir Director, and a talented pianist*
- *The musicians who participate in our special services...Christmas, Easter, etc.*
- *The musicians who play on Saturday. They add much to that Mass.*
- *Our wonderful choir. You not only sing on Sunday but give up your time for choir practice each week.*
- *Our many talented cantors. The Lord has blessed you with wonderful voices and you share them with us.*
- *And last but not least those who sing from the pews. We have all attended Masses at other parishes where perhaps 1/3 to 1/2 of the people sing. Here almost everyone lends their voices.*

Thank you to all who make The Church of St. Cecilia (the patron saint of music) so special. Jeanne Lowe

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 28). 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.

St. Cecilia's Young Adult Group Interest Gauger

Are you a young adult seeking a supportive community to experience meaningful connections and spiritual growth with peers? We're excited to explore the possibility of starting a young adult group here at St. Cecilia's. If you're interested in fellowship, growth, and fun activities, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to Noah Friesen at friesenn15@gmail.com to express your interest and stay updated on upcoming plans.

Welcome

St. Cecilia's would like to welcome Maria Isabel Ruff-Berganza to our community of faith.

**Pancake Breakfast**

This 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 28 - CGS & Lit of the Word, 9:30am, **Pancake Breakfast, 10:30am**
 May 4 - First Eucharist practice & photos, 10am
 May 5 - CGS & First Eucharist, 9:30am Mass
 May 12 - CGS & Lit of Word (last one for the season!)
 May 19 - CGS (last one for the season!) & Parish Event

SMALL GROUP NEWS

Small Group News

St. Cecilia's Care for Creation ministry: 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 and pancake breakfast today in our monthly small group meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Prayer:

Creator God,

You are the vine grower, tending to us with loving care. As branches of your divine vine, we are called to bear fruit in the world, nourished by the teachings of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to remain deeply rooted in him, drawing strength and inspiration from his words and example. Guide us in our journey of Caring for Creation, that we may cultivate a world where all living beings flourish in harmony.

Amen.

Reflection:

In the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks to his disciples using the metaphor of the vine and branches. Just as branches draw life and sustenance from the vine, we are invited to remain connected to Christ, our source of strength and vitality. This connection empowers us to bear fruit in abundance, embodying the values of love, compassion, and stewardship. As we reflect on our role as branches of the divine vine, let us consider how we can cultivate a deeper connection with Christ and contribute to the flourishing of Creation. Through our actions rooted in faith, may we glorify God and become faithful disciples, nurturing a world where all life is cherished and protected.



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

Easy Ways to Protect the Planet

Reduce meat consumption and purchase local food.