



# 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.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday  
10:00am to 2:00pm

*“Fill these jars to the brim.”*

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Now We Belong

Here are the voices of every creature,  
 Here are the calls of every heart;  
 Here is the place of strangers' welcome,  
 We who once walked in strangers' shoes.  
 Once we were strangers,  
 We were welcomed,  
 Now we belong and believe in this land.

Here are the rivers of many echoes,  
 Here are the leaves of every tree;  
 Within us live the long horizons,  
 Winds that stir the sacred stones.  
 Once we were strangers,  
 We were welcomed,  
 Now we belong and believe in this land.

*Keep faith, keep watch,  
 Take heart, take courage,  
 Guard mind, guard spirit.  
 Feed love, feed longing.*

Here are the cities where we have gathered,  
 Here are the barns where hope is stored;  
 We are the gleams of every being,  
 Filled with the dreams that build the day.  
 Once we were strangers,  
 We were welcomed,  
 Now we belong and believe in this land.

*Keep faith,  
 Guard mind,  
 Take heart,  
 Guard spirit,  
 Take courage,  
 Keep watch.  
 Feed longing,  
 Feed love.*

Michael Dennis Browne

*For music by John Wykoff  
 presidential inauguration 2017  
 Missouri State University Chorale*

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*Editor's Note: This text was written by Michael a month before the 2016 election to be sung at the presidential inauguration. Michael noted that the text expresses concern for the welcome of refugees and immigrants. Its intent is for the inclusion it seeks rather than to affirm the election's outcome. On this occasion, he shared his hope that his words "will be some small kind of positive presence."*

**Sunday Forum—February 9th  
 Join Us for Care for Creation's Young Adult Panel**

Are you curious about how young adults in our parish are embracing the mission of Caring for Creation? Join us for an inspiring panel discussion featuring young adult parishioners who are passionate about climate justice and environmental stewardship.

Panelists will share how they are integrating Care for Creation into their work, studies, and daily lives, and we'll explore ways to grow as a community committed to protecting our common home.

**Event Details**

**Date:** Sunday, February 9

**Time:** 10:30am – 11:30am

**Location:** St. Cecilia's Friendship Hall

**Sign up:** [here](#)

If you are interested in coming or have any questions/concerns, you can reach out to us through our contact info below:

**Call or Text:** 651.529.2263 (Noah Friesen)

**Email:** [stcs.careforcreation@gmail.com](mailto:stcs.careforcreation@gmail.com)

We would love to see you there and come together as a church community as we strive to Care for God's Creation!



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

[Laudato Si' Key Moments 2025](#)

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Sun	9:30	1st Euch Class
	4:00	Taize Prayer
Mon		Martin Luther King Day Office Closed
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	5:30	Confirmation Class
Sat	9-N	Reconciliation Retreat
	5:30	Game Night
Sun	9:30	CGS & FF Liturgy of the Word
	10:30	Liturgy Team

**Faith FORMATION**

**Reconciliation Retreat**

Students in Mary Pat's group have been learning about reconciliation and will have a retreat experience on Saturday, January 25 from 9am-12pm. This is a parent-child retreat. Please let Theresa know if you are unable to attend.

**Confirmation**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, January 22nd, Confirmation only, 5:30pm-7:45pm
- Wednesday, February 5th, large group meeting
- Wednesday February 19th, Confirmation only, 5:30pm-7:45pm
- Wednesday, March 5, large group meeting - Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday, March 19, Confirmation only, 5:30pm-7:45pm

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1/19 - First Eucharist only
- 1/22 - Confirmation 5:30pm-7:45pm
- 1/25 - Reconciliation retreat, 9am-12pm
- 1/26 - CGS & Lit of Word
- 2/2 - CGS & First Eucharist, Chalice Workshop at 10:45am

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Habitat for Humanity Winter Build**

The Tres Iglesias group consisting of St. Cecilia, St. Frances Cabrini and Prospect Park United Methodist Church will participate in a Habitat for Humanity winter build on Friday, January 31st and Saturday, February 1st from 8:30am to 3:30pm. This is a new construction at The Heights, 1461 McKnight Road North, Maplewood. Volunteers (ages 18 and older) are needed and may sign up through the St. Francis Cabrini website [here](#) or through the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity website [here](#).



**Game Night**

Join us for game night on Saturday, January 25th from 5:30pm-10:00pm in Friendship Hall. Games are provided but you're always welcome to bring a favorite of yours! Please bring beverages and snacks to share. Questions may be directed to Marilee Giere at 651.633.6286. All are welcome!

**Office Closed**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 20th, Martin Luther King Day.



**Taizé Prayer**

**Sunday,  
January 19th**

**4:00 pm**

*A peaceful, ecumenical hour  
of music, prayer and quiet*

All are welcome!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Justice Opportunities**

A **North Star Alliance** website has been created to ask Governor Walz to take executive action to stop federal agencies from using Minnesota state resources for civil immigration enforcement. Our St. Anthony Park congregations will be considering participation in this effort or you can sign up on their website: <https://northstaract.org/get-involved/>. As an individual, you can sign up to make a phone call, send an email to your Minnesota representatives or sign a petition.

**The third annual Start with Home Rally**

will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 10:00am - 11:30am at the MN State Capitol Rotunda, 75 Rev Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Saint Paul. At this rally, legislators and advocates will be gathered together to "start with home" and prioritize legislation that:

- Saves and creates more homes
- Expands access and opportunity
- Secures predictable housing investments.

This rally is a partnership between Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Habitat for Humanity Minnesota, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, Minnesota Housing Partnership, and our Future Starts at Home Campaign. You can register [here](#).

**Music for Liturgy**

Opening	#743
Penitential Act	#207
Psalm 96	
Gospel Acc.	#208
Preparation	#588
Mass of Joy and Peace	#211, 213, 215, 216
Communion	#932
Closing	#598 Vs 1 & 3

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 62:1-5. *Jerusalem will no longer be desolate and forgotten but will be overflowing with life. The Lord will address her as "My Delight" and her land will be called "Espoused."*

Psalm 96

1 Corinthians 12:4-11. *There are many gifts and ministries, but one and the same Spirit who accomplishes each good action in everyone.*

John 2:1-11. *The marriage feast of Cana where Jesus works the "first of his signs" and reveals his glory.*

**OUT & ABOUT**

**School Open House**

Maternity of Mary-St. Andrew's grade school (PreK-8th) is having an open house for prospective students on Thursday, January 23rd from 5:30-7:00pm.

**Event**

Matt Linn, SJ presents *Living Now the Gifts of the Near-Death Experience*, Tuesday, January 21st 12:30-2:30pm at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church Ignatius Hall (1079 Summit Avenue). See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Link for more info.

**Sacred Ground Center for Spirituality**

Are you curious about becoming a spiritual director? Spiritual direction formation and training program is offered by Sacred Ground Center for Spirituality. More information available at [www.sacredgroundspirit.org](http://www.sacredgroundspirit.org).

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