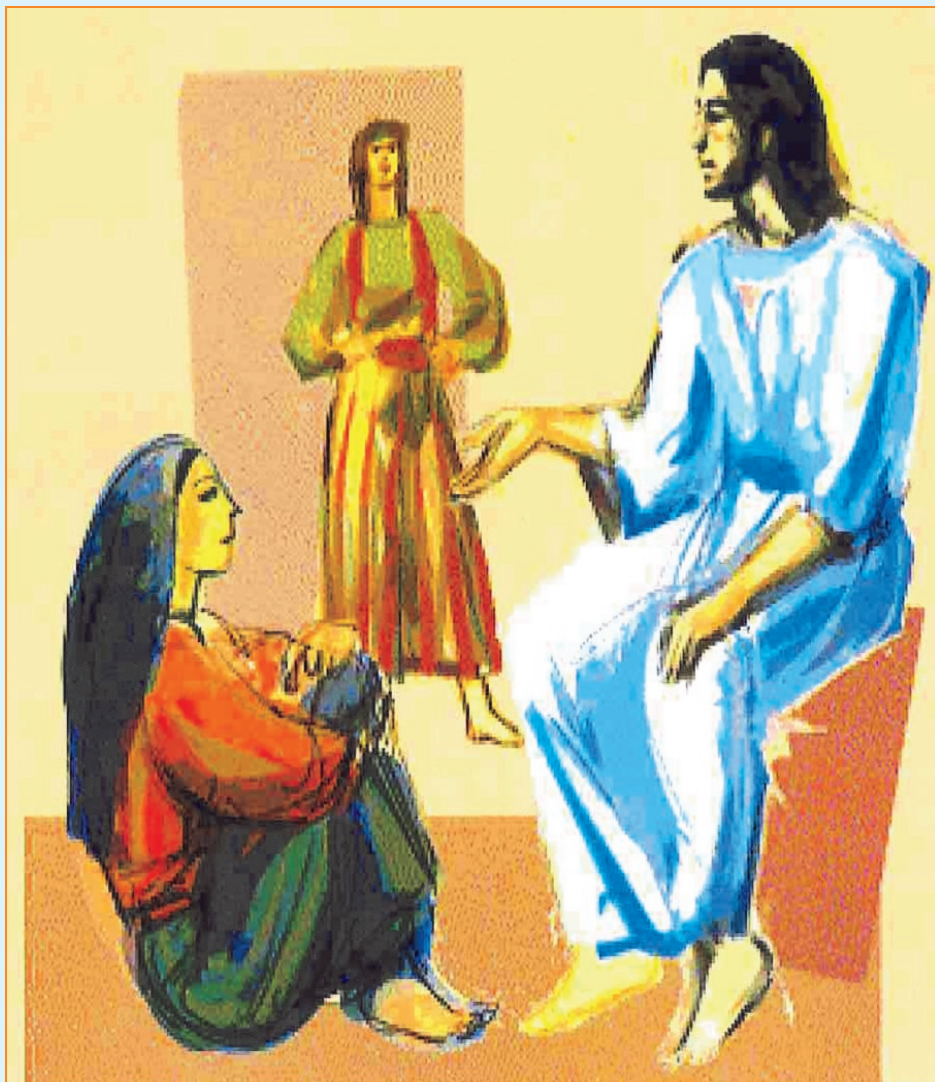




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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



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To join the parish, please call the office at 651.644.4502

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

The Church of Saint Cecilia



Pilgrims of Hope for Creation

Pilgrims of Hope for Creation is a nationwide initiative organized by nearly two dozen Catholic organizations. The initiative invites Catholics across the nation to embark on pilgrimages focused on healing and renewal deepening their relationship with God, one another, and the Earth. These pilgrimages, which can range from short walks on parish grounds to longer journeys through nature's beauty or places

of ecological significance, all share a common mission to inspire a renewed commitment to caring for creation and restoring humanity's sacred relationship with environment.

St Cecilia's Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation Is scheduled for Sunday September 14th

We will leave church at 10:30 and be back at church by 2:00 at the latest. Please save the date! An event for the whole parish to celebrate, learn, sing and take action to help protect God's gift of Creation. We will journey to Carondelet Village (near College of St Catherine) to learn about their success at reducing fossil fuel usage with geothermal for cooling and heating. Our Pilgrimage will include transportation, music, food and time to be with our St Cecilia community. All will be family friendly.

Celebrate God's Creation with Our Creativity!

Preparing for our upcoming Pilgrimage (Sept 14th) will include making art together. Join the fun as we create beauty to reflect God's creation. Artistic talent and comfort with creativity are not necessary (you can come to talk and watch!) ALL ages are invited to attend one or all of the work/play sessions.

July 23-6:30pm (Wednesday)

August 3-10:30am (Sunday after Mass)

August 16-2:30pm (Saturday before Mass)

Saint Anthony Park Porchfest

Thursday, July 24th

6:00-8:00pm



Porchfest is a grassroots community music festival featuring 17 local musicians with 16 neighborhood hosts/yards. Stroll the neighborhood and enjoy free performances in an intimate, family-friendly atmosphere.

Stop by St. C's backyard for music by the O'Keefe Brothers; a rootsy acoustic-Americana trio. They do a mix of bluegrass style covers and original tunes featuring rich harmonies and hot pickin'.

The event is rain or shine so plan accordingly.

For a map of the event and more information click [here](#).

A note from the Finance Committee:

We are currently working to wrap up the reporting for our fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2025. Thanks to your support, we exceeded our budget projections for operating revenues. Envelope and plate revenues increased 18% from 2024. In addition, our parish dinner contributed almost \$30,000 in net revenue. We also managed our expenses effectively (an increase of 4% from last year), resulting in an operating surplus. We also received an estate bequest during the year of \$39,000 (net). We used building fund contributions, a transfer from our permanent endowment and building fund reserves to fund over \$45,000 in building improvements during the year. Our cash and investment balances are strong, and we have no outstanding debt. We will provide a full update on the final results later this summer when the year-end close process is complete. Your ongoing support of the parish is appreciated!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 26, 4:30pm

Book: Scott S.
Lectors: Julie S./Bob T.
Host: Steve C.
Cup: Sue W./Ellen C.
Greeter: Bob T./Laurie K.
Sacristan: Kathy W.

Sunday, July 27, 9:30am

Book: Lisa R.
Lectors: Noah R./Sue W.
Host: Paul C.
Cup: Claudia B./John B.
Greeter: Ken S./Rosie F.
Sacristan: Larry C.



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



Hospitality

Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Cecilia's Summer Pick-Up Choir

Sunday, August 10th
9:30am Mass (arrive at 8:55am)

All music and an outline will be provided.

If possible, please email Betsy Sullivan
(betsy@stceciliasp.org)
and let her know you plan to come.



Deck Night

You're invited to Deck Night at the Zwacks, with hosts Dave & Mary Pat. Enjoy evenings of conversation, treats and relaxation. Popcorn, M&M's, and lemonade provided (or BYOB). Gather rain or shine at 6:30pm. See the flyer on the Link bulletin board for the address.

Come once or every time:

Thursday, July 24th
Monday, July 28th
Tuesday, August 19th
Thursday, September 4th

Rest in Peace

We extend our sympathy to John Romano on the passing of his brother, Robert Romano on July 10th. May he rest in the Peace of Christ.



Game Night

Join us for game night on Saturday, July 26th from 5:30-10:00pm in Friendship Hall. Games provided. Please bring snacks and beverages to share. Questions may be directed to Marilee Giere at 651.633.6286.

Save the Date

Oktoberfest is in the works! Save the date of Saturday, October 25th beginning at 5:30pm in Friendship Hall. Enjoy food, beverage, great conversation and more! Watch the bulletin for more information to come.

4th in the Park Wrap Up

The St. Anthony Park faith communities 4th in the Park was a success. Please note that donations are still being accepted to go directly to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Thus far \$1,112.75 was raised toward a \$2,000 match. You may donate online [here](#) (please scroll down to 'Designation' and choose '4th for Mental Health'). Thank you!

School Supply Drive

We're gearing up for our school supply drive in August. It's not too early to begin picking up basic supplies and backpacks. A complete list of items will be available in next week's bulletin.

Communion

Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to anyone not able to join the procession at Mass. Please tell one of the greeters before Mass if you need this service. After distributing to those in line, Communion will then be brought to you.



Habitat
for Humanity®

Tres Iglesias needs volunteers for a Habitat for Humanity project from Monday August 18th to Friday August 22nd. We are working on a rehab at 3508 3rd Ave S in South Minneapolis. Food will be provided on-site for this project so we are looking for on-site work crew, food prep volunteers, and donations to fund the project. If you can volunteer, please register at <http://www.cabrinimn.org/habitat-signup>. This is our 33rd year working to provide affordable housing. We are, as always, grateful for your generous support.

OUT & ABOUT

Church Basement Ladies Musical

The Ladies are back at the **Plymouth Playhouse** with the musical that started it all! The church basement kitchen throughout much of America is often the heart and soul of any church. The Church Basement Ladies show runs through August 24th. Buy tickets [here](#).

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.

Gluten Sensitivity

Gluten-free hosts are available. Please inform one of the greeters before Mass if you need a gluten-free host.

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#663
Gloria	#319
Psalm 15 They who do justice will live in the presence of God!	
Gospel Acclamation	#334
Preparation	#724
Eucharistic Acclamations	#370, 373, 374, 391
Communion	#916
Closing	#636

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10. *Abraham entertains three guests, including the Lord, who announce the birth of Isaac.*

Psalm 15. **They who do justice will live in the presence of God!**

Colossians 1:24-28. *Paul finds joy in his suffering, filling up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of his body, the church. Paul preaches the mystery of Christ among the gentiles hidden from all ages.*

Luke 10:38-42. *There is need of only one thing.*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	Liturgy
Wed	6:30	Making Art Together
Thur	6:00	Porchfest
Sat	5:30	Game Night

Sacramental Policies

Marriage: Six months notice is required. Three months active parish membership necessary prior to initiating marriage preparation.

Baptism: For more information or to schedule a baptism, please contact Marge Virnig at 651.644.4502 ext. 12.

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

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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