



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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

*"But now in Christ  
Jesus you who once  
were far off have  
been brought near by  
the blood of Christ.  
For he himself  
is our peace."  
Ephesians 2:13-14*

## WELCOME

To join the parish, please call  
the office at 651.644.4502.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Masks are optional but  
preferred.

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia

*This weekend is the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. As such, this may be timely to reprint the below article from June 25, 2023.*

I've been following the Eucharistic Revival that the US Bishops have been focusing on and am aware that the primary emphasis of the real presence is in the bread and wine with minimal to no emphasis on the real presence in the Word, the presider and the people (per Vatican II). When we limit this to the host there is a danger in it becoming static and not calling for a response from us except perhaps adoration. Adoration is good and holy but incomplete. When we remember that the real presence is also in each of us it becomes dynamic and transformative and something we carry out into the world.

Here is a conversation I had with my grandson, Major ... clearly the monstrance and the tabernacle don't fit into his idea of real presence. He was intrigued and puzzled by the concept ... but maybe that's what mystery is supposed to do?

Major: What's that box for?

Me: It's called a tabernacle. That's where we keep Jesus when we aren't at mass.

Major: How can he fit in there?

Me: I showed him some unconsecrated hosts and tried to explain transubstantiation to a 6 year old. (What was I thinking?!)

Major: So if Jesus is in the bread and you eat the bread Jesus is in you too, right?

Me: Right.

Major: So why don't they lock you up too? Cuz you're old or cuz you won't fit in the box?

Me: Sure (i.e., always trying to be both/and)

Major: That doesn't make any sense to lock anybody up - especially Jesus. How can he help God protect us if he's locked in a box? What if he's bored - or scared of the dark?

Me: He's very special and holy so he is there to be kept safe.

Major: Jesus can take care of himself. Holy John is holy and you don't lock him in a box. If Jesus is so special shouldn't he be out chillin' with everybody and teaching them how to be special and holy too? My dad wouldn't want anybody locking me up and I don't think God wants anybody locking his kid up either. This just doesn't make sense. I think Jesus needs to break out of the box and be with his friends.

He's definitely on to something the grownups need to be attentive to. Let us pray that we can recognize the real presence in ourselves and in each other and carry that presence into the world ... just like Jesus did.

Marge Virnig

### Financial Results for the Nine Months ended March 31, 2024

Expected operating revenues	\$264,900
Actual operating revenues	\$258,936
Expected operating expenses	\$278,750
Actual operating expenses	\$286,631
Excess costs over revenues	(\$27,695)
Building fund contributions	\$7,827
Endowment transfer	\$10,600
Building improvements	(\$78,433)
Total deficit	(\$87,701)

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, July 27, 4:30pm

<b>Book:</b>	Beth C.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Michelle R./Bob T.
<b>Host:</b>	Karen V. W.
<b>Cup:</b>	Alice S./Sue W.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Bob T/Laurie K.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Linda B.

#### Sunday, July 28, 9:30am

<b>Book:</b>	Jean W.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Sue W./Jane C-K.
<b>Host:</b>	Ann K.
<b>Cup:</b>	Marilee G./Mary M.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Evelyn P.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Larry C.

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	Mass
Mon	7:00	Deck Night at Zwacks
Sat	5:30	Game Night



### Hospitality

Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass. Consider hosting hospitality; sign up in the hall.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesdays at 9:00am. Email submissions to [bulletin@stceciliasp.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliasp.org).

COMMUNITY NEWS



**Game Night**

Bring your friends and family for game night on Saturday, July 27th from 5:30 to 10:00pm. Games provided. Bring snacks and beverages to share. Call Marilee Giere at 651.633.6286 with questions.

**Mission Trip News**

St. C's youth and chaperones spent the week (July 15-19) at Red Lake and had a great time. As in the past, we often fundraise for an additional need at the school. When inquiring with the Principal, we learned that this year, they are bringing back the music program after a long hiatus. As such, the teacher is starting from scratch and purchased the curriculum out of pocket. If you're interested in donating towards their music program, please send checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Red Lake." Thank you for your generosity.



**Roof Installed**

This past week, or rather on Tuesday, we had our new roof installed. The crew from Kaufman Roofing did the entire tear-off, replaced an area of decking, and shingled the entire building along with cleanup in one day! We're very happy with the finished results.

**Thank You**

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your donation of \$500 to Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul. With your support, families are succeeding every day, moving into stable homes, putting food on the dinner table, succeeding in school, and laddering up in their careers. In our last fiscal year, Project Home provided 26,183 shelter bed nights, The Department of Indian Work distributed 226,787 lbs of food (our largest amount ever!), and Opportunity Saint Paul volunteers donated 2,035 hours of service in our community. On behalf of everyone at Interfaith Action, I thank you for being part of the team.  
With gratitude,  
Amy Dillahunt  
Development and Communications  
Director

**Deck Night**

Gather for conversation, snacks and relaxation on the deck at the home of Dave & Mary Pat Zwack. Popcorn, M&Ms and lemonade (or BYOB) provided. Gather rain or shine on Monday, July 22nd at 7:00pm. See the flyer on the Link bulletin board for the address.

**School Supply Drive**

In August we'll hold a school supply drive to help families who may not be able to afford back-to-school supplies for their children. It's not too early to start picking up basic supplies. Donations will go to Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul for distribution to seven agencies. Watch for more information to come.



The Tres Iglesias group of parishes will participate in a Habitat for Humanity build on August 5th-9th this summer. The build is located at 1406 22nd St. East, Minneapolis (1-1/2 blocks south of Franklin Ave. on 14th Avenue). Volunteers can register at <http://www.cabrinimn.org/habitat-signup>. The day will start at 8:30am and end at 3:30pm. For further information please check out the website [cabrinimn.org/habitat](http://cabrinimn.org/habitat) or contact [habitat@cabrinimn.org](mailto:habitat@cabrinimn.org).

Along with this summer build St. Cecilia's parish is committed to fund the build with \$3,000. To contribute please send checks to St. Cecilia with the memo of Habitat for Humanity. For more information contact Ken Scherber at 651.341.5602.

OUT & ABOUT

**Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation classes for those age 14 or older with special needs or mental or physical disabilities will be held on Saturday, August 3rd and 17th from 9:30-11:30am at the Church of St. Richard, 7540 Penn Ave S, Richfield. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. Preregistration is preferred but walk-ins will be accepted. For more info, please contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at 651.291.4488 or email us at [flomos@archspm.org](mailto:flomos@archspm.org).

SMALL GROUP NEWS



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

**Music for Liturgy**

Opening	#724
Gloria	#319
Psalms 23	#35
Gospel Acc.	#194
Preparation	#402
A Community Mass	#370, 373, 372, 389
Communion	#942
Closing	#663

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 23:1-6. *God will gather the remnant of his flock, scattered because of bad shepherds: God will raise up for them a righteous shoot, a new David who will govern wisely.*

Psalms 23: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Ephesians 2:13-18. *Through the cross, Jesus broke down the barriers between us and united us to God in one body. We who were far off were brought near through the blood of Christ.*

Mark 6:30-34. *Because of excessive apostolic demands, Jesus draws his apostles apart to rest a little. When the crowds found him, he pitied them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.*

**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.

**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.

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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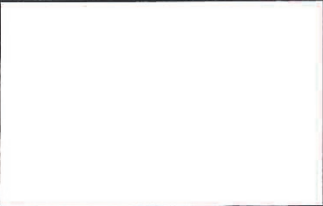
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