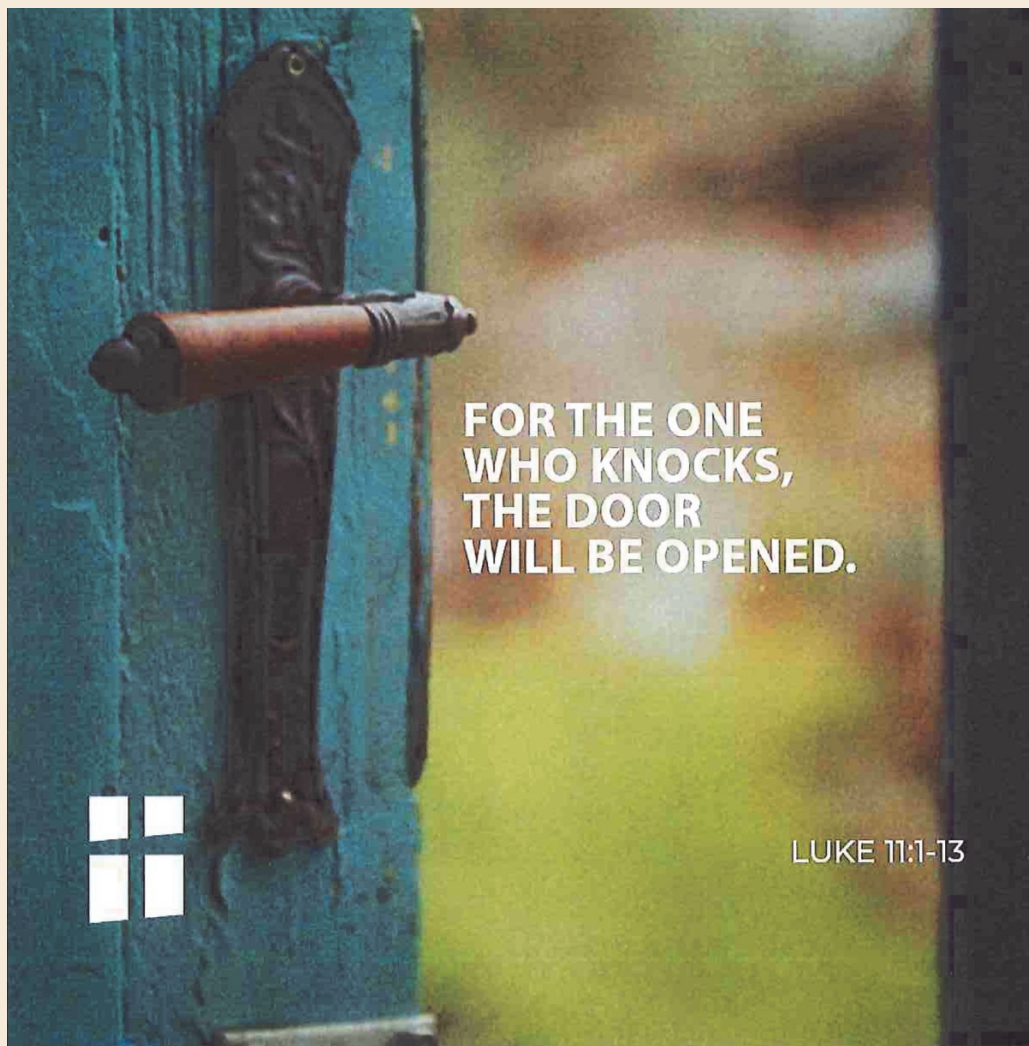




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Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 9:30  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



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LUKE 11:1-13

## WELCOME

To join the parish, please  
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### Why a St Cecilia’s Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation?

In June the Catholic Bishops from poor nations across the Earth challenged the rich nations (the U.S. and others) to enter into an historic coalition between actors from the Global North and the South to face the (climate) crisis in solidarity. St Cecilia’s pilgrimage is in solidarity.

Bishops from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean issued a call for climate justice and the common home: ecological conversion, transformation and resistance to false solutions. The science is clear: we must limit global warming to 1.5°C to avoid catastrophic effects. We must never abandon this goal. It is the Global South and future generations who are already suffering the consequences.

The Bishops are calling for:

**Equity:** Rich nations should pay their ecological debt with fair climate finance without further indebting the Global South, to recover losses and damages in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Oceania.

**Justice:** Promote economic degrowth and phase out fossil fuels, ending all new infrastructure and properly taxing those who have profited from them, ushering in a new era of governance that includes and prioritizes the communities most affected by the climate and nature crises.

**Protection:** Defend indigenous peoples, ecosystems and impoverished communities; recognizing the greater vulnerability of women, girls and new generations; and climate migration as a challenge of justice and human rights.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2025-07/bishops-conferences-ecological-conversion-press-office-vatican.html>

### 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.

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.

### Celebrating God’s Creation with Our Creativity!

We had the first of our sessions for creating art for our September pilgrimage. You have two more chances to join in the fun: Sunday, August 3rd, right after Mass, and August 16th, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 (maybe stay for 4:30 Mass?). Come to talk, have some snacks, and learn about and celebrate God’s Creation.

**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, August 2, 4:30pm

Book:	Linda B.
Lectors:	Michelle R./Arthur A.
Host:	Ellen C.
Cup:	Stephanie K./Alice S.
Greeter:	Kathy M.
Sacristan:	Tom K.

#### Sunday, August 3, 9:30am

Book:	Mary Clare L.
Lectors:	Julie M./Bryan L.
Host:	Noah F.
Cup:	John B./Marilee G.
Greeter:	
Sacristan:	Paul C.

*From Initiatives, National Center for Laity* - Our U.S. Catholic bishops are preparing a document on the laity. They want to hear about your experience of **being in our world**, our culture, our economy, our politics and particularly your daily encounters with others and with Our Lord. This is not an opportunity to gripe; that’s for another time. This project is for sharing experience. Here are some questions to start your reflection. You do not have to answer any of these suggested questions or follow any format in your response to the bishops.

- Do you feel co-responsible for the work and mission of the Catholic faith?
- Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your relationships/engagements?
- What are your joys, hopes, and visions for the role of the laity in society?
- What, would you say, is the meaning of your work (on the job, in the family, around the community) in our changing environment?
- Where do you find support for your daily efforts?

You are welcome to send your reflection by US Mail or email to Paul Jarzembowski, Secretariat of Laity and Family Life (USCCB, 3211 Fourth St. NE, Washington, DC 20017; [pjarzembowski@usccb.org](mailto:pjarzembowski@usccb.org)). Tell Jarzembowski that our National Center for the Laity prompted you.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

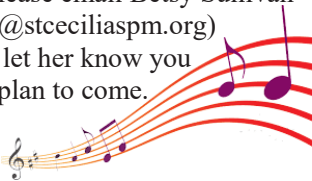
### St. Cecilia's Summer Pick-Up Choir

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@stceciliaspam.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 on Monday, July 28th. See the flyer on the Link bulletin board for the address and additional dates.

### 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.

## Spiritual Direction

Are you or any of your friends/family members interested in growing and deepening your relationship with God in a supportive, non-judgmental environment? A St. C's parishioner can offer you eight free sessions of spiritual direction spread over eight months, starting in early September, meeting in person or by Zoom. For more information and to set up a 45-minute, no-strings-attached conversation to explore the possibility, please leave a message for Sue at 651.503.4558 or [swick002@csbsju.edu](mailto:swick002@csbsju.edu). All Christian denominations welcome.

## OUT & ABOUT

### Event

Dr. Daniel DiLeo will speak on: "Catholic Social Teaching and Climate Change: Responding in the Fullness of Faith" in the Cabrini Worship Space at 7pm on Wednesday, July 30. Dr. DiLeo is a moral theologian at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska where he directs the Justice and Peace Studies Program. Dr. DiLeo responds to the urgent calls of recent popes — and Pope Francis, in particular — to care for God's creation in these perilous times. Please register at [tegedertalks@cabrinimn.org](mailto:tegedertalks@cabrinimn.org).

## Music for Liturgy

Opening	#616
Gloria	#319
Psalm 138 Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.	
Gospel Acclamation	#334
Preparation	#666
Eucharistic Acclamations	#370, 373, 374, 391
Communion	#941
Closing	#576 Vs. 1, 2, 3

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32. *Abraham argues with God not to destroy the wicked cities, if fifty and eventually if only 10 just persons are found in them.*

Psalm 138. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Colossians 2:12-14. *The gentiles, though non-observant of the Jewish law and helplessly dead in their sins, were raised to new life in Christ's resurrection. The decree against us was nailed to the cross.*

Luke 11:1-13. *Jesus teaches the Our Father and persistence in prayer. Ask and you shall receive.*



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.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	Liturgy
Sat		School Supply Drive
Sun		School Supply Drive
	10:30	Creating Art

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

## School Supply Drive August 2nd-24th



We're collecting NEW school supplies for children from low-income families in St. Paul. Donations will go to Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul for children at American Indian Magnet School, CornerHouse Children's Advocacy Center, Department of Indian Work, Emma Norton Services, Faithful Hospitality, Project Home, and Saint Paul Public Schools.

### Supply List:

- Backpacks
- 3-ring binders & loose-leaf paper
- Calculators
- Notebooks
- Pencils/Pens/Erasers/Pencil Sharpeners
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks & bottles
- Folders
- Colored Pencils/Markers
- Scissors & rulers
- Crayons
- Facial tissue
- Hand sanitizer
- School supply boxes
- Reusable masks

Bring your donations to the lower level Link anytime before August 24th.

Volunteers are needed to deliver the supplies on Tuesday, August 26th to St. Paul's United Church of Christ (900 Summit Avenue) between 10am-noon or 3:30-5:30pm. Call the office at 651.644.4502 if you're able to lend a hand.

*Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.*

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