



# 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  
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# The Church of Saint Cecilia

## Social Justice Team

The Social Justice Team’s ministry is to educate the parish in matters of social justice and to provide parishioners with opportunities to engage in social justice work and other outreach activities. The team is responsible for recommending charitable contributions, organizing the parish’s involvement with various outreach ministries, and sharing information on a wide variety of justice issues.

*St. Cecilia’s Pastoral Council Constitution, Art. VII(1)D*

We come to Mass, we participate in a wonderful liturgy, have great music, and hear the words “The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” Then what? We go out into the world. It might be back home to family, or home to peace and quiet, or back to work. Are we different because of our time of gathering, of prayer, of sharing the banquet?

To act justly. To love tenderly. To walk humbly with our God. These words from the prophet Micah and so many other references in the Bible help us know how to be. We are challenged to live the Gospel in our daily lives, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (sometimes called the best kept secret of the Catholic Church) are there.

We stand for the dignity of everyone. Everyone. We know that we’re supposed to love our neighbor, and understand that it means not just the ones in Saint Paul or South Minneapolis, but also our neighbors in Syria and Sudan. What happens to the “widows, orphans and strangers” matters, and we can’t let others forget that. We recognize the value of the Common Good—we are in this together. We care about the gift of Creation and what happens to this world. It’s about working for change of systems (poor working conditions, people not making a living wage, systems allowing torture) when the current system affects human life and human dignity. It’s about peace—collaboration. It’s all this, and more.

This is social justice. This is what we are called to do in our lives and as a faith community. It’s everyone’s work. Sometimes it’s prayer. Sometimes it’s a donation in a white bag. Sometimes it’s food or clothing, or packing meals or helping out at Project home (temporary housing for families). It might be caroling at the nursing home. It might be writing letters or calling a legislator about immigration issues in Minnesota, or advocating for education. It might even be meeting with a legislator. It might be learning about what we can do about domestic violence—and doing something! It’s volunteering at Habitat. It’s making a choice to drive less and help the planet. It could be a donation to the Alms Box. It’s all this, and more.

At St. Cecilia’s—everyone is called to do justice.

We’re reforming our social justice team—a group of people who are interested in helping the parish in its own activities of charity and justice. It may include learning more about issues, serving as a sounding board for people with ideas for projects that might involve the parish, advising parish community council and staff. All wisdom, questions, and ideas are welcome.

## School Supply Drive—August 1st-18th

Supplies collected will go to Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul for distribution to seven agencies. Bring your donations to the lower level Link.

- Backpacks
- 3-ring binders, loose-leaf paper and folders
- Spiral and composition notebooks
- Scissors & rulers
- Calculators
- Pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons, supply boxes
- Erasers, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks & bottles
- Facial tissue, hand sanitizer, reusable masks

## 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, August 3, 4:30pm

<b>Book:</b>	Linda B.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Sue W./Nicole A. G.
<b>Host:</b>	Ellen C.
<b>Cup:</b>	John A. G./Steve C.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Kathy M.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Tom K.

### Sunday, August 4, 9:30am

<b>Book:</b>	Lisa R.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Kathy Z./Art Z.
<b>Host:</b>	Marilee G.
<b>Cup:</b>	John B./Julie M.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Kathy D.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Pat K.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	Mass
Sat/Sun		School Supply Drive



## 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).



**Mission Trip Reflection by Michael Wright**

My mind is filled with many thoughts, impressions, images and memories and my heart is filled with many feelings as I return from St. Mary’s mission school on the Red Lake Reservation. A group of 14 adults and teens went up there to help the school with their summer program by interacting with the children (9) and teachers (2). The teens were amazing to watch as they played and bonded with the students, who presented different levels of neediness and attention, academic and emotional. Our teens left the children at the end of the week with the St. Mary’s students asking them to stay and be sure to return next year.

We were also asked to do some labor: moving furniture and books etc. back into classrooms that had been emptied for new carpet installation. (Sound familiar?) As with St. C’s experience, many hands made for short work. (About an hour and a half). I personally went up “do what I was told” and be helpful any way I can, motivated by my good intentions to be “part of a solution, etc.,” not realizing that I was already part of the PROBLEM.

I am a member of a society that wants to solve THEIR problems with OUR solutions. To my eyes, the “problems” were many and obvious and “here I am, master problem solver, at your disposal!” I wanted to make it known to them that it would be simple to gather a team of us problem solvers to come back up and help them out, fixing what I saw as broken (leaky toilets, inadequate air flow in the “new” teachers’ lounge ((a converted storage room with no windows)), trash around the dumpster, and on and on...). My privileged lifestyle versus their underprivileged life, and wouldn’t they be better off with some of all I have? I’m certainly willing to share.

My good intentions were not any different than those of the original missionaries who came to teach and convert an entire nation to their way of thinking, for their own good. To convince them that “our” God was better than their God, that “our” way of life was better than theirs, that we were right and they were wrong. Some things will never change. Unless I change. I am humbled by our teens’ approach: one child at a time. I am grateful that I got to be on the sidelines, learning how it works. I am proud to be part of a team that made a difference. We can all be proud to be part of St. Cecilia’s.

**SMALL GROUP NEWS**



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

**Music for Liturgy**

Opening	#837
Gloria	#319
Psalm 145	I Will Praise Your Name Forever
Gospel Acc.	#194
Preparation	#808
A Community Mass	#370, 373, 372, 389
Communion	#932
Closing	#636

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 4:42-44. *God’s servant, Elisha, multiplies twenty barley loaves for a hundred people.*

Psalm 145. *I will praise your name forever.*

Ephesians 4:1-6. *With perfect humility, meekness and patience, we preserve the bond of unity. One body and one spirit, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.*

John 6:1-15. *Jesus multiplies five barley loaves and some dried fish for five thousand people.*



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.



Left: Kaufman Roofing workers installing the new roof on Tuesday, July 16th.

Right: Due in part to winter ice dams, workers are to return soon to add new gutters, downspouts and heat cables.



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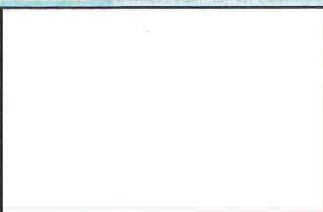
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