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Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 8:15 & 10:00
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



Raising of Lazarus

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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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Hope and Resurrection

The story of Lazarus' death and resurrection holds a special place for me this Lent. I have lost over nine people in my life over the past several months starting with Fr. Mike Byron last May and Fr. Jerry Rogers in September. The remainder have all been since Thanksgiving with the most recent one March 18. With so many losses in such a short time it is easy to feel overwhelmed and full of despair, but this reading fills me with hope and joy.

Jesus loved Lazarus, Martha, and Mary as though they were family. When Mary weeps at Jesus' feet he is so moved and feels the loss of his beloved friend that he too weeps and is asked to be brought to his friend's tomb. Then he calls Lazarus forth from the tomb. We are a family in Christ and so he also calls us forth after death.

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." With these words comes hope. This is why I prefer the idea of a Celebration of Life to funeral. Yes, we are celebrating the life they had on earth with us, but we are also celebrating the life in Christ after death. They are united with our Father and all who have passed before us. This is our faith that we will see them in the resurrection and the life of the world to come. There is such hope and joy in that belief. We will be reunited with our loved ones for all eternity. So great is the love of our Lord.

All these wonderful people may be gone from this world but they reside with our father in heaven and we will see them again.

Cindy Windau

Small Groups begin meeting one week after Easter. There is still time to sign-up.

-Small groups will meet weekly for 6 weeks (April 17-May 26)-Sign-up forms are available in the back of church and in the Link.

-Each meeting will last just over an hour.

-Groups will meet after Mass as well as at various other times and locations.

-You can indicate your preferences for when and where you would like your group to meet. We will have a variety of meeting times and locations.

-Pope Francis' Fraternity and Social Friendship will be the focus of our six sessions.

-Participants will be provided with a Group Reading Guide. All reading for the small groups will be done during the hour meeting each week. Pre-reading will not be necessary.

-Each small group will have a leader from the parish.

"I am certain the Spirit will guide us and give us the grace to move forward together, to listen to one another and to embark on a discernment of the times in which we are living, in solidarity with the struggles and aspirations of all humanity." (Pope Francis, Sept 18, 2021)

Questions? Contact:

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HOLY WEEK

Upcoming Schedule:

Friday, March 31st

9:00am Environment

Saturday, April 1st

3:15-4:15pm Confessions

3:30 Instrumentalists Rehearsal

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Mass-Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:15am & 10:00am

11:00am Environment

Wednesday, April 5th

Confessions 11:00am-12:00pm & 1:30pm-2:30pm

Holy Thursday, April 6th

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00pm Environment

Good Friday, April 7th

7:00pm Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 8th

9:00am Environment

12:30pm Instrumentalists Rehearsal

8:00pm Easter Vigil

(No confessions or 4:30pm Mass today)

Easter Sunday, April 9th

8:15am & 10:00am Mass

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	10:00	Fifth Sunday of Lent CGS Class B & FF Liturgy of the Word
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	5:30	Hunger Banquet Confirmation & Parish Family Formation
Sat	3:15 3:30	Lenten Confessions Instrumentalists Rehearsal
Sun		Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
	10:00	CGS Class A & First Eucharist Class
	11:00	Environment

COMMUNITY NEWS

Early Bulletin Deadline

Submissions for the Palm Sunday bulletin are due on Tuesday, March 28th by 9:00am. Email submissions to bulletin@stceciliasp.org. Thank you.

Thank You

Many thanks to all who sent get well and sympathy cards during Marty's illness and passing. We really appreciated it. Your kindness and support mean more than words can possibly express. Sincerely,
Marilee Giere and family



Food Drive Wraps Up

While we're wrapping up our month long food drive, we continue to collect nonperishable food and personal care items on an ongoing basis. In addition, we schedule a food drive once a month to increase the volume we donate to the food shelf. Please continue to support our neighborhood food shelf by bringing in items for those experiencing food insecurity. We also accept checks payable to St. Cecilia "food drive" or use our PayPal account [here](#).



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The Catholic Services Appeal continues! Your gift supports an array of ministries that include Catholic education, services to those most in need, Synod evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church, plus many more. Please prayerfully consider making a gift that will impact the lives of so many people throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis through your abundant generosity. To learn more about the Catholic Services Appeal, please visit the website csafspm.org and watch the short video. Donations may be made online directly through the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation or pick up an envelope in the back of church. Checks are payable to Catholic Services Appeal. Envelopes may be returned to the parish office.

Faith FORMATION

Hunger Banquet - Join us!

Nora S. and Delaney O. are planning an Oxfam Hunger Banquet as part of their Confirmation service project. They hope to bring awareness to poverty and world hunger. Please join them on Wednesday, March 29th starting at 5:30pm. In order to participate, **each person** should bring a donation of 3 canned goods for the Ralph Reeder food shelf. Monetary donations will also be accepted. **Please RSVP HERE for March 29th or sign up in the Link so they can plan accordingly. RSVPs are required for this scripted event. All are welcome!**



Red Lake Pancake Breakfast

Our teens are planning a pancake breakfast to raise money for the mission trip to Red Lake on **Sunday, April 2nd**. Swing down to Friendship Hall to enjoy some delicious pancakes and sausages for a free will offering after both the 8:15am and 10am Masses. We did earn a grant this year for the trip, so any money raised that day that is above our cost to participate will go directly to St. Mary's School. Thanks for your support!

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- 3/26 - CGS Group B & Lit of Word, 10am
- 3/29 - Family Formation & Confirmation - The Hunger Banquet, 5:30pm
- 4/2 - CGS Group A & First Eucharist, 10am ****Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser****
- 4/12 - Family Formation & Confirmation, Dinner at 5:30pm activity at 6:30pm
- 4/16 - CGS Group B & Lit of Word, 10am
- 4/23 - CGS Group A & First Eucharist, 10am & **Rite of Sending, 10am Mass**
- 4/26 - Family Formation & Confirmation, Dinner at 5:30pm activity at 6:30pm
- 4/30 - CGS Group B & Lit of Word, 10am, **Confirmation at the Basilica 2pm**
- 5/6 - First Eucharist practice and photos, 10am
- 5/7 - **First Eucharist, 10am Mass**
- 5/10 - Final Family Formation and Sacrament Celebration, 5:30pm

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14. *God will raise his people from the grave, place his spirit within them, and settle them upon their land.*

Psalms 130: **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

Romans 8:8-11. *The Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us and will bring our mortal bodies to new life.*

John 11:1-45. *For God's glory and for the sake of greater faith among his disciples, Jesus calls Lazarus back to life.*

Music for Liturgy

Opening		Bell Toll
Kyrie		
Psalms 130	(4:30 & 8:15)	#87
	(10:00) Out of the Depths	
Gospel Acc.		#195
Preparation		#871
		Verses 1, 4, 5
Mass of Reconciliation		#200, #391
Communion	Carry Us in Your Arms	Worship Aid
Closing		Bell Toll



Hospitality

Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Masses.

OUT AND ABOUT

"Encountering The Compassionate God of the Bible" is the title of a two-hour presentation by Art Zannoni at St. Bridget Catholic parish, 3811 Emerson Avenue N., Minneapolis. The program is on Saturday, April 1, from 9:30am to 11:30am. All are welcome. For more information, contact Fr. Paul Jarvis at 612.529.7779.


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