



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



I am the vine, you are the branches.

WELCOME

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

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open
Monday-Thursday
10:00am to 1:00pm.

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Lectio Divina

“Deepening communion with God is the invitation and adventure of our lives. We want it, and we are looking for methods that will help us realize it. We must have an *experience* of God if we are to pursue God with our whole heart, mind, and soul. Intellectual knowledge *about* God will not be enough to feed us and hold us. *Lectio divina* is an accessible way to have such an encounter.”

- Thomas Ryan, CSP *Living the Eucharist*, Paulist Evangelization Ministries, 2013

“The Church desires that in the ministry of the word, Sacred Scripture should have a pre-eminent position. In concrete terms, catechesis should be ‘an authentic introduction to lectio divina, that is, to a reading of the Sacred Scriptures done in accordance to the Spirit who dwells in the Church.’”

- General Directory for Catechesis, 71

“The Latin words *lectio divina*, which mean ‘divine reading’ or ‘spiritual reading,’ refer to slow, meditative reading of a passage from Scripture. It is a form of prayer that focuses on listening and responding to God’s word.”

Four Steps

There is no standard way of doing *lectio divina*, but the following method has proven helpful to beginners.

1. Read (*Lectio*): Read a passage from Scripture. ‘Listen’ to God’s word. Gather the facts. Does a particular word or phrase speak to you?
2. Reflect (*Meditatio*): Read the passage again. Reflect on the passage as a whole or on a particular phrase. What is God saying to you?
3. Respond (*Oratio*): Read the Scripture once again. Respond to God with your heart. What do you want to say to God?
4. Rest (*Contemplatio*): Read the selection a final time. Rest in God’s presence for a few minutes.

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Financial Information through March 31:

Anticipated Collections	\$230,327
Actual Collections	\$223,374
PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$36,100
Parish Events, Net	\$18,020
Major Gifts	<u>\$914</u>
Total Revenues	\$278,408

Anticipated Expenses	\$279,058
Actual Expenses	\$253,423

Excess Revenue Over Expenses	\$24,985
Building Fund Contributions	\$5,261
Principal Payments on Debt	\$12,501

Net Surplus	\$17,745
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Alms Box Balance as of April 4	\$946.13
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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas introduced Saul to the apostles and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Psalm (21) 22

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these, that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

John 15:1-8

Jesus is the true Vine. “Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	3:00	Confirmation practice @Corpus Christi
Sat	10:30	First Eucharist, Avner
	11:30	Liturgy Meeting

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Email info to bulletin@stceciiaspm.org.



Curbside Food Drive Saturday, May 22nd 12:00-2:00pm

We will be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items, and monetary donations for an organization in need. It’s not too early to begin shopping for items, but we do ask that you hold onto them until the food drive.

Volunteers will be on hand to collect your donations from your vehicle.

Thank you for continuing to support those in need!

Questions may be directed to the parish office.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Contact Information

If you have changed your contact information (email, mailing address, or phone), please let us know so we may stay in touch. Call the parish office at 651.644.4502 or send an email to linda@stceciliasp.org. Thank you!

Ignatian Associates

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If you would like to learn more about the Associates, please contact Justin McDevitt: Telephone: 612.237.4192, or justliz@outlook.com, or visit www.ignatianassociates.org/community/twin-cities.

Faith FORMATION

Upcoming Faith Formation Events

- May 1**
First Eucharist, Kolbe & Anna
- May 2**
CGS Group 1 (last class)
Confirmation Practice, Corpus Christi
3:00-4:30pm
- May 8**
First Eucharist, Avner
- May 15**
First Eucharist, Elliot & Rosie
- May 16**
Confirmation, Corpus Christi
2:00pm
- May 22**
First Eucharist, Grace & Daniel
- May 23**
CGS Group 2 (last class)
3:00-4:30pm



First Eucharist

Congratulations to

Kolbe R.

Parents, Beau & Lisa R.

and

Anna K.

Parents, Jeff & Carrie K.

who are celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist and joining us at the Lord's table.

Our Spring Parish Event is Coming!

**Saturday, June 5th
at Hampden Park**
(rain date Sunday, June 6th)

Please support us in the following ways:

Calendar Raffle donations:

Gift cards valued at \$50 or higher for Target, Hampden Co-op, Hazel's Northeast, Pho 79, Urban Growler, Foxy Falafel, or Naughty Greek.



Silent Auction items:

The format of the silent auction will be a little different, but we still need **new** items to auction off! Gift cards, theme baskets, weekend getaways, and event tickets make great silent auction items!

Support the cause:

Cash donations in any amount are welcomed and very appreciated!

Items can be dropped off at or mailed to the parish office.
Please label any donations as "spring event."

Interested in helping plan our event? Please contact Colleen Smith (mowdy17@gmail.com) or Theresa O'Toole (theresa@stceciliasp.org)!



Aurelia F.& Finnegan A.
First Eucharist April 24th


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