



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



**"Those who are wise
will shine as bright
as the sky, and
those who lead many
to righteousness
will shine like the
stars forever."
Daniel 12:3**

WELCOME

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

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

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The Church of Saint Cecilia



Thank you to everyone who selected tags off the Giving Tree last weekend! As of this writing, we have 57 tags remaining of the 312 we started with. Thank you so much! Feel free to select another tag if you desire.

How the Giving Tree Works

Stop by the Link and consider fulfilling a **NEW** gift request for a student at Cesar Chavez School (CC) or a family member at Holy Rosary Church (HR). We have gift requests at a variety of prices and we welcome you to select more than one tag if you desire. Tags are color-coded; red for Cesar Chavez and green for Holy Rosary. Please note that children at Holy Rosary are allowed two gift requests; one clothing item and one toy, but you are not required to select both tags. Because Cesar Chavez School has a very large student body and in order to serve as many as possible, each recipient has one tag on the tree.

All gifts are to be returned to the Link, UNWRAPPED with the gift tag securely fastened, by Sunday, December 1st (Thanksgiving Weekend)



If shopping online, please allow ample time for shipment to meet our Giving Tree deadline of Sunday, December 1st (Thanksgiving Weekend). If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will use it to shop for you and/or purchase extra gifts as needed. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Giving Tree" are greatly

appreciated. Please contact the parish office with any questions. Donations of new wrapping paper and scotch tape are also welcome.

For questions on the Giving Tree call the parish office.

Update on the Rachyski Family

We are happy to report that the Rachyski family - Viktor, Yuliia, Diana and Viktor, Jr., are doing very well. The children are thriving, learning English, and making friends, at the Global Art's School in St. Paul. Yuliia and Viktor both have part time jobs, and they have moved into an apartment.

In October, Susan and Tom helped them to comfortably move into and furnish their apartment. They want to thank you for your help, and for your prayers. We have been invited to gather for their first dinner party this week, to thank us for what we have done. Susan and I feel they have gifted us - with their strength, their joy and their fortitude, in coming to a new country, learning the language, and truly contributing in amazing ways.

We ask for your continued prayers for their families still in Ukraine, and for a just peace in their homeland.

With gratitude,
JoAnn Mason and Susan Guthrie

Financial Results for the First Quarter ended September 30, 2024

Anticipated revenues	\$85,500
Actual revenues	\$99,911
Anticipated expenses	\$104,000
Actual expenses	\$94,588
Operating surplus	\$5,323
Building contributions	\$2,500
Building costs and insurance recovery, net	\$19,987*
Total surplus	\$27,810

*Insurance recoveries of \$20,379 were received in September but the final payment on the roof replacement of \$60,325 was not made until October.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 23, 4:30pm

Book:	Scott S.
Lectors:	Linda B./Nancy B.
Host:	Gerri J.
Cup:	Ellen C./Grace F.
Greeter:	Bob T./Laurie K.
Sacristan:	Tom K.

Sunday, November 24, 9:30am

Book:	Mary Pat Z.
Lectors:	Ann K./Evelyn P.
Host:	Mary M.
Cup:	Paul C./Julie M.
Greeter:	Kathy D.
Sacristan:	Larry C.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	Giving Tree
	10:30	CGS & 1st Euch Class
		Lector Workshop on Prophets in the Advent Readings
	10:30	Advent Program Meeting
Wed	5:30	Confirmation
Sat		Giving Tree
	5:30	Wine/Cheese Celebration
Sun		Giving Tree
	9:30	FF Liturgy of the Word

COMMUNITY NEWS

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming holiday, please be mindful of the early bulletin deadlines:
November 24th bulletin—submissions due by Monday, November 18th at 9:00am.
December 1st bulletin—submissions due by Thursday, November 21st at 9:00am.
 Send submissions to bulletin@stceciliasp.org. Thank you.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend you'll have the opportunity to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people living in the United States live in poverty. Donations support programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent positive change to their communities. Envelopes are in the back of church and may be returned to the regular collection basket during Mass, or use our PayPal link [here](#). Please indicate "special collection" with your donation. Learn more about the CCHD [here](#).

Thanksgiving Day Mass



Our Thanksgiving day Mass will be held at 9:00am on Thursday, November 28th. We have two traditions here at St. Cecilia that you are invited to take part in: 1) bring nonperishable food and/or monetary donations for those in need, and 2) bring the bread and/or wine that you will be serving at your dinner for a special blessing during Mass.

Parish Closure Notifications

With winter just around the corner and the potential for inclement weather, we have procedures in place to notify you of event cancellations and parish closure. Once a decision is made to cancel liturgies or other activities, a parish wide email will be sent out. Our calendar on the home page of our website will also note the cancellations as well as a separate "closure/cancellation" posting. In addition, we'll have a recorded message on our parish phone. If you aren't receiving our weekly parish wide email and would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact Barb Falardeau at bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

Feast of St. Cecilia

To celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia we're hosting a wine and cheese reception on Saturday, November 23rd following our 4:30pm liturgy. Gather in the Link. All are welcome.



Whole Community Wednesday - Advent Stations

Join us on Wednesday, December 4th starting at 5:30pm for one of our newer traditions. For the past three years we have taken time out during Advent to dedicate an evening to candlelight reflection. Since 2025 begins the year of Jubilee, our focus this year will be on hope and joy. This event is open to all parishioners, so we hope you will consider joining us! The catered meal begins at 5:30pm (free will offering to help cover costs optional) with stations to follow at about 6:30pm. [Please RSVP](#) here or let Theresa know by email by **S u n d a y , D e c 1 .**

Advent Program

Every Advent season we look forward to sharing the beautiful story of Jesus' birth. We will have a brief meeting on **Sunday, November 17 following the 9:30am Mass up in the church.** Since we have a Confirmation class this year, we are really hoping to incorporate as many of our teens as possible. We are using the Visitation script, which allows us to have more acting and speaking parts. We also look forward to having as much participation as possible from our children ages 3+. If you are unable to make it to the meeting on Nov 17 but would like to have your child take part, please reach out by email.

Upcoming Events:

- 11/17- CGS & First Eucharist, **Advent Program Meeting after Mass**
- 11/20 - Confirmation only, 5:30pm-7:45pm
- 11/24 - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 12/1 - CGS & First Eucharist, **Confirmation only Advent Program Practice**
- 12/8 - CGS & Lit of the Word, **Advent Practice after Mass, Confirmation project**

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#871 vs. 1, 4, 5
Gloria	#319
Psalms 16	#30
Gospel Acc.	#194
Preparation	4:30 #406, 9:30 #Choir
A Community Mass	#370, 373, 372, 389
Communion	#943
Closing	#766 vs. 1, 2

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3. *The splendid resurrection of the just is announced.*

Psalms 16: #30

Hebrews 10:11-14,18. *Jesus' offering of himself as a sacrifice for those who are being sanctified. No further offering is needed.*

Mark 13:24-32. *Severe trials of every sort precede the coming of the Son of Man. As to the exact day or hour, no one knows, not even the Son, but only the Father.*

Gluten Sensitivity

Gluten-free hosts are available. Please inform one of the greeters before Mass if you need a gluten-free host.



Hospitality

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

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.



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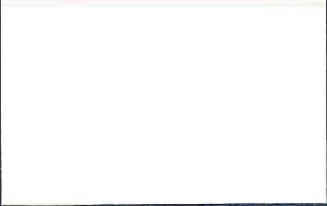
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