



# 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 the office at  
651.644.4502

## OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open  
Monday-Thursday  
10:00am to 2:00pm

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia



All month long we will be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items and monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf, Keystone Community Services. The need is especially great right now and your extra

generosity is appreciated. Suggested donations:

- Instant potatoes/boxed stuffing
- Chicken broth, vegetable broth
- Canned vegetables & canned fruit
- Canned yams, canned cranberries
- Canned pumpkin, evaporated milk
- Jar or package gravy
- Rice (white, brown & wild), and quinoa
- Crackers-regular and gluten free, nonperishable cheese spreads
- Flour & sugar (white & brown)
- Mini marshmallows
- Boxed muffin mixes
- Boxed corn bread mixes
- Canned fruit for pies
- Graham cracker pie crusts
- Cornstarch, baking soda, baking powder
- Ground sage, poultry seasoning, cinnamon, salt & pepper, etc.
- Juice, hot chocolate, tea, coffee
- Pickles & olives
- Vegetable oil, shortening, olive oil

### Non-food items

- Holiday themed paper plates/napkins
- Toilet paper & paper towels
- Shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste/tooth brushes
- Dish soap, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent
- Cleaning products
- Feminine hygiene products, baby diapers,

Monetary donations also welcome! Checks payable to St. Cecilia or use our PayPal link [here](#). Indicate "food drive" with all donations.

### Financial results for the First Quarter ended September 30, 2025

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Budgeted Operating Revenues | \$90,000   |
| Actual Operating Revenues   | \$80,485   |
| Budgeted Operating Expenses | \$97,650   |
| Actual Operating Expenses   | \$85,055   |
| Budgeted Operating Deficit  | (\$7,650)  |
| Actual Operating Deficit    | (\$4,570)  |
| Building Contributions      | \$893      |
| Major Building Repairs      | (\$9,672)  |
| Total Deficit               | (\$13,349) |

### PARISH CALENDAR

|     |       |                                           |
|-----|-------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sun | 9:30  | Food Drive<br>First Eucharist Class & CGS |
|     | 10:30 | Book Discussion                           |
| Tue | 7:00  | Choir                                     |
| Wed | 10:00 | Staff Meeting                             |
|     | 6:00  | Parish Community Council                  |
|     | 7:00  | Taize Prayer                              |
| Sat |       | Catholic Campaign for Human Development   |
|     | 9:00  | Giving Tree Set Up                        |
|     | 5:30  | Movie Night                               |
| Sun |       | Catholic Campaign for Human Development   |
|     |       | Giving Tree                               |
|     | 9:30  | FF Liturgy of the Word & CGS              |
|     | 10:30 | Advent Program Meeting                    |
|     | 10:30 | Book Discussion                           |

### Hospitality

Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass.



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

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

### Giving



### Tree

### Giving Tree Begins Next Weekend

Beginning next weekend we will have trees set up in the Link with gift requests from two organizations, Holy Rosary Church and Cesar Chavez School.

We anticipate having 300 gift requests to fulfill and invite you to select more than one tag if you desire. The tags will include a variety of gifts at a variety of prices. Examples of requests: winter boots, winter jackets, comforters, shoes, toys, clothing, etc. Each tag will have one gift request. All gifts are to be NEW and returned unwrapped to the Link, with the tag securely fastened, by Sunday, December 7th.

If you prefer to let our team do the shopping for you, a monetary donation may be made. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Giving Tree" may be sent to the parish office.

We hope you'll consider participating in this outreach program to benefit those in need this holiday season. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Giving Tree Team



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Taizé Prayer**  
Wednesday,  
November 12th at 7:00pm

*A peaceful hour of music,  
prayer and quiet. All are  
welcome.*

### Spam Email

If you received an email with an invite from Fr. John, please delete it; his account was hacked. There is no need for concern.

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next 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.

### Attention families whose children made postcards!

In preparation for the pilgrimage, several of our children created cards to send to Archbishop Hebda, drawing something about nature, with a note saying they are praying for the environment and would he pray with them? He sent this hand-written note to the children: "I loved the postcards from the children at St. Cecilia's--they were spectacular. Please tell them I'm happy to join them in prayer." Sincerely in Christ, (archbishop) Bernard A. Hebda.

### Alms Box

In case you aren't aware, there is an Alms Box located in the vestibule of the church on the left side of the doors as you enter. The cash donations deposited there are turned into assistance to those who are destitute. Our faith calls us to remember the most vulnerable among us—contributing to the Alms Box is one way to do this. Contributing to the Alms Box is also an opportunity to model for our young people the responsibility and privilege we have to care for those less fortunate.

## Faith FORMATION

### Advent Program Parent Meeting - Nov 16

Join us on Sunday, November 16th following 9:30am Mass to hear about this year's advent program script and roles. This is a great time for students to try on costumes and indicate which roles they would like. Practices take place on Dec 7 & 14 after Mass, and the program will take place during Mass on Dec 21. We aim for 100% participation from our students! I try to find something for everyone, so even if your student doesn't want to read or wear a costume we can always use helping hands. Reach out with any questions,

### Bring-a-Buddy to WCW!

**WCW is NOT just for school-aged children and their families!** I am hoping to increase attendance and widen our reach at our WCW evenings. We want to extend a warm welcome to parishioners of all ages, so find someone at donuts and invite them to join us! Anyone who brings a new friend, neighbor, or St. C's parishioner to a meeting will get to put their name in a hat. I will also put an entry in for anyone new who comes to check it out. I will pull a winner after December's meeting. I'm hoping that this incentive will inspire you to welcome more people into the group and to encourage those who have been thinking about attending to commit to joining us. The prize is TBD, but I'm open to suggestions. :) [Don't forget to RSVP.](#)

### December Whole Community Wednesday - Advent Stations & Taizé

Join us on Wednesday, December 3rd for a quiet evening of prayer and reflection. We will begin with a shared meal at 5:30pm and then move through a series of Advent stations. At 7pm we will move upstairs and join in on the Taizé prayer in church. You can RSVP for the evening [at this link](#). Hope to see you there!

### Upcoming Events:

- Nov 9 -CGS & First Eucharist
- Nov 16 -CGS & Lit of Word, Advent program parent meeting after Mass

- Nov 23 - First Eucharist
- Nov 30 - no meetings, Thanksgiving weekend
- Dec 3—WCW & Taizé Prayer
- Dec 7 -CGS, Lit of Word & First Eucharist, Advent program practice
- Dec 14 -CGS, Lit of Word & First Eucharist, Advent Program practice
- Dec 21 - Advent program during 9:30am Mass

### Music for Liturgy

|                                                                                               |                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Opening                                                                                       | #743                                                              |
| Gloria                                                                                        | #323                                                              |
| Psalm 46 The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. |                                                                   |
| Gospel Acclamation                                                                            | #332                                                              |
| Preparation                                                                                   | (4:30) Instrumental<br>(9:30) How Lovely is Your Dwelling (choir) |
| Eucharistic Acclamations                                                                      | #355, 356, 357, 388                                               |
| Communion                                                                                     | #948                                                              |
| Closing                                                                                       | #766                                                              |

### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm 46: The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

John 2:13-22

## OUT & ABOUT

### Holiday Craft Fair

Saint Rose of Lima Church Saturday, November 15th 10am-3pm. (Santa visit from 11am-1pm).

### Equal Portions: Food, Friendship and Fun.

Presented by St. Anthony Park Area Seniors and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> noon-1:30pm. Cost \$15. Dr. Sally Power will discuss marbling art and techniques. Call 651-642-9052 to register.

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