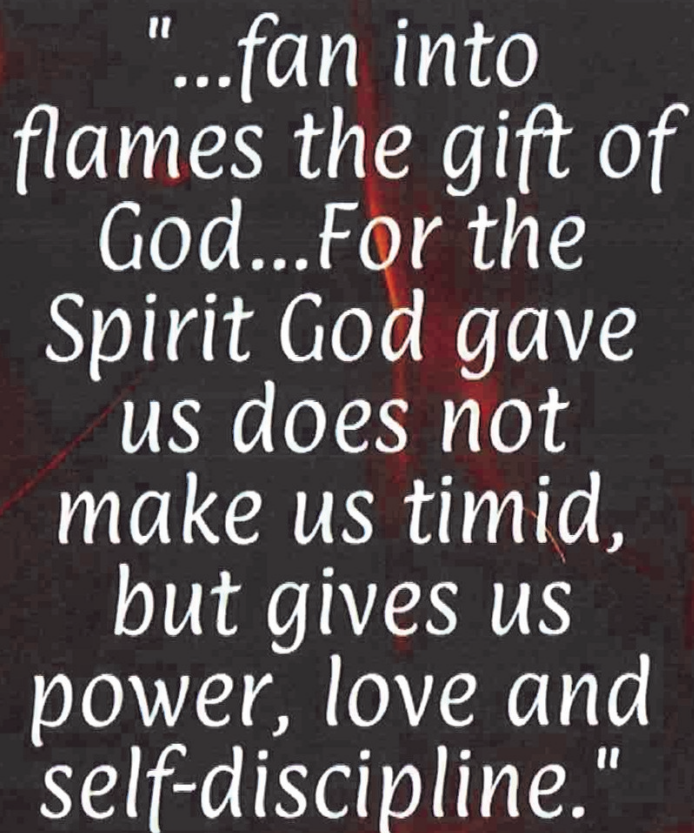




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Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 9:30  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



"...fan into  
flames the gift of  
God...For the  
Spirit God gave  
us does not  
make us timid,  
but gives us  
power, love and  
self-discipline."

## WELCOME

To join the parish, please  
call the office at  
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## OFFICE HOURS

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

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# The Church of Saint Cecilia

## Season of Creation Ends

October 4th marks the end of the annual observance of the Season of Creation which many religious traditions observe. We thank Jean Wright for the beautiful banner she created to help us mark this time together. We will process out with it at the end of this Saturday's Liturgy. October 4th is also the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of ecology and care for the earth. May we be inspired to pay attention to all that threatens our life together on this planet.

October has also become known as Respect Life month. We honor the gift of life at every level as we Anoint the Sick and pay attention in the days ahead to the presence of Domestic Violence in our human community.

John Hofstede

## Faith Formation Opportunities

### Small Groups – 2025/2026

Last month we were fortunate to have Vicki Klima give a presentation on her book: **Participation of the Heart: Deeper Engagement in the Mass**. It was very well received and people suggested we use her book as this year's small group material. What a great idea!! Some aha! comments:

- So you're saying Liturgy is not a "spectator sport?"
- If liturgy is "the source and summit of Christian Life" why do people seem to endure it rather than celebrate it?
- What do we mean when we say liturgy is a rehearsal for how we are to live every day?
- How are liturgy and justice connected?
- What are the implications of believing the Real Presence is in each of us?

This book is written in 32 sections – the fall session will be 4 weeks with each week covering 4 sections (they are short!). The winter session will be another 4 weeks to cover the rest of the sessions. Check out Vicki's website [vickiklimaliturgy.org](http://vickiklimaliturgy.org) for information about the book.

*If you've been in a small group before, contact your group leader. If you haven't been in a group and want to participate, please contact Marge at [virnigma@comcast.net](mailto:virnigma@comcast.net) and she will have group leaders contact you with specific dates and times.*

### Book Group Discussion

Art Zannoni has graciously agreed to lead a 4 week book group discussion (after 9:30 liturgies) on Bill Huebsch's **Encounter With the Holy**. Art has graciously written discussion/reflection questions that will generate thoughtful conversation.

- **Sunday November 3, 2025** - Kick off with a brief introduction by Bill, and discussion facilitated by Art.
- **Sunday November 10, 2025** – Discussion on Ch. 3-5 facilitated by Art
- **Sunday November 17, 2025** – Discussion on Ch. 6-10 facilitated by Art
- **Sunday November 24, 2025** - Discussion on Ch. 11-14 facilitated by Art

*If you are interested in participating in one or both of these opportunities to rediscover the transforming power of Liturgy and the transforming power of Encountering the Holy, contact Marge at [virnigma@comcast.net](mailto:virnigma@comcast.net) or see the sign up form in the link so we can get materials ordered.*

**Participation of the Heart** is \$15.95 (with group discount) – you can choose a hard copy or an immediate PDF download (think environment!)

**Encounter with the Holy** is \$8.00

## Financial Results for June 30, 2025

Operating Revenues	\$436,803
Anticipated Operating Revenues	\$382,000
Operating Expenses	\$399,512
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Operating Surplus	\$37,291
Building Fund Contributions	\$12,435
Endowment Transfer	\$10,941
Bequests Revenue, net	\$39,121
Net Investment Income	\$28,509
Major Building Expenditures	(\$45,246)
Net Surplus	\$83,051
Cash on Hand for Operations	\$182,881
Cash on Hand-Building Fund	\$73,116
Savings/CD	\$110,702
Fidelity Investments	\$110,223
Reserve Fund at Catholic Community Fund	\$351,922

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, October 11, 4:30pm

<b>Book:</b>	Mike L.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Miles B./Karen L.
<b>Host:</b>	Steve C.
<b>Cup:</b>	Ellen C./Stephanie K.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Stephanie K.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Kathy W.

### Sunday, October 12, 9:30am

<b>Book:</b>	Jack S.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Noah F./Ann K.
<b>Host:</b>	Susan G.
<b>Cup:</b>	Mary Clare L./Mary M.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Bill & Peggy E.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Larry C.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	Sacrament of Anointing FF Liturgy of the Word & CGS
	10:30	Mission Trip Meeting
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed		Loaves & Fishes
	10:00	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Taize Prayer
Sat/Sun		Food Drive
Sun	9:30	First Euch. Class
	10:30	Sunday Forum/Domestic Violence Awareness Video

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Taize Prayer**  
**Wednesday,**  
**October 8th**  
**7:00pm**

*A peaceful hour of music, prayer and quiet*

### Sacrament of Anointing at October 4th/5th Masses

The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be offered at our liturgies this weekend. It is fitting that we as a community of faith surround all in our community who are experiencing the burden of illness whether sudden and acute or a chronic, ongoing condition with our prayer and support. Our faith tells us that Jesus reached out compassionately to touch and heal those who suffered physically or emotionally. It is fitting then, that together in his name, we should act and pray in acknowledgment of our weakness and need for his strength and healing. We are privileged to both give and receive in this sacrament.

### Food Drive October 11th/12th

Your donations to our food drive next weekend are greatly appreciated! Collecting nonperishable food, personal care items, and monetary donations.

### Welcome

St. Cecilia's would like to welcome Linda Twiss to our community of faith.



**Saturday,**  
**October 25th**  
**5:30pm**



### 2025-2026 Faith Formation Details

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd during 9:30am Mass, three Sundays a month from October-May, ages 3-6 (PreK-1st Grade)
- First Eucharist & Reconciliation for grade two or as needed for older students, during 9:30am Mass, two Sundays per month from Oct-May
- Large Group Family Formation on the first Wednesday of the month where we will share a meal and take part in a learning activity, service project or prayer service, all ages welcome
- Liturgy of the Word for Children during 9:30am Mass, two Sundays per month from Oct-May, all ages welcome
- Please [follow this link](#) to register.

### Upcoming Events:

- First class for First Eucharist on Sunday, October 12th.

### Music for Liturgy

Opening	#846
Gloria	#323
9:30 only: Children's Liturgy of the Word—The Word Is In Your Heart	
Psalm 95 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.	
Gospel Acclamation	#332
Anointing	#665
Preparation	4:30 Instrumental 9:30 Choir
Eucharistic Acclamations	#355, 356, 357, 388
Communion	#907
Closing	#635

### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrews 1:2-3, 2:2-4. *In the prophet's questioning about the success of the wicked, God finally replies that the person lives by faith.*

**Psalm 95. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14. *Stir into flame the grace given to you. It is no cowardly spirit. Guard the rich deposit of faith.*

Luke 17:5-10. *The apostles pray, "Lord, increase our faith." Faith, Jesus replies, can remove mountains. Yet when you have done all that is commanded, say, "We are useless servants."*

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Here and There and Here Again

Domestic Violence Awareness Month, first observed in the US in October 1987, is also observed in other places. For example, the UK and Canada have DV Awareness Month in November, Australia sets aside May as Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, New Zealand observes White Ribbon Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, to raise awareness of Domestic Violence.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, approximately 85% of domestic violence perpetrators in the US are male. So, after last October's DV Awareness presentation at St. Cecilia's, the unanswered question was: WHY? Why do men abuse?

We will find some insight next Sunday when we watch a 20-minute film interview by Chuck Derry, one of the most important voices in this area of Domestic Abuse – from right here in Minnesota!

Please mark your calendars to join us downstairs after the 9:30am Mass next Sunday. You will be able to see Derry's quite blunt explanation of why men abuse and batter.

**AWARENESS + Action = social change**



### Hospitality

Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass.

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



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