



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Lazarus

12th century, Museum of Romanesque Art, Barcelona

WELCOME

To join the parish, please
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OFFICE HOURS

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

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Pilgrimage a Success!

Thanks to all who attended and to everyone in the parish who prayed for the success and supported those who could attend our Care for Creation Pilgrimage on September 14th! It was an inspiring event where we came together as a church community and began a new partnership with Carondelet Village residents working for a sustainable future. This is just the beginning for our parish with future goals to connect with other parishes to urge the St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese to strive for a sustainable future to be stewards of God's creation. Be on the lookout for more opportunities to get involved soon!



Season of Creation Prayers

Creator God,

We celebrate the dance of a raindrop in a puddle and the roar of an ocean storm.
We celebrate the fleet-footedness of the deer and deliberate journey of the turtle.
We celebrate the cleverness of the spider's delicate legs and the sinewy power of the leopard's movements.

The array of life is all a gift from you! Show us how to live and love so we can care for all of nature! Amen.

Show us, Creator God,

how our choices have hurt the earth and all its creatures.

how our lifestyles deprive some of our sisters and brothers of a healthy life.

Show us how to make changes in the world to bring healing to our earth. Amen.

Sacrament of Anointing at October 4th/5th Masses

The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be offered at our liturgies next 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.



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

**Save the Date!
More details to come!**

Financial Results for June 30, 2025

Operating Revenues	\$436,803
Anticipated Operating Revenues	\$382,000
Operating Expenses	\$399,512
Anticipated Operating Expenses	\$425,500
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 4, 4:30pm

Book:	Linda B.
Lectors:	Ellen D.
Host:	Stephanie K.
Cup:	Alice S./Teri D.
Greeter:	Stephanie K.
Sacristan:	Tom K.

Sunday, October 5, 9:30am

Book:	Mary Pat Z.
Lectors:	Brent D./Susan G.
Host:	Julie M.
Cup:	Noah F./Marilee G.
Greeter:	Charlie T.
Sacristan:	Paul C.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	3:00	Hope in a Divided World Presentation at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	5:30	Whole Community Wed. Kick-Off & Bonfire
Sat/Sun		Anointing of Sick
Sun	9:30	Faith Formation Liturgy of the Word & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

COMMUNITY NEWS

Habitat for Humanity Thank You

St. Cecilia's parish participated in the Habitat for Humanity summer build on August 18th to 22nd. The project was a house remodel at 3508 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis. Our work was on windows and siding. Thank you to the volunteers who worked at the site, those who provided meals for the workers and those who financially supported this project. St. Cecilia's parish commitment to the project is \$3,000. Habitat for Humanity is rooted in faith and community, inspired by hope, committed to anti-racism, and driven to innovate.

Hope in a Divided World

A presentation by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale
Sunday, Sept. 28th, 3:00pm at
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
 (2136 Carter Ave.)

Division in the U.S. is fueled, in part, by the rise of white Christian nationalism. Drawing on the life and witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Prof. Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg University, will offer a vision for a faithful and courageous response. She will explore four themes that can ground us in justice, compassion, and resilient hope as we work together for the common good.

Dr. Lori Brandt Hale is the Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Religion in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Augsburg University. She is the president of the International Bonhoeffer Society-English Language Section Board of Directors. Her most recent publication co-edited with W. David Hall, is *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theology, and Political Resistance*.

Sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Faith Communities. Free of charge; refreshments afterwards. All are welcome!

Your Money at Work

This past week we replaced three diseased trees with a new species. We could use volunteers to help with watering our new trees. The trees are in the garden on the Cromwell side of the building. A hose and water spigot are located on that side as well. Let us know if you can help out. Thank you!

Faith FORMATION

Whole Community Wednesday Kick-Off & Bonfire



Join us on Wednesday, October 1st for our first WCW session of the year. We will enjoy a catered meal together at 5:30pm with the activity starting around 6:30pm. The theme for the evening is Models of Church. We will incorporate a hands-on project, take part in lively discussions, and culminate with a bonfire and s'mores in the courtyard. **Our WCW program is NOT just for families with school-aged children!** We encourage all parishioners to join us and see what we are all about. All are welcome. [Please use this link to RSVP](#) to help with food counts. Hope to see you there!

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:

- Wednesday night formation kick-off on Wednesday, October 1st starting at 5:30pm
- First class for Lit of the Word & CGS on Sunday, October 5th
- First class for First Eucharist on Sunday, October 12th.



Hospitality

Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass.

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#590
Gloria	#323
Psalm 146 I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.	
Gospel Acclamation	#332
Preparation	#816
Eucharistic Acclamations	#355, 356, 357, 388
Communion	#940
Closing	#575 vs. 1, 7

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7. *A sarcastic condemnation of the men of Samaria, stretched comfortably upon ivory-inlaid couches, yet not heartsick for the moral collapse of the nation.*

Psalm 146. I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.

1 Timothy 6:11-16. *Seek after integrity, piety, faith, love, steadfastness and a gently spirit...until our Lord Jesus Christ shall appear.*

Luke 16:19-31. *Parable of the rich man and Lazarus. If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will be convinced if one should rise from the dead.*

OUT & ABOUT

Groundings Lecture Series

Listening Deeper Than Differences

Tuesday, October 21st 12:30-2:30pm at Saint Thomas More (1079 Summit Ave.)

Speakers: Rev. Dr. Janet Johnson & Rev. Doug Federhart.

See the flyer on the Link bulletin board for more information.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 9:00am. Email submissions to bulletin@stceciliasp.org.



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<https://stcs-careforcreation.netlify.app/>, or scan the QR code.

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