



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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

“Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!” Jesus Mafa

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Sunday Forum- September 29th Spiritual Conversation about Voting for the Common Good

As Catholics called to political participation, we form our consciences through prayer, reflection and conversation about the many issues affecting human dignity and the common good as we prepare to vote. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops document "[Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#)" encourages conscience formation through reflection on Catholic Social Teaching. On September 13, Pope Francis reminded US Catholics of the importance of voting, after discerning the lesser evil from one's choice when each candidate fails to respect life in important ways ranging from abortion to migration. Come for an opportunity to engage in spiritual conversation about faith and public life on September 29 at 10:45am.

Angela Senander, PhD is a theologian specializing in Catholic social ethics, who served as chair of the department of systematic and moral theology at Washington Theological Union. She is an expert on Catholic engagement in public life and the author of Scandal: The Catholic Church and Public Life.

Whole Community Wednesday

Our large group faith formation nights, called Whole Community Wednesday (or WCW), will begin on Wednesday, October 2nd and will usually meet the first Wed of each month. We will have a shared meal starting at 5:30pm. Our focus that night will be sharing our gifts and talents with our community. There will be time to get to know one another, celebrate what we all bring to St. Cecilia and we will end with a bonfire and s'mores outside in the courtyard. ALL ARE WELCOME so please spread the word. We will wrap up around 7:45pm. [Please RSVP for the whole community Wednesday gatherings.](#) Your RSVP is appreciated by Monday, Sept 30. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Preparation

We would like all of our Confirmation candidates to come to our first large group meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd (see above). Confirmation will meet upstairs in the choir room after dinner while the rest of the large group meets downstairs. **There will be a parent meeting immediately following class at 7:45pm.**

Introductory Retreat - First Eucharist

Students who are registered for First Eucharist/Reconciliation should plan to attend our intro retreat on Saturday, September 28 from 9am-12pm. This is a parent-child retreat. We will go over important details regarding the program and get started on the missal work. If you are unable to make it to this retreat please let Theresa O'Toole know.

Interns Wanted

We are looking for students in 6th grade and above who would like to take part in our intern program. Interns offer support to our teachers during 9:30am Mass on Sunday mornings for Liturgy of the Word, First Eucharist and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We also need helpers at Saturday retreats. Please reach out to theresa@stceciliaspn.org if you student would like to sign up to be an intern.

Upcoming Events:

- 9/28 - First Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat, 9am-12pm
- 10/2 - WCW and Confirmation Kick-off, dinner at 5:30 and programming from 6:30-7:45pm
- 10/6 - CGS & First Eucharist
- 10/13 - CGS & Liturgy of the Word for children
- 10/20 - First Eucharist
- 10/23 - Confirmation only, 5:30-7:45pm
- 10/27 - CGS & Liturgy of the Word for children



Sacrament of Anointing at October 5th/6th Masses

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

Perhaps you could plan to bring a neighbor or friend who may need a little help to get here. Illness can afflict us in many forms--body, mind or spirit--and can be a source of isolation.

John Hofstede

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	10:45	Sunday Forum
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	5:30	Whole Community Wednesday Dinner/6:30Program
Fri	5:00	Wedding
Sat		Anointing of Sick Ministry Sign Up
Sun		Anointing of Sick Ministry Sign Up
	9:30	CGS & First Eucharist Class

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, call the parish office at 651.644.4502 or complete the form on our website. If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain, contact Teri DeMore at 651.399.0923. The role of a prayer chain member is to serve parishioners by offering prayers for special intentions and prayer requests.



Hospitality

Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass.

SMALL GROUP NEWS

Small Groups for Fall 2024

Hello friends!

Small groups are starting the week of October 20th. The material from the Maryknoll Sisters is a four week reflection on Advent. Here is the link. If you want a hard copy to look at, there will be a few in the back of church next week (9-29). Please leave them for others to peruse.

https://www.maryknollsisters.org/pray-with-us/advent-guide/?s_subsrc=21LGCZZZ&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjw8rW2BhAgEiwAoRO5rCyZmeZiKz5FzIWHo9TDv8KXzKAURKy1QFoblfSeX5OUocTdHp2RoCNqoQAvD_BwE

Yes, we know Advent doesn't start until December 1st! By starting the week of October 20th, there will be plenty of opportunity to meet 4 times before Thanksgiving. Some Sundays may need to be skipped for parish forums or other events. A Wednesday evening will have to be used to attend Whole Community Wednesday in November. Thursday evening folks may skip Halloween. Actually trying to meet during Advent seemed pretty challenging. This way, we will all be ready to really appreciate Advent. And we can use this material again with our families, or by ourselves to stay grounded during the season.

Last time around, there were groups meeting on Sundays after Mass (2), Tuesdays at 10:30am in Friendship Hall, Tuesdays at 10:30am in WBL, Wednesdays 6pm in St. Anthony Park, and Thursdays at 7pm in Friendship Hall. There hasn't been a group Saturday, but if you are interested in having a light supper and doing group after 4:30 Mass, contact Nancy Blume at 612.819.3931.

Leaders will be calling past participants soon. If you haven't been able to be part of a small group in the past, but want to do so now, email Susan Guthrie and let her know what day/time/place works best for you. Also, there hasn't been a Zoom option in the past, but if you are interested in facilitating or participating via Zoom, let Susan know. Someone will have to volunteer to organize that group. Susanguthrie56@gmail.com.

**Season of Creation
WEEK 5: SEPTEMBER 29-
OCTOBER 4**

"St. Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wildflowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty." - Laudato Si', 12

Look for activities downstairs!

Theme: St. Francis and Moving Forward
As we conclude the Season of Creation, we turn our hearts to St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. His deep love for all creatures and his joyful connection with nature remind us of our call to protect and cherish the earth. This week, we reflect on how we can carry forward the spirit of St. Francis in our daily lives, making choices that honor and sustain God's creation.



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

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#834
Gloria	#319
Psalms 19	#32
Gospel Acc.	#194
Preparation	#788
A Community Mass	#370, 373, 372, 389
Communion	#928
Closing	#557 Vs 1, 2, 4

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-59. *Moses is pleased that the spirit of prophecy is shared with those not immediately present in the first ordination of elders.*

Psalms 19: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

James 5:1-6. *Hard words against the wealthy who abused their workers and withheld wages.*

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. *Rejoice in everyone who expels demons or works miracles in Jesus' name, even if "not of our company." Scandal and bad leadership will be severely punished. We must adamantly cut away whatever stands in the way of the Kingdom of God.*



**Congratulations Jeanne Dold
on your Retirement!**
(Jeanne's last day is September 30th)

OUT & ABOUT

Celebrate the Season of Creation with us at St. Albert the Great Parish (2836 33rd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406)

You're invited to a prayer event that celebrates The Season of Creation, on **Wednesday, October 2, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in St. Albert's Chapel.** We will be sharing the **Kateri Tekakwitha Chaplet**, created by the Care for Creation Team of the Archdiocese of St Paul & Minneapolis. The seven-bead Chaplet format is named for St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the Patroness of the Environment, and the first Indigenous woman saint of the Americas. All are welcome.

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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