



Church of Saint Cecilia

Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45 pm

www.StCeciliaSPM.org

July 11/12 and 18/19, 2026



Summer Office Hours

For summer, the Parish Office will be open Tues, Weds, and Thurs 10 am to 2 pm. We will evaluate this late summer to determine if this should become a permanent change.

Summer Bulletins

Bulletins will be produced every two weeks, with deadlines on the 1st and 15th.
Submissions: bulletin@stceciliasp.org.



Do you love to sing? Join our St. Cecilia's choir for just one day!

SUMMER 2026 PICK-UP CHOIR

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Mass (arrive at 9 am)

Saturday, August 15

4:30 pm Mass (arrive at 4 pm)

Open to all! Details in weekly email.
Questions? Email Betsy.

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UPCOMING

Monday, July 13

6:30 pm Deck Night at the Zwacks

Saturday, July 18

3:45 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 19

9:00 am Arrive for pick-up choir
9:30 am Mass

Monday, July 20

6:30 pm Craft Night

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 pm Backyard Sing-Along at St. C

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 pm Deck Night at the Zwacks

Saturday, July 25

3:45 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am Mass

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 pm Creation Care Committee

We're Hiring! Catechetical Ministry Coordinator

The Catechetical Ministry Coordinator is a salaried member of the parish staff who coordinates and organizes parish religious education programs. The complete Job Posting is on the Staff page of the St. Cecilia website, www.StCeciliaSPM.org.

Please share the posting with folks in your network who may be a good fit for the position!

July 11/12: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH EVENTS

Deck Night at the Zwacks July 8, 13, 22, Aug 18, Sept 3, 6:30 pm 4417 Arthur St. NE, Columbia Hts

Enjoy evenings of conversation, treats, and relaxation. Popcorn, M&Ms, and lemonade provided. BYOB. Rain or shine! See the flyer in the Link.

Sing-Along in the Backyard at St. Cecilia's Tuesdays: July 21 & August 11, 7 pm

We'll sing some Beatles, some 70's pop tunes, and some community favorites. If the weather or bugs are unbearable, we'll move inside to the Friendship Hall. Bring friends and family! Bring snacks to share!

Habitat for Humanity August 3-7 The Heights: 1400 N. Winthrop

Tres Iglesias (St. Cecilia, Frances Cabrini, Prospect Park Methodist) needs volunteers for a Habitat For Humanity project, Aug. 3 to 7 to help build the inaugural Pope Leo Village. Food provided. Needed: on-site work crew, food prep volunteers, as well as donations to fund the project. Register: <http://www.cabrinimn.org/habitat-signup>.

Volunteers Needed!

The funeral luncheon group is looking for more volunteers. Generally our volunteers help at one or two funerals per year. Are you able to help?

Please contact Mary Fleming, maryehfleming@gmail.com, with questions or to indicate days you might be available - weekdays, weekends, or both.

MUSIC

Entrance: #859
God of Day and God of Darkness

Gloria: #319

Psalm 65: *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

Gospel Acclamation: #231

Preparation: #795
Take, O Take Me as I Am

Eucharistic Acclamations:
#370, 373, 374, 391

Communion: #916
I Receive the Living God

Closing: #759
God Sends Us Forth

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READINGS

Isaiah 55: 10-11. *God's word comes mysteriously and gently from above. Yet powerfully achieves its effects in us.*

Psalm 65: *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

Romans 8: 19-23. *The earth groans in travail, awaiting the revelation of the Son of God, the glory hidden within it, which the Spirit brings to fruition.*

Matthew 13: 1-23. *The parable of the sower and several explanations.*

Mission Trip: July 19-25

Join us in praying:

*Dear Saint Christopher, protect me today,
in all my travels along the road's way.
Give your warning sign if danger is near,
so that I may stop while the path is clear.
Be at my window and direct me through,
when the vision blurs from out of the blue.
Carry me safely to my destined place,
like you carried Christ in your close embrace. Amen.*

July 18/19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Thoughts, Prayers, & Action: The Catholic Call to End Gun Violence

Saturday, August 8, 9 am – 12 pm
Church of St. Timothy, Blaine

Join us for a spiritually-centered morning on what our faith calls us to do in the face of gun violence. Hear from a keynote speaker, survivor panel, data presentation, and breakout sessions on advocacy, safe storage education, and courageous conversations.

RSVP: <https://givebutter.com/GVPCatholics>

“Creation Sings” Youth Art Competition

The Catholic Climate Covenant is sponsoring a Youth Art Competition, “CREATION SINGS”. Visual, media, literary art will be accepted until Sept. 25. Age groups: HS, MS, grades 3-5, and grades K-2. Submissions must be inspired by the lives and example of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. Prizes: \$100, \$75, and \$50 will be awarded in each age category. See the weekly e-news for submission link.

Reasons #1 and 2 why YOU Should Join the Choir this Fall:



1. You love to sing, especially with other friendly folks.
2. You can read music (even just a little) and you like the challenge of singing harmony.

Rehearsals start September 8!

Want to know more? Email Betsy, betsy@stceciliaspn.org.

MUSIC

Entrance: **#848**
Gather Us In

Gloria: **#319**

Psalm 86: **#1137**
Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation: **#231**

Preparation: **#658**
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Eucharistic Acclamations:
#370, 373, 374, 391

Communion: **#959**
Behold the Lamb of God

Closing: **#636**
Now Thank We All Our God

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READINGS

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19. *Though God is the master of all power, God judges with clemency. God taught us that justice must be associated with kindness so that there is always good reason for hope.*

Psalm 86. *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Romans 8: 26-27. *The Spirit groans within us, expressing thoughts and instincts beyond the reach of words and enabling us to pray in ways otherwise impossible for us.*

Matthew 13: 24-43. *Several parables: the weeds which grow till harvest, the mustard seed which becomes a very large bush, leaven which enables the dough to rise into a loaf of bread.*

Pope's July Prayer Intention For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Read full prayer, www.popesprayer.va

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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