



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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

[www.stceciliaspn.org](http://www.stceciliaspn.org)

July 25/26 and August 1/2, 2026



*Here we go! Mission Trip participants at MSP preparing to board the plane to Guatemala.*



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Submissions: [bulletin@stceciliaspn.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliaspn.org).



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

## SUMMER 2026 PICK-UP CHOIR

**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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## Trustees

Matthew Tande & Mary Ellen Ryan

## UPCOMING

### Wednesday, July 29

6:30 pm Creation Care Committee

### Saturday, August 1

3:45 pm Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Mass

### Monday, August 3

6:30 pm Craft Night

### Saturday, August 8

School Supply Drive  
3:45 pm Reconciliation  
4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, August 9

School Supply Drive  
9:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Mission Trip Reflections

### Tuesday, August 11

7:00 pm Backyard Sing-Along

### Saturday, August 15

3:45 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Arrive for pick-up choir  
4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Mass

## Pope's Prayer Intention for August For evangelization in the city.

*Let us pray that in the large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.*

Read full prayer, [www.popesprayer.va](http://www.popesprayer.va)

# July 25/26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Finding treasure hidden in a field by Jesus Mafa

## PARISH EVENTS

### Stories from the Mission Trip Sunday, August 9, 10:30 am

Our mission trip group is in Antigua, Guatemala from July 19-25. This has truly been a parish-wide effort, and we are excited to share our experiences with you. We would like to invite all parishioners to join us on Sunday, August 9th following 9:30am Mass. We will share photos, stories, reflections and gratitude! Please join us to hear about our life-changing trip.

### Sing-Along in the Backyard at St. Cecilia's Tuesday, 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!

### Reasons #3, 4, and 5 why YOU Should Join the Choir this Fall:



3. You want to learn more about your voice and improve your singing.
4. You are usually free on Tuesday nights 7-8:30, Sept. through May.
5. You are usually able to attend the 9:30 am Sunday mass.

*Rehearsals start September 8!*

Want to know more? Email Betsy, [betsy@stceciliaspam.org](mailto:betsy@stceciliaspam.org).

## MUSIC

|                           |                                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Entrance:                 | #627<br><i>Sing a New Song to the Lord</i>        |
| Gloria:                   | #319                                              |
| Psalm 119:                | #1140<br><i>Lord, I love your commands.</i>       |
| Gospel Acclamation:       | #231                                              |
| Preparation:              | #828<br><i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>    |
| Eucharistic Acclamations: | #370, 373, 374, 391                               |
| Communion:                | #943<br><i>Bread of Life from Heaven</i>          |
| Closing:                  | #598. vs 1, 3<br><i>O God Beyond All Praising</i> |

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## READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12. Solomon prays: "Give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong."

Psalm 119: *Lord, I love your commands.*

Romans 8: 28-30. *God makes all things work together for the good of those who love God and have been called according to God's decree.*

Matthew 13: 44-52. *The reign of God is like buried treasure for which people sell all possessions. Every scribe learned in the reign of God brings forth the old and the new.*

### 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](mailto:maryehfleming@gmail.com), with questions or to indicate days you might be available - weekdays, weekends, or both.

# August 1/2: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Feeding the 5,000 by Eularia Clark

## MUSIC

Entrance: #743, vs 1, 4, 5  
*Sing a New Church*

Gloria: #319

Psalm 145: *The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs..*

Gospel Acclamation: #231

Preparation: #792  
*The Love of the Lord*

Eucharistic Acclamations:  
#370, 373, 374, 391

Communion: #937  
*Now In This Banquet*

Closing: #610, vs 1, 3, 4  
*Sing of the Lord's Goodness*

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## READINGS

Isaiah 55: 1-3. *God promises the messianic banquet without payment or cost.*

Psalm 145, 8-9. *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

Romans 8: 35, 37-39. *No trial, no power in the heavens or below the earth, neither death nor life, will be able to separate us from the love of God which comes to us from Christ Jesus.*

Matthew 14: 13-21. *In a deserted place, where the crowds came to find Jesus, he multiplies five loaves and two fishes to feed over five thousand people.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### 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 to help build the inaugural Pope Leo Village. Food provided. Needed: on-site work crew, food prep volunteers, donations. Register: <http://www.cabrinimn.org/habitat-signup>.

### 3-Day Men's Silent Retreat

August 20-23

DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Free-will donations accepted. For more information call the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House, 651-777-1311 or visit their website, <http://demontrevilleretreat.com/>.

### Get Trained in Kingian Nonviolence

September 18-20

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mpls

Folks over 16 are invited to join this event, designed to immerse participants in the principles and steps of nonviolence. Registration deadline is August 15. Details: <https://bit.ly/KNV26>.

#### Schedule of Upcoming Retreats



(August 6-9) Silent Retreat Weekend - Men and Women  
(September 8-10) Women's Midweek Retreat  
(September 17) Yoga Spiritual Day Retreat \*NEW\*  
(September 18-20) Grief with HUGG - Men and Women  
(September 24-27) Silent Retreat - Men and Women

FranciscanRetreats.net 952-447-2182  
*Gift Certificates Available.*

### We're Hiring! Catechetical Ministry Coordinator

The complete Job Posting is on the Staff page of the St. Cecilia website, [www.StCeciliaSPM.org](http://www.StCeciliaSPM.org).

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

*Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.*

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