Church of Saint Cecilia

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

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The Solemnity of Christ the King



CALENDAR

Saturday, November 21
Solemnity of Christ the King
Memorial of St. Cecilia
5:30 pm St. Cecilia Reception *(after Mass)*

Sunday, November 22
Solemnity of Christ the King
Memorial of St. Cecilia
9:30 am CGS/Lit of Word/1st Eucharist
10:30 am St. Cecilia Reception *(after Mass)*
10:45 am Advent Program Meeting

Monday, November 23
6:30 pm Craft Night

Tuesday, November 24
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving
8:30 am Arrive for Pickup Choir
9:00 am Mass

Saturday, November 28
5:30 pm Game Night

Sunday, November 29
1st Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 1
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:15 pm Feed My Starving Children

Wednesday, December 2
5:30 pm Whole Community Wednesday

Celebrating St. Cecilia

Join our Reception After Mass This Weekend

Be sure to join us after each Mass for a Reception and a bit of St. Cecilia-themed fun in honor of our namesake saint.

November 21/22: The Memorial of St. Cecilia



Thanksgiving Day Mass Pickup Choir

All are welcome to join our Thanksgiving Day Mass Pickup Choir!
Thursday, November 26, 8:30 am Rehearsal; 9 am Mass

An outline and all music will be provided. In case you want to practice at home, here is the music we will be singing:

Now Thank We All Our God #636
Psalm 33, refrain 2 #44
Alleluia #332
In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful #639
Holy, Holy #355
Memorial Acclamation #356
Amen #357
Lamb of God #388
Life-giving Bread, Saving Cup #926
Let All Things Now Living #635



For more info: email Betsy Sullivan, betsy@stceciliaspm.org.

End of Year Giving Note: *2026 donations must be received by December 31. We encourage regular contributions through automated withdrawal. Contact Linda, 651-644-4502, for more information.*

READINGS

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17. Parable of the divine shepherd who rescues the scattered sheep, seeks out the lost, binds up the injured, heals the sick, judges between the wicked and the good.

Psalm 23. **The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28. In his resurrection, Christ represents the first fruits of all those who belong to him. He will hand over this kingdom to the Father.

Matthew 25: 31-46. At the final judgment, the Son of Man, seated upon his royal throne, rewards those caring for him while caring for "my least brothers and sisters," punishing those who did not care for him in these "my least."

World Day of the Poor

The Lord is the refuge of the poor (cf. Ps 14,6)

"Today, the poor's cry for justice is silenced by a multitude of increasingly subtle tactics, to the point of rendering voiceless their every effort to make their demands heard."
excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's message for 10th World Day of the Poor

On **November 15, 2026, the Church celebrated the 10th anniversary for World Day of the Poor**. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the US bishops' anti-poverty program focused on addressing the root causes of poverty. It is funded through an annual collection, a practical way for Catholics to become a refuge for the poor. At St. Cecilia's, we won't be taking a formal collection at Mass, but contributions can be included in the regular offertory collection for the next few weeks and will be forwarded at the end of the month.

Rest in Peace



We extend our deepest sympathy to the Van Genderen family on the passing of Therese's mother, Virginia Becher.

Gift Requests Added to Tree



Thank you to everyone who took a gift request off the Giving Tree. There are still a number gift requests that have not been taken.

This year we promised more gifts than we have in the past. As we all know, the cost of food, clothing and gas is higher than it has been in past years and those who are in need are struggling. We welcome donations of money to purchase remaining gifts and gift cards.

PLEASE RETURN ALL GIFTS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6.

When you return the gift, please be sure that the tag is securely fastened to the gift or we won't know who to give it to. Please bring your unwrapped gift to church for storage.

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming At St. Cecilia's

Advent Program 2026
Parent Meeting: Sunday, Nov 22, 10:45 am (after Mass)

We are excited to begin preparations for our annual Advent Program. We have a few exciting changes this year, including a new script, focusing on the origin of the creche and the influence that St. Francis had on the traditions we hold today. Cassidy O'Toole will be leading the program for the first time!

Students of all ages are invited to be a part of this year's program.

We will have a **Parent Meeting on Sunday, Nov 22 following 9:30am Mass**. We can share more information about the script then, and students can decide what roles they would be open to playing.

Our two **practices will take place after Mass on Dec 6 and Dec 13 with the program happening on Dec 20 during 9:30am Mass**.

Questions? Email Cassidy through theresa@stceciliaspm.org.

Feed My Starving Children
Tuesday, December 1, 7:15 pm

Parishioner Marilee Giere invites you to join her at Feed My Starving Children on Tuesday, December 1st at 401 93rd Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 at 7:15-8:45 pm. Volunteer via their website, www.fmsc.org; join code 07DP3G (Bridget's Team). Questions? Call Marilee, 651-633-6286.

Whole Community Wednesday
Wednesday, Dec 2, 5:30 pm meal

Join us for an all-ages Advent evening of fun, connection, and prayer. To kick things off, Steve & Beth Claas have a fun surprise up their sleeve! Then we will have our much-loved Advent Prayer Stations as a perfect way to enter into this season. Participants will have a chance to move through several prayer stations organized around the themes of Advent. Suggested donation is $5/person.

Please RSVP if you can so we can plan for food, but don't let a lack of RSVP stop you from joining us! RSVP via the Whole Community Formation page of the website.

Join our Parish Community

Register via the Parish Registration page of our website, send us an email, info@stceciliaspm.org, or call the office, 651-644-4502.

New Ministry Opportunties at St. Cecilia's

We have added THREE new ministry opportunities to our weekly liturgy rotation:

- Record Saturday liturgy
- Secure building
- Emergency Responder.

Training will be provided.

Sign-up in the Link or via the website: www.stcecilialspm.org/volunteer.

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The Parish Office is open 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Bulletin Deadlines

In December, the printed Bulletin will be published on December 6, 13, and 20. Deadlines for submissions is the Monday prior to the publication date.



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