Church of Saint Cecilia

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

www.stceciliaspm.org

November 7/8 and 14/15, 2026

Give the Gift of Christmas



Our Giving Tree Project again this year will have gift requests from students at Academias La Paz school and from families in Holy Rosary Parish.

Gift Request tags are available in the Link on the weekends of November 7/8, November 14/15 and November 21/22.

Please take a tag and buy only the item requested and return it to church UNWRAPPED on or before December 6.

If you can provide more than one gift please take more than one tag. We need to find takers for all the tags.

If you prefer to donate money, we can use it to buy extra gifts and wrapping paper.

We hope you can help because these kids and adults will not have Christmas gifts unless we provide them.

Sing with Our Thanksgiving Day Pick-Up 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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 8
9:30 am CGS/1st Eucharist/Lit of Word

Monday, November 9
6:30 pm Craft Night

Tuesday, November 10
7:00 pm Choir practice

Wednesday, November 11
6:00 pm Parish Community Council

Saturday, November 14
Food Drive

Sunday, November 15
Food Drive
4:30 pm Taizé
6:00 pm Peer Ministry

Tuesday, November 17
7:00 pm Choir practice

Wednesday, November 18
5:30 pm Confirmation prep/Peer Ministry (with sponsors)

Saturday, November 21
Feast of St. Cecilia
5:30 pm Wine & Cheese Reception

Sunday, November 22
Feast of St. Cecilia
9:30 am CGS/Lit of Word/1st Eucharist
10:45 am Advent Program Meeting

Monday, November 23
6:30 pm Craft Night

Interested in becoming a member of St. Cecilia's?
Register via the Parish Registration page of our website, send us an email, info@stceciliaspm.org, or call the office, 651-644-4502.

November 7/8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time


Foolish and Wise (you snooze, you lose) Jan Adam Kruseman, Netherlands, 1848

READINGS

Wisdom 6: 12-16. Wisdom is found by those who seek her and meets them with all solicitude.

Psalm 63. **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you my God.**

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18. We are consoled to know that the living and deceased will be reunited when the Lord comes again. Jesus who died and rose will bring to life all who have died believing in him.

Matthew 25: 1-13. From the parable of the ten bridesmaids, we learn to keep our eyes open, for we know not the day or the hour.

Preparation of Gifts Anthem Text

Text for the anthem during the Preparation of the Gifts at the 9:30 Mass, November 8

Keep Your Lamps!
(spiritual)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,
children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary
'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Building the Movement for Health Care Justice
Saturday, November 14, 9 to 11:30 am
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community

Please join us on November 14th to listen, strategize, form work groups, and work together to achieve healthcare justice for ALL Minnesotans. The Minnesota Health Plan, written by MN Senator John Marty, is the basis of the effort. Sponsored by Health Care for all Minnesota and NAACP Minneapolis Branch.
Register: maurafitzgerald27@gmail.com.

Transgender Day of Remembrance service
Friday, November 20, 7 pm
Church of St. Francis Cabrini

Honoring the memory of transgender people whose lives have been lost this past year, and recommitting ourselves to stand with our transgender kin who continue to face serious discrimination.

Interested in having a role during the service? Contact Matt, 612-597-9179 matt@cabrinimn.org.

Ministry Opportunties at St. Cecilia's

We are adding THREE ministry opportunities to our weekly liturgy rotation:

- Record Saturday liturgy
- Secure building
- Emergency Responder

Training will be provided. Sign-up: www.stcecilialspm.org/volunteer or in the Link.

Volunteers Needed!

The funeral luncheon group is looking for more volunteers. Please contact Mary Fleming, maryehfleming@gmail.com, with questions or to indicate days you might be available - weekdays, weekends, or both.

November 14/15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



READINGS

Proverbs 31: 10-13; 19-20, 30-32. The classic collection of Israel's wisdom is summarized and symbolized by the portrait of the ideal wife.

Psalm 128. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6. The day of the Lord's second coming will be life a thief in the night. We are children of the light...awake and sober.

Matthew 25: 14-30. Parable of the silver pieces. Ten, five, and two thousand are given to three servants according to their ability. The last is severely punished for not making a good use of the silver pieces.

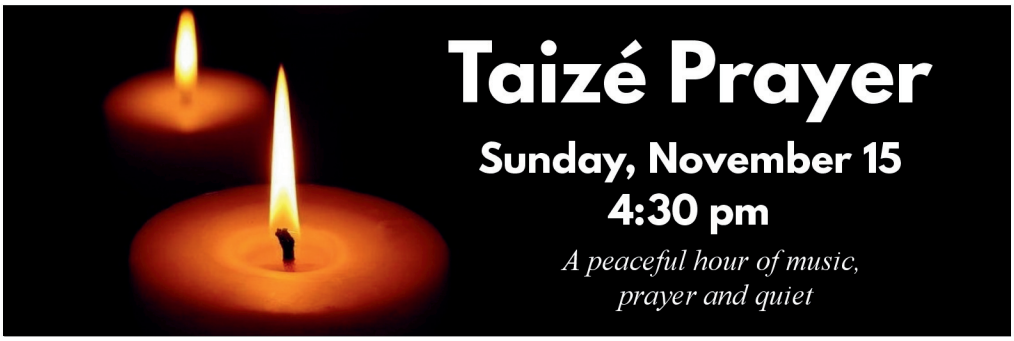
UPCOMING EVENTS

Craft Night
6:30 pm Every Other Week (November 9, 23)

Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or enjoy any kind of crafting? Bring your current projects and join us for a craft night filled with creativity, conversation, and community. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced maker, all are welcome to relax, share ideas, and work alongside fellow crafters.

Food Drive
November 14-15

As we enter the season of gratitude and giving, we invite you to support our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Please consider picking up a few extra items on your next grocery trip and bringing them to church for our monthly Food Drive. Together, we can help ensure that everyone has a little more on their table this season. Thank you for your generosity!



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