

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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October 10/11 and 17/18, 2026



This year, we mark the annual World Mission Sunday Celebration on the weekend of October 17/18. This is a time we set aside to join Catholics around the world in prayer and offering of support for the missionary life of the Church. It's also an opportunity to individually renew our own missionary call.

This year's World Mission Sunday holds particular significance, as we mark the 100th anniversary of this global day of prayer and solidarity, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. In his message for this centenary year, Pope Leo XIV invites the entire Church to reflect on the theme: "One in Christ, united in mission."

All offerings will be entrusted to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to continue to sustain the life of the Church in places where she is just getting started. These generous gifts make possible the building of Churches and parishes, the training and sustenance of seminarians, religious and catechists, and the bringing of Christ's saving love to more people.

The World Mission Sunday collection grants funds to mission dioceses, which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keeps missionary life going, often for the first time.

Donations can be made via PayPal or by check through the regular Sunday collection; there will be no special collection. Make checks payable to St. Cecilia, write "Mission Sunday" on the memo line. Learn more about World Mission Sunday; www.pontificalmissions.org/wms-2026.



CALENDAR

Saturday, October 10

Food Drive
5:30 pm Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 11

Food Drive
9:30 am CGS/Lit of Word/1st Eucharist
10:30 am Story and Faith: The Bible's Beginnings/Children's Creation Series

Monday, October 12

6:30 pm Craft Night

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 14

5:15 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 15

5:30 pm Presentation Series: The Psalms
Location: St. Albert the Great

Saturday, October 17

World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 18

World Mission Sunday
10:30 am Story and Faith: The Bible's Beginnings/Children's Creation Activities
4:30 pm Taizé Prayer

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 21

5:30 pm Confirmation Prep/Peer Ministry

Sunday, October 25

9:30 am CGS/1st Eucharist/Lit of Word
10:30 am Domestic Violence Awareness
Month presentation - Maria's Voice

Monday, October 26

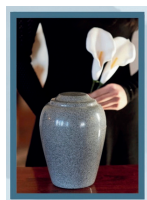
6:30 pm Craft Night



*A Peasant's Wedding
Peter Brueghel the Elder*

Bringing Them Home: Burial Options for Cremated Remains

Catholic Cemeteries are offering an opportunity for individuals in the Twin Cities whose loved ones' cremated remains have been kept at home for five years or more to provide them with a permanent place of rest. Cremated remains may be placed in a communal crypt in the Chapel Mausoleum at either Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights or Gethsemane Cemetery in New Hope. A **committal service will be offered on November 2nd at 10:00 a.m.** at both locations. Cost is \$250.



Give your loved one a dignified resting place and find comfort in a place of healing and remembrance as we await the Resurrection. For further questions and sign-up, call 651-228-9991 or email info@catholic-cemeteries.org.

ECUMENICAL ELECTION DAY PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOV. 3RD, 12:00 PM
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Out of shared care for our community, faith leaders from area churches (Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Lutheran, and United Church of Christ) will offer a reflective, grounding space on election day at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 7am - 5pm.

At noon, faith leaders from all five faith communities will co-lead an ecumenical prayer service.

Drawing on our shared Christian values, we will uplift our faith as a source of compassion, justice, kindness, love and care.

All are welcome to attend!

READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-10. *The prophet announces the heavenly banquet for all peoples. Tears will be wiped away by the help of the Lord God; death will be destroyed forever.*

Psalms 23. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20. *Paul appreciates the generous help of the Philippians who kindly shared in his hardships. God will supply their needs fully.*

Matthew 22: 1-14. *The invited guests refuse to attend the king's wedding banquet for his son, so guests are drawn from the byroads. One of these is punished for not having on the proper attire.*

Preparation of Gifts Anthem Text

Text for the anthem during the Preparation of the Gifts at the 9:30 mass, October 11

A Communion Invitation **(Pamela Martin)**

Come, if you are lonely,
my door is open wide.
All of you are welcome,
come and step inside.
Enter with My blessing,
no one is denied.
Come, sit at My table,
come, sit by My side.

Come, if you are thirsty,
I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread,
sit with Me and dine.
Every weary traveler, every troubled soul,
Rest for just a moment
and leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you,
the cup that we will share,
The bread we'll break together,
I've lovingly prepared.
Come, if you are thirsty,
I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread, s
it with Me and dine.

October 17/18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.

FAITH FORMATION EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Story and Faith: The Bible's Beginnings Sundays October 11 and 18 after Mass

Join Dr. David Penchansky in exploring the first stories in the Bible and their dramatic and surprising meanings.

Kids Creation Series Sundays October 11 and 18 after Mass (during Story and Faith presentations)

Join us as we start a nature journal and a "God's Creatures" poster to take home.

Presentation Series: The Psalms Final Session @ St. Albert the Great Thursday Oct 15, 6:30 pm

Join us for the final in our series of presentations on the Psalms by Fr. Mike Joncas.

Slides from previous sessions are on the Adult Formation page of our website.

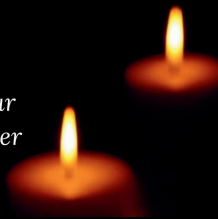
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Maria's Voice

Sunday, Oct 25, 10:30 am

Please save the date above for a short video and presentation from Maria's Voice. Questions? Text Mary Ellen at (651) 247-1572. *Maria's Voice: www.MariasVoice.org*

Taizé Prayer Sunday, October 18 4:30 pm

*A peaceful hour
of music, prayer
and quiet*



READINGS

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6. *Cyrus the Persian conqueror is anointed by the Lord, even without knowing it, to release Israel from captivity and to bring the name of the Lord before the world.*

Psalms 96. **Give the Lord glory and honor.**

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10. *Paul thanks God for bestowing faith, love and hope upon the Thessalonians, proving that his preaching of the Gospel was done with power.*

Matthew 22: 15-21. *Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, give to God what is God's.*

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