



Church of Saint Cecilia

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

www.stceciliaspam.org

September 26/27 and October 3/4, 2026



Creation Season 2026:

Honoring Creation Season at St. Cecilia's, we pray for the earth and our role as stewards. Starting Oct 4, we will continue with programming and activities for kids ages 2-90. See inside for more.

Prayer for Sept 27- Oct 4

Psalm 96:11-12

Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything in it roar!
Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!
Then all the trees of the forest too
will shout out joyfully

An Affirmation of Faith

(Lutheran Theological College, South India, adapted)

We believe in God,
who creates all things,
who embraces all things,
who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part
of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God
as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet
with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one,
the climate refugee -
who loves and cares for this world
and suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ,
the seed of life,
who came to reconcile
and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among
and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope
that one day God will put an end to death
and all destructive forces.

CALENDAR

Monday, September 28

6:30 pm Craft Night

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 1

6:30 pm Presentation Series: The Psalms

Saturday, October 3 Sunday, October 4

Sacrament of Anointing during all masses

Sunday, October 4

10:30 am Story and Faith: The Bible's
Beginnings/Children's Creation Series
6:00 pm Peer Ministry Kickoff

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 7

5:30 pm Whole Community
Wednesday/Confirmation
7:15 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 8

6:30 pm Presentation Series: The Psalms

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

Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered at our liturgies on October 3 and 4. This is an opportunity for our community to surround those who are experiencing the burden of illness with our compassionate prayer and support.



September 26/27: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



READINGS

Ezekiel 18: 25-28. *The Lord defends his ways as fair, condemning the virtuous person who turns to commit iniquity, forgiving the wicked who turns to do what is right.*

Psalms 25. *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

Philippians 2: 1-11. *United in spirit and ideals, never acting out of rivalry or conceit, thinking of others as superior, we have the attitude of Christ who humbled himself even to death on the cross and so was highly exalted by God.*

Matthew 21: 28-32. *Tax collectors and prostitutes first say "No!" to God but later regret it and do what God wants. These enter God's kingdom before the self-righteous who say "Yes!" but fail to comply with God's inspiration.*

Pray with the Pope - October For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness. Full prayer: www.popesprayer.va.

FAITH FORMATION EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Story and Faith:

The Bible's Beginnings

Sunday October 4, 11, 18 after Mass

The first stories in the Bible are well-known, and yet their dramatic and surprising meanings are often overlooked. In three weekly sessions, Dr. David Penchansky will interpret these texts.

Kids Creation Series

**Sunday October 4, 11, and 18
(during Story and Faith presentations)**

Join us as we sing with Betsy and Mike, create a mural and a poster, and start a nature journal. Details on the Children's Formation page of the website:

www.stceciliasp.org/childrens-formation

Volunteers Needed!

Teens and adults are invited to help with the October Kids Creation Series. Email Anne Neuberger, anneneuberger@gmail.com

Whole Community Wednesday Wednesday, October 7, 5:30 pm meal

The topic for the evening is Called and Gifted. We will reflect on our giftedness and how we share these charisms and talents within the community and the world. **We are hoping for five volunteer hosts to help with meal pick-up and service and then 4 to help with clean-up.** Register/volunteer via link in weekly newsletter and on the Whole Community Formation page, www.stceciliasp.org/whole-community-formation.

Presentation Series:

The Psalms

Thursdays Oct 1, 8, and 15, 6:30pm

Join us for six presentations on the Psalms by Fr. Mike Joncas: **October 1** at St. Francis Cabrini; **October 8** at St. Cecilia; **October 15** at St. Albert. *Slides from previous sessions on the Adult Formation page, <https://stceciliasp.org/adult-formation>.*

Confirmation Begins!

Wednesday, October 7, 5:30 pm meal

Our first Confirmation session will start on Oct 7 with our community meal. After dinner, our catechist and peer ministers will meet with our Confirmation candidates separately. All other attendees are invited to participate in Whole Community Wednesday. Confirmation parents are asked to join us in Church at 7:15pm for a short meeting to end the evening. Questions? Email colleen@stceciliasp.org.

Peer Ministry Kickoff!

Sunday, October 4, 6-7:30 pm

Peer Ministry is a leadership opportunity for post-Confirmation students to work with Confirmation catechists to help guide them through their faith formation process. The commitment is four meetings per month: two Peer Ministry prep meetings and two Confirmation class sessions. Questions? Email colleen@stceciliasp.org.



Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard and the wicked tenants.

READINGS

Isaiah 5: 1-7. *The song of a vineyard. It was lovingly cared for but severely condemned when it yielded only wild grapes.*

Psalms 80. *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

Philippians 4: 6-9. *Direct your thoughts to all that is honest, admirable, decent and worthy of praise. Live according to what you have heard me say and seen me do.*

Matthew 21: 33-43. *Because the caretakers of the vineyard reject the owner's emissaries and even kill his son, the tenants will be punished and the vineyard leased to others.*

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

This October at St Cecilia's we'll hear from the nonprofit, Maria's Voice. The column below introduces the topic of Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence. Please save the date, October 25, after the 9:30 Mass, for a short video and presentation on the topic. Questions? Text Mary Ellen: (651)247-1572

Domestic Abuse Has No Age Limit

An older woman or man may have lived with an abusive spouse or partner for many years. In other cases, abuse may begin later in life, sometimes as health, finances, or dependence on another person change.

Important Reminder: abuse is not always physical. It may include controlling money, withholding medications, limiting contact with family or friends, or constant criticism and humiliation.

For an older adult, leaving can be especially difficult. After decades of being together, where would one go? How would one manage financially? What if one needs help walking, bathing, driving, or taking medications? What will people think?

Faith can be a source of tremendous strength. But religious teachings should never be used to tell someone that she must remain in danger, silently endure abuse, or simply "forgive and forget."

If an older person tells us that something is wrong at home, the most important first response is very simple: "I believe you. How can I help?" and if you feel comfortable: "You do not deserve to be treated this way."

We do not need to solve everything. We can simply listen without judgment, respect the person's decisions, and help find knowledgeable, confidential support.

A caring church community can be one of the safest places for someone experiencing abuse— if we are willing to see what may be hidden behind a familiar face. Sometimes the first act of love is simply believing someone.

Maria's Voice-Domestic Abuse Prevention & Education, Email: [Hello@MariasVoice.org](mailto>Hello@MariasVoice.org)

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