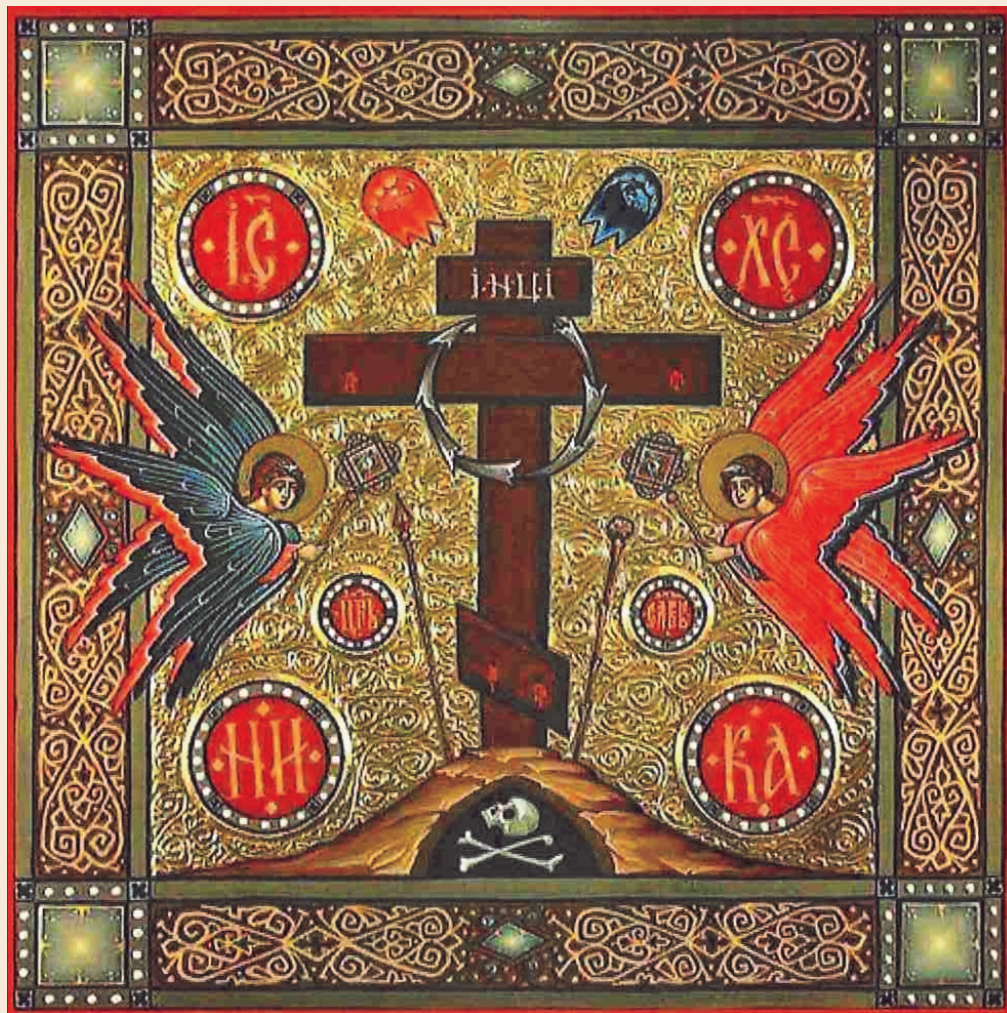




# Church of Saint Cecilia

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Weekly Masses:  
Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 9:30  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



## WELCOME

To join the parish, please  
call the office at  
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## OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open  
Monday-Thursday  
10:00am to 2:00pm

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

School Supply Drive Thank You

St. Cecilia’s contributed an estimated \$3,800 (WOW) worth of in-kind goods to the annual Interfaith Action School Tools Drive—this was towards a total of well over \$25,000 of in-kind donations that were distributed to Emma’s Place, Corner House, Project REACH, American Indian Magnet School, Project Home, Department of Indian Work, and Faithful Hospitality.

The member faith communities and wisdom gatherings that make up Interfaith Action have a historic commitment to ensuring that children in the east metro have what they need to succeed in school—thank you for making good on the promise to our youngest neighbors that we are here to support them and their families!

In joy,

Rachel McIver Morey  
Director, Opportunity Saint Paul  
Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul

Keystone Community Food Drive Thank You

St. Cecilia’s Catholic Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,169.90!

At Keystone Community Services, we believe everyone deserves access to nutritious food. Your donation supports our Food Center and Foodmobiles, bringing food to neighborhoods that lack full grocery stores and to our neighbors who need support.

We believe that strengthening our community means ensuring that everyone has the support they need to reach their potential. Our services are designed with community input to respond to the changing needs of those we serve, providing opportunities for learning and growth, helping people find support services in Minnesota so they can live independently, and ensuring our neighbors’ kitchens are stocked with free, nutritious food.

Sincerely,

Maureen McGinn  
Director of Advancement  
Keystone Community Services

Financial Results for June 30, 2025

Operating Revenues	\$436,803
Anticipated Operating Revenues	\$382,000
Operating Expenses	\$399,512
Anticipated Operating Expenses	\$425,500
Operating Surplus	\$37,291
Building Fund Contributions	\$12,435
Endowment Transfer	\$10,941
Bequests Revenue, net	\$39,121
Net Investment Income	\$28,509
Major Building Expenditures	(\$45,246)
Net Surplus	\$83,051
Cash on Hand for Operations	\$182,881
Cash on Hand-Building Fund	\$73,116
Savings/CD	\$110,702
Fidelity Investments	\$110,223
Reserve Fund at Catholic Community Fund	\$351,922

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 20, 4:30pm

Book:	Beth C.
Lectors:	Sue W./Arthur A.
Host:	Laurie K.
Cup:	/Scott S.
Greeter:	Kathy M.
Sacristan:	Kathy W.

Sunday, September 21, 9:30am

Book:	Lisa R.
Lectors:	Julie M./Noah F.
Host:	Mary Clare L.
Cup:	Mary Pat Z./Ed Z.
Greeter:	Ken S./Rosie F.
Sacristan:	Pat K.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Food Drive
	10:30	Pilgrimage
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	7:00	Taize Prayer
Thur		Directory Photos
Fri		Directory Photos
Sat		Directory Photos
Sun	10:30	Sunday Forum

**Early Bulletin Deadline:** Monday, September 15th at 9:00am. Email submissions to [bulletin@stceciliaspm.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliaspm.org).



Pictorial Directory– Photo Sitzings September 18th-20th

Photo Sessions take place this week, September 18th-20th. Please arrive a few minutes early of your scheduled photo session to check in. Photos will be taken against a gray background. We have a few spots remaining for anyone who still wants to have a photo taken. Please call the parish office for more information.

You may also submit a photo. We prefer jpg format and a vertical photo. Professional photos are not accepted due to copyright laws. Email submissions to [bulletin@stceciliaspm.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliaspm.org) by September 18th. Please include all the names of those in the submitted photo.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Taize Prayer**  
Wednesday,  
September 17th  
at 7:00pm

Join us for a peaceful hour of  
music, prayer and quiet.  
All are welcome!

### Helping Hands Needed

We need a few folks to help clear out the hall for our directory photo sessions and reset the tables and chairs afterwards. Stop by and lend a hand as follows:

Thursday, September 18th

Stop by at 9:00am to help clear the hall and set up viewing stations for the photo sessions.

Saturday, September 20th

Stop by the hall after Mass on Saturday and help reset the tables and chairs.

### Census Form

We're asking a member of every household in our parish to complete a census form. This will help us to ensure that we have the most up-to-date and accurate information possible. Hard copies are available in the Link or you may complete the form online through our parish wide email. Please note that we updated the census and are now asking whether or not you wish to have your contact information published in our upcoming parish directory. Please take a few minutes to complete the census. Questions may be directed to the parish office.



### Mission Trip Pancake Breakfast Update

A HUGE thank you to our supportive congregation for helping us to reach our goal for the pancake breakfast. We had TWO donors offer to match up to \$3000 and we achieved that goal on Sunday. This means that your \$3000 is now \$9000! The generosity and support for our young people at St. Cecilia is beyond measure. A big thank you to Mike Weber for leading the charge as always. We'd also like to thank Bill Heusch for introducing us to Common Hope and for all of those who helped make this breakfast possible.

### 2025-2026 Faith Formation Details

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd during 9:30am Mass, three Sundays a month from October-May, ages 3-6 (PreK-1st Grade)
  - First Eucharist & Reconciliation for grade two or as needed for older students, during 9:30am Mass, two Sundays per month from Oct-May
  - Large Group Family Formation on the first Wednesday of the month where we will share a meal and take part in a learning activity, service project or prayer service, all ages welcome
  - Liturgy of the Word for Children during 9:30am Mass, two Sundays per month from Oct-May, all ages welcome
- Please [follow this link](#) to register. Here is a link to our Faith Formation [Google Calendar](#). This will be the most up-to-date information moving forward.

### Upcoming Events:

- First Eucharist/Reconciliation Retreat on Sept 20th at 9am
- Wednesday night formation kick-off on Wednesday, October 1st starting at 5:30pm
- First class for Lit of the Word & CGS on Sunday, October 5th
- First class for First Eucharist on Sunday, October 12th

### Sunday Forum, September 21st - 10:30am. Journeying with Leo XIV: From Villanova to the Vatican

When Leo XIV first greeted Rome and the world, he identified himself as "a son of St. Augustine, an Augustinian." We will look to the spirituality of St. Augustine, the Rule of St. Augustine, and Augustinian spirituality to better understand the spirituality of the first Augustinian pope. We will reflect on his chosen name revealing a spirituality committed to justice and peace. Our presenter, Angela Senander, is a theologian who has taught with the Augustinians at Washington Theological Union and Merrimack College.

### OCIA

If you have been thinking about joining the Catholic faith, or if you are Catholic and want to learn more about the faith; contact Marge Virnig at 651.644.4502 ext. 12 or [virnigma@comcast.net](mailto:virnigma@comcast.net).

### Music for Liturgy

Opening	#881 vs. 1, 3, 4
Gloria	#323
Psalm 78 Do not forget the works of the Lord!	
Gospel Acclamation	#332
Preparation	#642
Eucharistic Acclamations	#355, 356, 357, 388
Communion	#783
Closing	#759

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross *Numbers 21:4b-9*

*Psalm 78 Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*John 3:13-17*

## OUT & ABOUT

### St. Anthony Park Faith Communities Host

Hope in a Divided World  
A presentation by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale  
Sunday, Sept. 28th., 3:00pm at  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
(2136 Carter Ave.)

In our times, marked by political and ideological division fueled, in part, by the rise of Christian Nationalism, Lori Brandt Hale offers a compelling vision for a faithful and courageous response. Drawing on the life and witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Brandt Hale highlights four guiding themes-neighbor, community, grace, and responsibility-that can ground us in justice, compassion, and resilient hope as we work together for the common good.

Dr. Lori Brandt Hale is the Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Religion in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Augsburg University. She is the president of the International Bonhoeffer Society-English Language Section Board of Directors. Her most recent publication co-edited with W. David Hall, is *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theology, and Political Resistance*.

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