



# 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  
651.644.4502

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia



Thank you to everyone who selected tags off the Giving Tree last weekend! As of this writing, we have 96 tags remaining of the 300 we started with. Thank you so much! Feel free to select another tag if you desire.

### How the Giving Tree Works

Stop by the Link and consider fulfilling a **NEW** gift request for a student at Cesar Chavez School (CC) or a family member at Holy Rosary Church (HR). We have gift requests at a variety of prices and we welcome you to select more than one tag if you desire. Tags are color-coded; red for Cesar Chavez and green for Holy Rosary. Please note that children are allowed two gift requests; one clothing item and one fun item, but you are not required to select both tags.

If shopping online, please allow ample time for shipment to meet our Giving Tree deadline of Sunday, December 7th. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will use it to shop for you and/or purchase extra gifts as needed. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Giving Tree" are greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office with any questions. Donations of new wrapping paper and scotch tape are also welcome.

Thank you for supporting those less fortunate this holiday season!

The Giving Tree Team

**All gifts are to be returned to the Link, UNWRAPPED with the gift tag securely fastened, by Sunday, December 7th**



### Financial results for the First Quarter ended September 30, 2025

Budgeted Operating Revenues	\$90,000
Actual Operating Revenues	\$80,485
Budgeted Operating Expenses	\$97,650
Actual Operating Expenses	\$85,055
Budgeted Operating Deficit	(\$7,650)
Actual Operating Deficit	(\$4,570)
Building Contributions	\$893
Major Building Repairs	(\$9,672)
Total Deficit	(\$13,349)

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, November 29, 4:30pm

<b>Book:</b>	Linda B.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Steve C./Beth C.
<b>Host:</b>	Sue W.
<b>Cup:</b>	Steve C./Scott S.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Kathy M.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Kathy W.

#### Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

<b>Book:</b>	Jean W.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Kathy Z./Art Z.
<b>Host:</b>	Charlie T.
<b>Cup:</b>	Mary Pat Z./John B.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Rose Marie A.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Pat K.

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Giving Tree
	9:30 First Eucharist Class
	10:30 Book Club Group
	10:30 Feast Day Gathering
Tue	7:30 Choir
Thur	Thanksgiving Day
	Office Closed
	9:00 Mass
Sat	Giving Tree
	5:30 Game Night
Sun	First Sunday of Advent
	Giving Tree



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<https://stcs-careforcreation.netlify.app/>,  
 or scan the QR code.



### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our Thanksgiving day Mass will be held at **9:00am on Thursday, November 27th**. We have two traditions here at St. Cecilia that you are invited to take part in: 1) bring nonperishable food and/or monetary donations for those in need, and 2) bring

the bread and/or wine that you will be serving at your dinner for a special blessing during Mass. Also, please extend a parking courtesy to our neighbors by not blocking crosswalks, driveways or intersections which could result in a parking ticket. Thank you.

### Thanksgiving Pick-Up Choir

Kick off your Thanksgiving Day with a song of praise and thanks! Bring your family or friends and join our pick-up choir here at St. Cecilia's. Here are the details:

Rehearsal: 8:30am, Thursday, Nov. 27th  
 (arrive at 8:25am)

Mass: 9:00am the same day!

Who? People who like to sing and are old enough to read (kids are welcome)

What Music? Easy, joyful, well-known songs; we'll give you the music.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### St. Cecilia's Feast Day

In observance of our parish's Feast Day we'll have our Happy Hour gathering in the upstairs Link after our 4:30 Mass. If attending on Sunday, plan to linger for hospitality after our 9:30 Mass in Friendship Hall.

### Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 27th. The office will reopen on Monday, December 1st. Happy Holiday!

### Christmas Flowers

We will decorate our sanctuary with flowers through the Christmas season. We invite you to make a donation for flowers in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of someone special. Forms are available in the back of church. A suggested donation of \$20 per plant is appreciated. If you would like your name with intention published, please return the completed form with payment to the parish office by Monday, December 8th. Thank you.



**Taize Prayer**  
Wednesday,  
December 3rd at  
7:00pm

*A peaceful hour of music, prayer and quiet. All are welcome.*

### Game Night

After the Thanksgiving holiday, join us for a relaxing game night in Friendship Hall on Saturday, November 29th beginning at 5:30pm. Games are provided and all ages are welcome! Please bring snacks and beverages to share.

### Ministry to Homebound Parishioners

If you or someone you know is homebound or hospitalized, and would like a pastoral visit, whether it's bringing communion, anointing of the sick, or a BeFriender visit, please contact Marge Virnig at virnigma@comcast.net.

### Hymn Books for Recorded Liturgy

Hymnals are available for use at home to accompany our recorded liturgies. Inquire via the parish office at 651.644.4502.

## Faith FORMATION

### Advent Program

We hope for 100% participation from our youth, so if your students have not signed up yet please consider nudging them in that direction! Rehearsals are on Sunday, Dec 7th and 14th after Mass with the presentation taking place on Dec 21.

### December Whole Community Wednesday - Advent Stations & Taize

Join us on Wednesday, December 3rd for a quiet evening of prayer and reflection. We will begin with a shared meal at 5:30pm and then move through a series of Advent stations. At 7pm we will move upstairs and join in on the Taize prayer in church. You can RSVP for the evening [at this link](#). Hope to see you there!

### Bring-a-Buddy to WCW!

**WCW is NOT just for school-aged children and their families!** I am hoping to increase attendance and widen our reach at our WCW evenings. We want to extend a warm welcome to parishioners of all ages, so find someone at donuts and invite them to join us! Anyone who brings a new friend, neighbor, or St. C's parishioner to a meeting will get to put their name in a hat. I will also put an entry in for anyone new who comes to check it out. I will pull a winner after January's meeting. I'm hoping that this incentive will inspire you to welcome more people into the group and to encourage those who have been thinking about attending to commit to joining us. The prize is TBD, but I'm open to suggestions. :) [Don't forget to RSVP.](#)

### Youth Group Fundraiser

Our Guatemala group will be taking orders for St. Cecilia t-shirts after Sunday Masses. Support our trip and get a fantastic shirt with the St. C's logo! Adult shirts are \$20 and Youth sizes are \$15. We will take orders in Nov and Dec and get them printed in early Jan. Thanks for your support!

### Upcoming Events:

- Nov 23 - First Eucharist
- Nov 30 - no meetings, Thanksgiving weekend

- Dec 3 - WCW - advent stations & Taize
- Dec 7 - CGS, Lit of Word & First Eucharist, Advent program practice
- Dec 14 -CGS, Lit of Word & First Eucharist, Advent Program practice
- Dec 21 - Advent program during 9:30am Mass.

### Music for Liturgy

Opening	#628
Gloria	#323
Psalm 122 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.	
Gospel Acclamation	#332
Preparation	Jesus, remember me.
Eucharistic Acclamations	#355, 356, 357, 388
Communion	#950
Closing	#574 vs. 1, 2, 5

### Thirty-fourth Sunday, Solemnity of Christ the King C

2 Samuel 5:1-3. The northern tribes of Israel anoint David their king, declaring themselves to be "your bone your flesh."

Psalm 122. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Colossians 1:12-20. *God has brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son and has reconciled everything in his person.*

Luke 23:35-43. *This is the king of the Judeans, "Lord, remember me when you enter upon your reign." Jesus replied, "This day you will be with me in paradise."*

## OUT & ABOUT

### Groundings January Lecture

Artful Grief—January 20th, 2026

Presenter Rev. Cathy Kowley

We will examine the many stages of grief and look at how the process of making and experiencing art can help process grief. 12:30-2:30pm at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, Ignatius Hall (1079 Summit Avenue). Groundings is a monthly lecture series. See the Link bulletin board for a full list of offerings.



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