



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
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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! As of this writing, we have many tags yet to be selected, but am hoping they will all be taken by this weekend!

Gifts are to be **NEW** and fulfilled as best you can. We realize that specific colors of clothing, etc., and specific toys may not be available at the time you shop, but do the best you can and substitute if needed.

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 next Sunday, December 7th**



Taize Prayer

Wednesday,
December 3rd
at 7:00pm

*A peaceful hour of music,
prayer and quiet.*

All are welcome.

Join us!

Holiday Food Drive December 13th/14th

We'll be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items and monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf Keystone Community Services.

Please focus on the holiday theme for nonperishable food donations. Suggestions are baking ingredients, boxed potatoes & stuffing, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and sauce, holiday themed snacks, cooking oil, spices, holiday candies, breakfast cereal and bars, plus much more!

Personal care items include toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates and napkins, cleaning products, dish soap/dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, baby diapers, etc.

Thank you for your donations!

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, December 6, 4:30pm

Book:	Leo S.
Lectors:	Julie S./Bob T.
Host:	Teri D.
Cup:	Laurie K./Stephanie K.
Greeter:	Teri D.
Sacristan:	Tom K.

Sunday, December 7, 9:30am

Book:	Mary Pat Z.
Lectors:	/Tom M.
Host:	Jean W.
Cup:	Ed Z./Kathy Z.
Greeter:	Mary Pat D.
Sacristan:	Pat K.

Parish Calendar

Sun	First Sunday of Advent
	Giving Tree
	T-shirt fundraiser (Mission Trip)
Tue	7:00 Choir
Wed	5:30 WCW (Advent Stations)
	7:00 Taize Prayer
Sat	Giving Tree
	5:45 Caroling
Sun	Second Sunday of Advent
	Giving Tree Gifts Due
	9:30 CGS, Liturgy of Word, and 1st Eucharist Class
	10:30 Dress Rehearsal for Advent Program

Early Bulletin Deadline: Submissions for the December 7th bulletin are due on Tuesday, December 2nd by 9:00am.
Email submissions to
bulletin@stceciliaspam.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Advent Time for Families

The Jesse Tree is an ancient tradition which offers children stories of Jesus' ancestors. Take a little time to give children the calm and quiet of Advent, with short stories and a little coloring. Booklets for using the Jesse Tree are available for free in a display downstairs.

Alms Box

In case you aren't aware, there is an Alms Box located in the vestibule of the church on the left side of the doors as you enter. The cash donations deposited there are immediately turned into assistance to those who are destitute. We never give cash to people who come to us, but we do provide cards for groceries. Our faith calls us to remember the most vulnerable among us—contributing to the Alms Box is one way to do this. Contributing to the Alms Box is also an opportunity to model for our young people the responsibility and privilege we have to care for those less fortunate.

Holy Day

Monday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day. Mass will be celebrated at 12:05pm.



Caroling

Please come and share the joy of the season singing Christmas Carols at the St. Anthony

Park Home 2237 Commonwealth Avenue on Saturday, December 6th at 5:45 pm. Music sheets will be provided. If you have questions call Marilee Giere 651-633-6286 and leave a message.

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 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.

Sacramental Policies

Marriage: Six months notice is required. Three months active parish membership necessary prior to initiating marriage preparation. Call the parish office at 651.644.4502.

Baptism: For more information or to schedule a baptism, please contact Marge Virnig at 651.644.4502 ext. 12.

Music for Liturgy

Opening	Wreath Song
Gloria	#206
Psalm 122	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	#411
Preparation	#414
Eucharistic Acclamations	#211, 213, 215, 216
Communion	#909
Closing	#395

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5. *People from all parts of the world unite in Jerusalem where they receive the word of the Lord and beat their swords into plowshares.*

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

Romans 13:11-14. *Now is the time to wake from sleep, to cast off evil habits and to clothe oneself with the Lord.*

Matthew 24:37-44. *The son of Man is coming at a time you do not expect.*



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