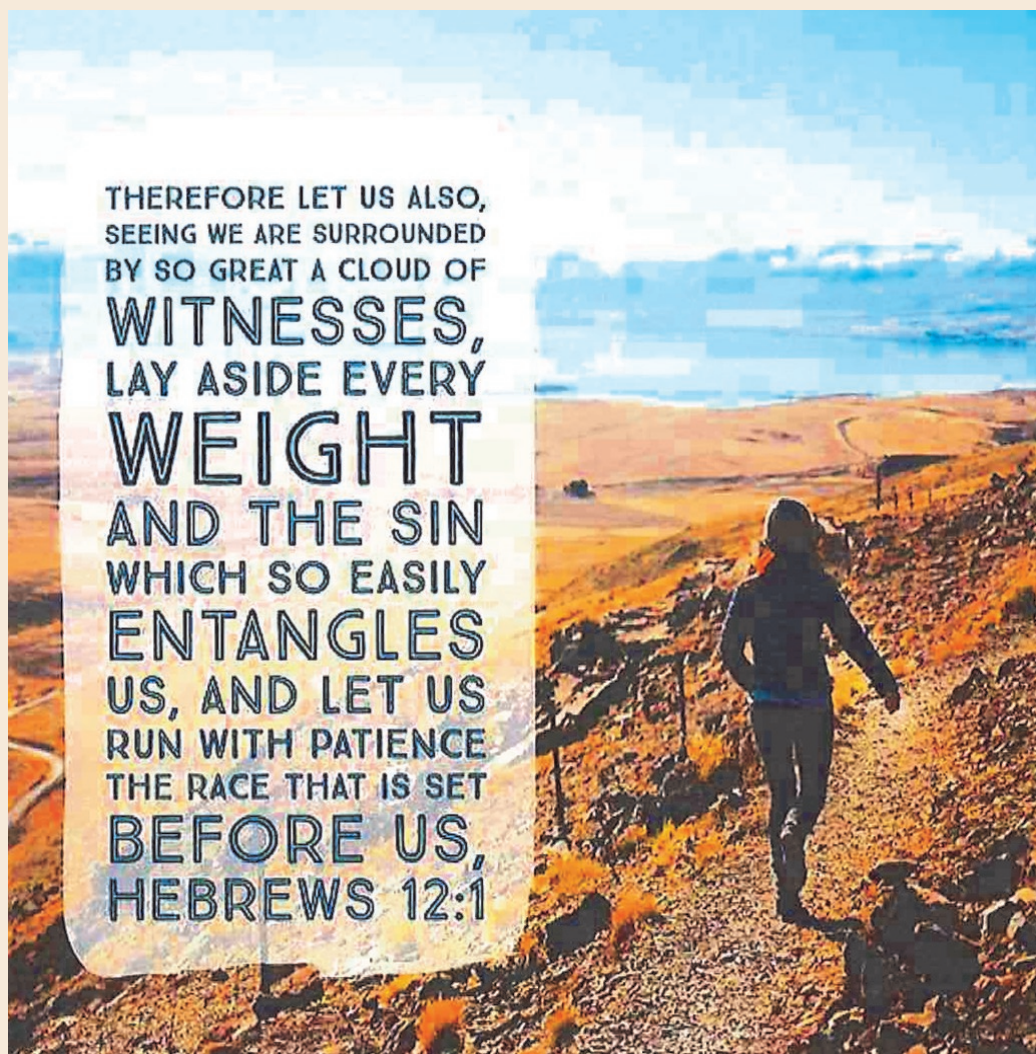




Church of Saint Cecilia

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



THEREFORE LET US ALSO,
SEEING WE ARE SURROUNDED
BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF
WITNESSES,
LAY ASIDE EVERY
WEIGHT
AND THE SIN
WHICH SO EASILY
ENTANGLES
US, AND LET US
RUN WITH PATIENCE
THE RACE THAT IS SET
BEFORE US,
HEBREWS 12:1

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



Pictorial Directory– Photo Sitzings September 18th-20th

We've partnered with Universal Church Directories with photo sittings taking place at St. C's on September 18th-20th. For participating in a photo session you'll receive a complimentary color 8x10 photo and a printed copy of the directory when completed. Your photography session will include multiple photos to choose from and you will have the opportunity to purchase extra photos as you wish (there will be no pressure to buy anything). Submitted photos may also be included in the directory if you're unavailable for a photo session; call the parish for more info.

Sign up today for a photo sitting! Paper sign up is available in the Link after Mass on the weekends. Online sign up is only available weekdays. Please note that we are recommending that groups of five or more should schedule two consecutive time slots (online language recommends for groups of six or more, but we prefer two consecutive time slots for groups of five or more).

Please note that our directory will also include contact information. This information is not to be shared outside our parish, but rather a way for you to connect with fellow parishioners for events, volunteer needs, liturgical minister assignments, etc. If you do not want your contact information included in the back of the directory, please let us know.

Financial Results for June 30, 2025

Operating Revenues	\$436,803
Anticipated Operating Revenues	\$382,000
Operating Expenses	\$399,512
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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



St Cecilia's Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation Is scheduled for Sunday September 14th. We will leave church at 10:30am and be back at church by 2:00pm at the latest.

Please Register and Join Us!

- We want this to be a parish-wide event
- We'll celebrate, reflect, learn, sing, eat together and take action to protect God's gift of Creation
- We will journey to Carondelet Village (near College of St Catherine) to learn about their success at reducing fossil fuel usage with geothermal for cooling and heating.
- Our Pilgrimage will include transportation, music, food and time to be with our St Cecilia's community
- There will be a fully accessible option for those who do not wish to do any walking. Carondelet Village is a beautifully accessible facility with elevators, etc.
- All will be family friendly

The Details

- Sunday, September 14th
- We will leave directly after Mass
- We will carpool the 4 miles to St Catherine's parking lot (maps and directions provided)
- A short pilgrimage walk through The Rain Garden at Carondelet Village with song and prayer to celebrate creation. A "no walking option" as well!
- We will learn a little about the Geothermal at Carondelet Village
- We will share a light meal together and
- express our concern to St Paul Officials in writing, urging bold action
- We will be done at 1:45 at Carondelet and back to St Cecilia's before 2:00

The event is less than a month away and we are eager to have everyone sign up. Registration forms are available in Friendship Hall and in the Link.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 23, 4:30pm

Book:	Mike L.
Lectors:	Steve C./Beth C.
Host:	Alice S.
Cup:	Sue W./
Greeter:	Mary F.
Sacristan:	Kathy W.

Sunday, August 24, 9:30am

Book:	Mary Pat Z.
Lectors:	Jean W./Ed Z.
Host:	Kathy Z.
Cup:	Claudia B./John B.
Greeter:	Ken S./Rosie F.
Sacristan:	Mary Clare L.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	10:40	School Supply Drive Liturgy Team
Sat	2:00	Baptism

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 9:00am. Email submissions to bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS



School Supply Drive Through August 24th

We're collecting NEW school supplies for children from low-income families in St. Paul.

Donations will go to Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul for children at American Indian Magnet School, CornerHouse Children's Advocacy Center, Department of Indian Work, Emma Norton Services, Faithful Hospitality, Project Home, and Saint Paul Public Schools.

Supply List:

- Backpacks
- 3-ring binders & loose-leaf paper
- Calculators
- Notebooks & Folders
- Pencils/Pens/Erasers/Pencil Sharpeners
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks & bottles
- Colored Pencils/Markers
- Scissors & rulers
- Crayons
- Facial tissue
- Hand sanitizer
- School supply boxes
- Reusable masks

Donations may be dropped off in the lower level Link. Thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date

A dinner for Liturgical Ministers and anyone else in the parish who wishes to attend will be held on Thursday, September 11th. Vicki Clima will be our guest speaker. Save the date and watch for more information to come.

Parishioner Award Project

My name is Julia and I'm excited to share that I'm working on renovating the Murray Courtyard as part of my Girl Scout Silver Award project. I'm looking for help gardening in the next few weeks. Please see the link below for more information about my project and signing up to help.

<https://www.givemn.org/story/Murraycourtyard>

Home Help Needed

Elderly disabled woman looking for assistance from a nursing student, college student etc. for home help. Also, looking for weekly lawn mowing. Please contact Becky Cassidy at 651.815.7725.



Deck Night

You're invited to Deck Night at the Zwacks, with hosts Dave & Mary Pat. Enjoy evenings of conversation, treats and relaxation. Popcorn, M&M's, and lemonade provided (or BYOB). The final two gatherings will take place on Tuesday, August 19th and Thursday, September 4th at 6:30pm. See the flyer on the Link bulletin board for address and more information.

Welcome

St. Cecilia's would like to welcome the following new members to our community of faith:

Margaret McGowan & Sarah White

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.

Masks Available

Covid 19 is still in the air. A reminder that masks are available in the entryway of church for your use if you desire.

Event Scheduling

Our St. C's calendar is filling up with many events and programs for 2025/2026. If you need to use space in the building (or grounds) for parish gatherings, meetings, etc., please call the office or talk with a staff member after Mass so we may get your activity scheduled on our calendar. This helps us avoid space conflicts when multiple events are booked. Thanks!

OUT & ABOUT

Job Openings

Saint Patrick's Guild has job openings for cashier and customer service. Email or call Rosemary at rosemary@stpatriksguild.com, 651.696.5117 and ask for an application.

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#744
Gloria	#319
Psalm 40 Lord, come to my aid.	
Gospel Acclamation	#334
Preparation	Instrumental
Eucharistic Acclamations	#370, 373, 374, 391
Communion	#783
Closing	#685

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10. *Jeremiah thrown into a muddy pit with life endangered, is rescued by the Ethiopian Ebed-melech.*

Psalm 40. **Lord, come to my aid.**

Hebrews 12:1-4. *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, we set our eyes on Jesus who endured the cross, heedless of its shame. Do not abandon the struggle.*

Luke 12:49-53. *I have come, Jesus declared, to light a fire on the earth. How I wish the blaze were ignited!*

Gluten Sensitivity

Gluten-free hosts are available. Please inform one of the greeters before Mass if you need a gluten-free host.

Sacramental Policies

Marriage: Six months notice is required. Three months active parish membership necessary prior to initiating marriage preparation.

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



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