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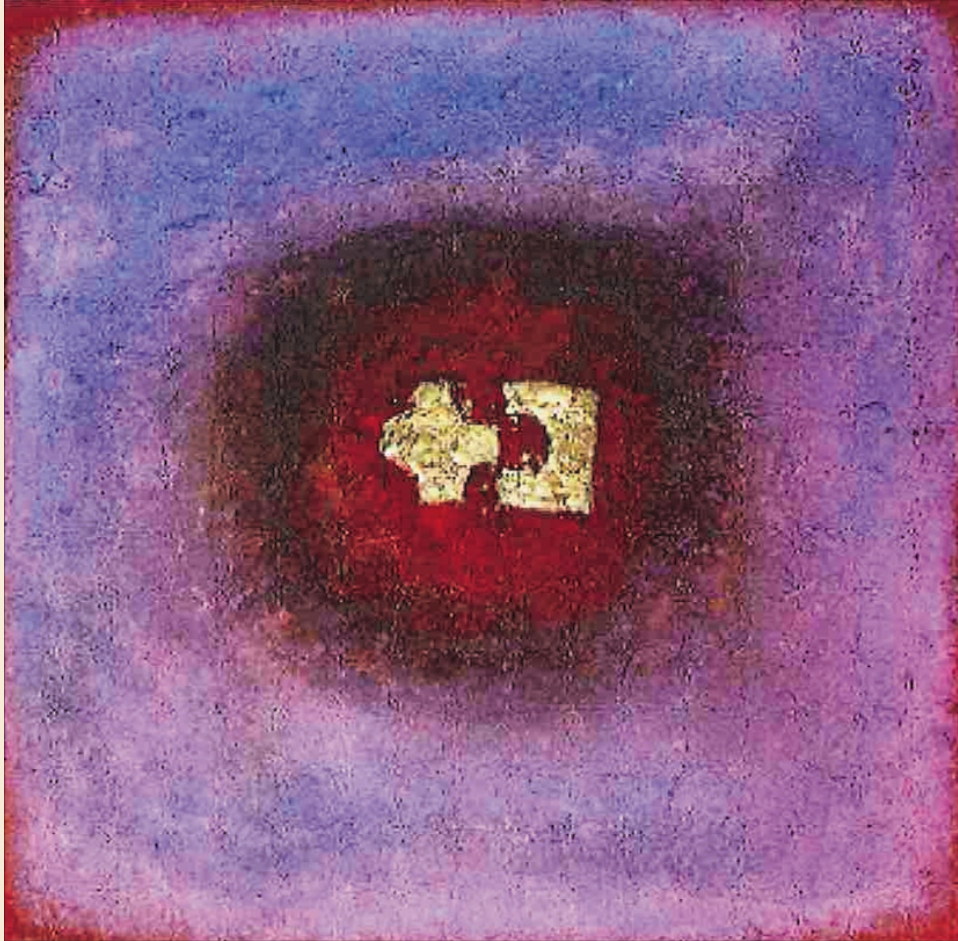
Weekly Masses:
Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 9:30
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45

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



Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures...

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The Church of Saint Cecilia



Parish Event

Sunday, May 19th from 10:30am to 1:30pm

The Parish Event is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Registration materials are available for pick up in the Link this weekend. Envelopes not picked up will be mailed out.

Many of our favorite traditions will continue:

- Silent Auction
- Kids Raffle
- Calendar Raffle
- Meal catered by the amazing Adam Sieve of Hazels NE



We are excited to introduce a few new things this year:

- Brunch! Our earlier Mass time puts us in the perfect time frame for a brunch meal.
- Community baskets - donate 1 item for a basket so you can contribute to the silent auction without needing to complete a full basket on your own (details coming soon!)
- Calendar Raffle donations - fulfill a specific high demand gift card (details coming soon!)
- Pies are back! Sign up to donate a dessert.



Find more event details in your registration envelope in the Link. Please return your registration materials by Sunday, May 12th. Hope to see you there!

Financial Results for the Six Months ended December 31, 2023

Expected operating revenues	\$176,800
Actual operating revenues	\$183,565
Expected operating expenses	\$183,000
Actual operating expenses	\$188,853
Excess costs over revenues	(\$5,288)
Building fund contributions	\$4,419
Building improvements	(\$59,027)
Total deficit	(\$59,896)

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 20, 4:30pm

Book:	Leo S.
Lectors:	Ellen D./Linda B.
Host:	Scott S.
Cup:	Ellen C.
Greeter:	Stephanie K.
Sacristan:	Tom K.

Sunday, April 21, 9:30am

Book:	Larry C.
Lectors:	Julie M./Evelyn P.
Host:	Marilee G.
Cup:	Ann K./John B.
Greeter:	Kathy D.
Sacristan:	Pat K.

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, call the parish office at 651.644.4502 or complete the form on our website. If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain, contact Teri DeMore at 651.399.0923. The role of a prayer chain member is to serve parishioners by offering prayers for special intentions and prayer requests.

Care for Creation Ministry- Constructive Climate Conversations

As we celebrate the Easter season, we are reminded of our call to be disciples of Christ, stewards of creation, and caretakers of our common home. In the spirit of this season of restoration, we would like to remind you of an upcoming event focused on how to start a conversation about Climate Change to respond to this call.

Join us for the **Care for Creation Ministry – Constructive Climate Conversations** led by **Grace Finnerty**: a fellow parishioner of St. Cecilia's and an environmental activist. This forum will provide a unique opportunity for our community to engage in meaningful dialogue on how to talk about Climate Change.

In the footsteps of Jesus, who cared for those on the margins and sought justice for all, we are called to take action to protect our planet and all its inhabitants. This forum not only allows us to deepen our understanding of the environmental challenges we face, but also provides a chance to engage others in our community. Together, as individuals and as a faith community, let us come together to respond with compassion and courage to the urgent call for environmental stewardship.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Date: Sunday, April 21st
Time: After 9:30am Mass (approx. 10:45am)
Location: Friendship Hall

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Food Drive
	9:30	CGS & FF Liturgy of the Word
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:00	Staff Meeting
	5:00	Finance Meeting
Sun	9:30	CGS & 1st Euch Group
	10:30	Liturgy Meeting
	10:45	Sunday Forum

Faith FORMATION

Thank you volunteers!

Last Sunday we had a wonderful group of volunteers join us at St. Anthony Park Nursing home. We visited over coffee and pastries and delivered the children's hand painted flower pots and greeting cards to the rooms. The residents were very grateful. Thanks to all those who helped to make it possible!



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Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, April 28th we will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help cover the cost of the youth group mission trip to the Red Lake Reservation. Our trip will take place from July 15-19. All students in grades 8+ are welcome to join us. You do not have to commit to going on the trip to help out at the breakfast. It's a lot of fun and goes for a great cause! Please reach out to Theresa if interested in helping at the breakfast and/or learning more about the trip.

First Eucharist - Practice & Mass

Mark your calendars for the First Eucharist practice on Saturday, May 4th at 10am. **Students should arrive in their First Eucharist attire** because we will take individual and group photos with Father John. Families can have their pictures taken that morning or the next day before Mass. First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 5th at the 9:30am Mass.

Faith Formation Schedule

April 14th - CGS & Lit of the Word, 9:30am
 April 21st - CGS & First Eucharist, 9:30am
 April 28th - CGS & Lit of the Word, 9:30am,
Pancake Breakfast, 10:30am

COMMUNITY NEWS

Job Opening

Since the death of our staff member Stephen Klein, we have reopened our position of Parish Operations Coordinator. Applicants for this position should send resumes for consideration to staffing@stceciliasp.org. This is an important position to help coordinate our staffing and volunteer functions as well as oversee care of our building and grounds. For a copy of the job description email info@stceciliasp.org.

Peace Initiatives for Gaza

Parishioner Antonio Rosell is working with other interested parishioners to discuss, share information, and connect folks to peace-making efforts underway in our area. Please visit www.StCeciliaPeaceAction.weebly.com and subscribe to receive the latest news. Questions? Please contact Antonio by email at arosell@c-d-g.org.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps mission dioceses minister to the unique pastoral needs of people they serve throughout the U.S. and its territories. These are dioceses that have small Catholic populations dispersed over a wide geographic territory, experience economic hardships caused by loss of industries, or have diminishing populations because of migration from rural to urban areas. Envelopes are in the back of church and may be returned next week in the regular collection basket. Checks payable to St. Cecilia or use our PayPal link [here](#). Please indicate "special collection" with donations. Thank you.

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#523
Gloria	#217
Psalm 4	#19
Gospel Acc.	#537
Preparation	#527
Mass of Creation	#198, 200, 202, 204
Communion	#935
Closing	#519

Small Group News

St. Cecilia's Care for Creation ministry: ten participants in Laudato Si' autumn small groups are meeting to prayerfully explore ways to care for God's Creation as a parish. During this season of Easter, we will also continue to put an Easter prayer/reflection in the bulletin.

Third Sunday of Easter:

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

As we gather on this Third Sunday of Easter, we are reminded of Your boundless mercy and love for all creation. Grant us the grace to recognize Jesus Christ as the source of life and renewal, just as Peter proclaimed to the people. Help us to repent and be converted, turning away from the sins that harm both humanity and the Earth, so that Your forgiveness may bring about healing and restoration.

Reflection:

Today's readings invite us to contemplate the transformative power of Christ's resurrection and the call to repentance and conversion. How can we, like the disciples, bear witness to the love of God and the message of forgiveness for all creation? Let us commit to keeping Christ's commandments, knowing that in doing so, the love of God is perfected in us. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may we be empowered to care for our common home and promote reconciliation and healing in our world.

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. *You have killed the prince of life; God however raised him from the dead.*

Psalm 4. ***Lord, let your face shine on us.***

1 John 2:1-5. *Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and those of the whole world.*

Luke 24:35-48. *The Risen Jesus appears to the disciples and opens the scriptures that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise.*

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

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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