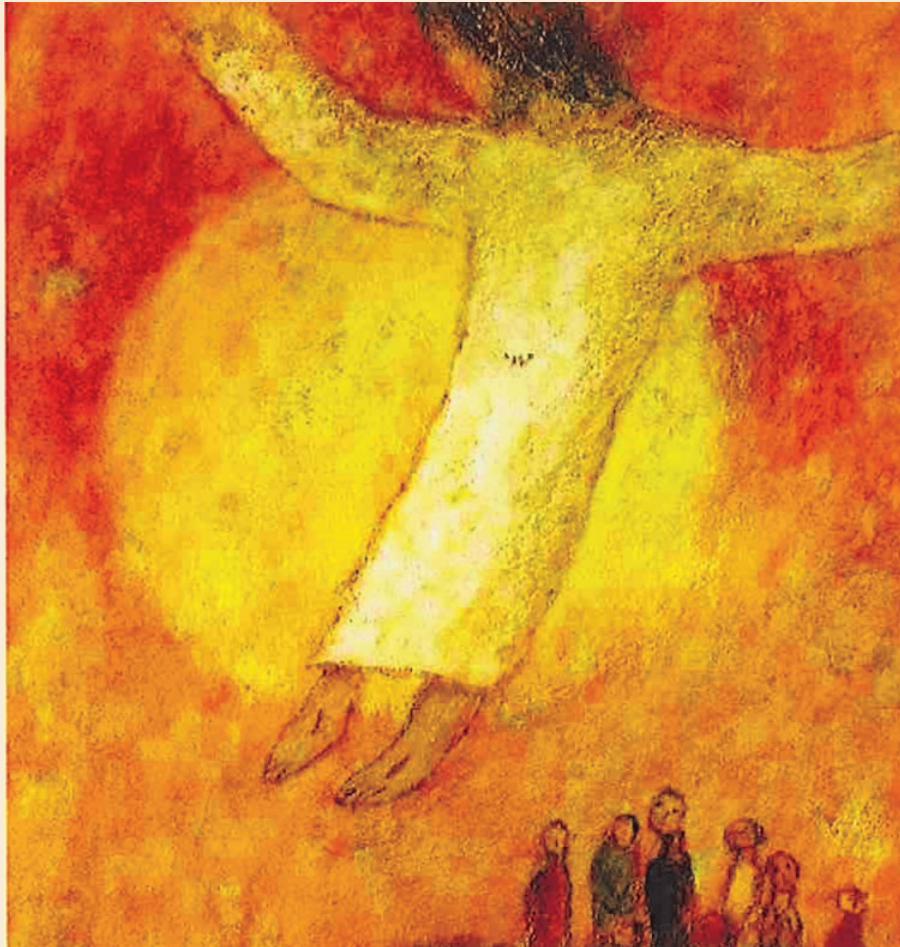




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Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 9:30  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



The Lord Jesus was taken up to heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

## WELCOME

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

The parish office is open  
Monday-Thursday  
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# The Church of Saint Cecilia



## Parish Event

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

**\*Please return your registration materials by Sunday, May 12th\***

The Parish Event is right around the corner! Join us on Sunday, May 19th from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

Festivities include:

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



### Get Involved!

**Volunteer:** We need helping hands for every area of the event; set up, ticket takers, food servers, bus tables, auction help, take down and more! Click [here](#) to sign up.

**Silent Auction Donations:** Donate a themed basket or other NEW items (theme suggestions: chocolate, Italian, backyard barbecue, gardening, baking, fishing, fun & games, etc.) Items for adults and children are welcome! Bring your donations to the parish office anytime during the week (Mon-Thur 9am to 2pm), or on the weekend before Mass. Be sure to fill out the donation form available in the office.



**Community Events:** Donate theater tickets, a specialty skill you can teach or an event you can plan. Do you have a cabin to share? Any and all community events welcome! Write the details on your event registration form or email the parish office ([info@stceciliaspm.org](mailto:info@stceciliaspm.org)) with questions.

**Calendar Raffle Donations:** Gift cards and monetary donations needed. Stop by the Link and select a tag with specific donation requests. Fill out the donation tag leaving us the top half. Return the bottom half of the tag along with your donation to the parish office.

**Sponsor the Event:** \$50 sponsorship (includes 2 brunch tickets), \$100 sponsorship (includes 4 brunch tickets). Sign up on your registration form. General monetary donations are also welcome!

**Let's Talk Pie:** Sign up on your registration form to donate a pie or other dessert. Pumpkin, blueberry, cherry, apple and more -you decide! Due to lack of refrigeration space, please bring a dessert that can be at room temperature for the duration of the event.



### Job Opening

We have reopened our position of Parish Operations Coordinator. Applicants for this position should send resumes for consideration to [staffing@stceciliaspm.org](mailto:staffing@stceciliaspm.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@stceciliaspm.org](mailto:info@stceciliaspm.org).

## Faith FORMATION

### Red Lake Meeting

Join us for a virtual meeting on Monday, May 20 at 7pm to learn more about the Red Lake Mission Trip. The trip will take place from July 15-19. During this meeting we will share details and hopefully answer any questions you may have. This trip is for St. Cecilia youth and friends entering 9th grade and above. Hope to see you there!

**Meeting link:**

<https://theresaotoole.my.webex.com/theresaotoole.my/j.php?MTID=m586062bf00a14ff1d0acd6e1c6a255a3>

**Meeting number:**  
2559 636 5449

**Meeting password:**  
RedLake

### Faith Formation Schedule

May 12 - CGS & Lit of Word (last one for the season!)  
May 19 - CGS (last one for the season!) & Parish Event

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Mother's Day Food Drive
	9:30	May Crowning
	9:30	CGS & FF Liturgy of the Word
Tue	7:00	Choir
Sun	9:30	CGS
	10:30	Parish Event

### 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](http://www.StCeciliaPeaceAction.weebly.com) for latest news and events. Questions? Please contact Antonio by email at [arosell@c-d-g.org](mailto:arosell@c-d-g.org).



COMMUNITY NEWS

**Meet our Neighbors, Build Community, Share Food and have Fun.** The St. Anthony Park Faith Communities are planning a social gathering on May 26th - Trinity Sunday (and Memorial Day Weekend). We will meet at Centennial United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., at 12:00 noon for coffee and a short prayer service. Then we will walk together to College Park with music and banners. From 1:00 to 3:00pm, we will have food, games for all ages (including a bouncy house!), music, and an opportunity to get to know people from all five faith communities (Centennial United Methodist Church, St. Cecilia's, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church). Plan to join us for a fun afternoon.

**Game Night**



Join us for game night on Saturday, May 25th from 5:30-10:00pm in Friendship Hall. Bring snacks and beverages to share. All are welcome!

**Welcome**

St. Cecilia's would like to welcome Molly, Nick, Oliver and Edmund Goodier to our community of faith.

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11. *Between Easter and Ascension Jesus instructed the apostles and instructed them "to wait...for you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Eventually, Jesus will return gloriously, the same way by which he ascended from their midst.*

Psalm 46. **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets to the Lord.**

Ephesians 1:17-23. *Christ's "fullness fills the universe" and so the Lord distributes "the wealth of his glorious heritage" and "the immeasurable scope of his power in us who believe."*

Mark 16:15-20. *Jesus sends the Eleven to go out to the world and proclaim the Good News to all creation. He was taken up to heaven; he took his place at the right hand of God.*

SMALL GROUP NEWS


St. Cecilia's Care for Creation ministry: 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. Be sure to also join us on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30pm for our presentation on Systemic Action and Information on Geothermal.

Solemnity of the Ascension Sunday

Prayer:  
*Divine Creator,  
 On this Solemnity of the Ascension Sunday, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the unity and love you instill within us. As we contemplate the teachings of Care for Creation and the wisdom of Laudato Si', may we be inspired to emulate the harmony and oneness exemplified in Jesus' prayer to you. Grant us the strength to remain steadfast in your truth, safeguarding our shared home and fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness with all creation. Just as Jesus consecrated himself for us, may we likewise dedicate ourselves to the preservation and flourishing of your divine creation, guided by the eternal truth of your Word.  
 Amen*

Reflection:

*In the Gospel of John, Jesus offers a poignant prayer to the Father, expressing his desire for unity and protection for his disciples. As we reflect on these words, we are reminded of the profound interconnectedness that binds us to one another and to the Earth itself. Just as Jesus consecrated himself for the sake of humanity, so too are we called to consecrate ourselves for the well-being of our planet and all its inhabitants. In the spirit of Care for Creation and the principles espoused in Laudato Si', let us heed Jesus' call to be in the world but not of it, striving to embody the truth and love that he exemplified. May our actions reflect our commitment to environmental stewardship and our reverence for the sacred interconnectedness of all life.*



**Hospitality**— Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass.

**Act on Climate Change-Spread Political Love-Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 @ St Cecilia's**

According to both Pope Francis and the US Catholic Bishops, it is part of **our baptismal call** to act politically for the common good. We have an opportunity to address climate change through meetings with our St Paul City Council members in the weeks ahead. Join us on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at St C's to learn about thermal energy networks, and the work of St Paul 350/Unidos.

**US Bishops:** "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. The obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear witness in all we do." 1

**Pope Francis:** "Political love: **Once more I appeal for a renewed appreciation of politics as 'a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, in as much as it seeks the common good'**...charity finds its expression not only in close and intimate relationships but also **more macro-relationships: social, economic and political**" 2

1-Pgrph #14 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship US Catholic Conference of Bishops USCCB Sept, 2011  
 2-Pgrph #180 Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis

Visit the Care for Creation website <https://stcs-careforcreation.netlify.app/>, or scan the QR code.



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Opening	#543
Gloria	#271
Psalm 47	#1079
Gospel Acc.	#537
Preparation	#545 vs. 1-3(4:30) Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring-Choir
Mass of Creation	#198, 200, 202, 204
Communion	#928 (9:30) Ave Maria-Choir
Closing	#546 (4:30) #886 (9:30)

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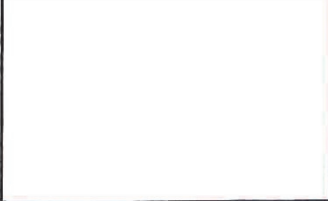
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