



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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



**"The Shrewd Manager"**

Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube

## 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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**Matthew Tande & Mary Ellen Ryan**

## The Church of Saint Cecilia



### Sunday Forum, September 21st - 10:30am

Journeying with Leo XIV: From Villanova to the Vatican

When Leo XIV first greeted Rome and the world, he identified himself as “a son of St. Augustine, an Augustinian.” We will look to the spirituality of St. Augustine, the Rule of St. Augustine, and Augustinian spirituality to better understand the spirituality of the first Augustinian pope. We will reflect on his chosen name revealing a spirituality committed to justice and peace. Our presenter, Angela Senander, is a theologian who has taught with the Augustinians at Washington Theological Union and Merrimack College.

### 2025-2026 Faith Formation Details

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd during 9:30am Mass, three Sundays a month from October-May, ages 3-6 (PreK-1st Grade)
- First Eucharist & Reconciliation for grade two or as needed for older students, during 9:30am Mass, two Sundays per month from Oct-May
- Large Group Family Formation on the first Wednesday of the month where we will share a meal and take part in a learning activity, service project or prayer service, all ages welcome
- Liturgy of the Word for Children during 9:30am Mass, two Sundays per month from Oct-May, all ages welcome
- Please [follow this link](#) to register
- Here is the link to our Faith Formation [Google Calendar](#). This will be the most up-to-date information moving forward.

### Upcoming Events:

- First Eucharist/Reconciliation Retreat on Sept 20th at 9am
- Wednesday night formation kick-off on Wednesday, October 1st starting at 5:30pm
- First class for Lit of the Word & CGS on Sunday, October 5th
- First class for First Eucharist on Sunday, October 12th

### 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](mailto:virnigma@comcast.net).

### Common Hope Mission

St Cecilia's has now become a Common Hope partner. Our confirmation program will send a large work team to Guatemala next summer. For our students and their families, this will be a life-changing faith-filled experience! We invite everyone in the parish to visit Common Hope in Guatemala whenever possible. In the meantime, we invite you to become part of Common Hope's work by meeting and getting to know a specific Guatemalan family, one with young students, and helping support them on their journey out of poverty. Many parish families have already started down this road and we hope you'll join us. To get started, go to [CommonHope.org](http://CommonHope.org) and click on "Giving." Brochures with more information are also available in the back of church. Thank you.

### 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

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, September 27, 4:30pm

<b>Book:</b>	Mary F.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Nancy B./Linda B.
<b>Host:</b>	Stephanie K.
<b>Cup:</b>	Sue W./Steve C.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Stephanie K.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Tom K.

#### Sunday, September 28, 9:30am

<b>Book:</b>	Jack S.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Susan G./Ed Z.
<b>Host:</b>	Jean W.
<b>Cup:</b>	Kathy Z./Claudia B.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Rose Marie A.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Mary Pat Z.

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	10:30	Sunday Forum
Tue	7:00	Choir
Sat	5:30	Movie Night

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesdays at 9:00am. Email submissions to [bulletin@stceciiaspm.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciiaspm.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Census Form

If you haven't already done so, please complete a census form. This will help us to ensure that we have the most up-to-date and accurate information possible. Hard copies are available in the Link or you may complete the form online through our parish wide email. Please take a few minutes to complete the census. Questions may be directed to the parish office.

### Copy Usage

We're looking to be more mindful of the environment and reduce the amount of black/white copies we're making. If you need copies, please make/request only what will be used. If additional copies are needed, we're happy to make more. Thank you!

### Parish Directory

Thank you to everyone who scheduled a photo session for our parish directory. If you would like to be included in the directory, it's not too late! Submitted photos are being accepted through September 23rd. Send a jpg and vertical format photo, with names of everyone in the photo, to Barb Falardeau at [bulletin@stceciliasp.m.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliasp.m.org). By participating, you will receive a copy of the parish directory. For additional questions, please call the parish office at 651.644.4502. Thank you!

### Home Help Needed

Elderly disabled woman looking for assistance from a college student for home help. Location close to St. C's. Please contact Becky Cassidy at 651.815.7725.

### 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.

### Garden Benches

We recently added two benches to our backyard in memory of Rose Ryan. The benches are placed next to Rosie's garden. A special thank you to her son, Kevin for assembling them.

### Parish Wide Emails

Weekly email blasts highlighting upcoming activities are sent generally on Thursdays. We also use this form of communication, if necessary, to relay parish closure and event cancellations. If you are not receiving our emails and wish to be added to the distribution list, please contact Barb Falardeau at [bulletin@stceciliasp.m.org](mailto:bulletin@stceciliasp.m.org) or call the parish office at 651.644.4502. If you do not have email, please make sure we have your up-to-date phone number so that we may contact you if necessary.



### Movie Night

Join us on Saturday, September 27th at 5:30pm for Movie Night. This month's selection is *Everything Is Illuminated*. The story follows a young Jewish American man (Jonathan) who travels to Ukraine to find the woman who saved his grandfather during World War II, aided by an eccentric local named Alex. The film explores themes of memory and the impact of the past, blending humor and poignancy as Jonathan embarks on this journey with Alex and a dog. Rated PG-13. A light dinner will be served.

### Gluten Sensitivity

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

### 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.

### Hospitality

Join us for hospitality in Friendship Hall following Sunday Mass.



### Music for Liturgy

Opening	#606
Gloria	#323
Psalm 113 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.	
Gospel Acclamation	#332
Preparation	#590
Eucharistic Acclamations	#355, 356, 357, 388
Communion	#920
Closing	#764 vs. 1, 2, 4

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7. *Condemnation of social injustices which trample upon the needy.*

Psalm 113. **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

1 Timothy 2: 1-8. *Prayers are requested for peace, peace with those in authority, between races and nations, among the disciples of Jesus, just as there is peace between God the Father, the mediator Jesus and the entire human family.*

Luke 16: 1-13. *The parable of the wily steward, more ingenious about worldly goods than the other-worldly, is about spiritual concerns. A number of proverbs about wealth and stewardship are added.*

## OUT & ABOUT

St. Anthony Park area Seniors offers: Walk with Ease. Meet at Como Lake Pavilion, 1360 Lexington Parkway on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11am through October 9th. You'll learn from a certified instructor a safe and enjoyable way to make walking part of your everyday life while helping you increase balance and strength. Registration is required (no charge for group gathering). See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Link for more information and registration.



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