



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain

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The Church of Saint Cecilia



Giving Tree News

Saint Cecilia’s will again be providing over 300 Christmas gifts to families who need help in our area this holiday season. We will once again provide gifts for students at Cesar Chavez School and family members at Holy Rosary Church.

Cesar Chavez school on the east side of Saint Paul has about 550 students grades pre-K to eighth grade. Their students are 99% minority and 83% are poor. They offer classes in both Spanish and English and they teach about Latino culture. They have some people who help them at Christmas time but they are always short of gifts and can’t provide gifts for all the students that need them.

We also give to members of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Those people are Hispanic immigrants and most don’t have access to social services from the government.

Trees with the gift requests will be in the link November 15/16, November 22/23 and through Thanksgiving weekend November 29/30. All gifts must be returned to the link no later than Sunday, December 7th.

You have been so generous in the past and we hope to have a successful year once again. Thank you for your support.

Kathy Pierson, Giving Tree Team Chair

Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of November we will be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items and monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf, Keystone Community Services. The need is especially great right now and your extra generosity is appreciated. Suggested donations:

- Instant potatoes/boxed stuffing
- Chicken broth, vegetable broth
- Canned vegetables & canned fruit
- Canned yams, canned cranberries
- Canned pumpkin, evaporated milk
- Jar or package gravy
- Rice (white, brown & wild), and quinoa
- Crackers-regular and gluten free, nonperishable cheese spreads
- Flour & sugar (white & brown)
- Mini marshmallows

- Boxed muffin mixes
- Boxed corn bread mixes
- Canned fruit for pies
- Graham cracker pie crusts
- Cornstarch, baking soda, baking powder
- Ground sage, poultry seasoning, cinnamon, salt & pepper, etc.
- Juice, hot chocolate, tea, coffee
- Pickles & olives
- Vegetable oil, shortening, olive oil

Non-food items

- Holiday themed paper plates/napkins
- Toilet paper & paper towels
- Shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste/tooth brushes
- Dish soap, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent
- Cleaning products
- Feminine hygiene products, baby diapers,

Monetary donations also welcome! Checks payable to St. Cecilia or use our PayPal link [here](#). Indicate “food drive” with all 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)

Remembering the Departed

At this weekend’s liturgies we will remember those who have passed away during the year. Please email Marge Virnig with immediate family members names who have passed away this past year. We also ask you to add their names to our memorial book which will be placed near the Easter candle and Baptismal font and remain there as a reminder of our community prayers this month.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	9:30	FF Liturgy of the Word & CGS
	10:30	Book Group Discussion
Mon	11:00	Funeral Mass
Tue	7:00	Choir
Wed	5:30	Whole Community Wed.
Sat		Food Drive
Sun		Food Drive
	9:30	First Eucharist Class & CGS
	10:30	Book Discussion



Visit the Care for Creation website

<https://stcs-careforcreation.netlify.app/>, or scan the QR code.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Taize Prayer

Wednesday,
November 12th at 7:00pm

*A peaceful hour of music,
prayer and quiet. All are
welcome.*

Safety Team

We are in the process of forming a Safety Team that would help us review our facilities and practices and make recommendations for improvement. Please email colleen@stceciliaspmm.org if you are interested.

Lector Books

If you're a lector, please stop by the work sacristy and pick up a 2026 lector book.

Funeral Arrangements

We extend our deepest sympathy to Phyllis Hughes on the passing of husband Dick Hughes. Arrangements as follows at St. Cecilia's:

Monday, November 3rd Funeral Mass at 11:00am (visitation one hour prior at 10:00am), luncheon follows. May he rest in the Peace of Christ.

Oktoberfest Thank You

A big THANK YOU to the **Sieve family** and **Van Thomme family** for organizing another Oktoberfest last weekend! We are so grateful for their time, energy, and generosity, as well as all our volunteers that helped make this great event possible. Congratulations to all of our Bingo winners, and to **Beth Claas** for winning the Bake-Off with her carrot cake!

National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)

Supporting the AMS ensures that service members, Veterans, and their families are able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance. Without the AMS there would be no Catholic chaplains. Checks payable to Archdiocese for Military Services, USA and mail same to: Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Office of Advancement, P.O. Box 4469, Washington, D.C. 20017. Thank you for your generosity.

Faith FORMATION

Whole Community Wednesday

Join us on **Wednesday, November 5th starting at 5:30pm** for our next Whole Community Wednesday evening. [You can RSVP for this and future events](#) at our signup genius link. We will make sandwiches for the homeless for the Sandwich Project. This is a fun and hands-on way to make a real difference in our community. The catered meal will take place from 5:30-6:30 (free will offering appreciated) then the project will follow. Our 400 sandwiches will go to the Groveland Food Shelf in Minneapolis. 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 the next 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 December'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.](#)

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 2 - CGS & Lit of Word
- Nov 5 - WCW - The Sandwich Project, 5:30pm
- Nov 9 - CGS & First Eucharist
- Nov 16 - CGS & Lit of Word, Advent program parent meeting after Mass

Book Group Discussion

Art Zannoni will lead a four week discussion group (after the 9:30 liturgies beginning on November 2nd) on Bill Huebsch's book *Encounter With The Holy*. All are welcome. Cost is \$8.00 for the book.

Small Groups

Four weeks with each week covering four sections of the book *Participation of the Heart: Deeper Engagement in the Mass*. The winter session will be another four weeks to cover the rest of the sessions. Cost of the book is \$15.95 (with group discount)—you can choose hard copy or PDF download. Contact Marge Virnig for more information.

Music for Liturgy

Opening	#871
Gloria	#323
Children's Liturgy of the Word (9:30)	
Psalm 23 Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.	
Gospel Acclamation	#332
Preparation	#975
Eucharistic Acclamations	#355, 356, 357, 388
Communion	#945
Closing	#539

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Wisdom 3:1-9. The Souls of the just are proved like gold in the furnace.

Psalm 23: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Romans 8:14-23. I consider the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared to the glory to be revealed for us.

Luke 7:11-17. Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain.

OUT & ABOUT

Speaking of God: A Contemporary Vocabulary for Speaking of the Holy One with presenter Bill Huebsch, Tuesday, November 18th from 12:30-2:30pm at Saint Thomas More Church (1079 summit Ave). Suggested contribution \$20. See the bulletin board flyer for registration and more information.

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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