



# Church of Saint Cecilia

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



He had compassion for them...and taught them many things.

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open  
Monday-Thursday  
10:00am to 2:00pm

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# The Church of Saint Cecilia

**Upgrades, replacements, etc.....a pastor's epistle**

As we gradually return to worship and public gathering, we're now addressing some concerns and needs we have about our parish facilities. A group of parishioners met with Stephen Klein our Parish Operations Coordinator earlier this year to come up with a "to do" list and prioritize necessary repairs and replacements. Our building group observed that there may be some wear left in a lot of areas, though we can expect that at some point we may need to address complete and expensive replacements should breakdown or irreparable damage occur.

We've been able to get a lot of use out of our buildings since the last major renovation that was completed in 2004. Parish members have been generous in maintaining our building fund and we're nearing the end of paying off the cost of building the "link" between our parish offices and all the related building mechanical upgrades, roof and building insulation, painting and carpeting that took place at that time. Recently, adjusting to changes in technology and responding to some of the challenges faced in response to the pandemic has meant purchasing cameras for recording, changing our internet provider and replacing computers these past months. We've also continued to make upgrades in the sound system in our church and Friendship Hall we had begun earlier.

Priorities to address now focus on areas where we need to reduce energy consumption recognizing the impact and responsibility we share on caring for our environment. We have converted all the lighting in the body of the church to LED lighting and compatible switches. We're getting estimates now on improving the sanctuary lighting to be more efficient and effective. Projected costs of this will be shared when available.

Our church's hearing assistance device system is also 30 years old and could be improved. We're aware that with some new systems, people can connect directly to a facility's sound system with their personal hearing aids via their Smartphone. The company that services our sound system, however, recommended that we not choose that option. They proposed rather that we update our present arrangement whereby people pick up one of our receivers to use during the service. People have a variety of phones and hearing aids so some of the "smart" advancements may not be widely applicable. That system is now on order and will be installed soon.

As we began to re-open, we also purchased a microphone for our piano and so that all the sound our video camera receives could be delivered through our sound system via one of our hearing assistance receivers. During our Covid shutdown and before we opened for public services again, we recorded our masses through the available sound in the church without any amplification due to the distortion created when the camera's microphone picked up the delay from the sound in the room and echo from the speakers when the system was on. When we connected the camera directly to the sound system, we solved the echo problem but became aware of the poor quality our hearing aid receivers deliver with static and crackles. We have learned there is a continuing need and value in having our recorded liturgies available. We have not invested thousands of dollars as have other congregations in additional equipment or production costs and feel we are providing a fairly good recorded experience at a very modest cost. We're a "work in progress" as we continue to make adjustments.

Our building review also noted the waste of energy generated by the stove in the parish kitchen. It is a commercial gas unit and its pilot lights on the burners and ovens are constantly active. The ventilation system in the hood above the stove was dismantled long ago and so cannot offset any impact on the air quality on the lower level of the church. To provide a commercial hood and vent system in keeping with building codes for our stove and hood would be prohibitive. We mainly use the kitchen to bake or warm

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**Stewardship-Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021**

**Financial Information through  
March 31:**

Anticipated Collections	\$230,327
Actual Collections	\$223,374
PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$36,100
Parish Events, Net	\$18,020
Major Gifts	<u>\$914</u>
Total Revenues	\$278,408
Anticipated Expenses	\$279,058
Actual Expenses	\$253,423
Excess Revenue Over Expenses	\$24,985
Building Fund Contributions	\$5,261
Principal Payments on Debt	\$12,501
Net Surplus	\$17,745
Alms Box Balance as of April 4	\$946.13

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, July 24, 4:30 pm**

- Cross:**
- Book:** Lois C.
- Candle:**
- Lectors:** Rosanne U./Sue W.
- Host:** Scott S.
- Cup:**
- Greeter:**
- Sacristan:** Marge V.

**Sunday, July 25, 9:30 am**

- Cross:**
- Book:** Mary Pat Z.
- Candle:**
- Lector:** Beth C./Mary Pat R.
- Host:** John B.
- Cup:**
- Cup:**
- Greeter:**
- Sacristan:** Pat K.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Tue 6:30 Conversation in Court-  
yard

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesdays at  
9:00 a.m. Email info to  
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food prepared elsewhere. We're looking at replacing the 60" range with two 30" domestic stoves which would provide comparable oven space and number of burners but would only use energy when in use. We'll continue to explore our ventilation needs, but any requirements for use with domestic stoves would not be as difficult to satisfy.

The projected expense of the hearing assistance receivers and stove replacements would be around \$2,000 for each project. We're awaiting estimates on the sanctuary lighting plan. Contributions can be sent to assist with either or any of these projects or to our Building Fund and will help us cover these costs. We're grateful for all the generous support that folks have provided to keep us going these past months!

John Hofstede



Tres Iglesias is an association of three neighborhood churches (St. Cecilia, St. Frances Cabrini, and Prospect Park United Methodist) who have joined together every year since 1992 to work on a Habitat for Humanity project.

Our 5-day summer Habitat project will be **August 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** at 397 Maryland Avenue West, in St. Paul. We're looking for up to 12 volunteers to work on-site each day from 9:00am-3:30pm (Site supervisor and AmeriCorps volunteer will be sanitizing the site from 8:30-9:00am). There will be no formal breaks except for lunch—and you will need to bring your own food/beverages and masks are required. Every volunteer is required to view an [11 minute training video](#) and [volunteer safety document](#) to learn about Covid-19 safety protocols on-site. After viewing these you may sign up to volunteer [here](#). More information and sign up is also available at the [St. Frances Cabrini website](#).

Monetary donations are also welcome to offset our contribution for the build. Checks payable to St. Cecilia "Habitat for Humanity" may be placed in the collection basket during Mass or sent to the parish office. Thank you!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Liturgical Ministers Needed**

We have a great need for more liturgical ministers as follows:

**Saturday—4:30pm Mass**

- Cross & Book
- Greeters & Sacristan

**Sunday—9:30am Mass**

- Greeters

Training is available. If interested or for more information, please contact Marge Virnig or Mary Pat Zwack via the parish office at 651.644.4502 or [virnigma@comcast.net](mailto:virnigma@comcast.net). Thank you for considering to serve.

**Print and Digital Ad Space**

Kristee Flynn from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church the week of July 19th. We invite you to grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad. Contact Kristee Flynn at 651.303.3461 or [Kflynn@4lpi.com](mailto:Kflynn@4lpi.com) for more information.

**Rest in Peace**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Dick Auld and Paula Morphew on the passing of Dick's daughter, Kirsten Auld. May she rest in the Peace of Christ.

**Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA)**

For many years St. Cecilia's has maintained a commitment to Catholic education by inviting parents enrolled in area Catholic elementary schools to form an informal association to help develop funds for a grant program to off-set their tuition costs. To be eligible for these modest grants, participating parents sign an agreement to participate in developing a fund-raising event to help build the fund. In addition, our parish also has a special collection during Catholic Schools Week in early February. A grant amount (based on available funds) is sent in early Spring on the parent's behalf to the school where their child attends.

Interested parents must sign an enrollment agreement by September 1 of the school year with the commitment to participate in the fundraising process. The grant amount will be determined by the total of funds raised by a distribution date around April 15 of that school year. To participate in the coming school year, please call the parish office at 651.644.4502 with further questions or to make arrangements to sign the agreement.

**OUT AND ABOUT**

**Greece Pilgrimage** (including Greek Island Cruise) May 8th-18, 2022 with Fr. Michael Byron and Pax Christi Catholic Community. More info in the link.

<b>Hymns</b>		
Opening	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	#724
Gloria		#319
Psalm	Shepherd Me, O God	#35
Alleluia	Mass of Plenty	
Preparation	Like a Shepherd	#402
Mass of Plenty		#355, #356, #357
Lamb of God		#392
Communion	Come and Eat This Living Bread	#942
Closing	Lord of All Hopefulness	#663

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 23:1-6. *God will gather the remnant of his flock, scattered because of bad shepherds: God will raise up for them a righteous shoot, a new David who will govern wisely.*

Psalm 23: **Shepherd me, O God.**


Ephesians 2:13-18. *Through the cross, Jesus broke down the barriers between us and united us to God in one body. We who were far off were brought near through the blood of Christ.*

Mark 6:30-34. *Because of excessive apostolic demands, Jesus draws his apostles apart to rest a little. When the crowds found him, he pitied them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.*

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