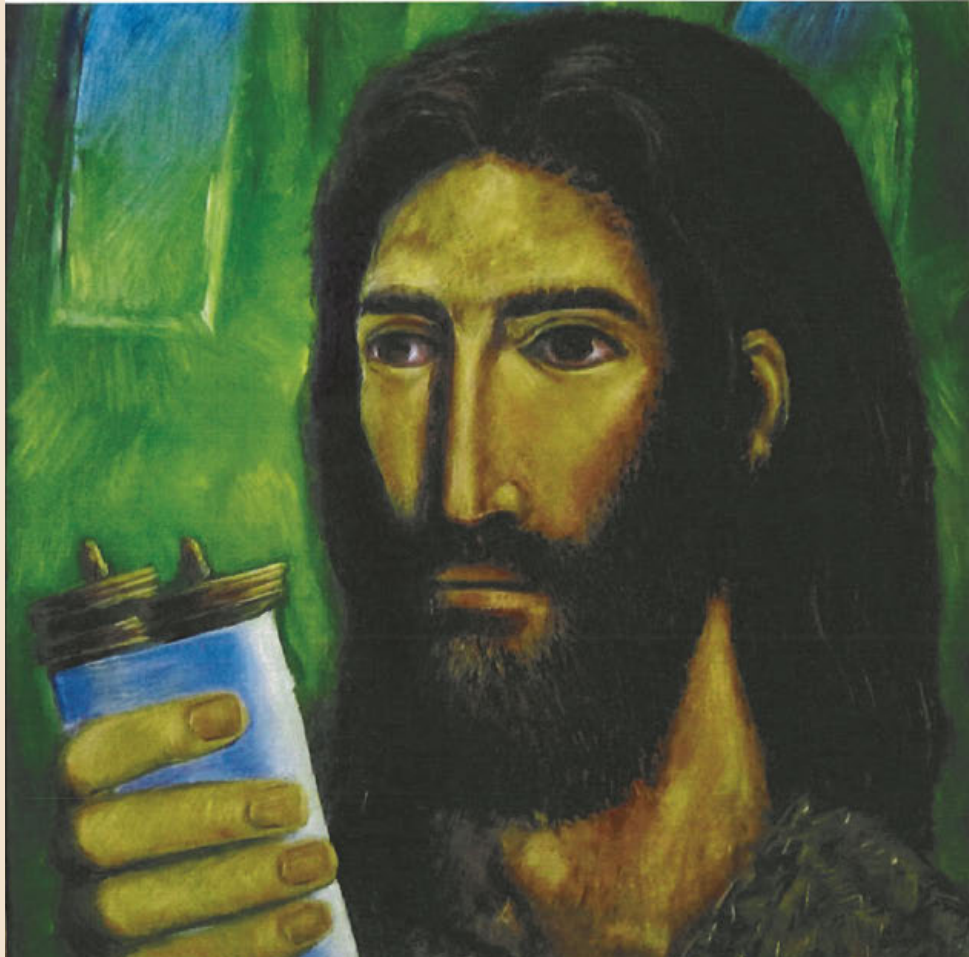




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Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 8:15 & 10:00  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



*“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

## WELCOME

To join the parish, please  
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## OFFICE HOURS

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

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## The Church of Saint Cecilia

### Remembering ... in order to Recognize and Become By Marge Virnig

When I first heard that Pope Francis designated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Word of God Sunday, I thought it was strange because every Sunday is a Word of God Sunday. Then I remembered, “that which is celebrated always and everywhere must be intentionally noted sometime and somewhere.” That’s true – whether we are celebrating a sacrament, a person, a life, a relationship, an event, or the Word of God. So, it’s been good for me to spend time reflecting on this.

The Liturgy of the Word that we celebrate at Mass is about *God speaking to us* - NOT *us talking about God*. The Word of God is not just a bunch of words on a page that someone reads to us. Mark Searle tells us in “*Liturgy Made Simple*” that the Word of God is the text in the Scriptures, the stories that were handed down, and the events that the stories tell us about. We need to hear these stories again and again so we can remember what God has done in antiquity, so we can recognize the ways God is still speaking and acting in the events and circumstances of our lives and times, and finally so we can have the assurance of the new and eternal Jerusalem (where peace and justice kiss) that is promised to us.

It is also important to know that the Liturgy of the Word is not separate from the Liturgy of the Eucharist. I’ve often wondered what Jesus meant by *this* when he said, “Do *this* in remembrance of me.” It had to be more than sharing a meal, so I think he wants us to remember what God has done throughout time and memorial, including the Exodus event, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and everything Jesus did while he walked on this earth: set the captives free; care for the poor; forgive; love; teach; heal; and give both his life and his death for others ... and calls us to do the same. We wouldn’t know what he did if we didn’t have the stories handed down to us.

Have you noticed the opening procession at Mass includes the cross, candles (pre-Covid), Book of the Gospels and the various ministers, and the procession at Preparation includes the bread, wine and offering, but at the end of Mass only the cross, candles (pre-Covid) and people walk out. The Book of the Gospels and the Eucharistic Bread stay on the ambo and in the tabernacle. That’s because we, the People of God, are called to become Word of God and the Body of Christ, i.e., the *Real Presence* of God in the world. As a former TV psychologist says, “How’s that working for us?”

At Mass, the first two readings of the Liturgy of the Word are proclaimed by lectors. We would welcome more people helping in this ministry. The purpose of the Ministry of Lector is to make God present in the Liturgy of the Word for our parish community by carefully and respectfully proclaiming the Word. The lector will pray with and practice the assigned reading in accord with suggestions in the lector workbook (provided) before proclaiming the first or second reading at Mass. The second lector also reads the intercessions/ Prayers of the Faithful. Formation and training sessions are available to help those considering this ministry decide if this ministry is a good fit for them.

If you would like more information about this ministry, there will be a lector in the link after each Mass this weekend to answer your questions.

Sue Wick

### Financial Highlights through December 31, 2021

Budgeted Collections	\$166,250
Actual Collections	\$192,714
Endowment/Major Gifts	\$3,931
Other Income	\$5,009
Total Revenues	\$201,654
Budgeted Expenses	\$180,770
Actual Expenses	\$186,329
Revenues over Expenses	\$15,325
Building Fund Revenue	\$12,976
Principal Payments	(\$8,572)
Operating Surplus	\$19,729
Estate Bequest	\$276,689
Total Surplus	\$296,418

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, January 29, 4:30pm

<b>Book:</b>	Beth C.
<b>Lectors:</b>	Rosanne U./Emily S
<b>Host:</b>	Alice S.
<b>Greeter:</b>	
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Linda B.

#### Sunday, January 30, 8:15am

<b>Lectors:</b>	Brent D./Eileen S.
<b>Host:</b>	John B.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Pat K.

#### Sunday, January 30, 10:00am

<b>Book:</b>	Mary Pat Z.
<b>Lector:</b>	Ann K./Evelyn P.
<b>Host:</b>	Bill J.
<b>Greeter:</b>	Kathy D.
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Larry C.

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	8:15	Mass
	10:00	Mass
	10:00	FF Liturgy of the Word
Sat	4:30	Mass
Sat/Sun	Catholic Schools Week Second Collection	

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Email info to bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Speaking of the Word of God...**Dr. Amy Jill Levine is a self-described “Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity in the buckle of the Bible Belt.” She has written a book called “Short Stories by Jesus” based on the parables in the gospels and challenges us to see how we tend to domesticate these provocative stories. We are planning on having a 5-week series with a book, video, and small group discussion to explore these stories-Tuesday mornings in person or Tuesday evenings on Zoom, beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Marge at [virnigma@comcast.net](mailto:virnigma@comcast.net) for more information.

**Parish Directories**

Please save us the cost of postage and pick up your directory this weekend. Directories are available for those who were photographed or submitted a photo for inclusion. If you’re not comfortable coming in to pick up your book, consider asking another parishioner, who lives near you to pick up yours. Contactless pick up is also available during parish office hours, Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm. Call the parish office for more information.

**Hymn Books for Recorded Liturgy**

Hymnals are available for use at home to accompany our recorded liturgies. Inquire via the parish office at 651.644.4502.

**Something to Consider.** Are you a frequent shopper at Amazon? AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, same service, but the best part is Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice, at no additional cost to you. Please consider shopping through AmazonSmile and designate St. Cecilia Catholic Church St. Paul as your charity recipient. More info. available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or by calling the parish office.

**Communion.** Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to anyone not able to join the procession at Mass. Please tell one of the greeters before Mass if you need this service. After distributing to those in line, Communion will then be brought to you.



**Catholic Schools Week  
CSPA Second Collection**

**January 29th/30th**

Catholic Schools Week (Beginning January 30th) is sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis as one way to highlight Catholic schools and their contributions to our communities. St. C’s Catholic School Parents’ Association (CSPA) is comprised of parents who’s children attend Catholic elementary schools. Donations from this year’s collection will be applied in the form of a grant to help off-set tuition for these families. Historically, families enrolled in CSPA also assist with fundraising to add to the program funds. We’ll also share some of the proceeds from our second collection with St. Mary’s Mission School.

Your generosity is appreciated. Checks payable to St. Cecilia are welcome or use our secure PayPal link [here](#). Please note “special collection” with your donations. For more information or to sign up for St. C’s CSPA, contact Stephen Klein in the parish office at 651.644.4502. Thank you.

**Parish Event**

We’re looking for volunteers to help plan this year’s parish event. If you are interested in being part of the planning team or just needing more information, please contact Theresa O’Toole by email [here](#) or by phone at the parish at 651.644.4502. Thank you!



**Upcoming Dates:**

**January 23rd**

Liturgy of the Word  
Sacramental Prep  
CGS: Group A

**January 30th**

CGS: Group B

**\*\*Added Sacramental Prep class & chalice workshop\*\***

**February 6th**

Liturgy of the Word  
Sacramental Prep  
CGS: Group A

**February 13th**

CGS: Group B

**February 20th**

CGS: Group B

**February 27th**

Liturgy of the Word

**\*\* Sacramental Prep class canceled \*\***

CGS: Group A

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Our Justice Team is beginning the process of assisting with resettlement of a family (families) through Lutheran Social Services. We are currently involved with ULCC in Sanctuary work, for which the need has lightened. Please consider your time and talents. We have already given treasure from our alms’ collection. Blessings and prayers for a healthy and joy-filled New Year.

JoAnn Mason and the Justice and Peace Team

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10. *Ezra reads and explains the Torah to all the people. While the people were weeping, he told them that “rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.”*

Psalm 19: **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-30. *Just as the body is one, but has many members, so it is with Christ. Each member has need of the other, each with different gifts.*

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. *Luke introduces his gospel and then concludes his solemn introduction with Jesus’ initial preaching at Nazareth, a summary of his entire ministry.*

**Music for Liturgy**

Opening	#839
Gloria	#319
Psalm 19	#32
Alleluia	#272
Preparation	#596
Missa Pacem	#273, 275, 277, 278
Communion	#911
Closing	#759

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