

Church of Saint Cecilia  
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Weekly Masses: Saturday 5:00 & Sunday 8:15 & 10:00



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**W e l c o m e**

New Parishioners are welcome at St. Cecilia's! To join our parish please contact Paula Almer in the parish office at 651-644-4502, or talk to one of the hospitality ministers.

## Saint Cecilia Community

Dear Friends:

As Catholic theology understands it, a parish pastor is an agent and extension of the bishop in a particular local assembly of believers. For that reason, a pastor is never free to become some sort of “lone ranger,” leading a community in ways that manifestly oppose the will of the larger diocesan and universal church leaders. A priest is not ordained for service to a specific parish; he’s ordained to serve a diocese. Accordingly, Archbishop Flynn has a legitimate expectation of reasonable acquiescence to his express wishes.

You will soon hear, if you haven’t already, of a major lobbying campaign being promoted by the Catholic bishops of Minnesota, one that will seek to persuade state legislators to vote to place a marriage amendment on the ballot for the next election. If the amendment passes, it would define marriage as a commitment involving one man and one woman. Because this issue is so contentious among many citizens, including many Catholics, it is a matter worthy of sustained and sober debate among people of good will. The bishops are urging pastors to pull out all stops in promoting a postcard campaign in parishes during the next few weeks. I can tell you that there have been many phone calls exchanged among pastors lately that have expressed ambivalence over this campaign. That is not because of any “pro-gay agenda.” It’s because people of faith can reasonably disagree whether a push to change the state Constitution is the most beneficial way to exercise pastoral leadership on this issue.

It seems to me that a Constitution should express the consensus of a body of people as to what best serves the common good. Consensus is precisely what is lacking in our state right now. Gospel truth, on the other hand, is welcomed and accepted by a collective conversion of heart. Both civil law and gospel evangelization presuppose a commitment to listen deeply to one another, even those with whom we adamantly disagree on matters of social policy. Sustained and informed conversation on this and many other contested moral issues is not, in my experience, widespread in our church right now, and we are all the lesser for it. There was not any public discussion among bishops and priests in anticipation of this campaign.

I think that it is important for you to know all this because I feel as though I am stuck in the middle of this. On one hand, the Archbishop has a right to my cooperation—or at least to my non-obstruction—in initiatives about which he feels strongly. And those parishioners who wish to be supportive of the postcard campaign have a right to expect that their parish will provide them with the opportunity to do that. On the other hand, the very fact of a decision not to obstruct this initiative will, I know, be powerfully and personally hurtful to some in our parish. Please know that I am very sensitive to that, and very frustrated that a lack of public discussion about such a vital issue has led us again into a situation of legislative warfare rather than to the softening of hearts and the lessening of anger. You can find out more about the campaign at the archdiocesan web site: [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org).

Maybe it’s a good season to remember that it’s our love for St. C’s and for one another, not our unanimity about politics, that keeps us together here.

Fr. Mike Byron

### Prayer Chain

If you have an intention you wish remembered, please call Millie Schmidt 651-646-3376 or Cyndy Patsche 651-644-1150.

### Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005

Anticipated Weekly Envelopes \$5,010.07

#### Weekly Collection

January 2	\$10,576.15
January 9	\$5,715.29
Year to Date Budget Needed	\$140,281.96
Actual Contributions to Date	\$150,121.95
Year to Date <b>Surplus</b>	\$9,839.99

*Thank You for your generosity!*

### Liturgical Roles



#### Saturday, January 21, 5:00 P.M.

<b>Host</b>	Suzie O
<b>Cup</b>	Jerry B / Jeanne D
<b>Cross</b>	John C
<b>Book</b>	Tim O
<b>Candle</b>	Phillip D Tommy C
<b>Lector</b>	Nancy B
<b>Hospitality</b>	Cerrito’s
<b>Sacristan</b>	Tom K

#### Sunday, January 22, 8:15 A.M.

<b>Host</b>	Carole W
<b>Cup</b>	Kathy M / Mickey R
<b>Lector</b>	Cyndy P

#### Sunday, January 22, 10:00 A.M.

<b>Host</b>	Maureen R
<b>Cup</b>	Jean W / Bob S
<b>Cross</b>	Lisa M
<b>Book</b>	Jack S
<b>Candle</b>	Cecilia S Joe L
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Z Kate O
<b>Hospitality</b>	Donatucci’s
<b>Sacristan</b>	Bob & Gwen K

A member of the St. Cecilia’s lay preaching team, Mike Klein, will be reflecting on the Word this weekend at all Masses.

### Please keep in your prayers the following Men and Women Called to Active Duty:

Samuel Quie, Paul Terres, Joe Bray, Aaron Bahmuller,  
Patrick Gearhart, Michael Twedt

If you have a loved one you would like added to our prayer list contact the parish office at 651-644-4502.





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Prayers to St. Anthony

A Bongo drum is missing from the Music Room. The drum does not belong to our church, but belongs to our parishioner Joe Bower, who has so generously shared his talents at the 10:00 Mass. If anyone has seen this drum, please talk to Father Mike or one of the Staff. In the meantime, please pray to St. Anthony for its safe return.

### Habitat Home Dedication



The home we worked on this past summer is being dedicated and the new family is ready to move in.

Please join us in welcoming them on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00. The address of the house is 5114 Irving Ave. N. in Minneapolis. Our Habitat project is sponsored by the parish community, so even if you did not actually build the house you'd be more than welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact Gayle Geber at 612-623-3283 or ggeber@usfamily.net.

### Liturgical Minister Training

\*\*\*Date Correction\*\*\*

Many people say they are drawn to St. Cecilia's in large part because of our prayerful liturgies. To maintain this prayerful atmosphere, the Liturgy Committee has scheduled a training session for all liturgical ministers on **Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 P.M.** This training is for all who serve as a candle, cross & book bearer and eucharistic minister whether you have just signed up or have been serving for any length of time. Fr. Mike and Jack Shea will walk through the rituals for each ministry and answer any questions that arise. Please make every effort to attend this training.

### Parish Dinner Meeting

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping with our Annual Parish Dinner **this** Sunday, January 15 following the 10:00 Mass in Fellowship Hall. This year's dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th.

Bob Kessler      Parish Dinner Chair  
                          Silent Auction Chair  
 Bruce Tyler      Food Chair

### Lector Formation Sessions

We have a date! All current lectors, those who expressed an interest in lectoring, and those who have been asked to consider being a lector are invited to a training and formation session on Saturday, January 21 from 3:15 – 4:45 P.M. in the church. An alternate session after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, January 29th will also be possible if anyone is interested. Please call the parish office by Wednesday the 18th if you plan to come and indicate which day. To make the session most useful, each person coming is asked to prepare 2 - 3 short passages of scripture that they can proclaim (not read!) to the group.



### Rest in Peace

The parish community of St. Cecilia's extends our deepest sympathy to the family of Florence Neilson, long time Parishioner, who passed away last week. May she rest in Gods peace.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### CONVERTING HEARTS & MINDS

Join the conversation on immigration issues. Leave with tools to assist in responding to anti-immigrant sentiment and advocating for comprehensive immigration reform.

Date: Friday February 3, 2006

Time: 9 A.M.-3 P.M.

Place: St. John the Baptist (835-2nd Ave. NW, New Brighton, MN)

Cost: \$10 registration-includes lunch

FMI: Office for Social Justice  
 651-291-4477.

## OUT & ABOUT

### World Marriage Day

When you celebrate a wedding anniversary, it is often a time filled with memories. To celebrate this daily experience, the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis will again be celebrating World Marriage Day 2006 on Sunday, February 12 at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 239 Selby Ave. Mass will begin at noon and will include honoring all married couples with a special honor for couples married 50 years or longer. The newly engaged will receive a special blessing. Marriage vows will be repeated for all married couples present. This event is open to all married and engaged couples in the Archdiocese and their families.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Sunday, January 15

10:00	Sunday School
11:15	Parish Dinner Meeting
11:15	Confirmation

### Monday, January 16

**Martin Luther King Day**  
**Office Closed**

### Tuesday, January 17

7:00	Liturgical Minister Training
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### Wednesday, January 18

7:00	Adult FF - David Coutier
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### Thursday, January 19

7:00	Liturgy Committee
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### Saturday, January 21

9:00	GIA Workshop
3:15	Lector Training

### Sunday, January 22

10:00	Sunday School
11:15	Confirmation



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*(Listen to God's Call)*

January 15, 2006

#### Reading I:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
 (The Lord Calls to Samuel)

#### Reading II:

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
 (Glorifying God)

#### Gospel:

John 1:35-42  
 (Staying with Jesus)

**Adults:** What are the unique signs that have helped me to discern God's call(s) in my life?

**Children:** What kind of person do I think God wants me to be?